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HERITAGE PARK NAMED 2009 ASA SOFTBALL COMPLEX OF THE YEAR

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The Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) announced today that the Heritage Park Softball Complex has been selected as the 2009 ASA Complex of the Year presented by Stabilizer Solutions Ballyard Products.

Previous award winners are the Twin Creeks Softball Complex in Woodstock, Georgia, in 2008, and Freedom Ridge Park Complex in Ridgeland, Mississippi, in 2007. The Field of Dreams Complex in Las Cruces, New Mexico, won the inaugural 2006 award.

“This prestigious award from the ASA and Stabilizer Solutions validates the efforts of the staff which operates the Heritage Park Softball Complex,” senior recreation supervisor Mike Halloran said. “This park which has hosted numerous state, regional, and national championship events will use this designation to attract and retain quality championship events. Each and every person associated with Heritage Park, from the maintenance, concession, administration, and volunteer staffs will cherish this award.”

Heritage Park opened in spring 2003. The 25-acre facility has five playing fields which are used year round for softball tournaments, most recently including the 2009 ASA Girls' A 14-Under Fast Pitch Northern National Championships.

“One of the original goals of Heritage Park, since its opening, is to try to make it better each day, each month, and especially each year,” Halloran said. “The staff prides itself on keeping the facility, especially the playing fields, in great shape on a daily basis. Along with the manicured grounds, treating each and every visitor to the complex with the utmost kindness, courtesy, and respect is of the utmost importance to each and every staff person and volunteer.”

In 2010, Heritage Park will host the ASA Girls' B 18-Under Fast Pitch Northern National Championships along with a variety of other ASA approved events.

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