



DUGOUT CHATTER

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JULY MEETING WILL BE ACTION-PACKED

Nominations for board positions for the coming year will be announced at the July 2 meeting, when changes to the club's by-laws also will be rolled out for review. The election of the 2007-08 board, as well as membership action on by-law proposals, will be scheduled for the August meeting.

As President Dan Norton commented at the May 21 meeting, the July meeting agenda is shaping up to be "good, hot and heavy." It should draw a large turnout of members with so much at stake.

President's Message:

Much to Do as Season's End is Soon Around Corner

From Dan Norton

We have plenty to do as the end of the season will soon be around the corner.



This has been a season in which so much has gone so smoothly, a tribute to a board of dedicated officers with whom the general membership has shown so much trust. Yet it also has been a wild ride dealing with an array of issues, including the need to amend our by-laws.

At our May 21 General Meeting, some in attendance suggested that the vast majority of GSSC members aren't bothering to attend meetings because, generally speaking, they must be satisfied with the way the club is operating.

But this was the second consecutive

June General Meeting is Canceled. The May meeting was moved from early in the month to accommodate the president's schedule. As a result, the board decided that having a June 4 meeting would be too soon. Thus the board canceled the June meeting.

It was noted that the club is still within the requirement of having 10 meetings over a 12-month period.

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meeting where no business could be conducted due to a lack of a 30-member quorum. Be aware that we came close to needing a general membership vote of approval on a timely contract with the concessionaire for our annual picnic at the Sacramento Softball Complex.

The board establishes a budget for the fiscal year running from October to October. The picnic is Sept. 15. Fortunately, the \$4,100 tab being negotiated for hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, beans, cake, beer, etc., is within the range — by about a hundred bucks — allowed in the 2007 budget. If the figure had been much more, it would take a vote of the membership to approve. And, without a quorum, the club could not take such a vote before July. That would be putting a lot of pressure on those working on the picnic.

While no action could be taken at the May 21 meeting, there was plenty of news, which you can read elsewhere in this Dugout Chatter. Meanwhile, let us continue to enjoy the season and play safe. #

PLAYS OF THE MONTH

Homer-Happy Commish. Club Commissioner Dave Vargo registered a rare — and quite possibly unprecedented — round-tripper trifecta on May 15. He clouted an inside-the-park home run on the same day in three leagues: Tuesday Day, Tuesday Day Competitive, and Tuesday Night. Just call him "Mr. Tuesday."

Night of Close Scores. On May 10, all three games on Thursday night were decided by one run, two in a final at-bat: River City Bank 16, Overhead Door 15; Avalon Hearing Center 8, Dias Stables 7, and GSSA 18, Espanol Restaurant 17. Is this parity, or what? #

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!
NEXT GENERAL
MEETING:
JULY 2
7:30 P.M.
VFW HALL
2764 Stockton
Blvd. — (JUNE MEET-
ING IS CANCELED)**

**Save the Date: GSSC
Playoffs, Picnic and
General Meeting are
Saturday, Sept. 15**

July Meeting to be Action-Packed (Cont'd)

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Norton said he intends to propose a by-law change to reduce the quorum requirement for a general meeting. The 30-member requirement has proven to be a major obstacle and source of severe frustration for those charged with doing the club's business. Twenty-four members signed in on May 21 at the VFW hall on Stockton Boulevard. (The by-laws committee, as reported in the May issue of Dugout Chatter, is comprised of Norton, Henry Low, George Hodsdon and Bill Harvey.)

Norton Won't Seek Re-Election. "It is not my intention to seek re-election as club president," said Norton, who took the job in November following a special election. He said the time demands of this job – it has been a wild year, dealing with a lot of off-the-wall kinds of stuff – have proven to be a heavy burden. "I'd like to come back for another year but I just don't have time. My philosophy has always been that if I can't come up with the time to do a decent job, it is not fair to you guys. I just don't have the time. Unfortunately, for me this job is not time-feasible." First Vice President Alan Piccardo also announced at the meeting that he will not be seeking re-election.

The nominating committee at this writing consists of John Mizerak and Trudy Smartt. They'd appreciate help in compiling a list of members interested in leading the club. (Mizerak: 332-5511.) Mizerak will present a slate of one or more candidates for each of the seven offices at the July 2 meeting. Those desiring to serve on the board must come forward on or before the July 2 meeting. Only Commissioner Dave Vargo and Treasurer Glen Cole of the seven officers have declared their intent to continue serving on the board.

