

# Sioux Falls Slow Pitch Leagues hire UICs

Chuck Buchheim has been named the Umpire-in-Chief for Sioux Falls Men's Slow Pitch and Dick Wheeler has been hired to run the women's league umpires. Buchheim and Wheeler replace Steve Riswold who was recently promoted to South Dakota's state UIC. Jerry Micke and Gregg Thompson were tabbed to assist Buchheim.

Buchheim has been an ASA umpire for nineteen years. He has worked five national tournaments, including 16-inch major tourneys in Chicago and Iowa. Buchheim was an assistant UIC in the Sioux Falls league for the past seven years.

Buchheim, a 1976 Chester High graduate, works in Sioux Falls for Berry Plastics as the safety manager. He still resides in Chester with his wife, Beth. He has two grown daughters, Lori and Lacey.

Dick Wheeler, a 23-year ASA umpire veteran, will take the reigns for the women's slow pitch umpires. Wheeler works full-time at LodgeNet in Sioux Falls and part-time at UPS and the Sioux Falls Arena. Wheeler, a Montrose High graduate, lives in Sioux Falls and has three sons.

Jerry Micke has been named to assist Buchheim in the men's league, a post he has held for the past five years. Micke, an ASA umpire for more than 20 years, including fast pitch in Minnesota before moving to Sioux Falls to attend Augustana College and working men's fast pitch and slow pitch games. Micke is a product services and support specialist for Spader Business Management and lives in Sioux Falls with his wife, Beth, and daughters, Erika and Erin.

Gregg Thompson will also assist in the men's league. Thompson has 12 years of ASA umpire experience split between Bloomington, Minn. and Sioux Falls. Thompson, a manager for Hot Stuff Foods, umpired in Bloomington's classic league from 1980-1990, and now in the Sioux Falls men's and women's leagues for the past two seasons. Thompson lives in Sioux Falls with his wife, Laurie. His son, Ryan, is a sophomore at SDSU and his daughter, Megan, is a sophomore at Roosevelt High School.