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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.

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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

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 Val Lewis / Jerry Bergan / Ron Monks / Bill Dishman  
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*League Founder Plaque*

# The Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League

Presents

## 2008 Hall-of-Fame Induction



**September 29, 2008**



**JAMES L. LORTZ**  
**PRESIDENT**  
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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, the Sacramento MSBL Hall of Fame Club and other distinguished guests: "Welcome to the second annual Sacramento MSBL Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony."

Thank you for joining us tonight on this propitious occasion. Again it is our desire this evening to recognize and honor 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 with over 775 ball players. In 1988, the league joined the National MSBL and in 1989 went on to its first MSBL World Series. Since then the Sacramento MSBL has sent hundreds of teams to national tournaments in Arizona and Florida, bringing home a record 32 plus National Championships. Most of the championships would not have been possible without those present here tonight! Also, tonight is a very special night for me in that one of my Board Members, Lanny Ropke, and a National MSBL Hall of Fame Member will be honored here tonight by his induction. Through his efforts as well as all of the other inductees' leadership, skills and dedication to team, league and baseball, our League would not be what it is today and we appreciate them for 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 2008 Hall of Fame members!

Sincerely yours,

James L. Lortz  
 President  
 Sacramento MSBL / MABL



**Steve Sigler**  
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It is my pleasure and honor to congratulate all of the Sacramento MSBL Hall of Fame inductees. It was my plan to attend this special day but due to a religious day conflict, I am sorry I cannot attend.

It is important to remind all of you how significant your league is in MSBL National history and current status. The strength of support and guidance from key individuals in 1988, specifically Val Lewis, helped shape MSBL over 20 years ago and the affect is still felt.

The listing of leadership in the SMSBL with Val, Jerry Karnow, Jim Barr, Jim Lortz and the wonderful contributing board members has been outstanding.

I will be forever grateful for your support and interest and wish you all a memorable day!

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	

# 2009 Hall of Fame Inductees

To be announced at awards banquet

## Current Hall of Fame Nominees

Dick Adams - Bobby Alonso - Dave Alsop - Tom Arguijo - Bill Bailey - Rich Bairski  
 Carl Boyer - Tim Bryan - Paul Campbell - Freddie Creal - Bill Dishman - Larry Donaghey  
 Walt Donnell - Jerry Garcia - Russ Gladden - Steve Gregory - Harry Hart - Bill Iliff  
 Rich Johnson - Pat Kelly - Dave Lewis - Jeff Malm - Dave Muniz - Ken Papini  
 Nelson Randolph - Steve Renowden - John Rice - Don Rogers - Howard Scott - Scott  
 Stephens - Keith Thrower - Jim Tygrett - Rich Williams - Glenn Wolffe - Roger Zanze

### 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 ten following criteria:

1. Be a minimum of fifty (50) years old;
2. Serve in a League leadership position (BOD, etc.) or contributed major volunteer hours to the league;
3. Have played/managed/coached a minimum of ten (10) years in SMSBL;
4. Have played/managed/coached a minimum of five (5) years on same SMSBL team;
5. 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;
6. Shows exemplary personal character, integrity, team leadership, and sportsmanship both on and off the field;
7. Have participated in your baseball development programs a minimum of ten (10) years as a coach/instructor/counselor/etc.;
8. A description of Nominee's ability in the following (non pitcher)
  - a. Base running
  - b. Throwing
  - c. Hitting
  - d. Hitting for power
  - e. Defensive skills
9. A general description of the Nominee's ability (pitcher only);
10. A minimum of two (2) Championships won in MSBL World Series in Phoenix, in the 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 - Dinner and Announce Golf and Raffle Winners

7:00 PM - Induction Ceremony

- Introduction of Special Guests
  - Jim Lortz Remarks
- Introduction of each inductee

8:30 PM - Closing Remarks



*Hall of Fame Plaque*



### John Blackwell

Born in Los Angeles in 1935, John moved to Sacramento as a youngster and has been a part of the baseball community since he was 12. His 6'-4" frame along with incredible dexterity earned him the nickname of "Stretch" as one of the best first basemen to play the game. He also added strength to his teams as a left handed pitcher, and was a consistently good hitter. John joined the SMSBL at the age of 58 and has played with the Solons, Gold Miners and Rivercats during a 14 year career, and is known for being a great teammate and team player. When most men are retired, John played on 8 World Series Championship teams while accumulating a 6-1 pitching record and batting over 300.



