

The Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League

Presents

2019 Hall-of-Fame Induction



July 18, 2019



SMSBL President's Message,

Congratulations to the 2019 class of Sacramento MSBL H.O.F. Each of you Inductees is very worthy of this recognition. The H.O.F. Committee has selected you after being recommended from your peers. This league is the premier MSBL league in the entire country. To be inducted into the Sacramento MSBL Hall of Fame is a very elite honor. The SMSBL Board of Director's and myself hopes you enjoy this induction ceremony with your family, friends and teammates.

We have now transition our league from McAuliffe Baseball Complex to the new Army Depot Baseball Complex. So this class is the final class of 25 years of successful baseball at McAuliffe. All of you are a big reason for our success and national recognition as the premier league in MSBL.

The league has been able to sustain 4 different leagues wrapped into one. We have Winter/Spring, Sunday League, Summer Night League & Golden League. With this growth the SMSBL has over 100 teams. The City of Sacramento has taken notice to the value of our league and providing 20 acres of unused land at the Army Depot. It is because of players like you that have helped build this reputation. So Thank You. Please recognize and thank the SMSBL Board of Directors, HOF selection committee and support cast. Our league appreciates the volunteer help from many. As the SMSBL President I couldn't have enjoyed such success without all of your help.

Thank You,
Alan Van Ness

Congratulations to all New 2019 Sacramento MSBL Hall Of Fame Inductees.

It certainly is a recognition of your significance in the continued perpetuity of excellence displayed by the SMSBL.

You all join such a distinguished group of men who paved the way for men to continue to play baseball decades ahead of them.

Hope you enjoy the evening!

Steve Sigler



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Gregg Dow

Gregory was born and raised in Sacramento. His first memory of baseball is watching his mom pitch in a women's softball league at 10th and P St. He also remembers sitting with his mom and listening to SF Giants games on the transistor radio while she kept score. Gregg played his first organized baseball with Fruitridge Little League at the age of 8. Then, he moved on to Babe Ruth and continued on Tahoe Tallac Senior Little League.

While attending Hiram Johnson High School, he was a member of swim and diving team and was a pole vaulter on the Varsity track team. After graduating High School, he went on to study Architecture and Electrical Engineering in LA. Shortly after completing college, he moved to Gaithersburg, Maryland where he was offered a job with an architectural firm.

In 1974, Gregg returned to Sacramento and began his electrical apprenticeship - a job that would evolve into a lifelong career. Around that time, he also reconnected with his old high school friends who invited him to join an A/B softball team. He played on the team for several years. In mid-80's, coached his son's baseball team at Tahoe Tallac Little League all the way through Senior League.

The pivotal point for Gregg was a phone call from his best friend Dennis Viegas asking him if he would be interested in joining the baseball team Dennis was playing on at that time. Apprehensive at first, unsure if after two decades of hiatus he could still 'hit the ball', he decided to give it a try. After his first game, he was hooked and he has been playing ever since.

Gregg joined SMSBL in early 2000 and had the honor and pleasure to play with many remarkable players winning number of Division Championships. The teams he played on include: Mariners - Mgr. Steve Brusha, Cardinals - Mgr. Jim Hill, Indians - Mgr. Gary Stonebrook, Giants - Mgr. Javier Campos, Valley Giants - Mgr. by Robb Segura, White Sox - Mgr. Ken Chavez, and the most recent team, the Athletics, managed by Joe Soto and Pat Kelly. He was also placed on the Cubs, managed by Phil Stokes, in the Golden Senior Division.

In addition to playing on the above teams, he has participated in the Las Vegas Kick Off Tournament winning a number of titles from 2001 to 2011. He has also been attending the MSBL World Series, winning rings with the CalZona Tribe and the Sacramento Solons.

Gregg's contributions and hard work at the McAuliffe Baseball complex over the years needs to be recognized. He is a constant presence and his support, hours spent, and assistance is also a tribute to his hall of fame resume'.

