

FUTURE PLAQUES

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McAuliffe Baseball Complex
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 And the
East Sacramento Babe Ruth League

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McAuliffe Complex Plaque

Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League
 This plaque is dedicated to the former major league baseball players who have devoted their time and talent to the local Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League. Their participation has greatly enhanced the baseball experience of thousands of SMSBL players.

Former Major League Players

Jim Barr	Lowell Palmer	Bob Oliver
Leron Lee	Butch Metzger	Bob Kammeyer
Ron Brand	Luis Tiant	Jim Willoughby
Don Carrithers	Fernando Arroyo	Butch Edge
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Major League Player Plaque

Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League
 Founded in 1984 as the
Sacramento Stan Musial Veteran's Baseball League

In 1984 a small group of local baseball enthusiasts founded what has evolved into the Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League. Their goal was to provide an opportunity for ball players of every level of ability to participate in our National Pastime, and to share the camaraderie that only baseball can provide. Twenty one years later, with dozens of national titles, the SMSBL is acknowledged to be one of the premier leagues in the country. This plaque is hereby dedicated to the pioneer Board of Directors for their foresight, devotion, and pure love of the great game of baseball, and to Steve Sigler, MSBL National Founder.

Founder
 Val C. Lewis

Co-Founders
 Greg Elmasian Austin Ditter

Inaugural Board of Directors

Val Lewis	Jerry Bergan	Ron Monks	Bill Dishman
Greg Elmasian	Jerry Karnow	Austin Ditter	Dave Smith
Jim Priznich	Frank Devo	Lou Zabbia	Russ Porter

League Presidents

Val Lewis - 1984	Jerry Karnow - 1990	George Esposito - 2003
Jim Lortz - 2005		

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League Founder Plaque

The Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League

Presents

Inaugural Hall-of-Fame Induction



September 15, 2007



JAMES L. LORTZ
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To the inductees, their family and friends, the National MSBL President - Mr. Steve Sigler, the Sacramento Men's Baseball League, the Board of Directors and other distinguished guests: "Welcome to the inaugural Sacramento MSBL Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony."

It is our desire tonight to honor and recognize those individuals that were instrumental in forming, playing and developing this league from a small group of four teams with about 56 ball players in 1984 to the present league of fifty teams and over 750 ball players. It started out as the Sacramento Stan Musial Veterans Baseball League and a year later it ballooned to six teams, dropping the Stan Musial affiliation in favor of just the Sacramento Veterans Baseball league. In 1988, the league teamed up with a new national organization called the MSBL which provided a national playoff system called the MSBL World Series. Since then the Sacramento MSBL League has sent hundreds of teams to national tournaments from Phoenix, Las Vegas to Tampa and elsewhere bringing home many well earned National Championships. Most of the championships would not have been possible without those present here tonight! Through their leadership, skills and dedication to team, league and baseball, our League would not be what it is today and we appreciate all their efforts.

Therefore, it is an honor, on behalf the Sacramento Men's Baseball League, the Board of Directors, and a personal pleasure for me, to be part of this special occasion to help recognize those receiving this distinguished honor. Congratulations to all the 2007 Hall of Fame members!

Sincerely yours,

James L. Lortz
 President
 Sacramento MSBL / MABL



Steve Sigler
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I would like to congratulate the Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League, their founders, commissioners, Hall of Fame Members and players for 20 years of outstanding organization, dedication and exemplary sportsmanship.

In 1988 the Sacramento League joined the MSBL in our first year and we have enjoyed a harmonious and fruitful relationship. On a personal note, Val Lewis is only one of 3 men who has received our Lifetime Achievement Award. I have also been fortunate to develop, on a personal and baseball level, excellent relationships with Jerry Karnow, Jim Barr and your current League President, Jim Lortz.

It is gratifying to see the SMSBL/SMABL take time out to honor those men who have made such an impact on your league.

I am forever grateful for the support, friendship and leadership and look forward to seeing you all in Phoenix.

