



DUGOUT CHATTER

On the Internet: www.GSSCS.org ... GSSC Answering Machine: 491-1721

All Leagues are Full; Waiting Lists are Created for 2008

FEBRUARY 2008

URGENT: 5 MEMBERS NEEDED FOR FIRST AID TRAINING PROGRAM

The GSSC of Sacramento needs five members who will be willing to complete an extensive, **all-paid-for** first aid, CPR and AED Instructor training program.

To become an instructor, each participant must attend a current Fundamentals of Instructor Training (FIT) course, the prerequisite for all courses in the Instructor Training Program. A FIT course provides overall understanding of Red Cross services and basic teaching techniques.

FIT classes will be conducted at the Sacramento Red Cross Headquarters on Saturday, March 8, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If interested, contact GSSC Safety Chairman Jerry Jodice at 916 349-8949, or e-mail (jerryjodice@aol.com) for additional information. If unable to attend the class in March, another class will be given Saturday, April 5, from 9 to 2:30.

After completing the FIT course, each participant must attend three Saturday classes: March 15, March 22 and March 29 (9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.). If unable to attend in March, the same classes are taught in April and May.

As a certified instructor, you will teach Red Cross first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and use of the automated external defibrillator (AED) to club members who wish to become certified Emergency Trained Personnel (ETPs) for the Golden Seniors and be ready for any emergency on the ball field. – Jerry Jodice, Safety Chairman. #

All leagues were full for drafts scheduled later this month, following workouts on Feb. 6 for newcomers and players switching leagues.

Player Agent Tom Sansone also reported at the Feb. 4 general meeting that 29 new members have signed up, most of them eligible for league workouts. Those who signed up late were placed on waiting lists.

Sansone stressed that even though waiting lists have been created, members should continue to recruit players for 2008 as the inevitable injuries will require replacements, depleting waiting lists in short order. There are 470 players on lists for six leagues (including multi-league players). League 1 has 112 players, or eight teams with 14 players each; League 2 has 104

players for eight teams with 13 players; Leagues 3, 4 and 5 have six 12-player teams, and League 6 has four teams of 12 players.

"Everything is full and we are establishing waiting lists," Sansone said. He called the 29 new players a (See Page 2)

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

**7:30 P.M. MONDAY,
MARCH 3 — NORTH
AREA VFW HALL, 3300
U ST., IN ANTELOPE**

GSSC Honors Susan Tucker for Service

The GSSC Award of Merit was presented to former DC Editor Susan Tucker at her Home Depot work station on Jan. 24.

Dante Ciardella presented the plaque to Susan while a group of GSSC members applauded the club's first woman and driving force behind the designation of Tuesday night as a coed league. She edited the DC for more than five years. She co-sponsored, managed and played on Tuesday night teams and was also on the GSSC Board of Directors.

Illness prevented her from attending last year's picnic when the other 2007 recipient, Jim Powell Sr., was honored.

Joining Dante at the Madison and Manzanita store were Trudy Smartt, Ken Dumont, George Hodsdon, Joe and Mary Mucciaccio, Ernie and Rita Kidwell, Foster Maxwell and Hi Witt. (See photo inside this issue.) #

GSSC Golf Tourney is Set for May 2

Attention golfers: The GSSC golf tournament is scheduled for an afternoon shotgun start on May 2 at Lincoln Hills Golf Club. The fee, covering lunch, golf and cart, is only \$75. See entry form online at www.GSSCS.org.

Call Bill Knoblauch, golf chairman, at 408-5501 or knobby@rocketmail.com for details. Or use the entry form inside this issue.#

Leagues are Full for 2008 Drafts (Cont'd)

“pretty significant increase, close to 10 percent.”

Complex Contract. As reported in the January Dugout Chatter, President Dan Norton and other leaders of the club successfully negotiated a 2008 contract with the city to continue playing at the Watt Avenue Softball Complex.