It has been an immense joy to play with and against so many talented ball players. The camaraderie and friendships created over the years have been invaluable. Now, he is looking forward to many more seasons ahead.

Gregg gives thanks to HOF Committee for bestowing this great honor, when in fact the HOF committee and his peers thank him for his tireless commitment to the SMSBL and the game of baseball.



Jerry Marquardsen

Jerry grew up in Sacramento and played youth baseball at Pacific Little League and later Land Park Pony/Colt leagues. He played year round and just couldn't get enough of the game he loved! As much as he loved to play he also enjoyed the coaching and the teaching aspect of the great game! From his early 20 to 40's he took a break from playing and started coaching. He coached in Land Park Colt league in the 70's with his father John. As his kids started to grow he coached Elk Grove bambino and Babe Ruth leagues.

He has coached in many of his five daughters softball and soccer leagues as well. He spent 3 years at Sheldon High in the school's inaugural years with the freshman team. Jerry missed playing himself and decided to join the A's in the spring of 1994. It was the early beginnings of what is the winter spring league we have now. The league president at the time was Jim Barr and Ray Johnson organized the playing fields. When the season ended the manager Mike Revell asked Jerry to take the team for a year and the rest was history. Twenty three years later Jerry still has his A's team in the 18+ division. Two years ago Jerry decided to play with kids his own age while still maintaining his younger team. In the early 2000's he was playing on the A's, and was coaching at Sheldon and coaching East Sac Babe Ruth! Jerry coached 7 years in the East Sac Babe Ruth league with his son JR . Jerry has been blessed to play most of his career with JR (almost 20 years now) and his brother Jim on and off for the last 22 years. He's played in 2 Arizona father son tournaments with fellow hall of famer Jeff Gardenhire. He once had his son, his brother and his nephew and himself play on the same team which was one of the many highlights he cherishes.

His over 20+ years of continuous managing and organizing teams continue and may in fact be a SMSBL record.



Roy McDaniel

Roy began playing baseball at the age of 8yrs old for the Seals of Airport LL. His baseball uniform were a pair of Blue Jeans & Wing-tip shoes, and is where he began to learn to be a Catcher for the team during his days at Airport and made several All-Star teams. In 1975.

Roy attended Goethe Jr High where again he won the starting catching job. From 1977 to 1979 Roy attended Luther Burbank High School where he played Football and Baseball. His junior year at Burbank he started catching for the Varsity team And hit .330 that year. His senior year was his best there with many awards. Such as Channel 3's "Athelete of the week" and Hitting .363 and helped lead Burbank to its first ever Metro League Championship, going to the Tournament of Champions playoffs at Harry Renfree field where they finished 2nd to Valley High H.S.

Roy graduated from Burbank in 1979, the following year attended Sacramento City College, and played for Jerry Weinstein who changed Roy's position to right field because of his speed and arm strength. Weinstein told him his speed and arm was being wasted as a catcher. He earned 2nd team honors his first year and his final season first team honors and hit .330 is on Sac city's Wall of Fame with guys like Dennis Veigas, R.J Reynolds, And Chris Bosio.

He then went to Sacramento state for 2yrs and despite injuries still hit well over .300. Roy had an Outstanding second year, He led all of Division 2 in hitting til the final two weeks and finished 3rd in the Nation Hitting .393 and a school record 65hits, 43 stolen bases, 15 doubles 8 triples with 10 home runs. Which got the New York Yankee's Scout Greg Orr planing on signing him. But Toronto Blue Jays Scout Jessie Flores got to him first so off to Canada he went from 1984 to 1987 where he had very good seasons before it ended when he injured his right knee sliding. He then had to have Reconstructive Knee Surgery which put Roy down for a year.

When Roy began playing again he played for the Semi-Pro Team Sacramento Smokey's for 13 seasons with players like Sammy Lovelace who once played for the Oakland A's, ex pro Steve Brown brother of SMSBL hall of famer Bobby Brown, and Steve Welch, and Butch Metzger.

