

DUGOUT CHATTER

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ON THE INTERNET: WWW.GSSCS.ORG CLUB NEWS HOTLINE: 491-1721

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS TO RECRUIT CANDIDATES FOR CLUB BOARD POSTS, RUN THE CLUB PICNIC AND TAKE OVER THE CLUB'S TELEPHONE HOTLINE

Mark your calendars: Nominations for club officer elections in August are due at the July 11 general meeting, and the board is seeking a volunteer to lead the nomination search for candidates to serve on the seven-member Board of Directors.

The club's elections nominating chair for many years, John Mizerak, decided not to continue in the job beyond last year. Anyone interested in helping should contact President Bill Hill or any member of the board (see contact information elsewhere in this newsletter).

Board officers are president, first vice president (sponsors), 2nd VP (uniforms and equipment), treasurer, secretary, player agent and club commissioner.

Hill also said he needs a volunteer to head up a committee to organize and run the club picnic Sept. 17 at Howe Park. "A new picnic person is still to be determined," said Hill, who has served in that capacity in recent years.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Monday, July 11, 7 P.M. at VFW Hall on Stockton Blvd.

MAY 9 MEETING NEWS, FROM PAGE 1

Also at the May 9 general meeting, it was announced that Don Shank wants someone to succeed him as the person responsible for managing the club's telephone "hotline" for news and field conditions. Shank has done an admirable job over the years and would like to hand over the job to someone else. *FLASH: Deanna Sesso, club secretary, said on May 16 that she will operate the hotline.*

Other news:

Elk Grove Games. Club Secretary Deanna Sesso moved swiftly to avoid two weeks of lost play in May for the Tuesday morning leagues. She booked L2 and L6 games for May 17 and May 24 at Elk Grove's Bartholomen Park. The park is at 10150 Franklin High School Road.

The club used a similar strategy last year to maintain a playing schedule for Tuesday morning leagues when the Sacramento Softball Complex was booked for tournament play. However, Club President Bill Hill said he regrets that the club has been unable to transfer night league games to other parks when the SSC is unavailable. Other venues are tied up with night recreation leagues. Since the SSC is used for high school championship games each year, the GSSCS should be planning well ahead for alternative fields, Hill said.

New Sponsor: Tony DiBernardo has joined the ranks of member player-sponsors, and his team in L8 on Tuesdays at Howe Park will be called "Dibos", said Chuck Knutson, club 2nd Vice president. Knutson also has been working to replace the worn home plate mats at Howe Park.

Safety. The club's new safety coordinator, Glenn Cummings, has been working to set up classes in CPR and AED (defibrillator). See story on Page 2.

Courtesy Runners. The board voted 4-1 to make courtesy running rules for L7 on Monday mornings the same as those applied to L1 Monday mornings and L8 Tuesday mornings, at Howe Park. Effective with games of May 16, a L7 courtesy runner is no longer limited to two times a game. Umpires and managers sought uniformity among these three leagues to avoid confusion and reduce the risk of injury to L7 players, some of whom have to run for themselves when their teams run out of eligible courtesy runners. Men in L1 and L7 are at

SUNSHINE AND HEALTH REPORT

REST IN PEACE: Clint Armstrong and Mary Ann Long. Life Member Armstrong, 80, who joined the club in 1990, and passed away in early April. He played until 2012 when Parkinson's prevented him from playing in the field. His sons would bring him to games so he could sit in the dugout and root for his team. Clint also served as club treasurer during the 1990s. Mary Ann Long, wife of Don Long, passed away March 24.

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SAFETY REPORT: LEARN HOW TO SAVE A LIFE

From Safety Coordinator Glenn Cummings

Learn a valuable skill that could save a life.

“Heartsaver Adult/Child CPR & AED” training is available free of charge to members of the Golden Seniors Softball Club. Pick a date that is convenient for you. Go alone or go with your Golden Senior buddies.

Choose one of these classes: Monday, May 23; Saturday, June 4; Monday, June 20, or Saturday, July 9.

All trainings are at 13405 Folsom Blvd., Suite 150, Folsom, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. If you are interested in learning infant CPR, stick around for an additional hour of training.

To sign up, contact Glenn Cummings at (916) 276-9530, or cummingsglenn@gmail.com no later than several days before the training. For more class times, visit www.rescuetraininginstitute.com on the Internet. #

LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS FOR 2016

Club Commissioner Bobby Ellison has appointed the following league commissioners for 2016: L1 Henry Low 391-3938, L2 Bob Smartt 973-8269, L3 Mel Tennyson, L4 Brian Pearson 947-4384, L5 Bobby Ellison (acting) 212-7498, L6 Ray Lucas 718-3348, L7 Jim Stinson 397-3012, L8 Cloicec Wade 393-5809. #

SHORT HOPS AND LONG BOUNCES

Guy Anderson, Golden Senior player on Mondays, was featured in the Sacramento Bee April 28 as a high school coach who, at age 83, “digs back in after being thrown out.” The Joe Davidson-authored article told how Anderson was replaced at Cordova High after 45 seasons and 927 wins, more than any high school coach in Northern California. He found a new home at Capital Christian where he and Ralph Rago, 82, give the Cougars experienced assistant coaches. Head Coach Nelson Randolph said he appreciates having “great baseball minds” helping his team. #

Golden Seniors league schedules for 2016 are available through a link on the club website, it was announced at the March 14 general meeting. #

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become a sponsor for 2016
or take advantage of two-
year sponsorship terms,
contact Rocky Wilkerson,
first vice president, at
595-2941.