### Alton Caesar

Alton lettered in Baseball, basketball, and Track and field at Placer H.S. He then attended Sierra College where he played baseball and basketball. In 1973 he was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles in the 6th round (declined, to attend school). In 1974 he was drafted by Pittsburg, but accepted a full scholarship to U C Berkeley for baseball where he set several school records including most career stolen bases and most stolen bases in a single season. Played professionally in Italy in 1977. Alton is the complete package of offense, defense, power and speed. Alton joined the SMSBL in 1993 and helped lead his teams to 5 league championships; the Gold Metal in the 1998 Nike World Games; and an MSBL World Series Ring.



### Jeff Chandler

Jeff is one of the hardest throwing and most feared pitchers in SMSBL history. This great lefthander pitcher played youth and high school baseball in Davis, CA. Jeff played in the Cincinnati Reds organization from 1973-1976, and Oakland A's organization from 1976-1978. He joined the SMSBL in 1993 and has played each year since. In one game he had 20 K's of 21 batters, and over his 15 year SMSBL career, he has averaged about 12 K's per game. Jeff is known as a great teammate, very focused and competitive, and one of the best left handed hitters in the league. He has been a member of several league championship teams, MSBL World Series competitor and Gold medal winner in the 1998 Nike World Games.



### Bill Conradi

Bill played high school ball in Oregon where he was All League twice and All State once. Voted outstanding athlete his senior year. Attended Mount Hood JC and was named All League both years. Played minor league ball in the Northwest League and was a member of the Northwest League Champs in 1974. Bill played 7 years in the MSBL and won a World Series Ring in 1995 while playing a role in 13 tournament double plays. In 1998 he was a member of the Gold Medal winning team from California at the Nike World Games. A sure handed shortstop and a great contact hitter, and outstanding speed, Bill had an outstanding SMSBL career, and is a deserving member of the SMSBL Hall of Fame.



### Steve Croockewit

Steve is one of the early members of the SMSBL, serving as a manager, player and Board member for 16 years. He was a member of the Dodgers, Cubs and Giants during his playing days, and was instrumental in the field development, construction, maintenance, and fund raising committee for the McAuliffe complex. He designed the field lighting, parking lot solar lighting and assisted in acquiring SMUD financing. Steve was an outstanding outfielder/third baseman who had a career BA of .440 with over 70 HR's. He played on 9 National Division World Series teams, and has 3 World Series Rings. Steve was also a member of the Gold Metal team in the 1998 Nike World Games.



### Tag Demment

Tag restarted a modest baseball career at age 42 in the Woodland Roy Hobbs League and found a hitting stroke based mainly on a resident slap shot from his hockey days. He played on several league championship teams in Woodland and two MSBL world championship teams that represented Sacramento. He was a very good pitcher, played outstanding defense, was an excellent lead off man and could steal bases. Tag consistently lead off World series games with extra-base hits. He made contributions in coaching youth baseball and leading the building of Lee Field which is the home of the MSBL Roy Hobbs League in Woodland. Tag is an excellent teammate and is the consummate "complete package".



### Tom Duval

All-Conference pitcher at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo. Joined SMSBL in 1997, 20 years after his college baseball playing days. Played for SMSBL Red Sox the whole time, won two League Championships. Participated in 8 MSBL World Series Tournaments with the Sacramento Stars and the Calzona Tribe, winning pitcher in two World Series Championship games, one with each team. Has enjoyed coaching his 6 sons in Elk Grove Cal Ripken Baseball and Babe Ruth Baseball and continues to coach his youngest son. A dedicated husband and father, Tom is devoting much of his time helping his son, Luke, recover from a serious ailment he sustained while a member of the Pleasant Grove high school varsity.



### Michael Elorduy

Michael is a legend of Sacramento baseball, where he played youth leagues, Bishop Armstrong HS, Southside Legion, Sac City, Sac State, Winter/Summer Leagues and Rural league baseball. High School RBI leader in 1959, and All City player in 1960. 1961/1962 Sac City MVP, and All Big Eight Conference catcher. 1963 lettered at Fresno State, and 1965 named All Conference at Sac State. Sacramento Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame. A 12 year veteran of SMSBL, Michael has caught 10 MSBL World Series championship games while winning 5 World series rings, 4 as a Solon and 1 as a Rivercat. Besides being a great player, Michael is a great teammate and take-charge team leader.