In the SMSBL Roy started with the Mariners, then went on to the Cardinals, the Rivercats, and now the Royals. He's been blessed to have teammates like Steve Welch, Gary Stonebrook, Dennis Viegas whom he misses dearly, and Jeff Chandler to name a few.

Roy has three World Series rings and a Woodland Davis MSBL Labor Day MVP where he had 22 hits in 24 at bats.

Roy gives all the credit for his ability and faith to his late mother Daisey who got him to every game while growing up and remains forever his Guardian Angel.



Bruce Anderson

Bruce grew up in Roseville, CA playing in Roseville Little League from 7-8 year old minors all the way through American Legion. He attended Oakmont high school where he played and lettered in 3 sports (football, basketball, and baseball), earning All-City Honors in both basketball and baseball. Bruce was first team All-Northern California his senior year in basketball and an Optimist selection for baseball. His high school athletic career culminated with his varsity baseball team winning the school's first section championship where he was named the tournament's MVP.

Following high school, Bruce played baseball at both Sac City (State Finalists) and Cosumnes River College (Second team All- State). This led to him being offered a full scholarship to the University of Pacific where he played his final 2 collegiate years. The highlight at UOP was hitting a homerun off the Nation's leading strikeout pitcher from Fresno State University. During that time, he also played many seasons of Night League, Stan Musial's Semi-Pro and he spent one summer in the Collegiate Alaskan All-Star league playing for the North Pole Nicks. Bruce continued playing in the Stan Musial League until the age of 31, even coaching and managing his own team for 2 years. He represented and participated in the first ever Sacramento area team in the Stan Musial World Series in Battle Creek, Michigan. After a short baseball break, Dave Painter introduced him to the SMSBL, where he became a Royal... for the 1st time. He joined that team in 1996 and participated in his first world series that same year.

Bruce has been playing in the league now for 22 years as a Royal, Oriole, Rivercat, Giant, and back to a Royal again! He has participated in many tournaments such as Woodland-Davis, Tri-Valley, Las Vegas, Monterey, Arizona and Florida. He has been honored and blessed to have participated on several tournament winning teams, many league winners, and 9 World Series Championship teams.

Bruce has a love for the game, his family, and his faith. He was encouraged throughout his entire life by his father Bill and mother Laura, who never, ever, ever missed a game. He has a beautiful, wonderful and supportive wife Shari and 4 awesome children: Matthew, Jacob, Rebekah, and Daniel. To his family, coaches, teammates, and GOD he gives thanks every day for all the blessings in his life, who without their love and support receiving this honor would not be possible.



Hugh Hayden

Hugh was born in Nova Scotia, Canada where his youth sport was ice hockey. In 1955 at age 12 he immigrated to the US with parents and 4 siblings.

Once settled in Rio Linda, he learned about the game of baseball and played one season of Little League as a pitcher. However, due to family priorities he did not participate further in organized youth sports.

After high school graduation Hugh joined the Marine Corps, served 2 years over seas (Hawaii, Okinawa, Viet Nam) and with 18 months left on his enlistment was assigned to a small Marine base in southern California. There he became active in base sports, played fast pitch softball, baseball, and ran cross country track.

Upon his discharge in 1967, Hugh returned to Sacramento, attended college, married wife Norma, graduated CSUS in 1971, started a family (3 children), and went to work for the California Department of Justice. Also, during this period, he played baseball in the city leagues as a pitcher/catcher. In 1977, Hugh & Norma moved to a rural community in El Dorado County (Mt Aukum) to raise their children on a small farm/ranch. Hugh and Norma are now retired on the property.

In 1994 Hugh joined the SMSBL at age 50. Hugh plays multiple positions most notably pitcher, catcher, and third base and possesses an uncanny ability to produce two base hits (doubles).

He has played with several Sacramento teams (Rivercats, Solons, Patriots, Yankees)and attended the Phoenix MSBL World Series regularly, winning 6 championship rings, and at age 75 intends to continue playing. Hugh is a great teammate, organizer, and 25+ year contributor to the SMSBL.



Steve McNeely

Steven McNeely grew up in New England and played baseball in Little League, High School and American Legion baseball.

