



**SOFTBALL PLAYER PROFILE: BILL CORSO**  
**-by Larry Wolfe**

**Brooklyn born and bred, Bill Corso played basketball and baseball for Lafayette High School. He was an all-star infielder and relief pitcher for the Frenchies, whose alumni include a couple other pretty fair pitchers: John Franco and Sandy Koufax. Bill's claim to fame there came in the City Championships when he came on in relief to fan future New York Met, Ed Kranepool!**

**Bill remembers later taking the 15-cent train ride to buy 50-cent tickets at the old Polo Grounds to watch the Mets and their young first baseman---one Ed Kranepool! (P.S. If you promise not to tell, "Brooklyn Bill" will admit to being a "closet" Yankee fan! He even acknowledges that Mickey Mantle was his all-time favorite player!)**

**Bill attended Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn before earning his BSBA from Pace University in Manhattan, majoring in Computer Systems Design. He entered the workforce with the Howard**

**Clothing Co., and spent two-year stints at Select Magazines and Sterling Drugs before going with a start-up company with plans to develop back office systems for brokerage houses. Bill says that the start-up failed to “start-up” so he went to work for Sperry-Hutchinson, distributor of the then ubiquitous S&H Green Stamps. He spent five years in their programming department before joining the Estee Lauder Company where he had a successful twenty-two year career, retiring as their Director of Financial Software Services.**

**Taking early retirement at age 55, Bill and his beautiful bride, Janet, moved to Sun Lakes, home of great weather and year-round tennis. But softball soon got in his blood as well. Bill’s been a big part of the Sun Lakes softball program for a dozen years, serving on the Board and managing teams and playing in our Tuesday-Thursday League. But he’s most proud of managing our 60+ travel team to three world titles in three different divisions, a first in the history of Senior Softball-USA. This fall he’ll lead the team in its quest for World Title number four in the top-level Majors-Plus Division! Bill’s also one of the top players on our 65+ team that won its first world title last year.**

**However, Bill’s more than “Mr. Sun Lakes Softball.” He plays competitive tennis, occasionally bowls and enjoys a monthly poker game. Additionally, he and Janet both love the movies and going on cruises, particularly to the Mexican Riviera. They also go back east two or three times annually to visit their son and daughter and four grandkids.**

**For Bill, sports are a big part of his enjoyable retirement life, but he says his family is what’s really No. 1. He and Janet recently celebrated their 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary and it’s spending time with her and their kids and grandkids that’s really special. That feeling goes all the way back to the days he was able to watch the birth of his two kids, times he calls his most unforgettable life memories. Even World Title #4 won’t be able to top that!**