
DUGOUT CHATTER

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDEN SENIORS SOFTBALL CLUB OF SACRAMENTO — NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2016

GOLDEN SENIORS SOFTBALL CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES ARRIVE IN ELECTRONIC MAILBOXES

In a major embrace of the digital world, Golden Seniors Softball Club leaders have made player signups easier for the vast majority of members who use email and also save the club hundreds of dollars in postage. The 2017 season membership renewal applications arrived in electronic mailboxes in early November.

For the first time, renewal applications were not mass mailed to the entire membership. This time the form is an attachment to the email letter from President Bill Hill noting the club's continuing efforts to "keep costs down" and not increase club dues or league fees. The email also included an attachment with correspondence from Player Agent Dave Tanner explaining the application process and available leagues.

Of course there are members who do not use computers. Tanner, in his cover letter with the applications, urged those signing up for 2017 to do so as soon as possible as league draft lists will be prepared starting in January so drafts can be scheduled in February. Tanner: "Should you have any questions, you may email, text or call me, in that order of preference ...". His contact information: davetannergr1@yahoo.com, text and voice mail: 916-216-1941. Player applications for 2017 also can be accessed from the club's website, www.gsscs.org.

The club board has kept the dues at \$20 for 2017 (life members continue to be exempt from dues) and has set league fees based on the cost of operating each league, such as night leagues being more than day leagues. League fees range from \$35 for the 75+ L8 on Tuesday mornings at Howe Park to \$90 for the night leagues for 50+ or 60+ men and 45+ and 55+ women at the Sacramento Softball Complex. (SEE PAGE 2)

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: 7 p.m. Jan. 9, 2017 at the VFW Post 67 Hall on Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento



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Players who submit dues and league fees with their completed application by Dec. 1 were to be guaranteed a place in the draft for each league selected. Players also can declare interest in serving on the board of directors or volunteering in various capacities. They can also opt out of receiving the Dugout Chatter via regular mail. To be accepted, an application must be accompanied by signed acceptance of the club's code of conduct.

January Meeting. The first general meeting of 2017 is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 9, at the VFW Hall on Stockton Boulevard. It begins at 7 p.m. Issues up for discussion may include quality of bats in L7 (70-plus Monday league at Howe Park) based on survey taken at the season-ending September picnic-playoffs. Watch for an email blast on the agenda from League President Bill Hill.

Sponsors. Rocky Wilkerson, 1st vice president, reports that he was sending out sponsorship letters in November and expects to be recruiting team sponsors well into the new year. Wilkerson also said that the two-year option program for sponsors has not been successful thus far, with just one sponsor electing to commit for two years. If you have interest in sponsoring a team, contact Rocky at 916-595-2541 for information.

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SHORT HOPS AND BIG BOUNCES

Winter Practice Games. Tuesday and Thursday mornings, at Carmichael Park, many senior players gather at 9:30 for the first of two pickup practice games — weather permitting. They've been known to get together even on New Year's Day! Golden Seniors Life Member Ernie Kidwell of Carmichael Park began the off-season practice tradition many years ago. For the past five years, Ronney Smith has been in charge of equipment and field preparation. Contact: Smith at (510) 305-1063.

Practices at Howe Park. Since Nov. 1, under the direction of Paul Koze, age 70 and over players have been keeping their batting skills sharp on Tuesdays and Fridays, 12:30 p.m., at Howe Park Field #3 and/or Field #4. The time is likely to move into the morning in March when the weather is warmer. Contact: Koze at (503) 805-3428.

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LUCAS LEADS ALL GOLDEN SENIORS HITTERS IN 2016

Ray Lucas paced the Golden Seniors Softball Club's 2016 hitters with a scorching .870 batting average in League 2, the fifth-highest batting average since statistics began to be recorded in 2006.

Here are the other regular-season batting champions:

League 1 — Al Waller .788; L2 — Ray Lucas .870; L3 — Carlso Rodriguez .810; L4 — Rick Cady .818; L5 — Ted Crumbley .824; L6 — Hal Johnson .776; L7 — Jack Tibbetts .750. (Note: L8 does not compile statistics.)

