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DUGOUT CHATTER IS AVAILABLE AT CLUB WEB SITE & AT FIELDS

Starting with this issue, the Dugout Chatter will only be mailed to members who request that printed issues be delivered through the mail. Otherwise, members who have Internet access can find issues at the club web site (www.gsscs.org).

Playing members who cannot access the Internet are asked to pick up a printed copy at their fields' scoring tables or request issues through their managers.

Club funds saved in this more efficient delivery process help keep down the costs of GSSC membership.

Each issue is posted on the Web site days or weeks before the arrival of so-called "snail mail." Online availability also often precedes mail delivery by about a week. Managers will be notified by commissioners when the latest DC is available on the web site, and managers need to pass the word to their players.

The club's Information Technology Committee devised the distribution strategy, which was approved by the Board of Directors.

Those who want continued mailing of the DC should contact the editor (Ron Roach at 422-2500). Some have already done so and need NOT call again. #

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
7:30 P.M. MONDAY, MAY 5 —
VFW HALL, 2764 STOCKTON
BLVD.**

DUGOUT CHATTER

On the Internet: www.GSSCS.org ... GSSC Answering Machine: 491-1721

NEW GOLDEN SENIORS SEASON OPENS WITH BIG HITS, GLOVE GEMS

Plenty of big hits and great glove work marked the start of the GSSC season in April.

John Dearing of Jolly Rogers (League 3) had a pair of home runs on opening night in a 15-8 victory over Sammy's Family Restaurant. A week later, Maita's Karl Bik clubbed two homers (driving in seven runs). East Lawn's Demontro Davis (League 4) circled the bases twice on April 9.

Both season-opening games for League 6 on April 1 were decided by 8-7 scores. League 6 hitting stars (*See Page 2*)

PLAYERS WANTED

Player Agent Tom Sansone says there must be continued emphasis on recruiting new players. While there have been waiting lists of four or five players in some leagues, there is still need for players to replace those who are injured.

Sansone also said there were 20 multi-league players who have yet to pay their second-league fees, which is unfair to those on waiting lists. #

Sunshine & Health Report

Rest in Peace: Alva Patterson and Vic Brownell

Life Member **Alva Patterson**, 78, passed away on March 12. He was an active member playing on Monday mornings, plus Wednesdays at Carmichael Park and Thursdays with the Bobcats in the Sierra Valley League, driving in from his Lincoln farm, until he suffered a major stroke about seven years ago. After that, Mr. Patterson never missed the annual GSSC picnic, arriving in his wheelchair.

Former GSSC President **Jerry Jodice** is recuperating from surgery to remove a kidney. On the morning of the operation, March 26, Jamyn Jodice said his dad was doing well in recovery. He added that some may be surprised to see Jerry back on the field as a non-playing manager earlier than had been anticipated.

Life Member **Vic Brownell**, 80, died on April 7. Vic joined the Golden Seniors 27 years ago, in 1981, and played or coached until last year, when declining health caused him to drop active club status.

Ernie Wise, a Monday player, had emergency surgery on April 7 and was reported to be still in ICU later in the week.

Frank Thommen is remembered by longtime friend and teammate Hiram Witt, who donated \$100 to the club in Frank's memory. Mr. Thommen, 88, passed away in early February (see the March Dugout Chatter). #

2008 SEASON IS UNDER WAY (Cont'd from Page 1)

included Ken Styk (triple) for Mark White DDS and Dave "No Brakes" Vargo (triple) for GSSA. Larry "Batman" Campbell had key hits for Mark White DDS on April 8. American River Apparel's Don Nicholas homered on April 8.

Vargo and Perry O'Laughlin homered on opening night in League 3. Norm Blackwell, Frank Newcross and Bob Rogers had opening night triples, as did Dearing and Jerry Baugh on Thursday night (League 5).

Fielding Gem: Left-fielder Vargo of Citrus Heights Terrace on April 8 deprived Sammy's Trudy Smartt of an extra-base hit (with runners on base) with an outstanding backhand stab of her smash that appeared destined for "she burned him" glory down the left-field line.

Ironmen Report: Greg Leur-gans takes the cake for dedication to the game and league. Besides playing in Leagues 2, 4, 5 and 6, he is the League 6 commissioner and manages teams in Leagues 2 and 5. Two other full-year players in four leagues this year are Videll Franco (a repeat from 2007) in Leagues 2, 3, 5, 6, and Ken Styc in Leagues 2, 4, 5, 6.

Dave Tanner played in four leagues last year while also serving as a sponsor/manager in League 3. He has cut back to L3 and L4 this season.

League 1 Standings: As League 1 (Mondays) splits the season into three periods, early standings are more meaningful than those in the other leagues. Through the first two weeks of play:
2-0 I Forgot - 39-20 (runs for-runs against)

2-0 Mimi's Café - 24-12
2-0 L&S Surveys - 19-17
1-1 Merrill Bookkeeping - 23-13
1-1 Dumont Pest Control - 9-15
0-2 Wion's Body Shop - 25-28
0-2 Teichert Construction - 12-30
0-2 Daugherty Chevrolet - 4-20.