Norton told the membership, “I was real happy with the way the negotiations turned out.” The city had proposed an increase of about \$9,200 for use of the Complex. The agreement resulted in an increase of about \$3,200. Last year, the city did not charge for practice games. This year’s increase includes about \$1,500 for practice games in March. Absent the practice game cost, the real increase is just \$1,700, he said. “It is an increase, but it is doable.” He thanked the membership for authorizing the negotiating stance, and the members present responded with applause.

The city also agreed to “come to us earlier to negotiate fees” for 2009, Norton added, so any increase can be considered when the club’s 2008-09 budget is adopted.

Life Members are Approved. Fifteen long-time members were approved for Life Membership status. To be honored at the March meeting are Chris Amicucci, Norman Blackwell Sr., Edgar Campini, Thomas Coe, John Cotter Jr., Chuck George, Allen Hegelein, Hamilton Hintz, Al Morales, Joseph Mucciaccio, Don Osborne, Arnold Schuler, Ted Slau-son, William Venable and Raymond Ward.

To qualify, a member had to join the club by May 1, 1993 and be turn-

ing 75 or older in 2008, or have a May 1, 1998 entry date and turn 80 or older in 2008.

Board Cites Evans’ Tax Work. The Board of Directors approved Treasurer Glen Cole’s recommendation that the club, via the Dugout Chatter, express appreciation to club member Jay Evans from “The Tax Office” for preparing the GSSC state and federal tax returns at no cost.

Sponsors. First Vice President Dave Vargo reported that the club has 31 paid sponsors of the 38 that are needed.

New Meeting Site. It was the first meeting to be held at the “North Area” VFW Hall in Antelope. The March 3 meeting also will be at the 3300 U St. VFW Hall. No meeting is scheduled for April, and the May 5 meeting will be at the VFW Hall on Stockton Boulevard, in Sacramento.

There will be no meeting in June. The July 7 meeting will be in the North Area, while the Aug. 4 meeting will be at the Stockton Boulevard site. The final meeting of the fiscal year will be in September at the annual picnic.

Bats and Balls. Club Commissioner Freddie Miller reported that ASA rules will be followed, meaning the Miken Freak and the Combat bats will not be allowed. Check the ASA list and if the bat is on the list as disallowed, it cannot be used in GSSC games. The club will use 44-375 Worth balls. The same “small balls” as last year will be used when women bat in the League 3 games.

Practice Games: Tuesday Day, March 4, 18, 25; Tuesday Night, March 4, 18, 25; Wednesday Night, March 5, 19, 26. Thursday Night, March 6, 20, 27. (An NCAA tournament has the Complex March 10-15.) The regular season begins the

first week of April. (Check the telephone hotline, 491-1721, and the club Web site for further updates and field conditions. #

GSSC on the Internet is Gateway to Latest News

Check out the Golden Seniors site on the Internet (www.gsscs.org) for your Dugout Chatter and other news. You’ll be reading the latest issue of the club newsletter about a week or more earlier than the hard copy can arrive in the mail.

Individual managers are key to making our newsletter distribution program effective and efficient.

Managers unable to access the Internet or communicate via e-mail to players should consider delegating that responsibility to one of their players. Then you can “pass the word” to your team much more efficiently, and you can also alert your players that a new DC is ready to read on the club Web site.

When contacting players after the drafts, managers can help by asking about e-mail capability and willingness to get the DC electronically. Relay that information to Ron Roach, DC editor, at 422-2500 or coachrwr@comcast.net. #

Defibrillator Saves Life

A recent *Sacramento Bee* article described how a defibrillator was used to revive an unconscious man at Rio Del Oro Racquet Club on Scripps Drive. When city firefighters arrived, they found the man to be conscious, alert and talking. Minutes earlier, they were told, he had been near death.

