
DUGOUT CHATTER

GOLDEN SENIORS SOFTBALL CLUB OF SACRAMENTO E-EDITION — OCTOBER 2017

In This Issue: Rest In Peace: Cook and Dempsey. Award of Merit to Smartt and Tanner. League Champions. Top 2017 Hitters: Kesner edges Reisinger as club batting champion; five hit over .800. Moreno is homer king. Club sponsors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLUB'S 2017 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

After 146 runs scored in eight games, more than 95 players donned Golden Seniors Softball Club league championship shirts on Sept. 16 at the Sacramento Softball Complex. Congratulations to the following for capping the club's 38th season of competition and camaraderie:

L1 (70+) Monday Day — Nielsen Real Estate 20-5 over L&S Surveys.
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PLAYOFFS AND PICNIC CLOSE CLUB'S 38TH SEASON

The curtain came down Sept. 16 on the club's 38th season with eight league championship games followed by a picnic and celebration of a successful year of more than 200 games of senior softball.

The club Board of Directors, led by President Bill Hill, was sworn in for another year of service. Also re-elected in August, the six other board members are 1st Vice President Rocky Wilkerson, 2nd VP Bob Smartt, Club Commissioner Bob Ellison, Player Agent Dave Tanner, Treasurer Don Wall, and Secretary Deanna Sesso.

More than 300 members, spouses and guests enjoyed the BBQ picnic at the Sacramento Softball Complex. During a brief club general meeting, the membership approved the board's proposal to donate \$2,500 to the Complex to provide sun screening for the players' team benches at one of the fields.

The club also had a successful raffle, with 50 percent of the proceeds going to the Complex concessionaire's staff who served the lunch.

Hill thanked the picnic committee, led by Secretary Sesso, for their hard work that paid off with a successful and enjoyable event. Thanks to Debbie Towne, wife of Steve Casarez (L3) and Frank Lamar, player and Tri-C sponsor (L3 & L4) for sponsoring dessert cakes for the picnic. It was the first picnic/playoffs Saturday at the Sacramento Softball Complex in a number of years. This enabled the three night leagues to join in the picnic festivities and contributed to a greater club-wide feeling of camaraderie and softball fellowship. In the recent past, the day league playoffs were held with the picnic at Howe Park, where there are not enough fields to accommodate the night leagues. (See Page 2)

PLAYOFF GAMES (FROM PAGE ONE)

L2 (60+) Tuesday Day — Photo Finish 11-5 over Yancey Company.

L3 (50+) Tuesday Night — TRI-C Machine 12-11 over Bill Hill #1.

L4 (50+) Wednesday Night — RDR Financial 16-6 over TRi-C Machine #2.

L5 (50+) Thursday Night — Rapid Solutions 14-5 over Bill Hill #2.

L6 (60+) Tuesday Day — EG Thread 16-6 over Mark White.

L7 (70+) Monday Day — Overhead Door Co. of Sacramento 6-3 over Jolly Rogers.

L8 (75+) Tuesday Day — Nielsen Real Estate 7-0 over Ray Merrill.

Notes: The closest game, L3, featured Deanna Sesso's game-winning hit ... Bob Nielsen-sponsored teams, led by Norm Blackwell Sr., captured two league championships and now they have combined for 10 league titles over the years. Combined, they are 165 years of age with 43 years of Golden Seniors softball experience ... The shutout in the 75-and-over L8 title game was pitched by 84-year-old Don Holt (three innings) and 88-year-old John Wade (four innings) ... Don Shank was the winning pitcher for Overhead Door in the day's other relatively low-scoring game. #

PICNIC CONCLUDES 2017 SEASON (FROM PAGE 1)

The club also acknowledges and thanks Jeff Dubchansky of USA Softball of Sacramento (formerly GSSA) for moving their annual LCS tournament to other area parks. This allowed GSSCS to play all league championship games and have the picnic at the Complex.

"I just want to thank everyone for the great 2017 season and, as we look ahead to 2018, remind all that the this club is committed to fair play and the enjoyment of the membership," Hill said in a message to members. "The board is committed to keeping the club moving in a positive direction and we appreciate input from the membership."

Noting that the club is expanding with a new L9 (for 80 and over) in 2018, Hill issued a call for new sponsors (contact Rocky Wilkerson, 1st VP at 595-2541). He urged members to help recruit players for all leagues. "Get the word out to friends, family and fellow players in other leagues. Recruitment each year is vital to the health of the league." He called on all returning players to "sign up early so we can plan the team drafts schedules in a timely manner."

Check the website for applications for returning players and those seeking new membership.

SUNSHINE & HEALTH

REST IN PEACE: DEMPSEY AND COOK

The passing of Ken Dempsey on Sept. 1 came as a shock to many as he had only recently been playing ball and appeared to be well, according to Larry Campbell. Ken was 80 and known for his willingness to help out, taking a turn to be responsible for L1 batting practices on Tuesday and Friday mornings at Howe Park for several years.

Daryl Cook, 90, passed away on Aug. 11. He was a life member who joined the club in 1980. The pioneer Golden Senior received the club's 1994 Award of Merit for outstanding volunteer service. #

MERIT AWARDS FOR SMARTT, TANNER

Awards of Merit for 2017 were bestowed on Bob Smartt and Dave Tanner for their above-and-beyond service to the Golden Seniors Softball Club. They were recognized at the club's Sept. 16 Playoffs & Picnic at the Sacramento Softball Complex.

