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HIGH BATTING AVERAGES AND HOMERS SPICE FIRST-HALF GOLDEN SENIORS PLAY

Bill (Iron Man) McMahon, at least statistically, has been tearing up two night leagues with plus .800 batting averages. Meanwhile, Rich Edwards was leading a Tuesday morning league with an astounding .900 batting average.

And balls are flying over fences at the Complex, particularly in the night leagues as the club nears the mid-season mark.

In games through the week of June 4, McMahon was pacing the Tuesday night (L-3) with an .840 average. Emilio Lobato had six long balls. The Silver Cats, led by McMahon and Steve Schuler (four homers) were in first place at 8-2-1, barely ahead of the 8-3 George L Klumpp team. Geremia Pools was 6-6, Livingston Concrete 5-6-1, Rapid Solutions 4-8, and Tanner & Associates, 3-9. Klumpp boasted four of the league's 10 top hitters, Allen Riker (.824), Tim Brown (.760), and two women, Sharyn Ruff (.750) and Lyn Brown (.734).

McMahon had an .850 average to lead the John Brendle Consultants to a 7-2-1 record, just behind the 8-2 Espanol #2 team, which had four of the top 10 batters in the Thursday night (L-5) league. Joining McMahon on the Brendle team, Anthony Maze hammered seven balls over the fences while hitting .813. Mike Viduya of Bill Hill Heating and Air was hitting .833 with four homers; Lyman Rose of Tri-C Machine Co., an .800 hitter, cleared the fences six times in eight games. Espanol was led by Dick Reisinger, Larry Lagomarsino, Jarvis Quenga and Kent Ramos, all hitting between .750 and .793. Tri-C was in third place at 4-5-1, followed by Reinwald Health/Dental and Bill Hill, both 4-6, and Overhead Door, 2-8.

Terry Urban's .879 led the Wednesday night (L-4) through 11 games, followed by Vernon Nickell and Don Jackson, both at .867. Jarvis Quenga hit .854. Urban also had four homers over the fences. Standings: Bertolucci's 9-2, Cottonwood Estates 8-3, Bill Hill #1 6-5, Executive Limousine 6-5, C&C Plumbing 3-8, and Ryan R. Wilgus 2-9. Sam Hernandez hit for the cycle on March 27. (See Page 2)

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: JULY 8, 2013 7:30 P.M. VFW HALL 2784 STOCKTON BLVD. CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS TOP THE AGENDA

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In Tuesday morning L-2 action, leading batters through nine games were Edwards at .900; Gus Niklas .829 and Jim Hoffman .818. Over-the-fence homers were hit by Glen Cole, Tim Kesner and Jerry McKaughan. J.C. Terry had four inside-the-park homers. He hit for the cycle on April 30. Sports Leisure held down first place with an 8-1 record. Avalon #1 followed at 6-3, Rambit at 5-4, Espanol #1 at 4-5, VFW Post 67, 3-6, and Jerry Jodice, 1-6.

In Tuesday morning L-6 play, E&G Threads at 6-2-1 was up slightly on Sam's Hauf Brau, 6-3. Mark E. White DDS and Avalon Hearing #2 were 5-4. Capitol Barricade was 4-4-1 and GSSA 0-9. Top hitters: Don Bess .806 and Myron Dahl .792. The only over-the-fence homer was achieved by Jay Aguas. McMahon's 1.185 was the highest slugging percentage in L-6.

(Information provided by scorekeepers Sandy Begg and Colette Barnes)

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MONDAY MORNING NEWS

From Henry Low, co-commissioner

League One finished the first round of head-to-head competition with make-up games on June 3. One other canceled game could not be made up. Nielsen Real Estate, managed by Norm Blackwell Sr., won the first round with an 8-0 record, followed by the 7-1 Arnold Properties.

After playing two games in the second round, Arnold Properties led with a 2-0 record, and the Nielsen team was tied for last with an 0-2 mark. Apparently the second round of play is going to be much more competitive than the first round. During the second round, two teams will have byes each week in the 10-team league to avoid a game starting after noon in the summer heat.

The competitiveness of the Monday morning league at Howe Park was noted on June 10 when all three games were decided by one run.

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SAFETY REPORT

Safety Coordinator J.C. Terry has compiled a list of GSSCS members who are trained and certified to provide CPR/AED assistance. The club has provided two Red Cross training opportunities for members this year, at no cost to the members who took advantage of the classes. This continues a safety program launched years ago by the late Jerry Jodice.

Here is the list, which has 39 names:

Jim Jackson, Chuck Knutson, Donald Shank, Jon Ellison, John Taylor, Michael Immoos, Curtis Holcomb, Ken Taylor, Ron Roach, Joe Sugimoto, Tom Bussey, Cloicec Wade, John Hains, Dick Latimer, Paul Rogers, Dave Tanner, John Lack, J.C. Terry, Nancy Diehl, Trudy Smartt, Bill Greene, Glenn Cummings, Ron Thomas, Al Tirapelli, Richard O'Brien, Gerry Rohlfes, Ernie Kidwell, Jerry Moody, Don Maciel, Ray Ward, Don Tajbl, Arnold Disney, Joe Kline, Foster Maxwell, George Hodsdon, Casper Greif, Ken Dempsey, Hank Fontes, Lou Ve'Lez.

