

# DUGOUT CHATTER

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## TEAMS ARE SET AND RARIN' TO GO FOR 2009 AS CLUB ROSTER LISTS 522 GOLDEN SENIORS

Player drafts were conducted in February for 43 teams in seven leagues as the GSSC roster for 2009 totals 522 members, including non-playing members, compared to 487 last year. However, Assistant Secretary Henry Low noted in his Feb. 23 report that 35 members who failed to renew would soon be dropped from the roster, making 2009's overall roster about the same size as last year. (The 2009 roster was still being adjusted with late signups at this writing.)

Single-league signups totaled 409 players. There were 113 players signed up for more than one league, filling 246 team roster spots. In 2008, 93 multi-leaguers filled 210 team roster spots. The multiple leaguers include "Super Ironmen" Greg Leurgans and Bill McMahon, who signed up to play in five leagues. They turn 60 this year to qualify for back-to-back 60-and-over Tuesday morning leagues, plus the three 50-and-over night leagues. Greg also is a L5 manager and Bill is a L3 assistant manager. (They'd have to be 70 or older to play in the two other GSSC leagues, so, in 2019 ... )

It will be interesting to follow scores and won-loss records of the six teams on Tuesday night as L3's experimental drafting process plays out. The six managers agreed on balanced teams, then had a draw for the teams. No team could be "stacked" in advance because none of the managers knew which team they'd have. A.J. Petruzzi touted this format more than a year ago, patterned after his experience with a league in Lodi that resulted in a very competitive season for all teams. With Commish Jerry Toenyas presiding, Manager Brent Korff burned the midnight oil to pump out a series of drafts. (See Vargo's column for more details on L3 and L7 drafts.)

**Practice games** for L2-7 are scheduled to begin the week of March 17. The regular season starts the week of March 30, The bell rings for real on March 16 for the enlarged League 1.

**Player Medical Information.** President Ray Mendonsa wants members to suggest how best to safeguard the confidentiality of personal medical information players include in applications in case there is a medical emergency. Managers currently possess this information. Reply via email to Dave Vargo ([dvargo@frontiernet.net](mailto:dvargo@frontiernet.net)). #

### **DAVE VARGO'S COMMISSIONER CORNER**

The 2009 drafts featured some innovation by Tuesday Night League 3 and its commish, Jerry Toenyas. He presided as the six managers drew randomly pre-formed balanced teams organized by modules (middle infielders, corner  
(See P. 5)

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**GENERAL MEETING:  
MONDAY,  
APRIL 6,  
7:30 p.m.  
VFW HALL  
NORTH  
HIGHLANDS/  
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**SAFETY REPORT: 30 ARE ETP CERTIFIED** Safety Chairman Jerry Jodice reports that 30 GSSC members are certified as CPR/AED Emergency Trained Personnel to assist people in distress during the 2009 season at the Softball Complex and Howe Avenue fields. These 21 men were recently certified as ETPs as we launch the 2009 season: Guy Anderson, Benny Benson, Tom Bussey, Larry Campbell, Arthur Derr, Henry Fontes, Casper Greif, George Hodsdon, Gordon Kennedy, Ernie Kidwell, Jim McNamara, Jerry Moody, Ron Roach, John Ross, George Rupp, Bill Soper, Joe Sugimoto, Harvey Swenson, Paul Thompson, Ray Ward and Cloicec Wade.

In addition, there are four previously Red Cross-certified Golden Seniors: Jarrell Foos, Monta Litle, Don Steiner and Ted Tedrow. And, of course, we have our five Red Cross-trained instructors: Jerry Jodice, Allen Riker, Bob Smartt, Trudy Smartt and Ramon Soden. The 30 qualified to wear red hats include at least seven managers, three league commissioners and three umpires. "We are doing well, but can do much better in our night leagues," Jodice said. Anyone from the night leagues interested in a possible ETP training session on an April Saturday TBD should contact Jodice at 349-8949.

