

# DUGOUT CHATTER

ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION OF THE GOLDEN SENIORS SOFTBALL CLUB OF SACRAMENTO ([WWW.GSSCS.ORG](http://WWW.GSSCS.ORG)) -- JULY 2011

## SANSONE LEADS NOMINEES FOR AUGUST BOARD ELECTIONS

Tom Sansone, veteran of nine years in the club who has volunteered for leadership responsibilities ranging from team manager to player agent, is unopposed for club president on the ballot for membership voting at the Aug. 15 general meeting.

Bill Hill, current club president, endorsed Sansone for the post at the July 11 general meeting, jokingly noting that he edged Tom for president last August as a result of his campaign promise that there would be no shortage of beer at the club picnic. Seriously, Hill said he is serving just one year at the club's helm because he must devote more time to his business in the current economy. Sansone is a L-2 manager and player in L-6.

Nominations for the seven board offices were made at the July 11 general meeting, with contested races for three offices: club commissioner, player agent and secretary.

Incumbents Dick Latimer (first vice president) and Pete Ward (second vice president) are running unopposed for re-election. Don Wall is unopposed for treasurer (succeeding Glen Cole, who is not seeking another term in the office). Latimer joined the club in 2007 and has been unable to play due to injuries/surgeries. Ward joined the club in 2000 and plays in L-4 and L-5. Wall, also a member since 2000, plays in L-1 and L-6.

Club Commissioner Bruce Gilmore, who joined the club in 2002 and this year is playing in L3, L4, L5 and L6, is seeking re-election to a second term. Also seeking the office is Curtis Holcomb, club safety coordinator, League 2 commissioner and team manager. Holcomb joined the club in 2007.

Incumbent Player Agent Linda McCollum-Greene, who earlier said she would step down from the board, called for improved lines of communication and said she would be a candidate for another term if she believes she has the support and backing of the membership. Several in attendance rose to nominate her. She accepted. Linda plays in L-2 and L-3.

Bret Wangan, in his seventh year as a Golden Senior and playing this year in L-3, was nominated for player agent on the slate presented by Nominations Chairman John Mizerak. John thanked President Hill, Sansone and George Hodsdon for helping to recruit candidates for the board. (See Page 2)

**NEXT  
GENERAL  
MEETING:  
MONDAY, 7:30  
P.M., AUG. 15 AT  
THE VFW HALL  
ON STOCKTON  
BOULEVARD**

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## JULY 11 GENERAL MEETING NEWS (FROM PAGE 1)

Matt Tedrow, a member since 2007 and player-manager in L-5, and Elbert "Vic" Vickland, a member since 2010 and player in L-1, volunteered to run for the office of secretary. George Lamb decided not to seek another term in the office.

Candidates will have the opportunity to address the membership at the Aug. 15 meeting.

The new board will assume duties after being sworn in at the Saturday, Sept. 24 meeting, which is held in conjunction with the annual picnic and league championship games. The club operates on a fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

Other club news:

**Club Commissioner Report.** In his July 11 report, Gilmore said things were "going pretty well." He noted the theft of copper wiring from the Complex caused cancellation of games for Tuesday-Thursday leagues, adding to the loss of games by the unusually wet spring. He said he had recently issued warnings and had to suspend one player for "unsportsmanlike conduct." He said "guys who complain about umpiring should try umpiring" and they would quit complaining. He said Chief Umpire Freddie Miller and his crew "are doing a great job."

**Chief Umpire Report.** Miller announced that he is retiring from umpiring GSSCS games after this season and recommended that the board name Tom Bussey as his successor as chief umpire. Tom is the "logical choice" with experience as being in charge of umpires for world series and California Cup tournaments. "I've enjoyed myself, but it is time to move on," Miller said. He has umpired for the club some eight or nine years.

