

DUGOUT CHATTER

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MEMBERS ELECT CLUB OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR; JERRY NEVIS WINS COMMISSIONER POST

Led by President Tom Sansone, five current members of the club's board of directors were re-elected on Aug. 11 to serve for the coming year. Also elected were first-time board member Jon Ellison as club first vice president and Jerry Nevis as club commissioner.

With 33 members and five board members present, a disappointing turnout despite the lure of hotdogs and soft drinks, the club elected Nevis in the only contested race. Nevis won in what Nominations Chairman John Mizerak said was a "close" vote among Nevis, three-term incumbent Curtis Holcomb and J.C. Terry, club safety chairman. The vote breakdown was not announced.

The unopposed slate for six offices consists of Sansone, Ellison, Chuck Knutson as second VP, Don Wall as treasurer, Dave Vargo as secretary, and Dave Tanner as player agent. Tanner is moving over to player agent from secretary, succeeding Myron Dahl, the club's player agent for the past two years. Vargo moves over from first VP to secretary, opening up the vacancy filled by Ellison.

Holcomb, who previously served as safety chairman as well as team manager, is completing his third year as club commissioner. He said his intent, in agreeing to run for a fourth term, was to find and mentor a successor. Curtis said that being club commissioner isn't an easy task and experience counts. (See Page 2)

OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS SATURDAY, SEPT. 27 AT THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS-PICNIC DAY AT HOWE PARK. THE 2014-15 BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE SWORN IN AND CLUB 2014 AWARDS OF MERIT WILL BE ANNOUNCED. PICNIC CHAIR BILL HILL PROMISES ANOTHER TERRIFIC FEAST. WANT TO HELP? CALL HILL AT 804-2243.

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Sansone will serve a fourth one-year term as president, as will Wall as treasurer. The board encouraged Mizerak to seek more candidates for offices in this year's elections but he said his calls and pleas did not come up with contested races. Nevis and Terry were nominated from the floor at the July general meeting.

Nevis, a life member who joined the club 20 years ago, ran for club commissioner last year and served in that post circa 2002. In recent years he has chaired the club rules committee and he stressed at the Aug. 11 meeting that the rule book "needs a lot of work."

The club commissioner is mainly responsible for enforcement of club rules and to name league commissioners, with board approval.

Nevis said he will watch club spending, calling GSSCS the "highest priced club in town. This and too many rules cause guys to leave the club," he added.

He also said each league's dues should reflect the cost of the league, noting that the Complex charges much more for Thursday night games than Tuesday or Wednesday nights -- \$91 vs. \$65 per game. (This is due to the popularity of Thursday nights for recreational leagues. Longer GSSCS games also mean that the city gets three games of rent from the GSSCS while the other fields are used for four games on the same night.)

The new board will be sworn in at the Sept. 27 picnic. The club's fiscal year begins Oct. 1. Also discussed at the Aug. 11 general meeting:

AED batteries. At the urging of Terry, the club will purchase a \$188 recharger for AED (defibrillator) batteries, which could enable them to last the expected three years. The club can buy batteries for as little as \$88. Terry said the club needs to have an extra battery, and needs to exercise greater care to make sure the battery is not inadvertently run down when someone turns it on when checking to see if it is charged. You don't have to turn it on to determine if the battery is OK.

The club policy is that no game at Howe Park or the Complex can begin until there is an operational AED in the red "crash cart" near the fields. The battery at the Complex AED ran down and Terry had to transport the club's Howe Park unit to the Complex so the other GSSCS leagues could play.

Sansone said it was suggested that the club check with the facilities to determine interest in "maintaining" the defibrillators by monitoring batteries and assuming replacement costs. In the past the facilities have indicated they do not want to be responsible for the equipment even though it could be used for other events at the Complex or Howe Park. Thus "this seems like a dead-end option but I will ask," Sansone said.

Also, at the Board meeting preceding the general meeting, the board accepted a suggestion to develop a form for each team manager to collect at the beginning of the season that contains contact information for each team member. This system would be used in addition to the bag tags.

