



CLASS OF 2021 INDUCTEE



LOU PIEROTTI

Born 1920 in Colorado; Lou ran track, played baseball, and made men's softball teams as a teen. His WW-II service provided him with opportunities to compete in worldwide competition as boxer, miler, and baseball. Offered professional baseball contracts while in the military, played fast pitch softball in 5 World Tournaments.

In local, state, and national bowling tournaments; he won league championships, state honors for 25 years, with a 185 average, low grosse series over 600, state 9 game series 1813, many trophies for closing 30 frames.

At 40, Lou took up golf, winning many local and statewide men's championship flight golf tournaments, won four Northern NM Senior tournaments in a row, two State Championships, and competed in two National Tournaments. Founded the NNMSGGA; served as the associations' first president providing sanctioned tournaments for NNM golfers.

During 70 years of sports competition, Lou was prominently featured in the news, year round, throughout New Mexico. Starting at 3rd base and player coach for the S-Site, State Championship Fast Pitch softball team, with pitcher Bun Ryan, the team won a regional tournament and competed in another world tournament.

The success and lasting honors Lou and team members received began in 1953 with Lou's creation of the Pierotti's Clowns, dubbed "The Goodwill Ambassadors of Los Alamos". The only 5 man Softball Team in the world. Lou managed, became the Clown Prince of Softball, and anchored third base from 1952 to 1977 with a record of 177 wins and 23 loses competing against quality 9 man teams. The Pierotti's Clowns provided an exceptional world class softball experience, together with circus like entertainment for families in the Atomic City, NM, for charity and love of the game. Played the Albuquerque Dukes AAA Baseball team 3 times, with 2 sets of bases, and never lost to any professional team.

- Featured in six national magazines, including the first issue of Sports Illustrated in 1954.
- Inducted into the New Mexico ASA Softball Hall of Fame in Las Cruces.
- 1999; Lou received the coveted "Living Treasure of Los Alamos" award.
- Sports, Business success and Community Service, with wife Lena, were honored by Los Alamos as Heroes of the Cold War for their life's work.

