



DUGOUT CHATTER

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GSSC Board Nominations are Set for August 6 Election

With the election scheduled for Monday, August 6, the following have been nominated for the GSSC Board of Directors, as reported by the nominating committee.

Due to the lack of a quorum at the July 2 meeting, further nominations can be made from the floor at the August meeting.

President: Dan Norton. A retired firefighter, Dan stepped up last fall when the club presidency became vacant and took over in a special election. While Norton said earlier that he was not intending to run for re-election, the nominating committee found no one willing to seek the office. Thus Norton volunteered to do so while "grooming" a successor.

Restated Club By-laws and Standing Rule Changes are Proposed

Amendments to the GSSC by-laws and standing rules, as approved by the Board of Directors, were presented at the July 2 meeting. The membership will vote on them at the August 6 meeting. The changes are published as an insert in this issue of Dugout Chatter. #

First Vice President: J.C.

Terry. A softball (fast pitch and slow pitch) player most of his life, J.C. also has almost 40 years experience as an umpire. He has played and umpired in games all over the United States and in Germany and Korea. A U.S. Army veteran, he is president-elect of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Association.

He also is a past commander of the Military Order of Purple Hearts. While in Vietnam in 1970, Terry suffered a bullet wound and also was hurt by a booby trap. He is in his second season as a Tuesday night player with the GSSC. (See Page 2.)

PLAYS OF THE MONTH

Grand-slam homers have been considered somewhat rare due to the five-run rule. But are they really rare? Some of the recent achievers of bases-loaded circuit clouts:

In a classic slugfest and incredible comeback rally, Overhead Door scored 13 runs in the bottom of the seventh for a 25-24 victory over Espanol Restaurant on Thursday night, June 21. Espanol had seemingly sewed it up with 12 runs in the top of the seventh, four of them coming on Monta Litle's blast high over the fence. So much for a ho-hum 12-12 tie after six innings.

On May 9, Wednesday night, Bud Lefforge of C&C Plumbing hit a seventh-inning grand-slam inside-the-parker, but it wasn't enough to catch Bertolucci's Body and Fender, the 20-13 winner.

On June 6, Tuesday Day league, Dave Vargo hit an inside-the-park homer with the bases loaded, but his Rich Will Attorney team lost to Rambit Inc., 13-10. Grand-slams certainly weren't rare on June 12 in a Tuesday day game. Would you believe three in one game? Conn Lockett, Ron Peck and Jim Hoffman of Sports Leisure connected in an 18-6 win over Livingston's Concrete. #

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

**Monday
August 6
7:30 P.M.**

**VFW HALL
2764 Stockton Blvd.**

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Save the Date: GSSC Play-offs, Picnic and General Meeting are Saturday, Sept. 15

Board Nominees are Presented at July Meeting-

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Second Vice President: Pete Ward. In his seventh season as a GSSC player (mostly Thursday nights), Pete retired as of July 1. He likes to say that if you raised children in the Sacramento area, chances are you have written him a check. For the past 28 years, his company has provided high school graduation caps, gowns and rings. His accountant, Ray Merrill, recommended the GSSC to Pete as he turned 50. Ward, who also plays Tuesday nights in Roseville, had played fast-pitch into his 40s.

Treasurer: Glen Cole. Glen was appointed to the post in May by President Norton, filling the vacancy created when Dr. Doug McCreary, DDS, retired and moved to Oregon. Cole is seeking election to a full term in the office. He has played six years with the GSSC, currently in both Tuesday day leagues. He retired four years ago as an accountant with the state Department of Finance, finishing a 37-year career with various state agencies. He earned a degree in accounting from Sacramento State and taught part-time for 20 years at area community colleges.

Secretary: Mickey Schleicher. In his 13th year with GSSC, Mickey says he intends to set a record for years of service in the Tuesday day league. He played in a night league in his first season, then, due to the nature of his job, he got special permission to play in the Tuesday Day League nine years before turning 60. He manages a Tuesday day team. Mickey retired 1 1/2 years ago from a 33-year career in state government service. He was a food and drug investigator.