Picnic or Banquet? Sansone reiterated his plan to survey, via his email communication with a vast majority of members, whether the membership would prefer a banquet for annual awards, instead of the annual picnic. If there is a change, it would not occur before 2015. Sansone said the survey would also ask respondents to indicate whether they would attend a banquet while this would not be a conclusive count for expected attendees. Members also would be asked for their willingness to pay an additional fee to help pay for a banquet.

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AUGUST GENERAL MEETING (FROM PAGE 2)

Older Player League. Sansone said the board feels “we are behind the curve in the planning for our aging club members. We need to catch up.” Thus the board wants to form a committee to explore the potential for adding another league for players who are 80 and older, or converting the club’s 70-plus L-1 on Mondays to a 75-plus league. For a new GSSCS league for older players to compete for players who are now playing in cut-rate Wednesday and Thursday organizations, the Golden Seniors might consider use of volunteer umpires, old uniform shirts and used balls.

Player Applications. The board agreed with a suggestion that the forms for new players or renewals include a box where the player can be asked whether he or she would be interested in serving in volunteer or elective positions. Also, in years past the club has circulated questionnaires where members could express interest in becoming team managers, committee members, such as picnic and rules, or any of the seven board offices. Vargo said hopefully this can be done again via emails to members and/or print communication handed down from league commissioners to team managers to players.

Shade for Benches? Balls and Bucket Hats. The board agreed to look into whether it should provide shade cloth covering for the “dugouts” at the Complex. Knutson will look into it. He also reported that he plans to buy balls for about \$1 less thanks to a Senior Softball USA discount for Trump balls that are about as hot as the Evil but hold up better. The savings to the club would amount to about \$500 for the 2015 season. He also said he will be ordering more bucket hats in sizes other than large.

Sansone also noted that the club benefits by selling used balls at the picnic for \$1 each.

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SUNSHINE & HEALTH REPORT

Rest in Peace: George F. Linck III, 66, passed away on July 23. The Sacramento native and longtime Post Office employee played softball with the Golden Seniors from 1998 to 2002. His father played in the club from 1983 until 1996 or 1997.

Life Member **Dick Seward** is recuperating from hip surgery to fix a fracture suffered in a California Gold 80s tourney game in Lodi. He adds a new hip to his knee replacements.

Tom Watwood, manager of L-7-leading Jolly Rogers, has undergone three-way bypass surgery.

Jim Mays, a pitcher in L-2 and L-6, has a possible torn rotator cuff.

Life Member **Ken Wollenberg** had back surgery this summer. Life Member **Henry Fontes** had a eye surgery.

M.R. Evans reports he is recovering from shoulder surgery and expects to begin softball workouts later this year. #

MONDAY MORNING REPORT

From Commissioner Henry Low

Monday Morning Over 70 Leagues Update

The season for L-1 is quickly winding down with just four weeks of third-round head-to-head play after games of Aug. 11. Currently, the first-round winner, Nielsen Real Estate #1, managed by Norm Blackwell Sr., and the second-round winner, Arnold Properties, managed by Ernie Schaffer, are undefeated so far in the third round of play and have qualified for our playoffs by virtue of winning the first and second rounds. Other teams still in contention for playoff spots are Merrill Bookkeeping, managed by Ron Thomas, and L&S Surveys, managed by Benny Benson. The three remaining teams in L-1 have been virtually eliminated from the playoffs.

The more competitive four-team L-7 playoff picture is pretty well set. Based on current won-loss records, the Jolly Rogers team, managed by Tom Watwood, will be the No. 1 seed. Nielsen Real Estate #2, managed by Blackwell, will be the second seed. The third-seeded Avalon Hearing team is managed by Al Tirapelli and the Showbiz team, managed by Joe Kline, is seeded fourth. Seedings are based on won-loss records for the entire season.

Playoffs for both L-1 and L-7 will be on Sept. 22, the Monday before the league championship games are scheduled at the club picnic, Saturday, Sept. 27 at Howe Park. #

LEAGUE STANDINGS AND TOP HITTERS

Going into the “dog days of summer,” teams jockey for playoff seedings in the Tuesday day and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night leagues. Standings and information provided by scorekeepers Colette Barnes and Sandy Begg.

