

## ***Up To Bat – Senior Slugger Player Profile***

**Name:** Robert Charles Kennedy, aka – “Rob”

**Birthday:** May 18<sup>th</sup>

**Originally From:** Newburgh, New York which is 60 miles north of NYC on the Hudson River. Rob played baseball and basketball in high school, after which he graduated from the University of Hartford in Connecticut with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Rob has lived in WNC for the last eleven years.

**Previous Work:** He became a mechanical engineer after graduating from college, notably working 15 years at United Technologies Corporation and within the aerospace industry. Later he started his own business, Turnkey Design Services specializing in new technologies including drones and F35 jet fighters doing business extensively with the US Navy. Also, during this time Rob earned two patents for innovative fuel pump and continuous variable transmission designs.

**Family:** Perhaps Rob’s greatest achievement at his company was hiring and then later marrying the talented woman who handled the books for the company, Patricia. They’ve been married 25 years this year and have a daughter who lives in Virginia, 4 grand-kids and also a great-grandchild!

**Plus:** Rob is now semi-retired still doing some consulting work in his field. He has taken on the role of HOA President within his Lake Adger neighborhood development and enjoys the opportunities he has to keep his audiences entertained speaking in public. Along with his solid play on field 8 week in and week out, he still runs the court playing hoops, and enjoys bass fishing on our local rivers and lakes.

**Favorite thing about the Sluggers:** likes the exercise, likes that it’s not so much about who wins or loses our pick-up games, just about going out and having fun.