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NOMINEES FOR GSSC BOARD POSITIONS ARE PRESENTED AT JULY MEETING; ELECTION AT AUGUST CLUB MEETING

JULY 2008

Heat, Smoke Cancel Games

GSSC directors on July 7 agreed to cancel night league games of July 8, 9 and 10 due to a forecast of dangerous air quality conditions from a heat wave combined with wildfire smoke. The action followed a call from the softball complex director that games of July 8 and 9 were not likely to be played due to the unhealthy air. League 2 (9 a.m.) games of July 8 were played, but it was decided to cancel the League 6 (10:30 a.m.) contests.

The board also approved President Dan Norton's motion to include July 10 in the cancellation decision. Further, the board authorized the club commissioner and club president to determine whether future games would be canceled due to any unsafe conditions, be they fields that are too wet or unhealthy air quality.

Members were encouraged to call the club answering machine for news on the playing schedule when skies are smoky, not just when rain is occurring or in the forecast. Norton, a firefighter for 32 years, said he could not recall so many fires this early in the fire season. He warned that there may be a need to make weekly determinations on the playability of GSSC games as such major fires as Big Sur may not be doused until the end of July.

Outdoor sports have been canceled in a number of Northern California counties.

Other news: The board reiterated the requirement that members wear official GSSC hats.

Player Agent Tom Sansone said a looming player shortage in League 1 (Mondays) could be relieved if eligible 70-year-olds and older who are playing in other leagues would consider signing up for Mondays, too. #

Members on July 7 approved the nomination of a slate of officers for the 2008-09 fiscal year, presenting a choice between Frank Bettencourt and Ray Mendonsa for president.

When members vote on Aug. 4, there will be only one nominee for each of the six other offices that comprise the organization's Board of Directors.

The slate of nominees was presented by John Mizerak, nominating committee chairman. He thanked his committee of Trudy Smartt, Mark Cordell and Ken Cramer. The new board will be sworn in at the general meeting held in conjunction with the annual picnic and playoff day on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Bettencourt is a former player agent who plays in Leagues 2 and 6. Mendonsa, a L4 player and L5 umpire, is in his second year with the club. They seek to succeed Dan Norton, who is not running for a third term. He pledged to help and support either candidate.

Mendonsa told those attending the general meeting in the north area VFW Hall that while he is relatively new to the club, he has had experience as president of Parkway Little League with an annual budget of \$150,000. He said he would bring a "very open mind" to the post, believing in the "committee style of leadership." He said, "This is all for the members, not the board (of directors), and for people who want to play and enjoy the game."

Bettencourt was not present at the general meeting where candidates were invited to give brief remarks.

Also not seeking re-election is Club Commissioner Freddie Miller. Current First Vice President Dave Vargo has agreed to run for club commissioner, a post he held in 2007.

Nominated for first vice president, a post responsible for overseeing the club's team sponsorship program, is Fred Fischer, a L2 manager.

Seeking re-election on the slate are Pete Ward as second vice president, responsible for uniforms; Treasurer Glen Cole, Secretary Mickey Schleicher and Player Agent Tom Sansone. #

**GENERAL MEETING:
CLUB OFFICER ELEC-
TIONS FOR 2008-09.
MONDAY, AUG. 4, AT
7:30 P.M. — VFW HALL,
2764 STOCKTON BLVD.**

BATTING LEADERS

League 2 (12 games played thru July 1): Avg. Larry Davis .821, Jules Morganstern .775, Bob Flink .750.

Hits: Flink 33, Vic Torres 33, Davis 32.

RBI: Flink 25, Rich Edwards 23, Davis 22.

HR: Flink 3, Davis, Greg Leurgans, Conn Lockett, 2.

League 3 (thru June 24):

Batting Avg: Norm Blackwell .806, Jack Kocunik .800, Hap Duffney .758.

Hits: Kocunik 28, Dave Vargo 26, three with 25.

HR: John Dearing 4, Dave Vargo 2, Karl Bik 2.

RBI: Rich Walker 27, Al Raydon 26, Bruce Gilmore 23.

League 4 (thru July 2):

Batting Avg: Bill Christian .875, Jim Andres .825, Ed Frantz .810. Hits: Christian 35, Frantz 34, Al-len Riker 34.

RBI: Emilio Lobato 28, Monte Miller 28, Demontro Davis 27, Frantz 27.

HR (over fence): Litle and Miller, 3 each. HR (inside park): Davis and Lobato, 3 each; Six players with 2 each.

