
DUGOUT CHATTER

GOLDEN SENIORS SOFTBALL CLUB OF SACRAMENTO ELECTRONIC EDITION — JULY-AUGUST 2017

FIRST-HALF STANDINGS AND HIGHLIGHTS

MONDAY LEAGUE 1 (70+) STANDINGS THRU JUNE 26

Nielsen 9-1 (runs scored
139, allowed 56)
Harper Properties 6-4
(90-79)
ShowBiz 4-5-1 (117-109)
Becks 4-6 (65-110)
Wenelli's Pizza 3-7
(88-121)
L&S Surveys 3-6-1 (73-96)
Leading Batters: Dave
Vargo .757; Jim Stokes
.743; Robert McBee .730;
Murv Granderson .730.

MONDAY L7 (70+) THRU JUNE 26

Overhead Door Co. of
Sacramento Inc. 8-3-1
(runs scored 125, allowed
75)
Jolly Rogers 7-4-1
(128-82)
Bertolucci's Body and
Fender 5-7 (84-105)
Tanner & Associates 3-9
(72-147) (SEE PAGE 2)

AUGUST ELECTION SET FOR CLUB OFFICERS

President Bill Hill and the rest of the seven-member board of directors have agreed to serve at least one more year and were nominated unopposed at the July 10 general meeting. The election will be held at the Aug. 14 general meeting and the new board will be sworn in at the September club picnic.

Besides Hill, up for re-election are Rocky Wilkerson, first vice president; Bob Smartt, second VP; Don Wall, treasurer; Deanna Sesso, secretary; Bob Ellison, club commissioner, and Dave Tanner, player agent. There were no other nominations.

Hill said he does not intend to be a candidate again in 2018 and expressed concern that most board members also have served multiple terms. (SEE PAGE 2)

***NEXT GENERAL MEETING: 7
P.M. MONDAY, AUG. 14, AT VFW
HALL ON STOCKTON
BOULEVARD***

Leading Batters: Chuck Knutson .784; Mike Basich .756; Dan Tajbl .721.

**TUESDAY DAY L2 (60+)
THRU JUNE 27**

Sports Leisure 8-3 (runs scored 164, allowed 126)
Yancey 8-3 (144-111)
Avalon Hearing 6-5 (146-142)
Sam's Hofbrau 4-7 (114-142)
VFW Post 67 4-7 (113-140)
Photo Finish 3-8 (135-155)
Leading Batters: Mick Tursky .833; Steve Gellerman .821; Hal Johnson .793.

**TUESDAY DAY L6 (60+)
THRU JUNE 27**

Mark White DDS 10-1 (169 runs, 101 allowed)
EG Threads 6-5 (131-140)
Espanol Italian Restaurant 6-5 (152-142)
Livingston Concrete 6-5 (127-141)
Greater Sacramento Softball Assn. 3-8 (141-155)
Jerry Jodice 2-9 (143-185)
Leading Batters: Jon Ellison .821; Tim Kesner .816; Bill McMahon .800.

**TUESDAY NIGHT L3 (50+)
THRU JUNE 13**

Tri-C Machine 11-0-1 (203 runs, 100 allowed)
Avalon Hearing 8-3-1 (175-159)
Bill Hill #1 6-6 (158-157)
La Rosa Sports Cafe 5-6-1 (160-157) SEE PAGE 4

JULY 10 MEETING NEWS, FROM PAGE 1

“I don't want the whole board to leave at the same time. As of right now, the (existing) board will serve next year.”

Other news from the general meeting:

Golden Seniors on Facebook. Members approved a board proposal to launch a two- to three-month, \$900 Facebook advertising trial campaign to attract more GSSCS members.

Bob Kunnmann, a media marketing specialist and L4-L5 player for three years, said he can create a Facebook campaign that, for only \$10 a day, would target thousands of 50-to-65-year-olds within a 25-mile radius. A small ad with a video would direct people to the club website where they could be enticed with a special discount introductory offer.

Kunnmann noted that GSSCS 400-plus membership is “getting older” and “71% of us have a Facebook page” as more people are communicating with smart phones and tablets. He said 1,800 to 3,000 people of the right demographic could be reachable through Facebook ads. The trial campaign would begin before the end of the current season and continue in early 2018.

Electronic Pay. Some members complained that their application fee checks aren't cashed right away. The board decided to consider use of an electronic payment system through a club website link. But it could add a percent or two to the cost to join and play. (SEE PAGE 3)

JULY 10 MEETING NEWS, FROM PAGE 2)

Call for Players Answered, More are Needed. Hill said his club-wide email blast in June calling for more players to sign up for Tuesday night (L3) resulted in nine signups. However, there continues to be a need for more signups for L3 and other night leagues. One Tuesday night team needed a pitcher, as of this writing (July 16).