Smartt and Tanner have devoted long hours over the years to the club, including managing teams and serving on the Board of Directors. In accepting the awards, they said others should volunteer for club positions for opportunities to participate in leadership posts that contribute to a quality club for its members.

Tanner currently serves as the club's player agent and manages the computerized membership data that is so fundamentally critical to the success of the club. He also manages and sponsors teams, and has made his offices available for draft meetings that use computerized lists of eligible players for all leagues.

Smartt is the club's second vice president in charge of uniforms and equipment. He also is a team manager and a league commissioner, and has repeatedly volunteered whenever asked for the betterment of the club. It should be noted that senior softball is a Smartt family endeavor, with wife Trudy also playing and serving as the club's Sunshine and Health chairperson. She also has received the club's Award of Merit.

The recipient of the award is nominated by club members and selected by a committee comprised of former award recipients, with the awards kept confidential until announced at the annual picnic. #



**Bob Smartt (left)
and Dave Tanner are
Award of Merit
recipients for 2017.**

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595-2941.**

**LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS IN 2017, AS APPOINTED BY CLUB
COMMISSIONER BOB ELLISON: L1 — Guy Anderson 916 858-1646; L2 — Bob
Smartt 916 973-8269; L3 — Deanna Sesso (acting) 916 955-8195; L4 — Dick
Reisinger 916 718-5671; L5 — Bob Ellison 916 212-7498; L6 — Ken Taylor 916
217-3654; L7 — Jim Stinson 916 397-3012; L8 — Cloicec Wade 916 393-5809 #**

KESNER EDGES REISINGER FOR 2017 CLUB BATTING TITLE; MORENO HITS NINE OVER FENCE

Five club members reached the coveted .800 plateau in 2017, led by Tim Kesner's .860 in League 6, just a tick ahead of Richard Reisinger's .859 in League 4. Others were Steve Gellerman, .839 in L1, Hal Kastner, .818 in L2, which edged Hal Johnson's .814.

Falling just short, at .797, were Bill Greene in L3 and Anthony Maze in L5.

The club's over-the-fence home run leader (nine total) was Jose Moreno, six in L2 and three in L6. Jarvis Quenga and Gerome Gibson both cleared the fence six times in L5.

Inside-the-park HR leaders: Glenn McKeever, 8 in L1; Dave Muller, 5 in L4, and Gellerman, 5 in L1.

Club hits leader: Reisinger 67 in L4; RBI: Marcus Kirkland 59 in L4; doubles: Kirkland 19 in L3; triples: Tim Lease 8 in L6.

Nine Golden Seniors hit for the cycle this year: Jose Moreno, Rick Slama, Peter Ward, Patrick Bates, Ettore Minor, Paul Bennett, Larry Dickinson, Anthony Maze and Glenn McKeever.

REGULAR SEASON LEAGUE BATTING LEADERS

L1 .839 Steve Gellerman; .741 Glenn McKeever; .741 Ron Roach.

L2 .818 Hal Kastner; .814 Hal Johnson; .773 Steve Gellerman.

L3 .797 Bill Greene; .795 Chris Oliver; .779 David Hennig.

L4 .859 Richard Reisinger; .795 Dave Muller; .782 Rick Cady.

L5 .797 Anthony Maze; .787 Jarvis Quenga; .778 George Lamb.

L6 .860 Tim Kesner; .786 Mick Tursky; .774 Kerry Gates.

L7 .741 Chuck Knutson; .721 Dan Tajbl; .705 Mike Basich.

(Qualifiers had minimum 3 plate appearances per team's regular season league games. L8 did not compile statistics.)

Thanks to scorekeepers Colette Barnes (chief) and assistants Dawn and Venus Gerlach for all their dedication to our statistical records. And to Russ Barnes for the computer program. #

BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- 2018 -- President: Bill Hill ... 804-2243

First Vice President: Rocky Wilkerson .. 595-2541 (Responsible for team sponsorships.) Second Vice President: Bob Smartt ... 973-8269 (Responsible for team uniforms, balls.) Treasurer: Don Wall ... 434-8308 Secretary: Deanna Sesso ... 955-8195 Player Agent: Dave Tanner ... 216-1941 (Responsible for player applications, player substitutes, waiting lists.) Club Commissioner: Bob Ellison ... 212-7498 (Responsible for enforcement of league rules, appoints and oversees league commissioners.)

TELEPHONE HOTLINE Club Answering Machine (managed by Deanna Sesso): 491-1721 for meeting news and field conditions. For phone or address changes, and renewal applications, contact Player Agent Dave Tanner at 216-1941. Applications are online at WWW.GSSCS.ORG. Sunshine & Health: Trudy Smartt 973-8269; Rules: Bob Smartt 973-8269; GSSC #3912 Blood Bank: 456-1500; Entertainment: Lou Coppola 444-6138. Safety: Glenn Cummings 276-9530; Dugout Chatter: Ron Roach, editor 422-2500 (coachrwr@comcast.net) #