Thank you,

Steve Sigler

MEN'S SENIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE WORLD SERIES SACRAMENTO 40 NATIONAL ALL STAR 1988-97

Top 10 Lists Batting

<i>At Bats</i>	<i>Batting Average</i>	<i>Runs Scored</i>
1. Ron Brand 139	1. Clay Sigg .488	1. Jim Johnson 49
2. Jim Johnson 123	2. Bob Oliver .470	2. Ron Brand 44
3. Bill Conradi 116	3. Ron Brand .439	3. Bill Meeker 33
4. Steve Croockewit 111	4. Jim Johnson .431	4. Lowell Palmer 33
5. Larry Haren 98	5. Steve Croockewit .423	5. Clay Sigg 31
6. Lowell Palmer 98	6. Larry Haren .388	6. Steve Croockewit 31
7. Dave Fox 90	7. Lowell Palmer .388	7. Jim Barr 30
8. Jim Barr 88	8. Jim Barr .386	8. Larry Haren 29
9. Clay Sigg 84	9. Dave Fox .356	9. Bob Oliver 28
10. Bob Oliver 83	10. Bill Conradi .353	10. Glen Wolff 24

<i>On Base Average</i>	<i>Hits</i>	<i>Doubles</i>
1. Clay Sigg .527	1. Ron Brand 61	1. Steve Croockewit 14
2. Ron Brand .509	2. Jim Johnson 53	2. Jim Johnson 12
3. Steve Croockewit .500	3. Steve Croockewit 47	3. Ron Brand 11
4. Jim Barr .500	4. Clay Sigg 41	4. Bob Oliver 9
5. Bob Oliver .488	5. Bill Conradi 41	5. Dave Fox 9
6. Jim Johnson .470	6. Bob Oliver 39	6. Larry Haren 9
7. Lowell Palmer .459	7. Lowell Palmer 38	7. Lowell Palmer 9
8. Larry Haren .439	8. Larry Haren 38	8. Clay Sigg 8
9. Bill Conradi .432	9. Jim Barr 34	9. Leron Lee 7
10. Dave Fox .462	10. Dave Fox 32	10. Chuck Loseth 7

<i>Runs Batted In</i>	<i>Triples</i>	<i>Home Runs</i>
1. Lowell Palmer 40	1. Ron Brand 5	1. Lowell Palmer 6
2. Jim Johnson 40	2. Jim Johnson 5	2. Bob Oliver 4
3. Bob Oliver 35	3. Bill Meeker 5	3. Steve Croockewit 4
4. Larry Haren 35	4. Dave Fox 5	4. Larry Haren 4
5. Ron Brand 35	5. Lowell Palmer 4	5. Jim Johnson 4
6. Steve Croockewit 33	6. Jim Prizmich 4	6. Nelson Randolph 3
7. Jim Arbogast 25	7. Donn Johnson 3	7. Jim Barr 3
8. Jim Barr 22	8. Glen Wolff 3	8. 6 tied with 2
9. Clay Sigg 21	9. Steve Croockewit 3	
10. Chuck Loseth 21	10. 7 tied with 2	

Your contribution to the SMSBL Hall of Fame "Donation Jar" will help defray expenses for this and future HOF Banquets. Thank You!

2008 Hall of Fame Inductees

John Blackwell - Alton Ceasar - Jeff Chandler - Bill Conradi
 Steve Croockewit - Tag Demment - Tom Duvall - Mike Elorduy
 Phil Gelhaus - Lee Jackson - Chuck Loseth - Dave Painter
 Jim Prizmich - Tim Roach - Lanny Ropke - Irv Scott
 Clay Sigg - Joe Soto - Chuck Williams - Ron Williams - Hal Young

Current Hall of Fame Nominees

Dave Alsop - Bill Bailey - Carl Boyer - Paul Campbell
 Freddie Creal - Larry Donaghey - Harry Hart - Doug Hilton
 Rich Johnson - Pat Kelly - John Lane - Dave Lewis
 Tommy Melendrez - Ken Papini - Glenn Wolfe
 Gary Stonebrook - Nelson Randolph

SMSBL HOF NOMINATING CRITERIA

Any player, active or inactive in the SMSBL may be nominated by any player, active or inactive and must meet six of the nine following criteria:

- 1: Be a minimum of fifty (50) years old;
2. Have played/managed/coached a minimum of ten (10) years in SMSBL;
3. Have played/managed/coached a minimum of five (5) years on same SMSBL team;
- 4: Have played/managed/coached in a MSBL sanctioned Championship tournament (World Series in Phoenix or Fall Classic in Florida) a minimum of five (5) years;
5. Shows exemplary personal character, integrity, team leadership, and sportsmanship both on and off the field;
6. Have participated in your baseball development programs a minimum of ten (10) years as a coach/instructor/counselor/etc.;
7. A description of Nominee's ability in the following (non pitcher)
 - a. Baserunning
 - b. Throwing
 - c. Hitting
 - d. Hitting for power
 - e. Defensive skills
8. A general description of the Nominee's ability (pitcher only)
9. A minimum of two (2) Championships won in MSBL World Series in Phoenix, in th NATIONAL DIVISION ONLY.