2018 Player Applications. The issue of whether L7 will allow better bats will be addressed by asking members signing up for that league whether they would play in the league if they could use the same kinds of bats used in other GSSCS leagues (Tuesdays and nights at the Complex). Player Agent Dave Tanner also said renewal applications for 2018 will be distributed to night league players before the end of the regular 2017 season.

New 80+ League. The 2018 membership applications will include a new league, on Tuesday mornings, for players 80 and older. This will be the club's ninth league.

Complex Sponsorship. The board is considering whether to spend about \$2,500 to provide slats in the cyclone fence of both team benches at one of the Complex fields. The club's name would be spelled out on the slats. The complex plans to have the slats installed on all four fields' dugouts. Senior Softball USA has already committed to do Field 1.

Website Overhaul. Hill said efforts are continuing to overhaul the club website, responding to members requests for current information such as league standings. An overhaul also would coordinate with the Facebook ad campaign and a potential electronic payment process.

Acting League Commissioner. Club Commissioner Bob Ellison said Mel Tennyson resigned as commissioner of L3 and Club Secretary Deanna Sesso was appointed temporary L3 commissioner. Ellison said he is currently looking for members who want to be league commissioners and team managers for 2018. He said it is imperative that new managers are knowledgeable enough to draft competitive teams. He and President Hill said it is not in the spirit of the club to have managers who make their best player an assistant manager and "get all their buddies and gang up on other teams." #

STANDINGS AND LEADING BATTERS FROM PAGE 2)

Geremia Pools 2-8-2 (142-211)

Wurn & Frye 1-10-1 (126-180)

Batting Leaders: Bill Greene .838; Larry Elsberry .814; Chris Oliver .811, Stephanie Cors .795.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT L4 (50+) THRU JUNE 28

RDR Financial 8-5-1 (199 runs, 174 allowed)

Reinwald Insurance 8-5-1 (232-198)

EG Lock & Safe 8-6 (204-179)

Tri-C Machine 6-8 (167-194)

Hanschu DDS 6-8 (191-212)

Firefighters 5-9 (196-232)

Leading Batters: Richard Reisinger .863; Patrick Bates .837; Brad Van Stone .814; Scot Wilson .809; Dave Muller .804.

THURSDAY NIGHT L5 (50+) THRU JUNE 29

Bill Hill 9-4 (194 runs, 182 allowed)

Cool Kettle Corn 8-4-1 (175-147)

Rapid Solutions 6-7 (170-176)

Larry's Plumbing 6-7 (152-139)

John Brendle 6-7 (164-164)

RAMBIT Inc. 3-9-1 (131-185)

Leading Batters: George Lamb .829; Anthony Maze .816; Ettore Minor .763.

.800 BATTERS GALORE. Led by L4's Richard Reisinger (.863), 15 Golden Seniors were hitting .800 or better through June, according to stats compiled by scorekeepers in seven leagues. (L8 75+ on Tuesdays does not use scorekeepers.) Maybe bats are hotter or balls juiced, but that would be several times the number of .800 hitters in an average year. Time will tell how many will end the season atop this prized plateau. Note that minimum plate appearances are needed, based on games played. For example, L4 had 14 games so at least 39 plate appearances would qualify to be listed among batting average leaders. L3 had 12 games, so 36 trips to the plate were needed.

TRIPLE PLAY. On May 16, L2, Mike Pouncy of Photo Finish helped execute a triple play, fielding Sam's Hofbrau hitter Dan Roncelli's grounder, immediately tagging Russ Barnes for the first out, stepping on second for the second out, then firing the ball to first baseman Jon Shintaku for the third out. Sam's still won the game, 17-16.

HITTING FOR THE CYCLE. In L6, the cycle men are Paul Bennett on May 4, Larry Dickinson on May 25, and Anthony Maze on June 15. In L2, Jose Moreno cycled on June 13. In L6, Rick Slama hit for the cycle. In L4, Patrick Bates cycled, as did Ettore Minor on May 17. A cycle is a homer, triple, double and single in one game.
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GRAND SLAMS. Somewhat rare due to the five-run rule (except for open innings), there have been just two so far in 2017: Hal Johnson L6 on March 23 and Jarvis Quenga L5 on May 18.