Player Agent: Tom Sansone.

Equipped with a Master's Degree in social work from Sacramento State, Tom would bring skills in working with people to the sometimes trying job of player agent. He is in his sixth season as a GSSC player, mostly on Tuesday nights. He spent 27 years working for San Bernardino County, where he was deputy director for children's services programs. He retired five years ago as program director of a local private adoption agency.

Club Commissioner: Larry Windham.

Over the past 20 years as a GSSC member, Larry has served as player agent, Thursday night commissioner, instructor for umpires, and manager and player agent for the Tuesday morning league. He is currently on the waiting list for the Monday morning league. He has considerable experience umpiring and officiating at college and high school baseball and basketball games, as well as recreational leagues. Larry has been in the contracting business, remodeling homes, since retiring from the Department of Defense in 1987. He built and installed Voice of America radio and communications stations. (Editor's Note: Dave Vargo, club commissioner for 2007, intended to seek re-election, as reported in June's Dugout Chatter. However, he now faces surgery on both knees and has asked Windham to run in his place.)

The nominating committee, chaired by John Mizerak, includes Trudy Smartt, Bret Wangan and Mark Cordell.

Norton also acknowledged the hard work of long-time member Bill Harvey in helping the board propose needed changes to the by-laws. #

GENERAL MEETINGS

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, general 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 : Are Extreme Multi-League Players Risking Injury?

From George Hodsdon

As of June 27, we reached the staggering number of 102 trade/replacement player transactions, and we're only at the halfway mark of the season. This is unprecedented. I used to process one every 10 to 15 days; now it is 2 to 3 a week.

One explanation could be an increasing number of players who participate in more than one league. Are such so-called "iron men" burning out at a faster rate? And when a four-league player is injured and requires a substitute, the impact is felt in four leagues, not just one. #

STANDINGS UPDATE

Leaders: League 5 — Avalon Hearing Center (9.5-1.5); League 6 — Hooters (7-2), Embroid Me (5-4); League 2 — AAA Garments (9-2); League 4 — Bertolucci (9-2), East Lawn (6-5). #

Statistical Leaders: Cummings hits at torrid .890 clip; Litle is Homer Leader

Bob Cummings, a shortstop in the competitive Tuesday day league, was hitting .890, 20 for 23. Monta Litle has 12 homers, seven in League 4 and five in League 5.

Here are statistical leaders as provided by scorekeepers:

Tuesday Day (League 2) thru June 26

Hits: Bob Flink 35, Roland Stairwalt 34, Dave Taylor, Merv Mills 33. Doubles: Flink 8, Mill, Conn Lockett, 6. Triples: Bill Enos 5; three with 4. Homers: Ron Peck 4; Vidal Franco, Flink, Vargo 3. RBIs: Enos 22, Flink 21, Taylor 20. Miller 18. Batting Ave.: Stairwalt .872, Flink .833, Stairwalt .839, Enos .829.

Tuesday Day Competitive (League 6)

Hits: Bob Cummings, Jerry Enfield and Ron Roach, 20. Doubles: Cum-

mings 8; three with 4. Triples: Vidal Franco, Dave Vargo 2. Homers: Cummings 2, four with one. RBIs: Dave Taylor 14, Vargo 13, Roach 12. Batting Ave.: Cummings .890; Enfield .714; Taylor .696.

Tuesday Night (League 3)

Hits: Jerry Horton 21; four with 19. Doubles: Al Raydon 7. Triples: Dan Severson, Steve Schuler, Bob Smartt, Brett Wangan 3. Homers: Vargo, Rich DelChiaro, Steve Casarez 2. RBIs: Schuler, Smartt, Bruce Gilmore 17. Batting Ave.: Vargo, Severson, .692; Schuler, A. Raydon .679.

Wednesday Night (League 4) thru June 27

Hits: Allen Riker 34, Bill Christian 32, Dan Norton 31. Doubles: Bob DelChiaro 12, Monta Litle 9, Dave Gonzalez, Monte Miller 7. Triples:

Bruce Gilmore, Jerry Baugh, 4, six with 3. Homers: Monta Litle 7; Larry Lagomarsino 5, Emilio Lobato 4. RBIs: Litle 29; Lobato 26, Bob DelChiaro 24. Batting Ave.: Monte Miller .867, Monta Litle .818, Darryl Watson .794.