### Phil Gelhaus

Phil played his high school varsity ball at Acalanes HS in Lafayette, CA and coached baseball for eleven years. One of his teams won 27 consecutive games while compiling a 36-6 record. His favorite teammate, wife Patty, got him back into playing by signing him up for a Fantasy Camp in 1993. Since joining the SMSBL in 1993, Phil's baseball experiences could fill a book as he made close friends, played great baseball, and won Championship Rings with a variety of teams. One of his favorite experiences was being the winning pitcher of a Father/Son double header with his son, Mike catching. Phil has been one of the great additions to SMSBL baseball and to the SMSBL Hall of Fame Club.



### Lee Jackson

Lefty pitcher, outfielder, first baseman, and hitter Lee Jackson has been a dominant player his entire SMSBL career. Prior to MSBL, he was a starting pitcher for U.C. Davis for four years (1978-1981). He played on the Woodland/Davis Roy Hobbs team that won the first MSBL World Series in Phoenix in 1988. He has played on several teams in the Sacramento MSBL, including the Yankees, Solons, Rivercats, and currently, the Patriots, and has participated in MSBL World Series Tournaments in the 40+, 50+, 55+, and 60+ divisions earning three National Championship Rings. Lee has been a team leader and outstanding player during his entire 20+ year MSBL career.



### Chuck Loseth

Chuck hails from So Cal where he was a 4 year varsity letterman as a shortstop/pitcher. Struck out 20+ batters 3 times in senior year (high of 25 in 11 inning game). Chuck (17K's) beat Bert Blyleven (21 K's) 1-0 in last amateur game. Drafted in 1969, and played 3 years w/ Milwaukee and 3 years w/ St. Louis (teammate of Leon Lee in 1A Cedar Rapids). Joined SMSBL in 1989 and played on 6 or 7 league championship teams; managed 9 years MABL league team, took 11 MABL teams to Phoenix; played 18 years in Phoenix W.S.; Competing this year in 50+, 18+, Father/Son, & 55+ MSBL Divisions. Great hitter, great defense, great pitcher. 40+ National Ring, three Las Vegas championships, and winner of two Cal Cups.



### Dave Painter

Dave was an All-League 2nd baseman/shortstop at Sacramento City and Sacramento State Colleges. He played with the KC Royals chain in the 1970's. Dave has proven to be one of the finest fielding shortstops the SMSBL has showcased in a 20+ year SMSBL career. He has also consistently hit for both average and power. Dave assembled, coached and played with an 18+ team in Phoenix to introduce them to the MSBL. He has played for 6 league championship teams and has played in the MSBL World Series for 15 years, with one Championship Ring. During his first World Series he was pressed into action to pitch, and threw a no-hitter. Dave posses an absolute passion and knowledge of the game!



### Jim Prizmich

Born and raised in the Sacramento area, Jim played every brand of Baseball and Softball there is. He joined the League in the first year of its existence, and co-founded the "50 Hours of Baseball" event, and was part of the first two teams to participate in the World Series, bringing the championship home to Sacramento in 1989. He was also voted into the Greater Sacramento Softball Association Hall of Fame in 1990. He was an overpowering left-handed pitcher and hitter, and helped lead his team to several consecutive league championships. One of his home runs at Tempe Diablo Stadium was half way up the light tower when it went over the right-center field fence. His response to the question, "Are we having fun yet?" is always YES!



### Tim Roche

Tim played four years in the Dodgers farm system. 1975-1978, and a year for the Redwood Pioneer's in the California League in 1980. His High-lights were making the All Star team in the Midwest League in 1977, and finishing the year with in the Dodgers triple A team Albuquerque; and in 1980 tying the California League Record for most Home Runs in a game with Three while playing with the Redwood Pioneer's. Tim has been in the SMSBL since 1988, and has played on several League Championship teams while on the Giants and A's, and has collected a World Series Ring in Phoenix and a championship in the Florida MSBL Fall Classic. Tim has been one of the most consistently good players in the SMSBL history.



