



JUNE 2008

News and Notes

Club Officer Elections. John Mizerak (332-5511) is chairman of the committee compiling nominations for club officers for the 2008-09 fiscal year. He has been asked by President Dan Norton to strive to have each league represented on the nominating committee, which will announce candidates at the July general meeting. The new board of directors will be elected at the August general meeting and be installed at the annual Picnic meeting, Sept. 20.

Club Picnic. As reported last month, but something that bears repeating: Fried chicken will be included at the 2008 GSSC picnic on Sept. 20 at the Complex, announced Dante Ciardella, co-chair of the annual event with Benny Benson. Dante said he is recruiting volunteers to work the picnic. Want to help? Call Dante at 453-1921.

Entertainment Book. Entertainment Chair Lou Coppola said he can sell 2008 Entertainment Books (good through October 31) for \$15, with the club getting \$5 from each book. They sold for \$40 last fall. Deadline for orders: June 18. Call Lou: 444-6138.

Dugout Chatter. Need a printed copy of the Dugout Chatter? Ask your team manager or check with the scorekeepers at the fields. If you are unable to read the DC online (www.gsscs.org) or make it out to a game where copies are available, you can have the DC sent to you by mail. All non-playing life members remain on the mailing list, as well as sponsors and auxiliary members. #

DUGOUT CHATTER

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

I FORGOT BEATS L&S SURVEY IN L1 FIRST PHASE SHOWDOWN

Breaking open a close game in the open inning, Manager Joe Kline's I Forgot defeated L&S Survey, 18-11, on May 12 to capture the first phase of the L1 season. I Forgot finished the first seven weeks at 7-0, with Bennie Benson's L&S Survey coming in at 5-2.

With the game knotted at 11-11 through six innings, I Forgot began the open inning with the last two batters in the lineup, Larry Utberg and Dick Nadler, reaching base safely. That set the table for the top of the order – Don Winter, Alan Auwae and Joe Smith, who homered earlier, and cleanup batter Stan Adams. The winners retired L&S in order in the bottom of the seventh.

"Jackrabbit" Joe Sugimoto, who went 4 for 4, joined Winter and Smith among big sticks for I Forgot, according to Kline. He described Sugimoto, who'll be 80 this year, as "our fastest player."

Through seven weeks of play, I Forgot was the only Golden Seniors team with a perfect record. Lehr Auto Electric, the L4 leader, was 5-0 with two ties as the only other unbeaten team. (Note: On June 2, Wion's Body Shop was awarded a forfeit over I Forgot because two players were using banned bats. The Board of Directors was expected to consider I Forgot's appeal on June 9, said Club Commissioner Freddie Miller.)

Other league leaders: Zorrace Inc., at 5-2, set the pace in L2. The Old Hornets (6-1) led L3, narrowly escaping with a 21-20 win over Jolly Rogers on May 13. The L5 lead was held by Overhead Door and Norcal Jackets, both at 5-2. GSSA and River (See Page 2)

BIGGEST BATS: Bill Christian hits .852 as Top GSSC April-May Hitter

Through about one-third of the season, Bill Christian's .852 batting average led all GSSC L2-6 hitters. The L4 leader, who is 51 this year, was one of only three players at .800 or better through seven games. His 23 hits for Lehr Auto Electric also was tops for GSSC leagues 2-6.

In L5, Monta Litle of Senior Magazine was hitting .818 through games of May 15, before the GSSC season took a two-week break. The only other .800 batsman, exactly at .800, was Jack Kocunik of L3's Old Hornets.

Leading hitters for L2 and L6, respectively: Ken Styc (.783) and Jim Hoffman (.769).

For the 2007 season, only three players (with requisite at-bats) finished with batting averages of .800 or better: John Lack (.818), Bob Del Chiaro (.817) and Monte Miller (.800), as reported in the October-November 2007 issue of Dugout Chatter. (Note: L1 does not maintain individual statistics.) (See Page 3)

**GENERAL MEETING:
CLUB OFFICER NOMI-
NATIONS FOR 2008-09.
MONDAY, JULY 7, AT
7:30 P.M. — VFW HALL,
North Highlands
(in Antelope) 3300 U Street**

Highlights: Early L1 Showdown, Hot Bats (Cont'd from Page 1)

City Bank, both at 4-3, were leading L6 play.