Fire Capt. Jim Doucette said club members and employees used the club’s automatic external defibrillator. Without it, Doucette said, the man, whose name was not released, probably would have died. He was taken to a local hospital. #

GOLDEN SENIORS GOLF TOURNEY ENTRY FORM

When: Friday, May 2, 2008 ... 1 P.M. Shotgun Start

Where: Lincoln Hills Golf Club (Hills Course)

Format: Scramble Foursomes

Entry Fee: \$75 (includes sack lunch, green fee, cart)

Registration Deadline: March 25. Limited to first 144 paid entries. Preference will be given until March 15 to members of the Golden Seniors Softball Club of Sacramento and their non-member guests within their foursomes.

Questions: Contact Bill Knoblauch at 408-5501 or knobby@rocketmail.com; Ron Roach at 422-2500 or coachrwr@comcast.net; Jerry Toenyes at 354-4126, or Dan Norton at 689-4505.

Do you wish to sponsor a hole for \$100? _____. Can you provide prizes? _____.

Return this entry form with check for \$75 per player, payable to the Golden Seniors Softball Club or GSSC, to Bill Knoblauch, 2044 Stonecrest Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648.

Player 1 _____ Mailing address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ e-mail _____

Player 2 _____ Mailing address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ e-mail _____

Player 3 _____ Mailing address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ e-mail _____

Player 4 _____ Mailing address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ e-mail _____

E-Mail addresses are to be used to confirm entries and provide additional information as necessary. They will not be used for any other purpose.

You do not have to enter as a foursome. You will be placed in a group needing an additional player or players, or indicate your partners who may be entering on another form.

SAVING TIME IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

The most crucial element during an emergency is **TIME**. All Golden Seniors must realize that, while on a softball field during a critical emergency, trained personnel may have **no more than two (2) minutes** to save a life!

It is our bounden duty to help save time and to be a **doer** to make certain that our team is prepared for any eventuality **BEFORE** a game is started. Saving Time May Save a

Life! To insure that this goal is accomplished, I am urging every commissioner, umpire, manager and player to **DO** the following:

1. Retrieve the **SAFETY CART** from the Park Office and set it between softball fields or next to the field being used **BEFORE** a game begins.
2. Check AED (defibrillator) for OK sign.

3. Umpires will **NOT START** a game without the Safety Cart in place!

Teams may lose an inning or more of play if delay of game is excessive.

4. Managers, Assistant Managers and players **MUST** see that the Safety Cart is returned to Park Office **AFTER THE FINAL GAME!**

Being a **DOER** is the **KEY** to the safety, enjoyment and fulfillment of each game. — Jerry Jodice, Safety Chairman.

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973-8269

Phone/Address Changes
391-3938

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686-1654

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422-2500

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: Ron Peck, Robert Scollard, Ken Toyama, Wayne Leonard, James Jackson, George Cayssials, Richard Fields, John Hains, Tom Sansone, Jack Booth, Chester Bowling, Allen Hegelein, John Mizerak, Bill Virgen, Chris Amicucci, Ted Bofinger, James Kenney, Daniel McCarthy, Eric Long, Tom Osborne, Jerry Baugh, Skip Jenkins, Tom Arnold, Jerry Jodice, John Regala, Sammy Blalock, Hamilton Hintz, Alfredo Olivas, John Colletto, Brian Pearson, Gerald Rohlfes, William Soper, Paul Wilkinson, Allen Riker, Dolores Perez.

SUNSHINE AND HEALTH: **Barbara S. Hegelein** passed away Jan. 29. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Allen. Our thoughts and prayers are with Allen and family.

George Hodsdon reported that **Chris Amicucci** was scheduled to have a small operation on Feb. 4, with hopes of being back in 6-8 weeks. **Robert South** was to have a back operation soon, but the doctor says he cannot play anymore. **Ramiro Luna** planned to travel to Arizona to be with his wife, who had a very short time left, before she passes on. **Tom Todd** is still on injured reserve. **Manuel Perry Jr.**, non-playing life member, had surgery to fuse vertebrae. #