FENCE-CLEARING CLOUTS. Forty-two over-the-fence homers have been reported by scorekeepers, mostly in the night leagues where younger (50+ for men, 45+ for women) play. Jarvis Quenga led L5 with five, followed by Anthony Maze with 4, and 3 each by Lyman Rose and Gerome Gibson. Larry Elsberry led L3 with three, one more than Richard King. Jose Moreno had three in L2 and two in L6.

Thanks to scorekeepers Colette Barnes and Dawn Gerlach, plus Russ Barnes' software. #

SUNSHINE & HEALTH

REST IN PEACE: RAY MOLINA, JAMES McGINNIS

Condolences to the families of two veteran Golden Seniors who passed away earlier this year: Ray Molina and James "Mac" McGinnis.

Molina, 86, died June 5. He first joined the club in 1994, playing until 2009. He rejoined the club twice during that period when he totaled 13 years of GSSCS membership. A very good outfielder and excellent hitter, Ray also played in the Sierra Valley League and on Art Grannum's Bobcats, according to George Hodsdon.

McGinnis, 73, lost a courageous battle with cancer on May 25. He joined the Golden Seniors in 1994 and played through 2006. Mac worked 34 years for the state in the field of information technology and was active in competitive softball in various state leagues. He organized leagues in various departments. He volunteered his service to a variety of Special Olympics events, including golf and coaching softball, according to a June 21 obituary in the Sacramento Bee. #

2017 LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS

Appointed by Club Commissioner Bob Ellison, the following league commissioners are serving for the 2017 season:

L1 — Guy Anderson 916 858-1646; L2 — Bob Smartt 916 973-8269; L3 — Deanna Sesso (acting) 916 955-8195; L4 — Dick Reisinger 916 718-5671; L5 — Bob Ellison 916 212-7498; L6 — Ken Taylor 916 217-3654; L7 — Jim Stinson 916 397-3012; L8 — Cloicec Wade 916 393-5809 #

AWARD OF MERIT NOMINEES ARE DUE

Nominations for the club's 2017 Award of Merit are being accepted until Aug. 16, according to co-chairs George Hodsdon and Dante Ciardella. Nomination forms were handed out at the July 10 general meeting or can be obtained from Hodsdon (481-9304). The nominations must be on the forms that need to be submitted to Hodsdon, 4523 Ulysses Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864, or Dave Vargo, 9749 Everbloom Way, Sacramento CA 95829.

The nominations are confidential and the award will be unveiled at the club's annual picnic in September. The winning nominee or nominees will be chosen by a committee of former award winners.

Thirty-one members have been honored since 1991 (Bill Turner) for actions beyond simple membership that benefit the club and its members. The award was "Man of the Year" until 2007, when longtime Dugout Chatter editor Susan Tucker was the recipient. In 2012, Trudy Smartt's volunteer contributions to the club were recognized, making her the second woman to receive the award. Bill Hill and Ernie Shaffer won the award last September.

Former award members are invited to attend the Award of Merit Program luncheon to discuss and vote on the nominees. The luncheon is scheduled Aug. 18 at Espanol Italian Restaurant (longtime club sponsor), at 58th and Folsom Boulevard. RSVP to Dante Ciardella 453-1921 or Hodsdon 481-9304, and plan to arrive by 11:30 a.m. to order lunch. #

SPONSORS REPORT: Rocky Wilkerson, 1st VP, told the July 10 general meeting that the club lost eight sponsors from last year so the \$9,500 budget item from sponsors is short by \$1,000. He is considering a “sponsor funding page” on the website so organizations can make a tax-deductible donation to the club. Members also need to be encouraged to patronize sponsoring businesses. One sponsor, Larry’s Handy Plumbing Service, declared willingness to donate 10% of a GSSCS member’s plumbing bill to the club. #

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For information on how to become a sponsor, contact Rocky Wilkerson, first vice president, at 595-2941.

*** — New 2017 sponsor.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- 2017 -- President: **Bill Hill** ... 804-2243

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

Second Vice President: **Bob Smartt** ... 973-8269 (Responsible for team uniforms, balls.)

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

Dave Tanner ... 216-1941 (Responsible for player applications, player substitutes, waiting

lists.) Club Commissioner: **Bob Ellison** ... 212-7498 (Responsible for enforcement of league rules, appoints and 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

ONLINE AT WWW.GSSCS.ORG; Sunshine & Health: Trudy Smartt 973-8269; Rules:

Bob Smartt 973-8269; GSSC #3912 Blood Bank: 456-1500; Entertainment: Lou

Coppola 444-6138 Safety: Glenn Cummings 276-9530; Dugout Chatter: Ron Roach, editor 422-2500 (coachrwr@comcast.net)