Perfect at the Plate: On May 12, Ken Styc, Dave Vargo, LeRoy Gallardo, Alan Fettig and Dave Bristol were 4x4 in L6 play. Ron Roach, J.C. Terry, Dan Severson and Steve Casarez posted 4x4 nights in L3. In L5, 4x4 games were achieved by Ettore Minor, who had two triples, De Davis and Bill McMahon.

(Thanks to scorers Sandy and Colette for game highlights and statistical leaders.) #

LEAGUE STANDINGS

League 1 Phase 2 through June 2 (Note: June 2 Wion's forfeit win over I Forgot is pending appeal.):
Merrill's Bookkeeping 2-0
(season 6-3)
Wion's Body Shop 2-0 (6-3)
Mimi's Café 1-1 (6-3)
Dumont Pest Control 1-1 (3-6)
Teichert Construction 1-1 (3-6)
I Forgot 1-1 (8-1)
Daugherty Chevrolet 0-2 (2-7)
L&S Survey 0-2 (5-4)

League 2 through May 13:
Zorrace Inc. 5-2
ASAP Signing Services 4-3
Sports Leisure Vacation 4-3
Harper Properties 3-4
Rich Will, Attorney 3-4
VFW Post 67 3-4
Rabbit Inc. 3-4
Livingston's Concrete 3-4

L2 appears to be an extremely competitive league, at least through April and May. All eight teams are "in the hunt."

League 3 through May 13:
Old Hornets 6-1
Maita Chevrolet 5-2
Jolly Rogers 4-3

Arden Park Villa 3-4
Sammy's Family Restaurant 3-4
Remax 0-7

League 4 through May 14:
Lehr Auto Electric 5-0-2
C&C Plumbing Inc. 4-2-1
CA Energy Services 4-3
Bradshaw Ranch 3-2-2
East Lawn 2-4-1
Bertolucci's Auto Body 0-7

League 5 through May 15:
Overhead Door 5-2
Norcal Jackets 5-2
Senior Magazine 4-3
CA Energy Services 4-3
Espanol Restaurant 2-5
Avalon Hearing Center 1-6

League 6 through May 13:
GSSA 4-3
River City Bank 4-3
American River Apparel 3-4
Mark E. White DDS 3-4
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SAFETY IS EVERY GOLDEN SENIOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

If the OK sign is NOT showing on the Defibrillator, DO NOT USE THE AED!!! Please check the Defibrillator BEFORE each game!

Cuts, lacerations and scrapes on your skin acquired during games should be attended to immediately. Infections may develop within hours of an injury.

BYSTANDERS ALERT: New techniques encourage people to get involved and not merely stand by awaiting trained personnel to arrive. Saving a life without CPR, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, or special training is now encouraged during emergencies. It does save lives:

1. Call 911
2. Then PUSH HARD and FAST (100 compressions or less per minute) on the center of the victim's chest. Don't stop unless relieved by another or until help arrives!

Additional information:
www.americanheart.org/handsonlycpr

—Jerry Jodice, Safety Chairman

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ZORRACE INC.

(Note: California Energy Services sponsors two teams. Raymond Merrill is Rabbit Inc., as well as Merrill Bookkeeping. Arden Park Villa previously sponsored a team as Citrus Heights Terrace. I Forgot, Jolly Rogers and Old Hornets are sponsored by individuals, not businesses.) #

Top GSSC Hitters (Cont'd)

(From Page 1)

Other leading hitters: L2 – Bob Flink .778, Ron Cowan .727, and John Colletto .703. Hits: Flink 21, Styc 18, Colletto, Joe Saiz and Bob Scollard, 17. RBI: Dave Bristol 16, Larry Davis, Al Fereria and Flink 13. HR: Flink and Greg Leurgans 2.

L3 – Dave Vargo .750, John Dearing .714, Don Nakao and Bob Rogers .652. Hits: Kocunik and Dearing 20. RBI: Rich Walker 16, Dearing 15. HR: Dearing 4.

L4 – Monte Miller .786, Ed Frantz .750, Bill Lew .741. Hits: Miller 22, Frantz 21. RBI: Miller 26, Frantz 22, Fred Mathis 20. HR (over fence): Miller 2. Inside Park HR, Demontro Davis and Emilio Lobato 3, Miller 2.

