

SALEM, VIRGINIA - Last year when the seniors left Salem after the ISF Senior World Cup the senior players had been treated to a level of tournament management and support unlike anything most had ever witnessed before. The attention to detail to provide the visiting players an exceptional tournament experience was awesome. The softball complexes used for the event were as good a quality and met a higher standard than most playing fields in the United States. And the Roanoke Valley set itself apart from the others with the field preparation throughout the tournament. Each field was dragged, wetted and relined between the games. Most dugouts had water fountains and restrooms in the dugout itself, yet the staff provided coolers with ice water in each dugout and they were replenished them after every game. The electronic scoreboards were operated by well trained and experienced official scorekeepers at each field. And there were dozens of other behind the scenes staff making sure the tournament was managed in a professional manner. When the site for the 2008 Senior ISF World Cup was announced last winter, a number of players and managers asked "why the move to Salem?" "Now all the participants in last year's competition understand," offered RB Thomas, Jr., Tournament Director. "The City of Salem has earned the reputation to be called the CITY OF CHAMPIONS. The Roanoke Valley is a sports-minded community which takes great pride in hosting National and now World sports events. We were well pleased with the excellent tournament support that was provided to go along with their first-class facilities. Now that they have a better understanding of a senior tournament, 2009 promises to be even more special" The 8th ISF Senior World Cup will take place on June 12-14, 2009. Also, included this year will be divisions of play for Masters age classification teams at 35+, 40+ and 45+.