League 5 (thru July 3):

Batting Avg: Ettore Minor .857, Monta Litle .844, Bill Conwell .814.

Hits: Bob DelChiaro 31, Dave Gonzalez 31, Emilio Lobato 28.

RBI: Minor 28, Litle 25, Conwell 23.

HR: Litle 4, Rich Ganas 4, Monte Miller 3.

League 6 (thru June 24): Batting Avg: Dave Vargo .750, Doug Peterson .744, Merv Mill .743.

Hits: Rich Edwards 31, Vargo 30,

Peterson 29.

HR: Vargo 2, three with 1.

RBI: Vargo 29, Peterson 24, Jim Hoffman 24.

TIGHT GAMES: League 3 on July 1 had three nail-bitters, all won by visiting teams with late rallies: Old Hornets 8, Jolly Rogers 7; Maita Chevrolet 10, Remax 8, and Sammy's Family Restaurant 14, Arden Park Villa 13. Wow!!!
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HOT WEATHER ALERT

Heat Emergencies: Drink ample (every inning if necessary) portions of water during hot days, even if you are not feeling thirsty!

Heat Cramps: Painful muscle spasms in legs and abdomen.

Heat Exhaustion: The body's cooling system is becoming overwhelmed. Signals include headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness, faintness, fatigue, feebleness, heavy sweating and perspiration.

Heat Stroke (Life-threatening condition): The body's cooling systems are now overwhelmed by heat and have stopped functioning. Signals include red, hot, dry skin; vomiting; changes in level of consciousness; collapse.

Care Procedures: Move to cool area; loosen tight clothing; remove sweat-soaked clothes; apply cool, wet towels; fan the victim, and, if the victim is conscious, give small amounts of cool water.

Emergency: If victim refuses water, vomits or starts to lose consciousness, call 9-1-1 immediately! Place victim on his/her side; continue to cool him/her (use ice packs on wrists neck, armpits, groin and ankles). Check for signs of life (breathing, circulation, pulse). — Safety Chairman Jerry Jodice
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LEAGUE STANDINGS UPDATE

League 1 Phase 2 Standings thru June 30:
1. Wion's Body Shop 5-1 70 runs for, 44 runs against (6-7 overall)

1. Mimi's Café 5-1 63-48 (10-3)

3. Merrill Bookkeeping & Tax Service 4-2 61-41 (8-5)

4. Daugherty Chevrolet 2-4 69-71 (4-9)

4. Dumont Pest Control 2-4 57-58 (4-9)

4. I Forgot 2-4 57-64 (9-4)

4. L&S Surveys 2-4 47-61 (7-6)

4. Teichert Construction 2-4 34-56 (4-9)

League 2 standings through July 1:

1. ASAP Signing Services 7-5

1. Richard H. Will Atty 7-5

3. Livingston's Concrete 6-6

3. VFW Post 67 6-6

3. Zorrace Inc. 6-6

3. Sports Leisure Vacation 6-6

7. Harper Properties 5-7

7. Rabbit Inc. 5-7

League 3 standings (through July 1):

1. Old Hornets 9-1-1

2. Maita Chevrolet 7-4

3. Arden Park Villa (Citrus Heights Terrace) 5-5-1

4. Jolly Rogers 5-6

5. Sammy's Family Restaurant 4-7

6. Remax 2-9

League 4 standings (through July 2):

1. Lehr Auto Electric 8-1-2

2. CA Energy Services #1 7-3

3. Bradshaw Ranch 6-3-2

4. C&C Plumbing Inc. 5-5-1

5. East Lawn 3-7-1

6. Bertolucci's Auto Body 1-10

League 5 Standings (through July 3):

1. CA Energy Service 8-3

2. Overhead Door 7-4

2. NorCal Jackets 7-4

4. Senior Magazine 6-5

5. Espanol Restaurant 4-7

6. Avalon Hearing Center 1-10

League 6 Standings (through July 1):

1. GSSA 8-4

2. Mark White DDS 7-5

3. River City Bank 5-7

4. American River Apparel 3-9

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NEWS AND NOTES

Leading Hitters: L4's Lehr Auto Electric short-stop **Bill Christian** continues to pace all GSSC hitters, batting a phenomenal .875 through July 2. **Ettore Minor** led L5 with an average of .857, followed by **Monta Litle** at .844.

Flashing Leather: As noted by Colette the Scorekeeper, League 4 had so many neat double plays that she tallied them up: C&C Plumbing and Lehr Auto Electric turned in eight each; Bradshaw Ranch Golf six, through games of July 2.