Picnic Update. Benny Benson, chairman of the picnic committee (Dante Ciardella and Hank Fontes), said this year's picnic will be "just as good as it

used to be." He added that "we still need volunteers." He said he, Dante and Commissioner Vargo met with the concessionaire at the complex who was "very apologetic" about last year's hassle over costs. The count-down to the picnic: As of June 30, there are 76 days until Picnic Day. The committee was given two prices, \$4,100 or \$4,300, including chicken. Benson said there aren't that many members who prefer chicken. (Want to help? Call Benson: 383-0179.)

Budget Update. Treasurer Cole reported that the club has \$67,977.06 in the bank and an audit report is due at the July meeting. Club leadership reiterated its gratitude to long-time treasurer Doug McCreary, who retired from his dentistry practice and moved to Oregon. It was noted by Club Commissioner Vargo that the Howe Avenue park bill has been paid for just half the year and work is under way on a biennial contract with the City of Sacramento for the complex. A new parks superintendent is due to take office in July, Vargo said, but there has been verbal assurance that there will be no increase of the fee for a day game (\$40) or a night game (\$50).

Bats will be "Watched." Vargo said the complex director, Don Barney, will be observing usage of bats, with the possibility that some popular bats (such as the Miken Freak or Easton Synergy II) could be allowed at the complex in 2008. The city has the right to allow an ASA non-approved bat, as long as players aren't hitting balls onto the U.S. 80 freeway from Field #1, Vargo said. ASA issued a notice last November that the Freak would no longer be allowed as of January 2008. However, if a bat is on the February 21, 2007 ASA non-approved list, it cannot be used. Vargo said the next update from ASA on what bats are "illegal" is not expected before next year. The ASA list with photos and descriptions is available at the ASA website and on the complex bulletin board near Field #1.

No Raffle This Year. Nobody stepped forward to organize a raffle, so there

will be none in 2007, Norton announced. The need for a volunteer was noted in the May Dugout Chatter. The club is financially fit without the raffle income, he said.

One-Pitch Tourney Update. Player Agent George Hodsdon reported that while there were plenty of "enthused" members, only 12 bothered to sign up for a proposed one-pitch tourney on May 29. Such a tourney in the future might be scheduled on a Friday morning, rather than during the week of the Reno tournament, he said. #

2007 GENERAL MEETINGS

Monday, July 2

(Nominations for Board of Directors; by-law proposals)

Monday, August 6

(Election of Board of Directors; adoption of by-law changes)

Saturday, September 15

(Picnic & Playoffs)

Except for the Picnic Day meeting at the Complex, meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 2764 Stockton Blvd.

Support your GSSC by attending meetings.

Player Agent's Report

From George Hodsdon

At the moment (May 22), all leagues are full, but we always accept new players for the waiting lists. Sometimes the wait is a few weeks; sometimes a few hours. When the new player is assigned, the dues are prorated and credit given for the games that have already been played. We have two assignments: "A" is permanent and "B" is temporary for a person on injured reserve. Players returning from IR always go back to the original team and the temporary player goes back on the waiting list. (This is to prevent a player from faking an injury so he can get on another team when he returns.) #

Standings Update

DOUGHERTY CHEVROLET EDGES DUMONT PEST CONTROL FOR FIRST-ROUND TITLE. Clutch hitting by Ken Fulmer (double and two singles) and David Ikemoto (three singles), plus great defense by John Ross at shortstop, led Ramon Soden's Dougherty Chevrolet to a 10-7 victory over Dick Horkey's Dumont Pest Control on May 14. Both teams finished the first round of Monday Day League action with 6-1 records. Ross' leaping catch of Ray Crews' hard-hit ball, plus Fulmer's spread-out catches in the middle innings protected the Dougherty lead. Third baseman Soden killed a Dumont Rally with a key double play. Dumont's slugging shortstop, Bob Silvis, homered and tripled, driving in four runs. Second Round Standings thru May 14:
Teichert 1-0
Hooters 1-0
Wions 1-0
L&S Survey 1-0

I Forgot 0-1
Mark White DDS 0-1
Daugherty Chevrolet 0-1
Dumont Pest Control 0-1

Tuesday Day: Thru May 15:
Rabbit Inc. 5-2
AAA Garment 5-2
Help at Home 4-3
Sports Leisure 3-4
Livingston's Concrete 3-4
Jerry Nevis 3-4
Les Harper Realty 3-4
Richard Will Attorney 2-5

Tuesday Select: Breaking into the win column, Al Morales' VFW Post 67 defeated EmbroidMe, 19-7, on May 15. Standings:
Hooters Silver & Sexy 4-1
EmbroidMe 4-2
Tim Stein Realty 3-3
Dolan's Lumber 2-3
VFW Post 67 1-5

