



JANUARY, 2007

# DUGOUT CHATTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone. I hope that all your holiday wishes came true and that you had much happiness during the holidays. Now that the New Year is here, it means that the new season is getting closer and we still have lots of work to do.

I am working on establishing meeting dates and locations for the rest of the year so we can get them published in the next newsletter. We will be trying to get a location north of the river to hold our meetings. The Strada is remodeling and was not available during the month of January. Hopefully, it will be available after February or we can find somewhere else to hold our meetings.

Dave Vargo called and advised me that we are still looking for managers for the Tuesday Day League and also for the Thursday Night League.

I have received several telephone calls from individuals interested in helping on committees. I haven't forgotten you and am still trying to determine what positions

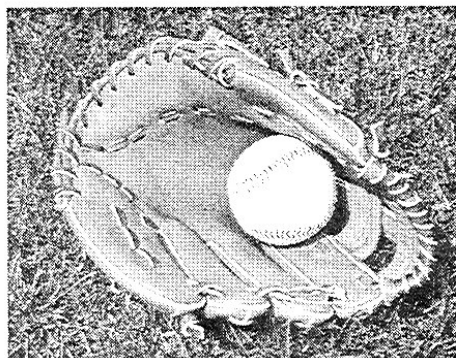
need to be filled and what all is needed.

I hope you are excited about the upcoming season and are ready to start playing. I have received a couple of letters regarding the Dugout Chatter and will forward those to the Secretary and to the Player Agent to update our list and labels.

The annual dinner dance is scheduled (see page 3). I hope to see many of you there, and know that we will all have a good time.

That is all I can think of for now. Have a good start to the new year and keep up your health.

Thank you.  
Dan Norton,  
President



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**ANNUAL DINNER DANCE:**  
See Page 3 for a mail-in response.

### DRAFT

Draft will be held in February. You should be contacted by the end of February by the manager who has drafted you. If you have not heard by then, please call the Player Agent.

### MISSING JERSEYS

Please see Page 2 regarding missing jerseys.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

**NEXT GENERAL  
MEETING:**

**MONDAY,  
FEB. 5, 2007**

**7:30 PM**

**V.F.W. HALL**

**2764 Stockton Blvd.**

## PROPOSAL

### 2007 Standing Rule Changes

January 4, 2007

TO BE VOTED ON BY  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MONDAY FEB 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM  
VFW

•Post-draft replacement of players will be made based on equal performance to the extent possible. Draft eligibility will be determined based on the system of 9 priorities, modified with 10<sup>th</sup> priority being 4<sup>th</sup> league player, 11<sup>th</sup> being 5<sup>th</sup> league player and 12<sup>th</sup> being 6<sup>th</sup> league player.

•Managers, co-managers, and assistant managers may be determined prior to and allowed to participate in the draft. Co-managers and assistant managers must be assigned appropriate draft slots.

•Delete 24 hour advance notice requirement. Players may have legitimate reason (sudden illness, family emergency, transportation problem, etc.) to miss games without being able to provide 24-hour notice.

•Eliminate requirement for a life member to have attended (all) general membership meetings for past 5 years.

•The Board may add additional items at its meeting February 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Happy Birthday

Happy January Birthday  
to the following members

(in alphabetical order):

- Jose Alvarado •Allen Auwae
- David Avery •Rick Barsuglia
- Doug Blue •Steve Casarez
- Gordon Cook •Lee Elam
- Jerry Enfield
- Steven Farrington
- Joseph Gomez
- Leslie Harper
- Sandy Harrison
- Bill Holbrook
- Wendell Hunter
- Joel Jaspin •Michael Jordan
- James Keenan •John Lack
- George Langan
- Larry Lawston
- Conn Lockett •Dan Mariana
- Bill Matusevitz •Russ Menke
- John Mertens
- Ron Middlekauff
- Pete Mikacich •Mervin Mill
- Barry Mortimeyer
- Perry O'Laughlin
- Fred Rainey •Ray Robinson
- Howard Shaw •Ray Soden
- Robert Smartt •Trudy Smartt
- Lacy Smith •Al Tirapelli
- William Venable
- Peter Ward •Dinny Watson
- Larry Wing