L5 – Bob Del Chiaro .760, Lobato .750. Hits: David Gonzalez 21, Bob Del Chiaro and Frantz 19. RBI: Litle 15, Gary Holmes 14, D. Demontro Davis and Lobato 13. HR: Monte Miller 2, Litle, Frantz, Bill McMahan, 1. (Note: Scorer Sandy Begg reports only five HRs in L5 through games of May 15.)

L6 – Rich Edwards .714, Vargo and Doug Peterson .708. Hits: Hoffman, Edwards 20. RBI: Hoffman 20, Vargo 17, Peterson and Don Nicholas 13. Of those batting .500 or more, Edwards, Vargo, Don Shank and Nicholas each had one HR. #

I-5 Freeway Work Began May 30

GSSC members are reminded that closures of I-5 in the downtown area will require members to explore alternate routes or allow for more time to get to the Complex. Closure of northbound lanes will be of particular concern to those living south of the city. #

SUNSHINE & HEALTH REPORT

“UNCLE VITO” – OLDEST GOLDEN SENIOR – DIES. On May 9, at the age of 105, **Vito Virga** passed away. He told his caretaker that he wasn't feeling well. He ate a bowl of Cream of Wheat, and went to sleep, reported the *Sacramento Bee*. His body “simply ran out of steam,” according to the front-page obituary. He was the oldest licensed driver in the state until his license expired on his birthday, April 24. He also was the oldest member of the GSSC and, the obituary noted, he played organized ball until he was 92. A photo taken in 2006 showed Vito with a “well-worn fielder's mitt he carried in the trunk of his car – just in case.” (Note: *The Bee* did not mention slow-pitch softball or the Golden Seniors club, leaving the impression that he played baseball (hardball) into his 90s. If that were true, it would have been as adventuresome as his having actually needed his driver's license, according to *The Bee*, for drives to the market up until the final six months of his life.) Vito, a native of Sicily, had survived his wife, Helen, who died in 1993 of breast cancer. They had no children but he had numerous nieces and nephews, hence the “Uncle Vito” label. They include a retired judge, a prominent attorney, and restaurateurs.

L3's **Rosa McKinney**, injured knees, may be out for the season. **Linda McCollum**, also of L3 as well as L2, was struck on the head by a thrown ball while running bases in an L2 game and said she expected to sit out a week or two. Linda was back in action on June 3, when she had a couple of hits for L2 Zorrace.

Harvey Swenson, L1 and L2 player, was out for a month with a Sciatia nerve problem. L1's **Bob Brainerd** was listed as out for the year with knee and hip replacements, according to a May 18 report from Asst. L1 Commissioner George Hodsdon. **George Cayssials** (Daugherty Chevrolet) is out with health problems, and **Clyde Whitaker** of Wion's Body Shop is still out with a bad back, it was reported on June 2.

Monday morning news isn't all bad, reported Hodsdon: **Bob South** had back surgery in the middle of the 2007 season, and his doctor cleared him to play. His first game was June 2 for Daugherty Chevrolet. **John Chatfield**, manager of Mimi's Café, returned from surgery to repair a hernia, playing June 2. Merrill Bookkeeping's **Jerry Jodice** played his first game on June 2. He had undergone kidney surgery. #

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973-8269

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391-3938

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Dugout Chatter
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422-2500

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

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS: Celebrating birthdays in June are these GSSC members: 6/1: Jim Borden, Wally Dorei. 6/2: Arnold Schuler. 6/3: Brent Korff, Jim Mays Sr., C.L. Ramirez. 6/4: Adolfo Batista, Scott Bergen. 6/5: Bob Benham, Troy Blane, Cloicec Wade. 6/6: Ramiro Luna, Abraham Spivak. 6/7: James Powell Sr. 6/8: Ernest Kidwell. 6/10: John Williams. 6/12: Murvin Granderson. 6/13: Fred Mathis, Tom Pooler, Victor Scott, Larry Shelton. 6/14: Bret Wangan. 6/16: James Andres, George Linck, Frank Newcross, Roland Stairwalt, David Vallo. 6/17: Joe Saiz. 6/19: Ronald Rienks, Victor Torres. 6/21: Richard Ganas, Bob Gill, Samuel Nolasco, William Pettigrew. 6/22: Steve Schuler. 6/24: George Crowl, Floyd Ransom Sr., Richard Seward. 6/25: Wayne Yamamura. 6/27: Mark Cordell, Charlie McNiff, Sherrill Morton. 6/28: Peter Anagnoston, Henry Fontes. 6/29: Ralph Congdon. #

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