

# Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Distinguished Service Award



## **OWEN BUTTS** **2001 Recipient**

*“In Recognition of a Lifetime of Outstanding Achievement in the game of Baseball.  
The State of Alabama will forever be in your debt.”*

Owen Butts started umpiring high school baseball in the spring of 1973. He became president and assignor for the Shelby County Baseball Umpires Association in 1975 until the present. He was assigned several Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) state quarter and semi-finals series before he was assigned his first championship series in Montgomery in 2001. Owen started umpiring college baseball in 1994 and became the assignor for the Association of Collegiate Umpires (ACU) in 1996. He worked seven NCAA Division II Regionals, five National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Regionals, eight Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) tournaments, and four NCAA Division II World Series.

Owen has worked countless regional and state high school and college umpire camps throughout Alabama. During these camps he has evaluated and counseled hundreds of young umpires trying to hone their craft.

**Honored January 12, 2001**