A player will be allowed up to five (5) nominations (five years) to be considered for induction into the SMSBL Hall of Fame.

Program

6:00 PM - Social Gathering

6:30 PM - Pot-Luck Dinner

7:30 PM - Welcome: Jim Barr and Don Carrithers

- Introduction of Special Guests
- Introduction of each inductee

9:30 PM - Closing remarks: Val Lewis, SMSBL Founder

- Introduce 2008 Inductees
- Unveil Plaque



Hall-of-Fame Plaque

**Jim Arbogast**

"Arbo" has been an outstanding and consistent performer in his 50+ year baseball career. His team placed 2nd in the 1959 Little League World Series in Williamsport PA. Jim was the winning pitcher in the semi-final 5-0 win over New York. Jim joined the SMSBL in 1987 and has performed flawlessly since. An excellent infielder/pitcher and clutch hitter, Jim has won 5 World series rings while playing in the MSBL World Series in Phoenix each year.

**Jim Barr**

Highlights of Jim's baseball accomplishments: Majors: 12 years; 2,064 innings; 3.56 ERA; only 469 walks; retired 41 consecutive batters in 1972; Ranked 4th in wins with Giants (90); 3rd in shutouts (20); and 4th in complete games (59); Minors: only 5 months in minors. College: Lead USC to 2 NCAA championships. SMSBL: SMSBL Board of Directors for 16 years; 20 years as player, 10 league titles; 124-19 / 1.68 ERA / 500+ so's; 1998 Nike World Games gold metal; 5 World Series rings. National MSBL & World Series Hall of Fame.

**Ted Bofinger**

"Judge" Ted was the local inspiration to continue playing baseball after the age of 50. He was undoubtedly the first over 60 player to short-hop the left center field wall in Tempe Diablo stadium in an MSBL World Series. He played in the league from age 65 to 78 - 14 years, and earned 1 league championship and 1 World Series ring! Ted played in the first 50 and over demonstration game in Phoenix and also served as President of the Sacramento Bushers Baseball Players Association in 1992.

**Ron Brand**

Ron was one of the most versatile players in modern major league era. He played 7 positions for 3 major league teams in 8 years. He also was selected to 4 minor league all star teams during a 7 year minor league stint. He also became a minor league manager for 3 years, applying what he learned from Gene Mauch, and has been a NY Yankee scout since 1994. Played 6 years in SMSBL with 1 championship and 3 World Series rings while catching 26 consecutive wins in Phoenix. Outstanding player & gentleman.

**Don Carrithers**

Don is another former 8 year Major League standout to play in the SMSBL. Don was a power pitcher with an exceptional breaking pitch, and was a member of the starting rotation of the 1971 Western Division Champion Giants. Don played 7 years in the SMSBL with 4 championship seasons. In 1989, Don earned an MSBL World Series Ring. His SMSBL record includes a 30-8 record, a 2.41 ERA, and a .368 batting average over 96 games. In Phoenix he hit .400 over three tournaments.

**Frankie Devol**

Frankie has played ball in the Sacramento area for over 55 years, and played in the first season of SMSBL. An extremely talented player, he amazed everyone at the MSBL 50+ demonstration game with his speed, power and agility. Recruited over 60 players into the league. A 22+ year veteran of the league with 8 World Series Rings (only person to have 4 consecutive in the same age group). Besides playing and coaching for over half a century, Frankie received a Pacific Coast League tryout in 1960 from Lefty Gomez.

**Greg Elmasian**

Greg is a co-founder of the SMSBL. From the beginning he was in charge of public relations and marketing by organizing media coverage and bringing big name participants into the league. Greg was an outstanding High School (3 time city champs & 1 TOC title) and College player (top 10 in stolen bases - USA) prior to helping organize the SMSBL. Greg's SMSBL Red Sox team won 2 league championships, and he also participated in several National MSBL Tournaments, reaching the championship game 2 times.

