

BCA Hall Of Fame



Jerry and Elaine Miles



BCA Founders

The founders of the National High School Baseball Coaches Association were Jerry and Elaine Miles. They did this in 1991 to fulfill a need and desire of high school coaches.

Prior to starting the BCA, Jerry and Elaine had served four years with the American Baseball Coaches Association. Their interest and love for baseball drew them from long-time professional careers.

Elaine had spent 26 years in teaching in California and Kansas. Jerry's background included 12 years as a sports writer and sports editor with the Pomona Progress-Bulletin (CA) newspaper and 16 years in the championships division of the NCAA. One of his championships was the College World Series.

As a writer, Jerry won several honors including the Associated Press award in California for best column. The Associated Press named the newspaper's sports section No. 1 for its division.

In starting the BCA, they obtained national sponsorships to give the association financial support to produce SCOREDCARD, a quarterly newsletter, and to provide awards for coaches and players. The national ranking of high school teams with *Baseball America* gave the association great credibility.

They started the BCA annual national convention in 1992 and in 1994 they created a 10-issue bi-weekly newspaper to expand national coverage of high school baseball.

Elaine's enthusiasm and dedicated work was recognized throughout the baseball world. In 2000, USA Baseball named her Amateur Baseball Woman of the Year.

One coach called Jerry and Elaine “the dynamic duo”, but they always said any success the BCA has is due to the support of the coaches.

They enjoyed 14 wonderful years serving as executive director and administrative assistant for the BCA. Elaine’s illness forced their departure in January 2005, and she lost her 12-year battle with cancer later in the month.

Jerry resides in California and keeps busy with charity and church work. He also has written a book on the life of long-time friend John Scolinos, the legendary baseball coach at Cal Poly, Pomona.