Thursday Night (League 5)

Hits: Ettore Minor, Keith Arnold, Darryl Watson, 23. Doubles: Monta Litle 8, Rich Ganas 6, Michael Lofton 5. Triples: Bob DelChiaro, Minor, Bob Paese 5. Homers: Litle 5, Lobato 4, three with 2. RBIs: Litle 29; Minor 23, Lobato 22. Batting Ave.: Litle .750; Lofton .731; Ganas .714.

Miller Hits for Cycle: Monte Miller had a single, double, triple and over-the-fence homer on Wednesday night, June 20.

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43 GSSC Members Celebrate July Birthdays

Observing July birthdays: 7/2 Dick Gustin; 7/3 Bruce Gilmore, Mark Penwell; 7/5 Donald Maciel, George Rupp; 7/6 Nick Dramis, Greg Hereford, Eugene Potts; 7/7 Emilio Lobato; 7/8 Bill Enos, Bob Schwan; 7/9 James Stinson; 7/10 Don Nakao, Jack Slaven;

7/11 Brian Lear; 7/15 Leo Curry Jr.; 7/17 George Hodsdon, Robert O. Smith; 7/18 John Hall, Edward McElroy, Everett Richardson; 7/19 Harry Knight, Al Morales; 7/20 Dick Reisinger; 7/21 Jack Duncan, Ted Hansen; 7/22 Merritt Davis; 7/23 Joseph

DiSessa; 7/24 Lawrence Utberg, Dave Vargo; 7/26 Bob Baker, Gary Meyers; 7/27 Ed Frantz, Chuck George, Thomas Todd; 7/28 Linda McCollum, John Raniseski; 7/29 James Lefforge, Jerry Rhines; 7/30 Jim Jackson, Greg Leurgans, Ernest Ivan Wise; 7/31 Michael O'Neal.

SUNSHINE & HEALTH

The mother of League 6 player **Don Wall** passed away, reported Al Morales.

Bill Sontag, 69, passed away June 18 at his Elk Grove home, losing a battle with pancreatic cancer. However, he is remembered as a winner by his many friends in the GSSC. He joined the club in 1989 and served as a league commissioner and team

manager. Survivors include twin brother Jim, a former Golden Senior.

Ron Herrick, 62, died on June 12. He joined the club in 1995 and managed a team for many years. An outstanding shortstop, he had to stop playing in 2006 due to ill health.

Francis "Jack" Hunter, 82, of Orangevale passed away

June 19. He joined GSSC in 1983 and pitched until 1996. His pure white beard prompted the nickname "Santa Claus." He took great pride in his 1994 travel team that won the World Series in Arizona.

Bill McMahan, a club "iron man" as a four-league participant, had surgery to repair a torn left bicep muscle and will miss the rest of this season.#

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CORRECTION: The June Dugout Chatter erred in reporting that the Sacramento (60s) Buds defeated the Sacramento (55s) Saints while winning the Yuba City TPA tourney May 19-20. Actually, the Buds defeated the Sacramento (60s) Saints.

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The club newsletter is available on our Website (www.GSSCS.org) days or even weeks before it arrives by snail mail. Want an e-mail note that a new issue is on line? Give me your e-mail address: coachrwr@comcast.net. —
Ron Roach

GSSC History: Blast from the Past

From Volume II of the GSSC historical record (August 1989) is this blurb: “Staying fit — father and son combinations, Fir Galli and his son Tom; John Morales and his son Al. (Age is no barrier to energy or talent).” Al Morales is managing and pitching in the Tuesday Day Competitive League. *Wanted: Volunteers with writing skills and historical perspective to mine past issues of Dugout Chatter and produce GSSC historical records for the Nineties and the first decade of the 21st Century. Are there wannabe historians among us? Contact: Ron Roach (422-2500).*

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