League 2 Standings thru Aug. 12

11-4 Sam's Hof Brau and VFW Post 67
11-5 Sports Leisure
8-7 Capital Barricade
7-9 C&C Plumbing
3-12 Avalon Hearing and Yancey Co.

L-2 batting leaders thru July 29: Mick Tursky .839, Mark Holgerson .811, and Larry Lagomarsino .776. Hal Johnson led the league in HR with 6 and was tied in RBI at 41 with Dave Avery and Jerry Horton. Led by Tursky, Sam's Hof Brau was hitting .713 as a team.

LEAGUE STANDINGS AND HIGHLIGHTS (FROM PAGE 4)**L-3 Standings thru Aug. 12**

17-2 Bill Hill #1
12-6-1 Silver Cats
10-8-1 Rapid Solutions
7-12 George Klumpp
6-13 Tanner & Associates
3-14-2 Geremia Pools

L-3 July 29 top hitters: HR Rich Hutchins, Emilio Lobato (over fence), Jim Moore, Dave Plunkett.

L-4 Standings thru Aug. 13

12-5 Bertolucci's Body and Fender
11-6 Ryan Wilgus DDS
10-6-1 Overhead Door
6-11 Reinwald Health & Dental and Executive Limousine
5-11-1 Elk Grove Lock & Safe

L-4 top hitters: Jarvis Quenga .797 and Darryl Watson .776. Home Runs: Quenga 7, Mike Holt and Mike Viduya 6.

L-5 Standings thru July 31

12-5-2 Reinwald Health & Dental
11-7-1 Tri-C Machine Co.
10-7-2 Bill Hill Roofing and Siding
7-10-2 Espanol #2
7-12 John Brendle Consulting
6-12-1 RAMBIT

L-5 Top July 31 hitters: HR Tom Mosher; batting 1.000 Mel Tennyson, Lyman Rose, Omar Randle, Ed Frantz, Monte Merrill, Burt Leitzell, Kent Ramos, Greg Diehl, Terry Urban.

L-6 Standings thru Aug. 12

13-5 E&G Threads and Mark E. White DDS
10-8 Jerry Jodice
7-11 Livingston Concrete
6-12 GSSA
5-13 Espanol

L-6 batting leaders thru July 29: Mick Tursky .891, Hal Johnson .857, Rich Edwards .800. Johnson (57) led the league in RBI and Jerry Jodice (.706) paced the league in team batting, featuring such hitters as Steve Schuler, Jack Kocunik, and Bill Greene. #

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President **Tom Sansone** ... 686-1654
 1st Vice President **Dave Vargo** ...
 689-7061 (Responsible for team
 sponsorships.)
 2nd Vice President **Chuck Knutson** ...
 441-4144 (Responsible for team uniforms
 and equipment.)
 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:
 Dave Tanner 216-1941
Player Applications: Myron
 Dahl 451-2450
Sunshine & Health: Trudy
 Smartt 973-8269
GSSC #3912 Blood Bank:
 456-1500
Safety Coordinator: J.C.
 Terry 457-3393 Cell:
 505-2570
Entertainment: Lou Coppola
 444-6138
Dugout Chatter: Ron Roach,
 editor 422-2500

2014 LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS

Club Commissioner Curtis Holcomb
 has appointed the following league
 commissioners:

L-1 Henry Low 391-3938; Asst.
 Dick Reisinger Sr.
 L-2 Dave Vargo 689-7061
 L-3 Mel Tennyson 838-6811
 L-4 Russ Barnes 332-2832
 L-5 Allen Riker 873-3779
 L-6 Dave Vargo 689-7061
 L-7 Henry Low 391-3938; Asst.
 Bob Annecone

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 WILL BE PUBLISHED AFTER THE
 SEPT. 27 PLAYOFFS AND PICNIC
 AT HOWE PARK. THERE ARE TWO
 ISSUES TO BE PUBLISHED
 (SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER AND
 NOVEMBER-DECEMBER) FOR
 THE REST OF THE YEAR. ALSO,
 WATCH FOR CLUB PRESIDENT
 TOM SANSONE'S EMAIL
 "BLASTS" FOR IMPORTANT
 INFORMATION AND ALERTS.***