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New Board for 2007-08 is Elected; By-Laws are Amended

GSSC members on Aug. 6 elected the 2007-08 Board of Directors, featuring five newcomers to the board, and amended by-laws to provide the board the tools necessary to operate the club.

Dan Norton was re-elected to a second term as president. Members also elected Glen Cole to a full term as treasurer. He had been appointed to complete the term of long-time treasurer Doug McCreary, a former GSSC Man of the Year who retired from his dental practice and moved to Oregon earlier this year.

New to the board for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 are First Vice President J.C. Terry, Second Vice President Pete Ward, Secretary Mickey Schleicher, Player Agent Tom Sansone, and Club Commissioner Freddie Miller. All except Miller were placed in nomination by a com-

mittee. Miller was nominated from the floor on Aug. 6 and outpolled the committee nominee, Larry Windham.

The new board will be inducted during the Sept. 15 general meeting at the club's annual Picnic Day playoffs at the Sacramento Softball Complex.

[Biographical information on the new officers was published in the July Dugout Chatter, except for Miller, an 18-year GSSC veteran. The accomplished tournament player participates on Tuesdays (League 2) in addition to umpiring duties. Before retirement, he worked for the Southgate Park and Recreation District.]

Forty-one members attended the August 6 meeting, the first time since March that a quorum of at least 30 members was achieved.

By-law Changes are Adopted. Members agreed to amendments to the by-laws, principally to enable the elected board to conduct business. The old requirement that at least 30 members attend to constitute a quorum was deleted. The board now re-

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GSSC Picnic Day Playoffs Schedule is Announced

GSSC championship playoff games on Picnic Day, Saturday, Sept. 15, have been scheduled to reduce the potential player time conflicts down to near zero, Club Commissioner Dave Vargo announced. In the event of a conflict, the player is expected to play in his/her primary league or highest-choice league among multi-leagues, he said. The schedule:

8:30 a.m. Field #1: Thursday Night League #5. Field #3: Tuesday Day League #2.

9:45 a.m. Field #1: Wednesday Night League #4. Field #3: Tuesday Select League 6.

11 a.m. Field #1: Monday Day League #1. Field #3: Tuesday Night League #3.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
Saturday, Sept. 15
See Picnic Info Inside this Issue

Read the Dugout Chatter at the Golden Seniors Internet Site: www.gsscs.org

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quires approval of a majority of those in attendance.

The issue of dues for life members was resolved with an amendment setting dues as established by the annual budget adopted at general meetings each November. The dues for life members will be set by the board in this manner and no longer will be restricted to one-half or less of annual regular dues.

Another change provides that a person is eligible to play during the year of his/her 50th birthday. The player must turn 50 by Dec. 31, instead of Sept. 1, as the old by-law required.

In the future, by-law changes may be adopted at the general meeting after having been read and submitted to the membership in writing. In the past, by-law changes could only be acted upon in August.

Regular meetings will be required at least six times a year, and special meetings can be called by the board or by petition of 10% of the membership.

Clarifying changes also were adopted, as were a number of standing rules. #

How About Sunday Senior Softball Games?

Dave Avery, Leagues 4&5 player, is gauging interest among GSSC players for games on Sunday afternoons. He has organized about eight non-tournament 50+ players who'd be interested and said there also are perhaps 20 Lodi-area players who would come to Sacramento if games can be scheduled. Contact Dave at 203-6702. #

PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE AND RULE CLARIFICATIONS

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Playoff Systems Differ: League 1 — Winners of each of the first three rounds plus a fourth team with best overall record among the non-winners of a round.

League 2 — All eight teams on Sept. 4, first vs. eighth, and so forth, and winners play Sept. 11 in single-elimination.

League 3 — Top four teams, single elimination.

League 4 — Top four teams, single elimination.

League 5 — All six teams, double elimination; Aug. 30, Sept. 6 and Sept. 13.

League 6 — Top four teams, single-elimination.