He also said the club "really needs to take a look at the run-through" rule, so players know how wide to run (to avoid contact with infielders). They don't understand how to run wide." On balls and strikes, he said some don't know how high 12 feet is or what six feet is. But he added, "By and large, we're all having a lot of fun."

**Sponsorships.** First Vice President Latimer urged members to continue to help recruit sponsors for the coming year. He said he has already signed up a sponsor (Lasereyes, Inc.) for 2012 as the year was too far along for producing new uniform shirts for this season. (See Page 3)

**Players Needed.** Player Agent Linda McCollum-Greene said it is important for managers to keep in touch so waiting-list players can be assigned to teams. Several players have paid their dues and are in line for refunds if they don't get to play, she said. George Hodsdon, L-1 commissioner, said he needed to apologize because managers were "pulling subs from here and there and a fella on the sub list was just sitting there. Give him his money back."

**Roster Report.** Henry Low reported that as of July 1 the club had 465 members, 78 of them non-playing members. L-1 had 126 members, L-2 85, L-3 79, L4 77, L5 77, L-6 74. Since last September the club has 56 new members, while about that many have dropped off the roster. He said of 135 life members, 75 are playing and 60 are non-playing. There were 103 multi-league players filling 233 roster slots. The wait list has four names, he said.

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## SUNSHINE & HEALTH REPORT: SANDY BEGG IS HOSPITALIZED



**SANDY BEGG**, popular scorekeeper, has been hospitalized with pneumonia that came on as she suffered from shingles. Despite her extremely fragile and painful condition, Sandy insisted on driving from Roseville to the Complex to score games on July 5 and 7, before she was taken to Kaiser Hospital. An EKG revealed she also has had mild heart attacks. Linda McCollum-Greene visited Sandy at the hospital on July 13, delivering flowers and meeting Sandy's daughter, with whom Sandy is staying since being discharged from the hospital on July 14. Reached by phone on July 16, Sandy said, "Be sure to thank everybody. I love the card and the flowers are beautiful." She did not know how long she'll be sidelined but hoped to be back at the scorer's table in a couple of weeks. Linda said Sandy was was "quite emotional when she saw her card with all the signatures (of GSSCS members at the July 11 general meeting) and the beautiful flowers" from the club. Sandy began keeping score with statistics in 2005. Sandy can be reached at 359-8959 while staying with her daughter, Roxanne, in Carmichael at 4725 Hazelwood Ave. E-mail: [gambo34@att.net](mailto:gambo34@att.net) (Photo by Linda McCollum-Greene) #

# STANDINGS FOR TUESDAY-THURSDAY LEAGUES

With Sandy Begg's illness requiring hospitalization, Colette Barnes provided the following standings. Colette: Thanks to help of our wonderful Tuesday and Thursday commissioners and Mark Cordell, manager of NorCal Jackets of L-5. Mahalo nui loa.

## L-2 Tuesday Day 60+

As of July 12th after 12 complete games

Richard H Will, Attorney 9 - 3  
Harper Properties 7 - 5  
Jolly Rogers 6 - 5 - 1  
Rabbit Inc 5 - 6 - 1  
Sports Leisure Vacations 5 - 7  
VFW Post #67 3 - 9

## L-3 Tuesday Night 50+

As of July 12th after 12 complete games

ReMax 10 - 2  
Old Hornets 6 - 5 - 1  
Silver Cats 6 - 6  
Geremia Pools 5 - 7  
Fuddruckers 5 - 6 - 1  
Livingston Concrete 3 - 9

## L-4 Wednesday Night 50+

As of July 13th after 13 complete games

9th & X Self Storage 9 - 4  
Executive Limousine 7 - 6  
East Lawn Inc. 7 - 6  
Bertolucci's Body & Fender 6 - 7  
C & C Plumbing Building Supply 5 - 8  
Cottonwood Estates 5 - 8