He then went on to college but left early to pursue a career in professional motorcycle racing. He moved west in 1978 and met his future wife Patti at Lake Tahoe, married in 1982, and moved to Sacramento in 1985 where he started several successful businesses.

In 1992 at a company Christmas party he met a fellow who played baseball in a small men's league in Woodland California.

With his very supportive wife's encouragement, to "do something other than work" all the time, he joined Woodland-Davis Roy Hobbs, now Woodland-Davis MSBL.

Steve played on the Knights with and against many of the players in Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball. Many are Inductee's in this hall of fame and have become life-long friends. Especially Hall of famers Bud Sanchez and Rob Segura. He is currently playing in both Sacramento and Tri Valley MSBL. In addition to many SMSBL league championship teams, Steve has MSBL National Championships with the California Gold in 2000, the Norcal Giants in 2010 and 2013, and the California Tribe in 2016. Steve was recently featured in an article on the MSBL National website for his outstanding SMSBL 2018 season.

Steve's longevity as a pitcher, player, and with his numerous successes both locally and nationally are a testament to being recognized for induction into the 2019 SMSBL Hall of Fame.



Pete Snyder

Pete Snyder loved coaching little league baseball and playing hard ball. He cherished his baseball friends and always looked forward to the annual trip to Phoenix to play in The Men's Senior Baseball League World Series.

Pete began his SMSBL career with the Auburn Braves in the 1990's with teammates and SMSBL Hall of Famers Jim Arbogast, Alton Ceaser, Dave Kephart, Mike Baker, Mike Borba, and the late Tim Day.

As time went on and he got older he continued to play and Pete transitioned to the Solons team which had multiple championships in league and Phoenix. In 2009 Pete was an important factor as designated hitter for the SMSBL Silverbacks/Solons and winning the 60+ MSBL World Series in Phoenix.

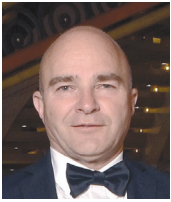
(Authored by Dave Kephart) "Pete played and managed the Auburn Braves starting in 1997. When we first met Pete it was his positive attitude, smile and infectious laugh which would endear him to us for a lifetime. Truly "one of a kind" as a teammate, manager and friend Pete stepped up to take the managerial reigns for the Auburn Braves in 1998 and was instrumental in keeping the Braves together as one of the longest standing teams in the SMSBL. We had quite a cast of characters come through the revolving door that was the Braves roster in those days but he was determined to keep this team together. His poetic left handed swing garnered him the nickname "Sweet Pete" as much as his amazing personality did. Pete and I shared a love of music and baseball and we often collaborated on post game, tailgate tunes which would ring out through the night accompanied by the glow of the omnipresent tailgate Coleman lantern. We all shared many special moments both on and off the field at the World Series in Phoenix during that time. Pete and Timmy Day were at times, a tough assignment as the third room mate, but as I reflect on those days I do so with the same smile and laughter that Pete displayed throughout our long history together. We all miss him so much and will honor his legacy in the James Field parking lot every night to good tunes, baseball and the lantern that certainly will shine even brighter in his memory."

We celebrate Pete's induction into the SMSBL Hall of Fame for his contributions to the league in its early days up and until his last at bat, and as a manager and organizer, teammate, and player."

With a heavy heart, Peter Whitford Snyder passed away from stage 4 prostate cancer on May 2, 2018 at 8:58 P.M. his loving wife of 43 years, daughter and son by his side. He was an inspiration to all.

CURRENT SMSBL HOF NOMINATED LIST:

Scott Reeves, George Esposito, Craig Parker, Jessie Zachary



Mark Shillingburg

Mark was born and raised in San Jose. As early as six years of age Mark recalls getting up Saturday morning and going across the street to the park with his father, who played on a competitive fast pitch team, warming up and shagging balls in the outfield during the practices.

