

THE GRANDFATHER OF THE LIVERMORE STAMPEDE

The Livermore High School softball team would like to thank Coach Charlie Foscilina for starting our prestigious Stampede Tournament in 1994 (29 years ago). After coaching for six years, Charlie was looking for ways to fundraise. With the suggestion of one of his assistant coaches (Teresa Stavert) to start a tournament as a fundraiser, Charlie took her advise and was able to get the help of parents who assisted in getting the first tournament started. Over the years, Charlie, his staff and parent volunteers made the Stampede one of the most prestigious softball tournaments in California.

Charlie coached the Livermore softball team for 18 years and retired in 2006. Though Charlie started this tournament, he only won it once. He wished he had won it more than once, but admits that because of the high caliber of teams attending every year, it was always a battle for first place. Out of his 18 years coaching at Livermore, Charlie coached in 12 of the Stampede tournaments. He also coached in over 450 games during his tenure at Livermore High. Charlie's teams also earned invitations to numerous NCS Tournaments throughout his Career.

Charlie's fondest memory of coaching was being able to coach with his lovely wife Marilyn. He said Marilyn was the conscience of the team and kept the girls motivated in a motherly way. He was also proud of getting the team a practice facility away from the school, so the boys wouldn't come and bother the girls. Charlie said he has had many great assistant coaches over the years, but his dream team was a staff, which included, Pete Aguayo, the late Delmar Himango and Kasey Poet. He felt they were the best coaches he had ever assembled and to this day, refers to them as the dream team of coaches. With this staff, they went to a tournament in Reno and won it by beating the Reno state champions. They also qualified for NCS later that year and had numerous all league players selected. Charlie advised it was the most fun he had ever had coaching.

Charlie was proud of his players who received scholarships and went on to play softball in college. He was just as proud of the girls who didn't play after high school, however, went on to college and graduated with their degrees. Charlie promoted academics throughout his tenure, which was evident in his final 10 years of coaching, as each of those teams received NCS Team Academic Scholar Awards.

After retiring, Charlie has refrained from the softball world, however still stops by the practice field once in awhile to say hi. At our home games, you will find him sitting directly behind home plate.

Charlie, we just want to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all that you have done for the Livermore High School softball program. Though it may have seemed like a small thing to do 28 years ago, to us, your Stampede Tournament is a legacy that will live on forever in each and every player and coach who has ever been a part of the Stampede experience. And because of all that you have done, we are naming the tournaments Most Valuable Player trophy after you, calling it; The Charlie Foscilina MVP Trophy. Though you are no longer involved in softball, you will never be forgotten!