Clarifying Rules. Rules on so-called swinging bunts and the pitching zone have been approved for clarity. Monday League 1 instituted a rule July 16 that a batter must take a full swing at the ball. This is defined as breaking of the wrists at/near the proper time (NOT before the swing starts), and complete the swing with a full follow-through AS the ball is being hit (NOT after the ball is hit). This is to prevent deliberate chopping, bunting, swinging bunting or tapping slow infield rollers. Otherwise, at the Complex, routine ASA rules defining bunt and chopped ball seem to be having their desired effect of deterring batters from taking illegal swings.

Twelve-square-foot pitching box for safety. The pitch must be delivered from a pitching box 24 inches wide and 6 feet long, measured from the front of the pitching rubber and stretching back toward second base. The effect is the ball is delivered 50 to 56 feet from

SUNSHINE & HEALTH

Leross Jonell Jenkins, former Leagues 3 and 5 player, has died, according to a July 17 obituary in the Sacramento Bee that provided no details on the nature of his death.

Non-playing life member **Ted Bofinger** had a three-way bypass on June 25.

League 1 player **Chris Amicucci** was sidelined by leg problems.

League 1 player **Mike Bayne** was out with a severe infection.

Leagues 2-6 player **Tom Todd** was out of action due to kidney stones.

Surgery sidelined **Ted Hansen**, a Leagues 1-2 player.

Howard Shaw, League 1, couldn't play due to a sore arm.

Prostate surgery sidelined **Ernie Guenza**, Leagues 2-6 player.

League 4's **Louie Chavez** is out for the year with arm surgery, as is **Frank Newcross**, Leagues 3-4 player.

An injured ankle claimed League 3's **Al Hutcheson**, whose manager, **Russ Ellstrom**, is out with a leg injury. An infection has sidelined **Skip Jenkins** of League 2 for the season. League 2's **Ron Middlekauff** is out almost all year with an arm injury, while a leg injury has put **John McMillan** out since late July.

League 1 player **Bob Nielson** (operation on hand) is out for the season, as is **James Jackson**, a League 1 player who was hurt in March. **Chuck Bachman** is on IR for the rest of the season. He was on teams in Leagues 2, 5 and 6.

Ironman **Bill McMahon**, arm surgery, got the green light from his doctor and resumed play on numerous teams the week of August 14-15-16. Meanwhile, **Rich Del Chiaro** is resting a sore knee, hoping he will be close to 100 percent for the League 3 playoffs. #

home plate. This clarification is made as a result of a League 2 debate on July 10 over whether the pitcher had to touch the rubber. It is unnecessary for the pitcher to touch the rubber but the pitch must be RELEASED from within the box. #

Statistical Leaders: Litle Leads Homer Derby with 9 each in Leagues 4&5; Cummings and Stairwalt pace hitters

Monta Litle, with 18 homers — nine each for Leagues 4 and 5 — led the longball derby. Bob Cummings (.853) was the top hitter, followed by Roland Stairwalt (.842). Bob Baker of League 4 was hitting .875, but with far fewer at-bats than Monte Miller (.820). Here are statistical leaders as provided by scorekeepers:

Tuesday Day (League 2) thru Aug. 14.

Hits: Roland Stairwalt 48, Bob Flink 47, Frank Bettencourt 44. Doubles: Flink 10, Conn Lockett and Larry Davis 9. Triples: Bill Enos 7, Jim Hoffman and Joe Saiz, 5. Homers: Flink 7, four with 4. RBI: Saiz 39, Flink and Vic Torres 32. Batting Average: Stairwalt .842, John Lack .830, Bill Enos .805.

Tuesday Day Competitive

(League 6) thru Aug. 7. Hits: Dave Vargo 33, Doug Peterson 30. Doubles: Bob Cummings 11, Ron Parsons 7. Triples: Peterson 7. HR: A.J. Petruzzi 8. RBI: Peterson 29, Petruzzi 22, Vargo 21. Average: Cummings .853, Petruzzi and Peterson .714.

Tuesday Night (League 3) thru Aug. 7.