**Dave Fox**

Dave comes from a family of brothers who are all outstanding athletes. He possessed the talent as a youngster to play baseball at the professional level, showing quick hands, great arm, and he hit with power and average, being selected to his high school all league team. He was equally talented on the national softball scene. His SMSBL stats include 11 years, 5 league championships, 9 World Series appearances and 2 championships. Dave has also helped raise funds to support the league.

**Steve Gannon**

Steve played 12 years for the Phillies in the SMSBL. He is considered to be one of the best catchers and hitters to play in the league. He served with distinction on the SMSBL/East Sac Babe Ruth League McAuliffe complex committee. Steve played in 8 Phoenix and 4 Florida Tournaments and won a championship in each. He also played on the 2003 league championship team and the 1994 California Cup championship team. Active in the community, he coached 16 years in youth and school baseball programs.

**Dale Hall**

The man with the golden arm. For years, every MSBL World Series team Dale played for won national championships. Dale played a major role with the Woodland Roy Hobbs team that won the first MSBL World Series in 1988. Thereafter he also joined with the SMSBL to win championships - 10 +, many while pitching in younger divisions. He won a Gold Metal at the Nike games, Silver Metal in the PANPAC Masters Games, and played on 5 league championship teams. Great hitter and a real Gamer.

**Larry Haren**

Larry was a 12 year veteran with the Giants in the SMSBL and winning 8 championships. And 1 World Series championship. In younger years, Larry was an All City High School player (also in Football and Basketball), All conference in College (also Football & Basketball), and S.F. City College athlete of the year 1970-1971, and was invited to a free agent tryout with the Dodgers in 1970 and 1971. Larry is truly one of the most gifted all around athletes to play in the SMSBL.

**Jim Hill**

During his 13 years in the SMSBL, Jimmy has put up some great stats as a player and manager. He has been actively involved with recruiting new players and serving on the HOF committee for 4 years. His teams have won 2 league championships, and his World Series teams have logged 1 championship in the 50+ division, 4 father/son championships, and 1 championship in the 58+ division. Five of those six championships have been in the National Division. Nobody will dispute that Jimmy loves "the game".

**Jim Johnson**

Jim joined the SMSBL during it's inaugural season and played for 8 seasons. Playing center field and providing superior batting skills, he was instrumental in leading the Sacramento 40+ World Series team to 3 consecutive World Series titles. He was also one of the main reasons the Giants won 5 league championships from 1987 to 1991. Jim also enjoyed a 3 year professional career playing in the minor leagues with the Chicago Cubs (1969-1970) and the San Diego Padres (1971).

**Jerry Karnow**

Jerry was President of the SMSBL for 13 years, board member for 19 years, player/manager of the Phillies for 23 years, and was instrumental in building the McAuliffe complex. Helped organize 50 Hours of Baseball and managed ex-major leaguers Bob Oliver, Louie Tiant, & Orlando Cepeda. Gold metal in the Nike World Games. Member of the National MSBL Hall of Fame. Winner of 7 World Series championships, and 1 Florida Fall Classic championship, and 1 league championship. All CIF pitcher in 1959.

**Leon Lee**

Leon is an extremely versatile and powerful athlete who was a dominant player in the Japanese Major Leagues for 10 years. He hit 268 home runs, had 884 RBI's, and a .308 lifetime BA in 1,255 games. He also served as technical director for the movie, "Mr. Baseball". The 1992 SMSBL Yankee team won the league title on Leon's pitching (1.09 ERA) and hitting skills (.472 BA- 4 HR's). He also hit .429 for the 1992 SMSBL World Series team. Chicago Cubs all-star first baseman, Derrick Lee, is Leon's son.

**Leron Lee**

Leron played 8 years in the US Major Leagues and 11 years in the Japanese Major Leagues during a 21 year professional career. He had 5 hits in one game for the Padres, and was named as a National League All-Star in 1972. He earned a Major League World Series ring in 1989 with the A's as a coach. His lifetime stats in Japan are .320 BA, 283 HR's, 912 RBI's. Leron was also a dominant force in the SMSBL where he hit .375, and 4 HR's during the 1992 Championship season, and a 440' home run in the MSBL World Series.

**Val Lewis**

Val founded the Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League in 1984. Since that time he has played every season and attended every National MSBL World Series, and currently has 14 National MSBL World Series rings. He is also the founder of the Father-Son Division of the National World Series, and is a member of the National MSBL Hall of Fame. Val played in the first organized Little League® in Sacramento, was the Sacramento. All-City High School batting champion in 1960, and played at UC Berkeley (1961 - 1964).