Three L3-4-5 members have expressed interest but more are needed to set up a class. # **CARE FOR UNIFORM SHIRTS WILL MAKE THEM LAST LONGER, SAVE \$\$\$**

Pete Ward, 2nd vice president in charge of uniforms, offers these tips for keeping your GSSC jersey in good shape: How jerseys are laundered causes more loss than wearing them in games. When T-shirts are worn under jerseys, they may not need washing after each game. When washing, turn it inside out to protect its latex lettering from washing machine agitation. Never use bleach; it harms the colors. Use detergent made for colors. Wash with other colored items that will not bleed their colors onto the jersey. Never use hot water; it melts the latex lettering and fades the colors. Bleach or hot water with lettering turned outside can wear out a new jersey in one season. Hang to dry to avoid long tumbling in a hot dryer. If it must go in a dryer, use a cooler setting. #

#### **CLUB LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS FOR 2009**

League 1 -- Jim McNamara (424-1402), Asst. George Hodsdon (481-9304); League 2 -- Cloicec Wade (393-5809), Asst. Jim Wait (455-4440); League 3 -- Jerry Toenyes (354-4126), Asst. Bill Knoblauch (408-5501); League 4 -- Dick Mathews (530-672-2689); League 5 -- Monta Litle (606-4776); League 6 -- Victor Torres (784-7910); League 7 -- Larry Campbell (485-4843). #

## **2009 General Meetings Schedule**

**April 6** (North Highlands/Antelope VFW Hall) -- **May 4** VFW Hall, 2764 Stockton Blvd. -- (No June Meeting) -- **July 6** (Nominations for 2009-10 Board of Directors) VFW Hall, 2754 Stockton Blvd. -- **August 3** (Election of 2009-10 Board of Directors) VFW Hall, 2754 Stockton Blvd. -- **September 19** (in conjunction with the annual Picnic/Playoffs Saturday at the Sacramento Softball Complex) #

## ***DUGOUT CHATTER DISTRIBUTION***

With this March issue of the Dugout Chatter, we switch to the more efficient distribution strategy that we inaugurated in 2008. To make it work, we need the cooperation of all hands, especially league commissioners, team managers and league scorekeepers.

We achieve two important goals through reduced use of regular mail: We cut our postage expense and we get the Dugout Chatter to members in a more timely manner -- when it is still news they can use. We cannot continue to use the standard mail system that brings the newsletter to mailboxes two or three weeks after it is actually published and put online. And it would break the bank to send every member a first-class postage copy every month.

This is how we communicate vital information to club members: We utilize electronic and print newsletters, our web site and our telephone hotline (491-1721) operated by Don Shank.

For the growing majority of members with Internet access our web site ([www.gsscs.org](http://www.gsscs.org)) should be the way to go year-round to read the latest Dugout Chatter. Past DC issues and other information are provided on the web site, including safety-relayed information and rule books, photos and player applications. The site's master is Jamyn Jodice, who deserves credit for an outstanding job.

For the September-October, November-December, January and February issues, all members receive the Dugout Chatter via regular mail -- unless they are on record as requesting that they NOT receive it that way because they prefer to read the DC online and save the club postal expense.

The vast majority of members, for the months of March, April, May, June, July and August, will read their Dugout Chatter online or, if they lack Internet access, pick up a copy at practices (during March) or games during the season. Ask your manager. Check with the scorekeeper. Copies should be available at the Complex (from managers or scorekeepers) or at the L1 Howe Avenue game site.

As we did last year, all non-playing life members were automatically maintained on the list to receive the Dugout Chatter via regular mail -- unless they notify me ([coachrwr@comcast.net](mailto:coachrwr@comcast.net)) with Dugout Chatter in the subject line, or phone me at 422-2500 that they'd rather get their newsletter online. Sponsors will continue to receive the newsletter via the mail.

Our electronic communication chain is useful in the timely electronic distribution strategy: When it is online, I notify the Board of Directors. This message is relayed to league commissioners. They relay the message to the managers, who, in turn, notify their players, usually via a relay of the same message to a group e-mail to team members. Lou Coppola is responsible for providing copies to L1 managers on Mondays. Jim Wait brings copies to L2 managers or scorekeepers on Tuesdays, and scorekeepers get them to managers/players for leagues 3-7. As editor, I appreciate the help of all to make this work. -- Ron Roach.