NEWS AND NOTES

Bat Work: Litle had a big night in L5 June 26 with three homers, two over the fence, while **Emilio Lobato** included a homer in a 4x4 game. **Rich Walker** and **Norm Blackwell** both went 4x4 in L3 on June 24. **Brian Lear** (2 HR) and **Rich Edwards** were 5x5 for Mark White DDS on June 24 (L6). In L5, **Dave Gonzalez** (CA Energy Services) was 4x4 on June 26, when **Rich Ganas** (Espanol Restaurant) hammered two over the fence. **Bill Greene** went 5x5 that night for NorCal Jackets. On June 17, **Doug Peterson** (GSSA) went 5x5 in L6 and **Jack Wabinga** (Remax) and **Bill Greene**, **John Habien** and **Bret Wangan** (Old Hornets) were 4x4 in L3.

Week of June 3-5: Perfect days at the plate included **John Colletto** and **Bob Nevis** (American River Apparel) and **Bill Enos**, **Dave Vargo** and **Vidal Franco** (GSSA) in L6. In L3, **Bruce Gilmore** of Maita Chevrolet went 4X4. In L5, **Bill McMahon** was perfect 4x4 for Avalon Hearing Center, as were **Bret Wangan** (Senior Magazine) and Overhead Door's **Noel Maldonado** and **Et Minor**.

Going Deep. In L5 on June 19, **Et Minor** and **Matt Tedrow** (Overhead Door) homered, while **Ganas** left the yard for Espanol Restaurant. **Monte Miller** homered for Avalon Hearing. **Russ Carlson** had a pair of triples for Senior Magazine.

L1 Forfeiture Ruling. The Board of Directors on June 9 voted 3-2 to declare Wion's Body Shop the winner by forfeit over previously undefeated I Forgot based on use of disallowed Miken Freak bats by two players. The players were suspended for one game.

Golf Tourney Set. Bill Knoblauch announced that the 2009 golf tourney is set for Friday, May 1 at Lincoln Hills. The 2008 tournament was deemed an overwhelming success.

Senior Magazine ran Lou Coppola's GSSC report in its May issue. Watch for more coverage in the future.

Tip of the hat to Scorekeepers Sandy and Colette for providing statistical information and highlights.

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS: Celebrating birthdays: 7/2 Dick Gustin; 7/3 Bruce Gilmore, Mark Penwell; 7/5 Donald Maciel, George Rupp; 7/6 Greg Hereford, Eugene Potts, Jack Wabinga; 7/7 Emilio Lobato; 7/8 Bill Enos, Bob Schwan; 7/9 James Stinson; 7/10 Larry Davis, Jane Lincoln, Don Nakao, Jack Slaven; 7/11 Brian Lear; 7/15 Leo Curry Jr.; 7/17 George Hodsdon, Ray Lucas; 7/18 John Hall, Edward McElroy, Everett Richardson; 7/19 Al Morales; 7/20 Dick Reisinger; 7/21 Jack Duncan, Ted Hansen; 7/22 Merritt Davis; 7/23 Joe DiSessa; 7/24 Larry Utberg, Dave Vargo; 7/27 Ed Frantz, Chuck George, Thomas Todd; 7/28 Steve Hudgens, Linda McCollum, John Raniseski, Paul Rogers; 7/29 Jim Lefforge, Jerry Rhines; 7/30 Jim Jackson, Greg Leurgans, Ernest Wise. #

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SUNSHINE & HEALTH REPORT

June 24 report for L1: **Jim Borden**, playing first base for John Chatfield's Mimi's Café, tripped as he went back for a popup, suffering a hairline fracture of his wrist. He will be out six weeks. **Hi Witt**, second baseman for Joe Kline's I Forgot, fell and is out for the year. **Dick Nadler**, also on I Forgot, was scheduled for a second knee operation. Life Member **Albert Morales**, L2 manager, was struck by a come-backer while pitching on June 10. His broken left wrist is in a cast. **Harold Meyer**, L3 manager, is recuperating from surgery to repair multiple tears in his right shoulder rotator cuff. **Al Tirapelli**, L6 manager and L2 player, had infection complications from a bruised toe, hampering his running and defensive prowess. He has been able to hit, however. His recovery has been slow and painful, and, he says, should be a lesson to all that even a seemingly minor "hurt" deserves prompt and adequate attention. L2's **Joe Saiz** is recuperating from surgery to remove a blood clot in his lower leg. **John Dearing**, L3-5, is sidelined with plantar fasciitis.#

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- Phone/Address Changes*
391-3938
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