**Butch Metzger**

Butch signed out of Kennedy High School, and was named the National League's co-Rookie of the Year with the Padres in 1976 while compiling an 11-4 record with a 2.92 ERA. He holds the major league record of 12 consecutive wins to start a career. Butch pitched 7 years in the SMSBL and was instrumental in 4 league championships while compiling a 28-3 record. He struck out 324 in 238 innings with a 1.85 ERA. As a hitter, Butch batted .408 during his SMSBL career.

**Ray Newman Jr.**

Ray was an outstanding young baseball prospect and played 2 years in the Boston Red Sox organization. He is one of the original 1984 SMSBL players and continues to dominate games into his 70's. An example of his talent was displayed when he hit one out of the park during the Phoenix World Series when he was ~70 years of age. His resume includes being a member of the LaSalle Club Hall of Fame (2005), 19 years in the SMSBL, and winner of 11 World Series rings. A true gentleman on and off the field.

**Bob Oliver**

Bob was a 13 year professional player with 8 in the major leagues. He is one of 37 major league players to go 6 for 6 in a 9 inning game. He played for 5 major league clubs and was teammates with several major league Hall of Famers. Bob has always devoted time instructing at youth baseball clinics and was manager of the Sacramento Steelheads. His SMSBL career includes 4 National World Series championships, and 8 years playing in the league. His reputation as the "best teammate" is totally deserved.

**Lowell Palmer**

A ~100 mph fastball propelled Lowell into professional baseball as a 19 year old. His professional career lasted 11 years where he played for 10 organizations, with major league stops with the Phillies, Cardinals, Indians, and Padres. Lowell attended the first league meeting and served as a manager/Board member. His teams won 5 League championships and 3 World Series championships. He was known as a power pitcher and power hitter, and could instill fear into the opposition. Willie Mays once refused to bat against Lowell.

**Fritz Reynolds**

An outstanding 14 year veteran of the SMSBL, Fritz has competed in the league, played several years in the MSBL Phoenix World Series, and was a member of the championship California Gold team at the Florida MSBL Fall Classic. His service to the league also includes 3 years as maintenance manager of the McAuliffe complex. His community baseball service also includes 18 years helping with the Elk Grove American Legion, El Dorado American Legion, and El Dorado and Ponderosa High Schools.

**Brian Ross**

Brian was an outstanding 5+ year professional player that reached AAA ball in the Phillies Farm System after being named the MVP All City & All Nor Cal at Sacramento High School; MVP of the 1959 American Legion State Champions; and MVP All Big Eight Conference at Sac City Jr. College. In 14 year SMSBL career he helped lead his team to 5 League championships and played for 3 SMSBL World Series championship teams. Terrific pitcher/1B, great hitter, best left handed pick-off in history and super human being.

**Bob Snook**

A 14 year player and 11 year manager in the SMSBL, Bob has logged an outstanding SMSBL career, all after the age of 61! As a catcher, Bob has played and managed on 6 National SMSBL championship World Series teams. His American Legion baseball team was the 1949 Wyoming State Champions. Always active in the community, Bob has served on the SMSBL Board of Directors, 12 years with Airport Little League, 14 years as a McClatchy HS baseball booster, and countless hours at the McAuliffe complex.

**Jim Willoughby**

Former 8 year major league pitcher who logged 6-1/3 innings for the Red Sox in the famous 1975 World Series. In 238 major league games he owned a 3.79 ERA. During 8 seasons in the SMSBL, Jim played on 4 league championship teams (Giants) and won 2 National MSBL World Series Rings. For the SMSBL Giants, his record was 22 & 5, with an ERA of 1.73 and a batting average of .304. Jim has promoted SMSBL and youth programs as a coach and instructor, with a flawless reputation.

**Lou Zabbia**

Lou is one of the premier managers, promoter, and leaders (17 years-Board of Directors) of the SMSBL. During his 16 years as coach of the Giants, his teams won a total 8 league titles in the 30+ and 40+ divisions. Lou also managed 5 MSBL National championship teams and reached the title game 7 times. In 1998 he guided a Western US team to the gold metal in the Nike World Senior Games. His managerial achievements include a 52 game win streak (which includes 25 in Phoenix) and a .786 winning percentage.