## L-5 Thursday Night 50+

As of July 14th after 14 complete games

NorCal Jackets 11 - 3  
Reinwald's Health & Dental Ins. 8 - 5 - 1  
Cal Energy 8 - 6  
Miller's Muchies 6 - 7 - 1  
Espanol Restaurant 5 - 7 - 2  
Overhead Door of Sacramento 2 - 12

## L-6 Tuesday Day Select 60+

As of July 12th after 12 complete games

GSSA 8 - 4  
Better Softball Equipment 7 - 5  
Mark E White, DDS 7 - 5  
Arnold Properties 6 - 6  
Auburn Oaks Senior Living 4 - 8  
Denny's Grand Slam 4 - 8

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## NOMINATIONS FOR 2011 AWARD OF MERIT ARE NOW BEING REQUESTED

The Award of Merit is presented at our annual picnic, this year on Sept. 24, "to recognize those individuals who, through their actions for the benefit of the Golden Seniors Softball Club of Sacramento, have given over and beyond the requirement of simple membership to bring recognition to the club and its members."

If you have such a person in mind, please phone George Hodsdon, 481-9304, and he will send you a form. Deadline for submittal is Wednesday, Aug. 3. Nominations must be in writing for the nominating committee to review. The committee is comprised of past recipients of this award.

Nominations are kept confidential and the identity of the recipient is revealed at the picnic. -- George Hodsdon, member of nominating committee. #

## SAFETY REPORT: SIGN UP FOR JULY 30 CPR/AED TRAINING

Club Safety Coordinator Curtis Holcomb reiterated his call for members to sign up for the July 30 training session at the Howe Park clubhouse. The session begins with registration at 8 a.m. and runs until about 3:30.

"Contact me to get on the list," he said at the July 11 general meeting. The training in AED (defibrillator) and CPR runs most of the day. Those who need the refresher course in CPR need to join the group for the afternoon segment, starting at 12:30.

The club picks up the costs of the Red Cross training. Once certified, GSSCS members qualify for red hats so they are easily recognizable should they be needed to help a teammate in distress.

Call Holcomb for details and to sign up: 600-6065.

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# MONDAY MORNING REPORT

*From Commissioner George Hodsdon*

We are one game away from the winner of the second round (as of July 11) and due to two more rainouts, second-round things are still up in the air. We have a three-way tie with one game to go!

John Chatfield's Avalon was 4-1, Norm Blackwell's Nielsen Real Estate, 5-1, and Benny Benson's L&S Survey, 4-1. In only one game head-to-head, Avalon beat Nielsen 11-5 on June 27. Avalon vs. L&S and L&S vs. Nielsen were rained out.

At this point, all normal tiebreakers are out the window so we have to wait for results of the games of July 18 and hope things sort themselves out.

Item of Note: Avalon, at 4-0 for the second round with a run differential of plus 42, played Ray Ward's Wion's, 0-5 for the second round and a run differential of minus 16. Final score: Wion's 1, Avalon 0. Go figure!

Paul Thompson came off injured reserve on July 7 only to suffer a broken knee cap. #

## **PICNIC NEWS: CLUB'S COMMITTEE WORKING HARD TO DELIVER MEMBERS A QUALITY MEAL OF TRI-TIP OR CHICKEN**

The club's Picnic Committee -- Dante Ciardella, Henry Fontes and Arnold Wilkerson -- is drumming up excitement for the Sept. 24 event which this year moves from the Complex to Howe Avenue Park.

With the change in venue, there will be details that need careful planning, including dealing with the fact that there will be other public use of the park's facilities other than the ball fields and the gazebo area.

*No Ticket -- No Food!* That was the main message on July 11 from Dante, the ticket chairman. He told those at the general meeting and for publication in the Dugout Chatter that it will be extremely important that attendees get their meal tickets as soon as they can upon arrival. He will be set up in the gazebo area to hand out meal tickets to those who have signed up via their managers and made their choice: tri-tip or chicken. He also will be selling raffle tickets. The meal tickets will be red for tri-tip and yellow for chicken. He will shut down the ticket desk at noon, "so avoid the rush and get your tickets as soon as you can."