L2 Hitting Heroics: Bob Flink of ASAP Signing Services had a homer, two singles and a double, driving in six runs on April 2, when VFW Post 67's August Niklas had three hits, including a homer. Zorace Inc's Jules Morganstern hit for the cycle on April 8.

L4 News: Bud DeSouza's newly sponsored California Energy Services #1 (with bright orange/black jerseys) was strong coming out of the blocks. They scored 37 runs in two victories with a well-balanced offense of power (Monte Miller, Emilio Lobato, Dan Norton) with speed, defense and pitching.

Manager Ken Styc's Lehr Auto Electric began the season with two ties, so after two weeks only two L4 teams, DeSouza's team and East Lawn, managed by Jim Stokes, had made the win column. Miller had a big opening night game with his first over-the-fence homer, a single and two doubles. East Lawn's Fred Mathis homered inside the park and added two singles. Hal Johnson of Bradshaw Ranch had a single and a homer. # (Thanks to commissioners and scorekeepers for highlights. Please keep the info coming — Ron Roach.)

WARM UP THOSE MUSCLES

As we begin each season of softball, there are the inevitable aches and pains. For all, and especially those returning to the sport after years of relative inaction, it is extremely important to get to games early enough to warm up. Tossing the ball and a little jogging aren't nearly enough. Stretching is essential to ward off muscle strains, pulls or tears. #

TEAM PHOTOS SCHEDULE

APRIL 22-23-24 TUESDAY
DAY (8:40 AM, 10:10 AM, NOON)
TUESDAY NIGHT (6:15 PM, 7:30 PM)
WEDNESDAY NIGHT (6:15 PM, 7:30 PM)
THURSDAY NIGHT (6:15 PM, 7:30 PM)

APRIL 28 MONDAY DAY
(9:10 AM, 10:30 AM)

NOTE: TUES, WED, THUR NIGHT TEAMS SCHEDULE FOR 9:00 PM WILL BE TAKEN IN FUTURE WEEKS IN MAY WHEN TEAMS PLAY AT 6:30.

Managers may contact Photographer Lou Coppola (444-6138) if more than three (3) players will be missing on scheduled days or nights. #

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR RIVERCATS GAMES

Lou Coppola, the club's entertainment chair, said there is still time to sign up for GSSC group tickets to Sacramento Rivercats games. He said about six members have signed up and 10 are needed, each asking for two seats (total 20) each night. The seats are past third base, section 121, rows 18-19.

Dates: Thursday, May 15, vs. Salt Lake City Bees. \$13 per ticket.
Tuesday, June 17, vs. Fresno Grizzlies. \$12 per ticket.
Monday, July 7, vs. Colorado Sky Sox. \$12 per ticket.

Send checks and entry form from March Dugout Chatter to: Lou Coppola, 1640 8th Ave., Sacramento, CA 95818. Questions? Call Lou at 444-6138. #

No June General Meeting

There will be no General Meeting in June. The July 7 meeting will be in the North Area, while the Aug. 4 meeting will be at the Stockton Boulevard site. #

COMMISSIONERS & MANAGERS

Club Commissioner: Freddie Miller — 372-6864

League 1 (Monday)

League Commissioner: Jim McNamara 424-1402;
Asst. League Commissioner: George Hodsdon 481-9304.

1. **Merrill Bookkeeping** — Jerry Jodice, Mgr. 349-8949.
2. **Dumont Pest Control** — Dick Horkey, Mgr. 961-6541.
3. **Wion's Body Shop** — Bob Schwan, Non-playing Mgr. 971-1199.
4. **Teichert Construction** — Kate Kennedy, Mgr. 730-6380.
5. **Mimi's Café** — John Chatfield, Mgr. 965-1932
6. **Mike Daugherty Chevrolet** — George Hodsdon, Mgr. 481-9304.
7. **I Forgot** — Joe Kline, Mgr. 331-7042.
8. **L&S Surveys** — Benny Benson, Mgr. 383-0179.

League 2 (Tuesday Day)

League Commissioner: Cloiecc Wade, 393-5809;
Asst. League Commissioner: Jim Wait, 455-4440.

1. **VFW Post 67** — Al Morales, Mgr. 456-8602.
2. **Rambit** — Daniel McCarthy, Mgr. 962-1532.
3. **Livingston's Concrete** — Greg Leurgans, Mgr. 332-7953.
4. **Sports Leisure** — Bill Hooper, Mgr. 988-6880.
5. **Zorrace Inc.** — Mickey Schleicher, Mgr. 239-9230.
6. **ASAP Signing Services** — John Colletto, Mgr. 966-0771.
7. **Harper Properties** — Jim Wait, Mgr. 455-4440.
8. **Richard Will, Attorney** — Fred Fischer, Mgr. 685-5044.

League 3 (Tuesday Night)

League Commissioner: Jerry Toenyes 354-4126;
Asst. League Commissioner: Bill Knoblauch 408-5501.