Lucas, also the L6 commissioner, managed VFW Post 67 in L2 to the league championship game, a thrilling 22-21 loss to Sports Leisure. An injury prevented Lucas from playing in the title game.

Besides Lucas, three others — Hal Johnson (.852 in L2), Gus Niklas (.833 in L2), and Rick Cady (.818 in L4) joined Jarvis Quenga, Bob Scollard, Dave Vargo, Jack Wabinga and Mick Tursky as two-time .800 hitters. Don Jackson (.814 in L4) became the third Golden Senior to hit .800 or more four times. The others are Rich Edwards and Monte Miller. Emilio Lobato has reached the .800 level three times. First-time .800 club members this year are L5 champion Crumbley, L3 leader Rodriguez, and Bill Greene (.813) in L4, with at least 50 plate appearances needed to qualify.

Over the 11 years that Dave Vargo has analyzed the club's batting statistics, Tursky continues to hold the club record of .903 (L2 in 2014). It was threatened by Rick Cady's .891 in 2015. Rich Edward's .882 in 2012 ranks third.

TOP TEN BATTING AVERAGES: 2006-2016

1. MICK TURSKY League 2 (2014) .903
2. RICK CADY L4 (2015) .891
3. RICH EDWARDS L6 (2012) .882
4. RICH EDWARDS L2 (2013) .875
5. RAY LUCAS L2 (2016) .870
6. STEVE SCHULER L3 (2012) .865
7. MICK TURSKY L6 (2014) .861
8. GEOFF MILLER L4 (2012) .860
9. HAL JOHNSON L2 (2016) .852
10. MEL TENNYSON L4 (2012) and DAVE BRISTOL L2 (2012) .847

LEAGUE-BY-LEAGUE CLUB LEADERS THROUGH 2016 (Much appreciated is the work of Head Scorekeeper Colette Barnes, her husband Russ Barnes, who worked on spreadsheets, and Scorekeeper Dawn Gerlach. Note use of bold face for overall club leader; italics signify high averages accomplished since the club allowed high-performance bats in the five leagues that play at the Sacramento Softball Complex.) See Page 4.

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L1 MONDAY MORNING (2014-) Batting Average: Bob Scollard .817 (2014 & 2015), Al Waller .788 (2016), Jim Mays .774 (2016).
Base Hits: Bob Scollard 58 (2015).
RBI: Don Jones 44 (2015).
HR: Chuck Knutson 6 (2016).

L2 TUESDAY 9AM 60+: Batting Average: Mick Tursky .903 (2014), Rich Edwards .875 (2013), Ray Lucas .870 (2016), Hal Johnson .852 (2016), Dave Bristol .847 (2012), Gus Niklas .833 (2016), John Lack .818 (2007), Rich Edwards .817 (2009), Wally Dorei .814 (2012), Mark Holgerson .814 (2014), John Shintaju .814 (2015), Gus Niklas .812 (2014), Mick Tursky .811 (2015), Rich Edwards .805 (2010), Dave Vargo .800 (2008), Ray Lucas .800 (2015).
Base Hits: Mick Tursky 62 (2014), Mervin Mill 60 (2007, 2012).
HR: Hal Johnson 11 (2014), Bob Flink 9 (2007), Joe Cors 7 (2011,2012). RBI: Joe Cors 58 (2012), Hal Johnson 56 (2014), Rich Edwards 54 (2013).

L3 TUESDAY NIGHT 50+: Batting Average: Steve Schuler .865 (2012), Larry Ellsberry .846 (2015), Emilio Lobato .833 (2010), Emilio Lobato .829 (2014), Carlso Rodriguez .810 (2016), Keith Arnold .808 (2012), Jack Wabinga .808 (2010), Steve Casarez .807 (2012).
Hits: Larry Ellsberry 63 (2014), Emilio Lobato 63 (2014), Norm Blackwell Jr. 58 (2009 & 2014)
HR: Steve Schuler 9 (2012), Barry Mortimeyer 8 (2007), Steve Casarez and Emilio Lobato 7 (2012).
RBI: Steve Casarez 60 (2010), Steve Schuler 58 (2011), MR Evans 55 (2006).