Hits: Norman Blackwell 40, Alan Raydon 38, Vargo 37. Doubles: Alan Raydon 18, Petruzzi 12. Triples: Rich Walker 7, several with 4. Homers: Barry Mortimeyer 6, four with 4. RBIs: Mortimeyer 37, Walker and Bruce Gilmore 29. Batting Average: Alan Raydon .731, Blackwell .727, Rich DelChiario .705.

Wednesday Night (League 4) thru Aug. 15.

Hits: Dave Gonzalez 46, Allen Riker 45, three with 44. Doubles: Gonzalez 17, Bob DelChiario 16, two with 10. Triples: Jerry Baugh and Bruce Gilmore 6, Monte Miller 5. HR: Monta Litle 9, Emilio Lobato 4, Rich Ganas and Monte Miller, 3 each. Inside Park HR: Larry Lagomarsino 6, Bob DelChiario and Don Watson, 4 each. RBIs: Litle 44, Mike Lofton 41, Lobato 39. Batting Average.: Monte Miller .820, Litle .814.

Thursday Night (League 5) thru

July 26. Hits: Bob DelChiario 40, Larry Lagomarsino and Allen Riker, 39. Doubles: Monta Litle 12, Bob DelChiario 10, Rich Ganas 9.

Triples: Bob DelChiario 8, Ettore Minor, Bob Paese 6. Homers: Litle 9, Lobato 7, many with 3. RBIs: Litle 44, Bob DelChiario 38, Lobato 37. Batting Average: Bob DelChiario .741, Litle .700, Lagomarsino .696. #

AROUND THE LEAGUE: Notes of interest:

Last but Not Least Department: Luckless **Bill Greene** is a high-quality player whose Wednesday night (Merrill) and Thursday night (Overhead Door) teams are finishing sixth and last this season. His Tuesday night team (Remax) is in a battle with Sammy's for fifth place. Take heart, Bill: What goes around comes around, and you're more than likely to be patrolling the outfield for pennant-winning teams in 2008. ... **Trudy Smartt** pitched her second complete game victory of the year for Sammy's on Aug. 21. She also had a single and double to help defeat Remax. ... **The Sacramento Blues**, a 65+ team made up mostly of GSSC players, edged the **Sacramento Sharks** (also with a strong GSSC flavor) for their bracket title in the Manteca Fields of Dreams Tournament Aug. 22-24. #

GSSC Members' August Birthdays

Observing birthdays in August: 8/1 Fred Lauszus, Mike Mulcahy; 8/2 Ken Dumont, Charles Short, Ronney Smith, Frank C. Vogel; 8/3 Bob Brainerd, Bill Riehl, John T. Stirling; 8/5 Bill Harvey, Ronald McCormick, Harold Meyer, Parnell Walker, Don Wilson; 8/6 Frank Bettencourt, David Gonzales, Thomas Hoy, Don Pooler, Robert Pugmire;

8/7 Steve Lawrence, Ken Lentz; 8/8 Bill Conwell, Bill Hill, Notch Parino, Robert J. Rogers; 8/9 Hap Duffney, Donald Shank; 8/10 Susan Tucker; 8/11 George Lamb; 8/12 James Lortz, Don Osborne; 8/13 Linda Hunt; 8/14 Glenn Cummings, Don Lawson, Clyde Whitaker; 8/15 Del Leavitt; 8/16 Art Aguirre, Tony DiBernardo, Librado Martinez, Oz

Musso, Steven Williams; 8/17 Jim McNamara; 8/19 Jules Morganstern; 8/20 Bill Christian, Doug Peterson, Augie Sorgea, Ken Urton; 8/21 Louis Cerutti, Wilfred Johnson; 8/22 Ernie Guenza; 8/23 Vidal Franco, Ted Holm, Jerry Toenyas; 8/24 Lewis Abrams; 8/27 Monta Litle, Joe Scott; 8/28 Arnold Disney; 8/29 Sam Heredia; 8/31 Daniel Maglionico, Alan Piccardo. #

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ASA Bans Popular Combat and Senior RIP-IT Bats; City Refuses GSSC's Waiver Request

