

2014 Hall of Fame Inductee Don Stengel – Loveland

Don Stengel was a stand-out high school baseball player at Highland High School (now Skyview) graduating in 1978. He now resides in Loveland with his lovely wife Patti. He has five children: Candace, LeeAnn, Jennifer, Deidra, and Casey.

Stengel played Independent Professional Baseball in Idaho Falls and worked as a professional scout with the Atlanta Braves and the Kansas City Royals. Don handled head-coaching responsibilities at South High School, Golden High School, and the Academy of Charter Schools. He was also a coach with the Englewood Redbirds (Stan Musial-Semi-Professional League) for 12 years where he assisted the legendary Hans Robinson.

Don began umpiring in 1985 with the Colorado High School Baseball Umpires Association and eventually served as an area director with Dan Weikle and Don Rolfe in 1989. He was a founding member of the Colorado Collegiate Umpire Association and worked collegiately in the Western Athletic Conference and the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Don was a fixture at the high school post season tournaments and worked six state championship games, including a memorable game between Lamar and La Junta which lasted 15 innings. His crew mates were Dan Ringsby and Dave Baker.