1. **Remax** — David Tanner, Mgr. 216-1941.
2. **Sammy's Family Restaurant** — Ron Roach, Mgr., 422-2500. Bill McMahan, Asst. Mgr., 988-4693.
3. **Maita Chevrolet** — Rich Del Chiaro, Non-playing Mgr. 484-0854. A.J. Petruzzi, Mgr., 684-5830.
4. **Citrus Heights Terrace** — Doug Brewer, Mgr., 933-1351.
5. **Jolly Rogers** — Bob Jones, Non-playing Mgr., 965-4516.
6. **Old Hornets** — Brent Korff, Mgr. 359-6872.

MAY 2 GSSC GOLF TOURNEY: Call Bill Knoblauch (408-5501) or Ron Roach (422-2500) to inquire about late openings. Details: www.gsscs.org

League 4 (Wednesday Night)

League Commissioner: Richard Mathews (530) 672-2689; Asst. League Commissioner: Bill Hooper 988-6880.

1. **C&C Plumbing** — John Kocunik, Mgr. 485-5031.
2. **Bradshaw Ranch Golf** — Russ Barnes, Mgr. 332-2832.
3. **CA Energy Services #1** — Bud DeSouza, Mgr. 424-6115.
4. **Lehr Auto Electric** — Ken Styc, 484-0881.
5. **Bertolucci's Auto Body** — Mardeio Cannon, Mgr. 419-5841.
6. **East Lawn Cemetery** — Jim Stokes, Mgr. 422-5683.

League 5 (Thursday Night)

League Commissioner: Donald Wall 334-1545.

1. **CA Energy Services #2** — Allen Riker, Mgr. 483-4736.
2. **Overhead Garage Door** — Robert Reinwald, Mgr. 481-6323.
3. **NorCal Jackets** — Mark Cordell, Mgr. 451-5313.
4. **Espanol Italian Restaurant** — Greg Leurgans, Mgr. 332-7953.
5. **Avalon Hearing Aid Centers** — Dan Roncelli, Mgr. 370-6868.
6. **Senior Magazine** — Peter Anagnoston, Mgr. 966-4141; Russell Carlson, Mgr. 923-6043.

League 6 (Tuesday Select 10:30 a.m.)

League Commissioner: Greg Leurgans, 322-7953.

1. **Mark White DDS** — Jerry Jodice, non-playing mgr. 349-8949.
2. **American River Apparel** — Victor Torres, Mgr. 784-7910.
3. **River City Bank** — Al Tirapelli, Mgr. 419-3102.
4. **GSSA** — Noel Maldonado, Mgr. 967-6845.

(Note: Phone numbers are in 916 area code unless otherwise noted.)

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS: The oldest living Golden Senior, Victor Virga, turns 105 on April 24. Other members with April birthdays: Jack Gruber (1), Bernie Church (2), Al Raydon (3), Harold Johnson (4), William Cox (6), John Healy, Bill McMahan, Bob Nielson (7), Ron Graf (8), Ray Gallagher, Ernest Shaffer, Darryl Watson (9), Jeff Green, Jon Violet (10), David Alois, Jack Hallstrom, Rick Sheppard (11), Dick Horkey (12), Clint Armstrong, Rocky Wilkerson (14), Casper Greif (15), Robert A. Smith, James Solomon Jr. (16), Jim Callahan (19), Vic Brownell, Leon Juarros (21), Sam Rispoli, J.C. Terry (22), Thomas Pope Jr., William Turner (23) Alan Aufill (24), Steve Salter (26), Stan Adams, Bob Paese, Ray Ward (27), Ray Merrill (28), Robert Cabelera (29), Harry Rathkamp, Robert Reinwald (30) #

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Secretary	Mickey Schleicher	239-9230
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Commissioner	Freddie Miller	372-6864

FOR THE RECORD

Jerry Nevis disagreed with comments at the March general meeting by Life Member ceremony emcee Jim Lortz about a “rebellion” that involved Nevis’ team staying away and forfeiting a game. (See March Dugout Chatter coverage of the ceremony.) Nevis said there was neither a boycott nor a rebellion. He said he thought he and the other manager had agreed that the game in question was to be postponed because his team had players unavailable due to the late scheduling of the game. Nevis was suspended by the GSSC board as a result of this incident. (Lortz, former GSSC president, said his remarks were in jest and he did not wish to reopen old wounds.) #

**Recognizing a Stroke:
Think FAST**

Face: Ask person to smile. Does one side of face droop?
Arms: Ask person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
Speech: Ask person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred or repeated correctly?
Time: If there are any of these symptoms, time is important. Brain cells are dying. Call 911 or get to the hospital fast. #

TELEPHONE “HOTLINES”

Sunshine & Health
973-8269
Phone/Address Changes
391-3938
New Player Applications
686-1654
GSSC #3912
Blood Bank
456-1500
Dugout Chatter
Ron Roach, editor
422-2500

Club Answering Machine, managed by Don Shank, for Field Conditions and Meeting News:
491-1721

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