L4 WEDNESDAY NIGHT Night 50+ (2006-2015): Batting Average: Rick Cady .891 (2015), Geoff Miller .860 (2012), Mel Tennyson .847 (2012), Darrell Heim .845 (2012), Jarvis Quenga .839 (2012), Bill Christian .829 (2008), Monte Miller .826 (2008), Jarvis Quenga .821 (2013), Bob Del Chiaro .817 (2007), Don Jackson .812 (2009), Emilio Lobato .809 (2011), Don Jackson .804 (2013), Jack Wabinga .804 (2015), Monte Miller .803 (2012), Monte Miller .800 (2007).
Hits: Allen Riker 66 (2009), Bill Christian 63 (2008), Bill Greene and Emilio Lobato 60 (2010). HR: Monta Litle 9 (2007) & Jarvis Quenga (2012), Emilio Lobato 8 (2007).
RBI: Jarvis Quenga 67 (2012), Quenga 64 (2014), Monte Miller 64 (2009).

L4 WEDNESDAY NIGHT 60+ (2016-): Batting Average: Rick Cady .818 (2016), Don Jackson .814 (2016), Bill Greene .813 (2016).
Hits: Don Jackson 48.
Homers: Marcus Kirkland 3 (2016).
RBI: Don Jackson 50 (2016).

L5 THURSDAY NIGHT 50+: Batting Average: Shawn Rogers .846 (2015), Monte Miller .844 (2009), Chris Aguilar .841 (2015), Lyman Rose .833 (2014), Dave Rhodes .824 (2012), Ted Crumbley .824 (2016), Shawn Rogers .818 (2011), Bob Kunnmann .800 (2015), Rich Ganas .800 (2009) and Don Jackson .800 (2010).
Hits: Allen Riker 66 (2010), Monte Miller 65 (2011), Dave Vargo 65 (2006), Larry Lagomarsino 64 (2010).
HR: Lyman Rose 10 (2012), Chris Aguilar 10 (2015), Rose 9 (2014), Quenga 9 (2014), Monta Litle 9 (2007) and Rich Ganas 2008.
RBI: Mel Tennyson 67 (2014), Chris Aguilar 61 (2015), Demontro Davis 61 (2011), Monta Litle 60 (2006).

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L6 TUESDAY 10:30AM SELECT 60+ (2006-2011): Batting Average: Doug Peterson .828 (2009), Rich Edwards .789 (2011), Bob Cummings .784 (2007).
Hits: Dave Vargo 58 (2008), Doug Peterson 55 (2008) and Bob Fenton (2009).
HR: AJ Petruzzi 10 (2007), Bill Greene 8 (2011), Bob Cummings 5 (2007).
RBI: Doug Peterson and Dave Vargo 53 (2008).

L6 TUESDAY 10:30AM 60+ (2012-2016): Batting Average: **Mick Tursky .903 (2014)**, Rich Edwards .882 (2012), Dave Vargo .846 (2012), *Hal Johnson .823 (2014)*.
Hits: Bill Greene 62 (2012), *Rich Edwards 62 (2014)*, *Mike Mayer 62 (2014)*.
HR: Joe Cors 8 (2012), *Hal Johnson 7 (2014)*.
RBI: Jon Ellison 63 (2012), Joe Cors 57 (2012).

L7 MONDAY MORNING 70+ (2014-): Batting Average: Everett Richardson .792 (2015), Ron Roach .763 (2014), Jack Tibbetts .750 (2016).
Hits: Jack Tibbetts 51 (2016).
HR: Drew Asher 2 (2015) and John Meyer 2 (2016).
RBI: Asher 38 (2015).

L7 TUESDAY SELECT 70+ (2009-2010): Batting Average: Dale Stykel .809 (2010), Jim Stinson .749 (2009).
Hits: Jim Stinson 56 (2009).
HR: Henry Low 2 (2009).
RBI: Henry Low 33 (2009).

NOTES: Batting average requires minimum 50 plate appearances & 3 per scheduled game. Bold signifies club record. Italics signifies 2012 and later stats with higher-performance bats allowed. Higher-performance bats have not been allowed in L1, L7 and L8, and batting stats have not been kept in the 75-and-older L8. #

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