Tuesday Night: Once-beaten Maita Chevrolet survived an 18-15 scare against Remax, now 1-5, to take a one-game lead over two teams. Standings thru May 15:

Maita Chevrolet 5-1
Citrus Heights Terrace 4-2
Old Hornets 4-2
Jolly Rogers 3-3
Sammy's Restaurant 1-5
Remax 1-5

Wednesday Night: Thru May 15.
Bertolucci's Auto Shop 5-1
East Lawn 4-2
Bradshaw Ranch Golf 3-2-1
Lehr Auto Electric 3-3
C&C Plumbing 1-4-1
Merrill Bookkeeping 1-5

Thursday Night: Thru May 17.
Avalon Hearing Center 6-1
GSSA 5-1-1
River City Bank 4-3
Overhead Door 2-4-1
Espanol Restaurant 3-4
Dias Stables 0-7

Plays of the Month? League commissioners, managers and scorekeepers are welcome to send nominees to Ron Roach at coachrwr@comcast.net or call 422-2500.
Watch for statistical leaders in the July issue.

50 GSSC Members Celebrate June Birthdays

Congratulations to the 50 members observing birthdays in June:
June 1-Chuck Bachman, Jim Borden, Wally Dorei. June 2-Arnold Schuler. June 3-Brent Korff, Jim Mays Sr., C.L. Ramirez. June 4-Scott Bergen. June 5-Bob Benham, Troy Blane, Pedro Buada Jr., Cloice Wade. June 6-Richard Chivaro, Ramiro Luna, Abraham Spivak. June 7-James Powell, Bob

Sheya. June 8-Ernest Kidwell. June 10-John Williams. June 11-Bob Cummings. June 12-Murvin Granderson. June 13-Fred Mathis, Larry Shelton. June 14-Bret Wangan. June 15-Bob Tastad. June 16-James Andres, George Linck, Frank Newcross, Roland Stairwalt, David Vallo. June 17-Joe Saiz. June 19-Ronald Rienks, Frank Thommen, Victor Torres. June 21-

Richard Ganas, Bob Gill, Samuel Nolasco, William Pettigrew. June 22-Steve Schuler. June 24-George Crowl, Floyd Ransom Sr., Richard Seward. June 25-Wayne Yamamura. June 26-Lou Sotelo. June 27-Mark Cordell, Charlie McNiff, Sherrill Morton. June 28-Peter Anagnoston, Hank Fontes. June 29-Ralph Congdon. #

SUNSHINE & HEALTH

Bruce Seymour, 73, a past president, passed away May 9. He joined the Golden Seniors in 1990 and was president in 1991-92, and was a past president of the Tournament Players Association. He last played Monday mornings in 2006.

Sam Nigro, 86, a life member, passed away April 24. A member since 1990, he was a manager for

many years and played until last year. A few years ago, when his travel team was headed for Palm Springs and all cars were full, he simply flew down in his plane.
Harry Stuart, 79, passed away May 13. He joined the Golden Seniors in 1996, playing Monday mornings, and he managed a team in the Carmichael League.

Gil Granados, 72, died April 7. He played in the club from 1990 to

2000.

Greg Hereford had a complete knee replacement on May 14 and hopes to come back for the 2008 season.

Betty Odbert, wife of John Odbert, passed away April 23. John, you have all our sympathies.

Frank "Pete" Padovan, 90, died April 12.

Tuesday Day player **Jerry Nevis** is recovering from shoulder surgery. #

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Dave Vargo's Club Commissioner Notes

PARITY: Signs of parity keep cropping up in our leagues this year. About seven weeks into the season and we have no undefeated teams. It also



should be noted that the two teams that finished 6-1 in the Monday Day League's first round — Dougherty Chevrolet and Dumont Pest Control — opened the second round with losses.

Standings show the highly competitive nature of each league. League commissioners have dealt with 44 assignments of players of at least somewhat similar performance levels from waiting lists to preserve

parity among teams.

NIPPED BY THE BUDS. The Sacramento (60s) Buds, anchored by Tuesday Night GSSC stars Rich Del Chairro, Don Nakao, Bob Riola, Dan Severson and Wayne Yamamura, supported by subs Bob Jones and Dave Vargo, won the Yuba City TPA tourney May 19-20. They knocked off a younger (55s) Sacramento Saints team loaded with Tuesday night GSSC stalwarts Hap Duffney, Bruce Gilmore, Bill McMahon and A.J. Petruzzi. The Dugout Chatter editor's team, the Sacramento (65s) Blues, played hard and well, but in the end succumbed to the toll of advanced years.#

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973-8269

Address Changes
391-3938

New Player Applications
481-9304

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456-1500

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& Meetings
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