



**SOFTBALL PLAYER PROFILE: GARY HATCH**  
**-by Larry Wolfe**

**If you've seen a few games at the Field of Dreams, you won't be surprised to learn that Gary Hatch twice won the British Columbia Provincial High School championships in the 100- and 200-meter sprints, including a 10.7 in the 100-meters. (Note: The current BC record, set in 1990, is 10.46.) Gary was also a running back in football and played a lot of minor league hockey. Today his speed on the base paths and in the outfield has made him one of Sun Lakes' top players. He's a 600+ hitter and a superb defender; capable of running down (and catching!) those long fly balls.**

**After completing high school Gary went to work at the Bank of Montreal, beginning a 37-year career that culminated in him being Executive Managing Human Resources Director for the company's U. S. operations that included over 10,000 employees. He began as a**

**Management Trainee and worked in all areas of banking before specializing in HR for the last three-fourths of his career. In addition to BC, he worked in Calgary, Toronto and Chicago. While at the bank, Gary completed the prestigious Kellogg Executive Management Program at Northwestern University.**

**Gary and Lorna, his wife of 37 years, raised their three sons in Naperville, outside of Chicago, and soon became enamored with the city and its sports teams. Gary continues to root for the Cubs and Blackhawks, but his real passion is “Da Bears.” He admittedly “bleeds Bear blood!” The Hatch’s were proud to become naturalized American citizens in 2001 and their sons and four grandkids all still reside in the Chicago area.**

**The Hatch’s were introduced to Sun Lakes by their Naperville neighbors, Dennis & the late Mona Colbert. When it came time to retire, Lorna and Gary already knew Sun Lakes was the place to be. The sunshine, golf, softball, many other amenities and friendly people were here for the taking!**

**Besides softball, golf is Gary’s biggest passion. He plays four to five times per week as a member of the Ironwood and Oakwood Country Clubs and boasts a 10 handicap with some rounds better (and some worse!). Not bad since he just started playing golf about ten years ago. Lorna and Gary also enjoy “couples golf.”**

**Travel and entertaining are other favorite activities of the Hatch’s. Their favorite travel destination is Hawaii, but they’ve also enjoyed several trips to Puerto Vallarta and their many trips back to Chicago and British Columbia to visit family and friends. They love dinner parties and just doing things with their many friends such as their “golf and dine” outings. Gary also enjoys poker night with the guys.**

**Besides playing in our Sun Lakes Competitive League on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Gary is a top player on the Desert Dawgs, a traveling tournament team.**

**Given all of things Gary’s involved in, it’s a good thing he was and is a sprinter! Otherwise there wouldn’t be time to do it all!**