**Help the club grow by inviting
friends to join in the fun. You can refer them to the
club website for player applications or have them
call Player Agent Dave Tanner 216-1941.**

GOLDEN SENIORS GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

**JULY 11, AUG 15, SEPT. 17. (MEETINGS 7 P.M. ARE AT THE VFW POST 67 HALL
ON STOCKTON BLVD., IN SACRAMENTO. THE SEPT. 17 MEETING IS AT HOWE
PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANNUAL PICNIC AND PLAYOFFS.**

LEAGUE NEWS AND STANDINGS THROUGH APRIL

MONDAY MORNING NEWS

From Henry Low, L1 Commissioner

The first round of head-to-head play in 70+ League One at Howe Park was very competitive. The Nielsen Real Estate team won the first round with a 4-1 record. The Becks team finished in second place with a 3-2 record. And the other four teams — L&S Surveys, Wenelli's Pizza, ShowBiz Productions and Harper Properties — finished tied for third with 2-3 records. Hopefully, this competitive play will continue throughout the rest of the season. We had three players hitting .800 or better: Bill Butler (.833) of L&S Surveys; Don Shank (.824) of Nielsen; and Jack Warren (.800) of Harper. Shank was the RBI leader with 17 and Wenelli's Jack Tibbetts led with three home runs. The hits leaders (with 15) were Butler and Murv Granderson of L&S, and Nielsen's Bob McBee. #

Bertolucci Leads L7 Thru April 25

Off to a 5-0 start, Bertolucci led Tanner and Associates by one game through the first five games of the season. Going into May, Jolly Rogers was third with one win and Overhead Doors was winless. Patrick Morrison and Jack Tibbetts were pacing hitters with .810 batting averages. Tibbetts was the RBI leader with 20.

TUESDAY MORNING NEWS

Bill Enos (.913) was leading Tuesday morning L2 through the first six games of the season. Sam's Hofbrau and Photo Finish were tied for first at 4-2, Sports Leisure Vacations and VFW Post 67 were at 3-3 and Avalon Hearing and Yanceys had 2-4 marks. Dave Muller had two over-the-fence homers, while Hal Johnson had a pair of inside-the-parkers. Besides Enos, seven players were hitting .800 or higher in the 9 a.m. league.

In L6 (10:30), Ray Lucas (.933) and Ernest Boston (.900) were among five players at .800 or better through six games. Tommy French led in RBI with 17. Boston and Terry Gier each had a homer over the fence, and Boston added two others inside the park. Standings: Jerry Jodice 6-0, Livingston Concrete 4-2, Mark White DDS 3-3, Espanol Italian Restaurant 3-3, GSSA 2-4, and EG Threads 0-6. In all, five hitters were at .800 or better.

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TUESDAY NIGHT NEWS

The Tuesday night L3 standings through April had Tri C Machine on top at 5-1, followed by Avalon #1 at 4-2, Bill Hill #1 at 3-3, as was Warm & Frye, with La Rosas Sports Cafe at 2-4 and Geremia Pools 1-5. Norman Blackwell Jr. was hitting .900, with Carlson Rodriguez at .895. Richard Montiero had 21 RBI to go along with his .889 batting average. Montiero and Richard Peters each had fence-clearing blasts.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT NEWS

Don Jackson (.917) was leading L4 Wednesday night in hitting while Tri-C Machine, averaging almost 20 runs a game, was atop the standings at 6-0. RDR Financial Services was 5-1, followed by Reinwald Health & Dental, Elk Grove Lock & Safe and Laurie Hanshu DDS all at 2-4. Firefighters Local 52 was 1-5. Marcus Kirkland and Mike Viduya had over-the-fence homers. Jackson and Kirkland led in RBI with 18.

THURSDAY NIGHT NEWS

Off to a 5-0 start, Rapid Solutions was the Thursday night L5 leader through April, followed by Bill Hill at 3-2, John Brendle at 2-2-1, Espanol at 2-3, Cool Kettle Corn 1-3-1, and Rambit Inc at 1-4. Ted Crumbley was hitting .944, followed by Scot Wilson .929. Bryan Patrick hit for the cycle on April 21. This league had 12 over-the-fence homers, three by Anthony Maze and two each from Crumbley and Zaf Iqbal.

THANKS FOR THE GREAT WORK OF CHIEF SCOREKEEPER COLETTE BARNES, SCOREKEEPERS DAWN MARIE GERLACH AND VENUS GERLACH, AND THE SPECIAL ASSIST BY RUSS BARNES WHO PUT THE COMPUTERIZED SCOREKEEPING PROGRAM TOGETHER.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- 2015-16 -- President: **Bill Hill** ... 804-2243

First Vice President: **Rocky Wilkerson** .. 595-2541 (Responsible for team sponsorships.)

Second Vice President: **Chuck Knutson** ... 524-9763 (Responsible for team uniforms,

balls.) Treasurer: **Don Wall** ... 434-8308 Secretary: **Deanna Sesso** ... 955-8195 Player

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waiting lists.) Club Commissioner: **Bobby Ellison** ... 212-7498 (Responsible for

enforcement of league rules, oversees league commissioners.)

TELEPHONE HOTLINE

Club Answering Machine (managed by Deanna Sesso) 491-1721 for meeting news and field conditions.

Phone or Address Changes: Dave Tanner 216-1941

Player Applications: Dave Tanner 216-1941

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