### Lanny Ropke

Played in Sacramento MSBL League for 19 years & managed 3 years. Currently serving on the league's Board of Directors. Played in 20 consecutive World Series tournaments. Lanny managed and played on the championship team in the very first MSBL World Series in 1988, & has played on 35 different teams in every division except the 18+ and the 65+, winning 9 National Championships. Lanny helped found the Woodland/ Davis MSBL in 1987 and have served as its President or a Board Member for 23 years. Director/Assist for all 19 years of the MSBL Labor day Tournament. Was the field Forman for building the W/D Lee Field. Woodland/Davis MSBL Hall of Fame. Inducted in 2007 to the MSBL National Hall of Fame.



### Irv Scott

Baseball was always in Irv's blood. His father is a prestigious LaSalle Club Hall of Fame member. Irv had modest success in youth baseball. Then, in 1984 Irv began an outstanding baseball revival by playing in the inaugural Sacramento Veteran's baseball League later to become the SMSBL. He soon was recruited onto several teams in both the SMSBL and NABA, and became a premier world class player in the 50+, 60+, and 65+ age groups. He played short stop/second base and made one of the greatest plays on a bad-hop grounder in MSBL World series history. He is now a premier 65+ pitcher. He was always a great clutch left handed hitter and helped his teams to 8 National Championships and many Tournament Championships.



### Clay Sigg

All-CIF Southern Section as a prep, Clay is a member of the 2002 UC Davis Baseball Hall of Fame and UCD All-Century Defensive Team outfielder. He starred on 3 straight Yankees SMSBL Champion teams, hitting .610 to earn the 1993 SMSBL batting title with 36 hits in 21 games. He has 2 MSBL World Series title rings, leading SMSBL hitters with a .488 average and a .527 on-base percentage with 41 Hits, 31 Runs, 8 Doubles and 21 RBI in 84 at-bats. His teammates remember him racking up 12+ consecutive hits in one MSBL World Series tournament. If you were selecting an All SMSBL team, you would want Clay in the line-up. He has also coached baseball from T-Ball to the collegiate level.



### Joe Soto

Joe starred as a three sport athlete at Clarksburg high school and played basketball and baseball for 2 years at Sacramento City College, where he played in 2 state final games. He then played 2 years at Sac State where they were Far Western Champions both years. His senior year he was honored by being selected as an All American shortstop. He played night league until joining the SMSBL in 1994 and has played every year since. He currently manages the SMSBL A's, and has played in the Spring League, the Summer League, and numerous Regional Tournaments. Joe plays great defense and offense and has been a member of three MSBL World Series Championship teams.



### Chuck Williams

Chuck is perhaps the most outstanding multi-sport athlete in the SMSBL Hall of Fame (Football/Rugby/Baseball). He is a member of three other Hall of Fames: Ventura High School, Ventura JC, and Ventura County. He was an All Channel League Shortstop in High School, and lettered for 3 years at Stanford University. His football accolades includes High School MVP, All League, All CIF 4A, Ventura JC - All League 2 yrs, MVP, and quarterback at Stanford University - 2 Year Letterman, MVP. Chuck has no weaknesses. He can run, field, throw, and hit for average and power. Chuck has been a part of many SMSBL National championship teams and tournament teams, and plays considerably younger than his age.



### Ron Williams

Like most boys in his generation, Ron started playing baseball in a vacant lot. He quickly developed lifelong skills and a love of the game as he played Little League, Babe Ruth, High School, Legion and Rural League ball. After a stint in the US Navy and duty in Viet Nam, Ron returned home and coached his children through Little League, Bobby Sox, and Babe Ruth Leagues. After a number of years playing fast pitch softball, Ron switched back to baseball in 1990 in Woodland and the SMSBL in 1994. Ron is an excellent player at any position, a great hitter, and a team leader both on and off the field. He has been a key player on several tournament championship teams and a vital part of 7 National Championship teams.



### Hal Young

Hal has had an incredible baseball history beginning as a Little League "shagger" and working his way to being named all-league catcher in H.S. and then playing at American River College, and then a two year scholarship at San Diego State where he is on the all-time career stolen base record list. He coached baseball over the next 25 years at the high school and community college level. Greatest Thrill - (Besides the MSBL championship teams) Walk off steal of home in the Golden State League championship game in 1965. Hal has played 19 years in the SMSBL. (10 years w/A's, 3 years w/Padres, 6 years w/Tigers). Played on three SMSBL World Championship teams: Sacramento Stars '90, '91, and Sacramento Majic '94.