Players and their spouses or significant others, as well as club sponsors will be free. Managers are urged to invite their team sponsors.

Tentatively, guests will be \$8 and children 12 and under, \$5.

Beer cannot be consumed outside the gazebo area, so there will be no quaffing of suds in the vicinity of the ball fields. While additional tables will be set up, the committee advises members to bring chairs and "shade." While there will be several areas for parking, the park is used by others (such as tennis courts) and players are advised to car pool as much as possible.

There will be further details in the August Dugout Chatter. #

# **Golden Seniors 2011 Sponsors**

## **PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS**

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VFW POST 67

RICHARD WILL ATTORNEY

WION'S BODY SHOP

\*9TH & X SELF STORAGE

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# **2011 Teams and Managers**

## **L-1 MONDAYS AT HOWE AVENUE PARK**

Commissioner George Hodsdon 481-9304

Asst. Commissioner George Langan 483-6874

Monday Rules Chairman Henry Low 391-3938

Team 1 Nielsen Real Estate -- Norm Blackwell Sr. 452-1539

Team 2 L&S Survey -- Benny Benson 383-0179

Team 3 Avalon Hearing -- John Chatfield 965-1932

Team 4 Dumont Pest Control -- George Langan 483-6874

Team 5 Merrill Bookkeeping and Tax -- Bob Benham 961-7131

Team 6 American Medical Equipment -- Dick Reisinger 427-6982

Team 7 Show Biz Productions -- Joe Kline 331-7042

Team 8 Jerry Jodice -- Bob Havrilla 285-5413 and Joe Sugimoto 359-4111

Team 9 Wion's Body Shop -- Ray Ward 421-8875

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## **LEAGUE 3 TEAMS & MANAGERS**