Mark played in the West Valley Little League for the Braves who won the league championships when he was both eleven and twelve years old. Throughout elementary and junior high School he found ways to play ball. He would get to school early, and he and his friends would start a pickup game before the bell rang. The game would continue at recess, lunchtime, and then after school.

Mark chose not to play baseball in High School because the coach was also his math teacher and he did think that his math teacher was very good at math. Despite this Mark continued to play softball outside of school on church teams. Even while serving a mission in Panama, he found opportunities to play ball when he could, including pickup games with former members of the Panamanian National team on the fields at the Canal Zone.

Mark married in 1983 and graduated from San Jose State in 1984 and lived in the South Bay until 1989 when he chose to transfer to the HP site in Roseville. All this time he was playing softball two nights a week almost year round. While playing on a softball team in 1992, Mark was invited to play baseball in the Sacramento MSBL with the Royals. Coming back to the game after being away for 16 years was a little intimidating, especially considering that Jim Barr, Butch Metzger, and Ken Willoughby were pitching in the league for the Giants.

In the 27 years that Mark has been in the Sacramento MSBL he has played with the same summer league team even though the name was changed from the Royals to the River Cats and back to the Royals. During those years Mark managed the Royals a few years in the mid 90's and later a couple more years as the River Cats. Over the years the Royals and the River Cats won numerous summer league championships. More recently Mark also played in the Spring League with the Giants who also won a league championship.

Mark's first MSBL championship ring came in 2001 with the 40+ River Cats and since then he has acquired rings from both the MSBL World Series and MSBL Fall Classic on both the River Cats, Royals, and most recently with the Blue Jays.

Mark is the consummate right fielder, with speed and a strong and accurate throwing arm. He hits consistently as well. That was evident at the 2017 MSBL Fall Classic in Florida where his grand slam home run was one of the Royals highlights of the championship week.

SMSBL Hall of Fame Committee:

Jim Tygrett-DeNuzzi Chairman, Val Lewis, Jerry Karnow, Lanny Ropke,
John Rice, Ken Chavez, Steve Welch, Gary Stonebrook, Alan VanNess



Past President's Comments

Val Lewis (1984-1990)

Congratulations to all 2019 SMSBL Hall-of-fame inductees! You have been voted into a wonderful fraternity of great guys and baseball players. We are honored to welcome you to be a part of a great tradition.

Val Lewis

Jerry Karnow (1991-2002)

“Congratulations to our new 2019 Sacramento MSBL Hall of Fame inductees. You can be very proud joining this highly esteemed class of Hall of Famers. Also, many thanks to all who have supported these deserving men. Again, welcome to all of our new members inducted into this years Hall of Fame.”

Jim Lortz: (2004-2007)

It was an honor to be your President! To the new Hall of Fame inductees, “Welcome to the Club!”

It is now Our responsibility to maintain and improve, “Our Club and Our Hall of Fame;” as productive members through our input, sponsorship, and support. Congratulations!

Lanny Ropke: (2008-2009)

Every year I look forward to participating in the Sacramento Men’s Baseball Hall of Fame process. I am always impressed by the members of the HOF committee and their dedication and respect for the process as well as the responsibility to maintain a quality organization. Thanks to each one of you and to Jim Tygrett for his service as committee chairman. And, to all of you very deserving inductees, congratulations, and I hope you and those close to you have a wonderful night. I will also add that I hope you will fully participate in the spirit of the HOF by joining us for many years to come at our annual celebration dinner.

Jim Tygrett-DeNuzzi: (2009-2014)

Welcome Hall of Fame class of 2019. I’d like to thank each of you for your contributions to our great league and your representation on the local and national level. You are part of a very select group of elite individuals and players and you and your family should be proud of your success and induction today. It’s an honor to share in celebrating your admission into the SMSBL HOF.

In Memory: Inducted Last at Bat

Ted Bofinger	2007	2017
Dale Hall	2007	2012
Ken Papini	2011	2008
Dennis Viegas	2011	2011
Bobby Alonso	2014	2013
Mark Crump	2015	2015
Tim Day	2016	2018
Pete Snyder	2019	2018