### **SUNSHINE & HEALTH REPORT**

**DAN NORTON**, former GSSC president, is sidelined by aching knees but hopes to return in 2010, if not earlier, if arthroscopic surgery makes it possible. Meantime, he will help organize the GSSC golf tournament on May 1. He also is coaching the Sheldon High golf team. #

**GOLDEN SENIORS SOFTBALL CLUB  
OF SACRAMENTO PRESENTS:  
GOLF TOURNAMENT 2009  
WHEN: FRIDAY, MAY 1 (1 p.m. Shotgun Start)  
WHERE: LINCOLN HILLS GOLF CLUB  
FORMAT: SCRAMBLE**

ENTRY FEE: \$75 (INCLUDES SACK LUNCH, GREEN FEES, CART

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT BILL KNOBLAUCH AT 408-5501 OR

[KNOBBY@ROCKETMAIL.COM](mailto:KNOBBY@ROCKETMAIL.COM); RON ROACH AT 422-2500 OR

[COACHRWR@COMCAST.NET](mailto:COACHRWR@COMCAST.NET); JERRY TOENYES 354-4126; DAN NORTON 689-4505.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ENTER AS A FOURSOME. YOU WILL BE PLACED WITH A GROUP NEEDING AN ADDITIONAL PLAYER OR PLAYERS. INDICATE YOUR PARTNERS WHO ARE ENTERING ON ANOTHER FORM, E-MAIL ADDRESSES ARE TO BE USED TO CONFIRM ENTRIES AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS NECESSARY AND WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.

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City \_\_\_\_\_ zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you wish to sponsor a hole for \$100? \_\_\_\_\_ Can you donate prizes? \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form with check, payable to Golden Seniors Softball or GSSC, to Bill Knoblauch at 2044 Stonecrest Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648.

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## **CARMICHAEL LEAGUE NEEDS PLAYERS**

Ernie Kidwell of the Carmichael Senior Softball League, a recreational league for players 65 and up on Wednesday mornings, is recruiting players for the club's 2009 season starting April 1 at Carmichael Park. The seven-team league, beginning its eleventh season, is comprised mostly of GSSC players. Call Ernie at 489-3701 for sign-up information. #

**Commissioner's Corner (from P. 1)**

infielders, outfielders, pitchers and utility players) instead of the traditional sequential serpentine draft model. Teams are not only balanced, but arranged to match up five male-female combos and the first-ever father-daughter linkage. Kudos to Managers Brent Korff and A.J. Petruzzi for their leadership. They unselfishly set aside personal preferences and proven drafting prowess to provide what is hoped to be six teams that are likely to be extremely competitive throughout the season and into the playoffs.

The Tuesday AM Select 70 League, led by Commish Larry Campbell, created a Super-Enhanced Draft List, comprised of very detailed stats and vertical rankings of players. This made for a smooth and quick draft for four satisfied managers.

Tuesday AM Select 60 League 6 Commish Victor Torres had to replace half of the managers. He arranged special pre-selection aid to the new managers, who succeeded in drafting very competitive teams. The two select leagues also agreed to play a round of inter-league games against each other on a trial basis.

Continuing Commishes Jim McNamara (L1), Cloicec Wade (L2) and Dick Mathews (L4) provided their usual excellent work in facilitating formation of balanced leagues.

New Commish Monta Litle (L5), a fast learner, handled his duties like a veteran.

Tuesday AM Lead Scorers Collette Barnes (L2&7) and Sandy Begg (L6) will need two additional scorers for the 9 and 10:30 games. Training will be provided. Interested in working? Call me (689-7061) or e-mail: [dvargo@frontiernet.net](mailto:dvargo@frontiernet.net).

**New Rule Books.** Check the club web site for the newly updated rule book. Much work has gone into this edition thanks to Rules Chair Jerry Nevis and his committee, and GSSC Secretary Mickey Schleicher. #

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commissioners.)

***NEXT GSSC GENERAL MEETING: MONDAY,  
APRIL 6, 7:30 P.M. SITE: VFW HALL, NORTH  
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