Tuesday Night

Commissioner Jerry Toenyas 354-4126

1. Silver Cats -- Larry Shelton 955-9955

2. Old Hornets -- Bill Knoblauch  
408-5501

3. ReMax Central -- Dave Tanner  
216-1941

4. Geremia Pools -- Rich Del Chiaro  
484-0854

5. Livingston Concrete -- Trudy Smartt  
973-8269

6. Fuddruckers -- Bob Jones 965-4516

## **LEAGUE 5 TEAMS & MANAGERS**

Thursday Night

Commissioner Allen Riker 485-9567

1. NorCal Jackets -- Mark Cordell  
718-4058; Ed Frantz 607-3750

2. Reinwald's Health & Dental Ins. --  
Robert Reinwald -- 481-6323; Matt  
Tedrow 515-0451

3. Overhead Door -- Greg Leurgans  
332-7953

4. Cal Energy Services -- Michael  
Lofton 216-2427; Darryl Watson  
897-9330

5. Monte's Munchies -- George Lamb  
681-8070; Bob Paese 797-1084

6. Espanol Italian Restaurant -- Larry  
Lagomarsino 441-3047; Allen Riker  
485-9567

## **LEAGUE 4 TEAMS & MANAGERS**

Wednesday Night

Commissioner Bill Greene 391-5559

1. Executive Limousine -- Jim Stokes  
422-5683

2. 9th & X Self Storage -- Bud  
DeSouza 424-6115; Bill Hill  
804-2243

3. East Lawn Inc. -- Russ Barnes  
332-2832; Harold Johnson  
771-0179

4. Cottonwood Estates-- Tom  
Osborne 709-8464

5. Bertolucci's Body and Fender  
Shop -- Winston McDowell  
972-9483; Bob Smartt 973-8269

6. C&C Plumbing -- Jack Kocunik  
485-5031; Mark Noel 536-9225

## **LEAGUE 6 TEAMS & MANAGERS**

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Rich Edwards  
483-1293

1. Mark White DDS -- Greg Leurgans  
332-7953

2. Denny's -- Rich Edwards  
483-1293; Al Tirapelli 419-3102

3. Arnold Properties -- Russ Barnes  
332-2832; Vic Torres 784-7910

4. Greater Sacramento Softball  
Association (GSSA) -- Dave Bristol  
381-1037; Bruce Gilmore  
424-0920

5. Auburn Oaks Senior Living --  
Everett Richardson 455-2839

6. Better Sports Equipment -- Bill  
Greene 391-5559; Howard Toder  
927-3593

## **LEAGUE 2 TEAMS & MANAGERS**

Tuesdays 9 a.m.

Commissioner Curtis Holcomb  
600-6065

1. Jolly Rogers -- Ron Peck  
344-1376, Rich Edwards 483-1293
2. VFW Post 67 -- Cloicec Wade  
393-5809; John Wade 421-2162
3. RAMBIT -- John Colletto  
966-0771

4. Sports Leisure -- Bill Enos  
487-7047; Curtis Holcomb  
600-6065

5. Harper Properties -- Jim Wait  
455-4440

6. Richard Will Attorney -- Glen Cole  
966-4561; Tom Sansone 686-1654

## **CLUB “HOTLINE” SOURCE FOR NEWS, INFORMATION**

Operated by Don Shank, the club’s hotline provides recorded information for members, such as the general meeting schedule. It also is where players can call to make sure their games are going to be played as scheduled due to threatening weather or other events that make the fields unplayable, such as water main breaks or thefts of copper wire that prevents use of lights for night games. These things have happened, so even if the weather looks balmy, and you can’t be reached by your manager, you might be advised to give the “hot line” a jingle at 491-1721.

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## **LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS FOR 2011**

Nominated by Club Commissioner Bruce Gilmore and approved by the Board of Directors, the club’s League Commissioners for 2011:

League 1 Monday Day, 70 and older: George Hodsdon -- 481-9304 (George Langan, assistant)

L-2 Tuesday Day 9 a.m., 60 and older: Curtis Holcomb -- 600-6065 (Jim Wait, assistant)

L-3 Tuesday Night, 50 and older: Jerry Toenyes -- 354-4126 (Brent Korff, assistant)

L-4 Wednesday Night, 50 and older: Bill Greene -- 391-5559

L-5 Thursday Night, 50 and older: Allen Riker -- 485-9567

L-6 Tuesday Day 10:30 a.m. Select, 60 and older: Rich Edwards -- 483-1293

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- 2010-2011**

President **Bill Hill** ... 804-2243

First Vice President ... **Dick Latimer**  
363-9555 (Responsible for team  
sponsorships.)

Second Vice President **Pete Ward** ...  
989-4722 (Responsible for team  
uniforms.)

Treasurer **Glen Cole** ... 966-4561

Secretary **George Lamb** ... (530)  
681-8070

Player Agent **Linda McCollum-  
Greene** ... 391-5559 (Responsible for  
player applications, player substitutes,  
waiting lists.)

Club Commissioner **Bruce Gilmore** ...  
424-0920 (Responsible for enforcement  
of playing rules, oversees league  
commissioners.)

### **TELEPHONE HOTLINE**

#### **Club Answering Machine**

(managed by Don Shank):  
491-1721 for meeting news and  
field conditions.

#### **Phone or Address Changes:**

Henry Low 391-3938

#### **Player Applications:**

Linda  
McCollum-Greene 391-5559

#### **Sunshine & Health:**

Trudy  
Smartt 973-8269

#### **GSSC #3912 Blood Bank:**

456-1500

#### **Safety:**

Curtis Holcomb  
600-6065

#### **Entertainment:**

Lou Coppola  
444-6138

#### **Dugout Chatter:**

Ron Roach,  
editor 422-2500

([coachrwr@comcast.net](mailto:coachrwr@comcast.net))

#### **Planning:**

Merritt Davis,  
393-7160