The Amateur Softball Association (www.asasoftball.com) on July 30 banned two popular bats as out of compliance with ASA standards: Anaconda Original (Combat) and the Senior RIP-IT RESRI model. Club Commissioner Dave Vargo announced that, effective Aug. 11, these bats were no longer permitted in GSSC play. The club was unable to secure a waiver from the city to allow continued use of these bats this season. On Aug. 28, Vargo said discussions with the city attorney concluded that there "is no way" a waiver would be allowed for the rest of this season at the Sacramento Softball Complex and it is "extremely doubtful" that bats not meeting ASA standards will be allowed in 2008.

In response to player requests, GSSC commissioners for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights asked for a city waiver. The GSSC Board of Directors on Aug. 16 endorsed the waiver request, submitting it to the city attorney. In talks with the city, GSSC proposed shifting from ASA to Senior Softball USA governance and insurance "to escape the bat bans." The ASA prohibition includes the Miken Freak and Easton Synergy2, as of next Jan. 1, with the expiration of a testing variance that was negotiated in 2003 with the manufacturers. Vargo said the city views the SSUSA insurance as insufficient, designed more for a weekend tournament, and prefers to have much broader coverage via ASA. #

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Field Conditions

& Meetings

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STANDINGS UPDATES

Monday League 1: Winners of the three rounds and a fourth team with best overall record without winning a round qualify for the playoffs. Daugherty Chevrolet won the first round. Wions' Body Shop captured the second round. With Daugherty's Aug. 27 loss, I Forgot moved into the playoffs as the Round 3 champion, in a tiebreaker with the other two round winners. The fourth team in the playoffs is Dumont Pest by virtue of its overall won-loss record. Daugherty plays Dumont at 9:30 on Sept. 10, followed by Wions' vs. I Forgot at 11 a.m.

Tuesday League 2 (Thru Aug. 14):

AAA Garments 12-5-0

Sports Leisure 10-6-1

Rabbit Inc. 10-7-0

Help at Home 8-8-1

Jerry Nevis Realty 8-8-1

Richard Will Attorney 7-10-0

Livingston's Concrete 6-10-1

Les Harper Realty 5-12-0

Tuesday Night League 3 (Thru Aug. 21):

Old Hornets 15-2

Citrus Heights Terrace 11-6

Jolly Rogers 9-8

Maita Chevrolet 7-10

Remax 5-12

Sammy's Restaurant 4-13

Wednesday Night League 4 (Thru Aug. 22):

Bertolucci's Body and Fender 12-5

Bradshaw Ranch Golf 10-6-1

C&C Plumbing 9-7-1

East Lawn 8-7

Lehr Auto Electric 7-10

Merrill Bookkeeping 4-13

Thursday Night League 5 (Thru Aug. 23):

Avalon Hearing Center 14-3-1

GSSA 10-7-1

River City Bank 9-8-1

Espanol Restaurant 8-9-1

Dias Stables 6-11-1

Overhead Door 5-12-1

Tuesday Select League 6 (Thru Aug. 21):

Hooters 11-3

EmbroidMe 8-7

Tim Stein Realty 7-7

VFW Post 67 6-9

Dolan's Lumber 4-10

FREE FREE FREE FREE

Don't miss the GSSC of Sacramento annual picnic and play-offs on Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Sacramento Softball Complex! It is *free* for sponsors, members and spouses. Guests and kids over 7 are \$6. Dante Ciardella (453-1921) and Benny Benson (383-0179) appreciate volunteers to help with the festivities.

***Championship games start at 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

***GSSC Money Raffle for all attendees — 2 \$50 prizes — (also 10 tickets for \$5, no large bills, please).**

***Hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, cake, beverages ... food is served at noon or after last game, followed by awards. Special table for donated food, desserts, etc.**

***Members of the Year will be announced. Newly elected GSSC officers will be inducted.**

***Check-in at gate. There will be a shuttle for disabled to and from the parking lot.**

***Bring chairs to assure seating.**

***Admission booth closes at noon.**

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