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Jim Lamm took some 10x14 pictures of the picnic about 3 years ago, of Morris Budrow (his father-in-law) and several of the original founder. He never did get them back. Anyone who has any idea where they went to, please contact Jim Lamm at 916-961-9610. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

## MISSING JERSEYS

The GSSCS Board determined that players who have not turned in their team

## Happy Birthday

Happy February Birthday  
to the following members

(in alphabetical order)

- Chris Amicucci •Tom Arnold
- Jerry Baugh •Sammy Blalock
- Ted Bofinger •Jack Booth
- Chester Bowling •Ray Brown
- George Cayssials
- John Colletto
- Robert Cooper
- Richard Fields
- Steve Grimm •John Hains
- Allen Hegelein
- Hamilton Hintz
- James Jackson
- Claude Jenkins
- Jerry Jodice •James Kenney
- Bob Leonard
- Wayne Leonard
- Eric Long •Howard Mallory III
- Daniel McCarthy
- James McGinnis
- John Mizerak •John Odbert
- Alfredo Olivas •Ron Peck
- John Regala •Paul Riccetti
- Allen Riker •Gerald Rohlfes
- Tom Sansone
- Robert Scollard
- Ken Toyama
- Paul Wilkinson

jersey from the 2006 season should pay \$20 to partially offset the cost and hassle of having a replacement jersey ordered and printed, or be ineligible for the 2007 draft. If you are one of the guilty parties, please turn in your \$20 or your jersey to **Tom Todd**, 2nd VP, phone **916-359-1011**. Please take care of this **IMMEDIATELY**.

## BEFORE BUYING A NEW BAT

go to <http://www.asasoftball.com>>Certified Equipment>Bats>Go. It will show non-approved bats with pictures.



*You are Invited to the GSSCS  
Annual Sweetheart Dinner-Dance*

**Date: February 15, 2007**

**Place: Sacramento Elks #6  
6446 Riverside @ Florin**

**Time: 6:30 - 7:30 No Host Bar  
7:30 - 8:30 Sit-down dinner  
8:30 - 10:30 Dancing to live band**

**Menu Choices: Pork Chops or 1/2 Baked Chicken, vegetable,  
salad, dessert**

**Cost: \$8 Members, \$16 guest/date**

**PLEASE REPLY BY FEBRUARY 6TH**

**For further information, call Lou Coppola at 916-444-6138**

Clip and mail to: Lou Coppola, 1640 8th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95818

\_\_\_ Please reserve 1 Member Ticket and \_\_\_ Guest Tickets

I (We) want \_\_\_ Pork Chop Dinners \_\_\_ Baked Chicken Dinners

Enclosed is my check for \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN BY FEBRUARY 6TH**

## SUNSHINE AND HEALTH

**Bernie Church**, a member and player in both League 2 and 6, lost his father on November 9th. Bernie, we extend our sincere condolences to you and your family.

## THANKS FROM THE PICNIC COMMITTEE

The Picnic Committee wishes to thank all who attended our September picnic. We had a ticket count of 385 people, and we hope that you all had a good time. We wish to thank:

Tom LaRosa and his staff for preparing and cooking the food.

The security personnel for transporting seniors from and to the parking lot.

President Jerry Jodice's son, Jamyn, for setting up the audio system.

The Award of Merit for outstanding service to the Club was awarded to Henry Fontes. Congratulations, Henry, for a job well done.

Most of all, we sincerely wish to thank all the volunteers who gave their time so others could enjoy the picnic. Without those volunteers, there would be no picnic. Remember that, and we hope to see you all in 2007. (My how time goes by!)

Thanks again, Dante Ciardella, on behalf of the 2006 Picnic Committee: Chairman Benny Benson, Dante Ciardella, Henry Fontes and Arnold Wilkerson.

## TELEPHONE HOT LINES:

Sunshine/Health:  
973-8269

Address Change:  
391-3938

New Player Applications:  
481-9304

GSSC #3912  
Blood Bank:  
456-1500

Dugout Chatter:  
484-1397

Field Conditions/  
Meetings  
453-0450

GSSCS DINNER DANCE  
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