

Walt Stack

Umpires' Headquarters

Cottonwood Park Softball Complex, 2506 12th St.

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PROJECT SUMMARY

The Walt Stack Umpires' Headquarters at Cottonwood Park Softball Complex was made possible through the generosity of donors from the softball community, family and friends across the country who contributed to the Step Into the Batter's Box Capital Campaign through the Bismarck Recreation Council. The \$183,073 project was completed with support from 226 donors, along with a Bismarck Parks and Recreation District Matching Grant.



BUILDING OVERVIEW

Located at the south end of Cottonwood Park between softball fields 11-12 and 9-10, the Stack Shack includes dedicated meeting space with tables and chairs, a dressing area and storage space for umpires.



A TRIBUTE TO WALT STACK



The Stack Shack is a fitting permanent memorial to Walt Stack, who began his umpiring career in 1959. In 60 years as a leader in Bismarck softball, Walt served as the Bismarck umpire-in-chief, North Dakota umpire-in-chief and as a representative on the national umpires' staff.

A man of many accomplishments and accolades, Walt died in May of 2021. He left an enduring legacy of service to family, friends, community and the sport of softball he loved so much. Walt's lifetime presence positively influenced softball experiences for players, spectators and the hundreds of umpires he mentored.



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