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SHORT HOPS AND LONG BOUNCES

KOREAN WAR VETS WANTED FOR 60TH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE

U.S. military veterans of the Korean war will be recognized at the July 25 RiverCats game at Raley Field, an event being organized by GSSCS member Lou Coppola. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the signing of the peace treaty.

Coppola, who served in the Army as a sergeant, asks GSSCS members or friends who served to call him at 444-6138 and provide full names and phone numbers of those who will be on the Tribute Team. If possible, then and now photographs would be appreciated. He also is seeking for the “team” those who received Purple Hearts.

A decade ago, the RiverCats honored 18 veterans at the 50th anniversary tribute. Lou said he hopes to have as many as 25 U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine veterans who served in Korea between 1950 and 1953, including those who received Purple Hearts.

This year seats for friends and family members will be available for \$16 in Section 117, Rows 21-22-23, on the third-base side behind the RiverCats dugout, Coppola said.

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SANDY’S “LOST” WIND-BLOWN SCORESHEET IS FOUND

It was an extremely windy morning on May 28. Scorekeeper Sandy Begg had carefully put away the scoresheet inside her notebook for 9 a.m. L-2 games and prepared for the 10:30 league at the Sacramento Softball Complex. Later, she noticed that her notebook had blown open and the scoresheet was gone. She looked. She asked others to help her. Even Don Barney, who runs the Complex, participated in the search. No scoresheet. Sandy was crestfallen. Statistics would be incomplete for the entire year. Driving out of the complex on the frontage road beyond the outfield fences, she noticed a piece of paper. Could it be? She stopped and, yes, there it was. It had blown away from the scorer’s table and over two fences before landing alongside the road outside the complex. “It was a little dirty, but not much,” she said. “This was miraculous.” #

RIVERCATS TICKETS

Want a \$5 break on good RiverCats tickets? Contact GSSCS Entertainment Chair Lou Coppola at 444-6138. #

CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS DUE AT JULY MEETING

Nominations for club officers for the coming year will be made at the July 8 general meeting. Six of the seven officers are seeking re-election: President Tom Sansone, 1st VP Dick Latimer, Treasurer Don Wall, Secretary Dave Tanner, Club Commissioner Curtis Holcomb and Player Agent Myron Dahl.

Nominating Committee Chair John Mizerak (332-5511) has been seeking candidates for 2nd VP to succeed Pete Ward, who is not seeking another term in the office that is responsible for team uniforms and equipment.

Also expected to be discussed at the July meeting is a survey of club attitudes about using a “scoring plate” instead of just a line over which the runner must cross. The vast majority of those polled want to do away with the plate. #

GOLDEN SENIORS SPONSORS FOR 2013

First VP Dick Latimer lists these club sponsors for 2013 and urges club members to reward their support by giving them their business (* = new sponsor for 2013):

AMERICAN MEDEQUIP
ARNOLD PROPERTIES
AVALON HEARING AID CENTERS (TEAM 1)
AVALON HEARING AID CENTERS (TEAM 2)
BECKS, IN MEMORY OF
BERTOLUCCI BODY & FENDER SHOP, INC.
***JOHN BRENDLE CONSULTING**
C&C PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES
***CAPITOL BARRICADE**
COTTONWOOD ESTATES
OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY OF SACRAMENTO, INC.
***EG THREADS**
ESPANOL ITALIAN RESTAURANT (TEAM 1)
ESPANOL ITALIAN RESTAURANT (TEAM 2)
EXECUTIVE LIMOUSINE
GEREMIA POOLS
GREATER SACRAMENTO SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
HARPER PROPERTIES
***BILL HILL ROOFING & VINYL SIDING**
***BILL HILL WINDOWS, HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING**
JERRY JODICE, MEMORY OF
JOLLY ROGERS
***KLUMPP'S FUNERAL HOME**
LIVINGSTON'S CONCRETE SERVICE
L&S SURVEYS
MARK E. WHITE, DDS
MERRILL'S BOOKKEEPING AND TAX (Ray Merrill)
R.H. NIELSEN REAL ESTATE
OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY OF SACRAMENTO, INC.
***RAPID SOLUTIONS PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS**
RAMBIT, INC. (Ray Merrill)
REINWALD'S HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS BROKERAGE
***SAM'S HOF BRAU**
SHOW BIZ PRODUCTIONS
SILVER CATS
SPORTS LEISURE VACATIONS
TANNER AND ASSOCIATES
***TRI-C MACHINE CO. OF AUBURN, INC.**
VFW POST 67
***RYAN R. WILGUS, DDS**
WION'S BODY SHOP

LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS FOR 2013

L-1 Henry Low 391-3938; Asst. George Hodsdon 481-9304

L-2 Dave Vargo 689-7061

L-3 Mel Tennyson 838-6811

L-4 Bud DeSouza 424-6115

L-5 Allen Riker 873-3779

L-6 Bill Greene 391-5559

BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- 2012-13

President **Tom Sansone** ... 686-1654

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

Second Vice President (Vacant)
(Responsible for team uniforms.)

Treasurer **Don Wall** ... 434-8308

Secretary **Dave Tanner** ... 216-1941

Player Agent **Myron Dahl** ... 451-2450
(Responsible for player applications,
player substitutes, waiting lists.)

Club Commissioner **Curtis**

Holcomb ...600-6065 (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:

Asst. Secretary Henry Low
391-3938

Player Applications: Myron
Dahl 451-2450

Sunshine & Health: Trudy
Smartt 973-8269

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456-1500

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