

The Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League

Presents

2016 Hall-of-Fame Induction



June 15, 2016



SMSBL President's Message,

I would like to congratulate the seven new inductees to the Sacramento Hall of Fame. The H.O.F. committee has selected a very deserving class of long time SMSBL Members. Many of you have accomplished great feats both on & off the field. None greater than this where your peers have selected you to be inducted tonight. As SMSBL President I am honored to be a part of your celebration evening. As a player I have played both with and against most of you and must say the talent, sportsmanship and class you all have shown is another reason you are selected. Tonight I hope your family, team mates and friends all get to share this proud achievement with you. Thank You to the H.O.F. Committee for taking the time to select these fine gentleman.

The SMSBL League itself is going through transitions as Sac St. is now the lessor. The league has enjoyed Dan McAuliffe Baseball Complex the last 20 years as our home, as you all know and many of you here built it. The City Council has acknowledged the efforts the men have put into this complex and they said Sacramento State will need to make us whole and build 2 AAA Fields to replace what they have taken. This is to be expected within the next 2 or 3 years. The other good news regarding our home fields is we are receiving 2 New L.E.D. Scoreboards. They are being donated by Scott and Gerry Boras, who run the California H.S. State tournament called the "Boras Classic" that is played at our home fields. The installation is also being donated by Collins Electric led by a SMSBL league member Denny Kennedy. He has reached out to electricians from Collins for donated labor and expertise. The new scoreboards will move with us to the Army Depot where the new SMSBL Home will be in the future.

I would like to thank the SMSBL Board of Directors for their continued support. The growth and stabilization is a reflection of all board members. I would like to acknowledge them all. Boyce Whitlock -V.P.& Webmaster; Mark Vendeiro - Open Div Commissioner & Event Coordinator; Gordon "Gordy" Olson- Treasurer; Dave Whitesel- 40+ Commissioner; Eric Taylor- Scheduler; Tina Haas- Secretary & Compliance; Steve Morlin- Player Agent; Ron "Grizz" Williams- Special Projects; Jane Burkitt- League Photographer. We would like to welcome Mike Spitek, former WDMSBL President as our newest board member who will serve as a Commissioner. A special recognition needs to be given to the Complex Manager Steve Welch and his Field Superintendent Roy McDaniel. They work very hard and long hours to keep the fields and the complex playable and at the level we all enjoy. Our SMSBL League Consultant, Jim Tygrett-Dinuzzi has stayed involved and is still a league asset and very much is appreciated. Jim is also the 60+ Div Commissioner, this division is expected to grow to five full teams this summer.

Thank You, Alan Van Ness
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I would like to congratulate the seven 2016 Sacramento MSBL Hall of Fame Inductees in joining this highly esteemed class.

I know the scrutiny the committee goes thru in making their choices which speaks highly of your contributions to the league.

It is a wonderful testament and legacy for all of you. A personal Thank You from me and hope you thoroughly enjoy the evening.

Thank you,

Steve Sigler



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Derek Bullock

Derek Bullock Graduated Sequoia High School 1976 Redwood City Ca. Played Football - Basketball -Baseball. Played 2 years Baseball at The College of San Mateo (league Championships both years). Transferred to San Jose State and played 1 year (league champions again). Spent a couple years playing Minor League Ball for the Minnesota Twins and Pesaro of the Italian Professional Baseball league. He has enjoyed numerous SMSBL Championships in the 30, 40, and 50 year old divisions mostly managing but playing for others in the early years. He has been on at least 6 World Series championship teams and has Managed one with his Father Son Team. Derek stated that he has enjoyed being part of the following MSBL World Series Championships; 1998 Stars 38+ Division; 2007 Tribe 50+ Division; 2009 Father/Son Division; 2011 Giants 50+ Division; 2014 and 2015 Royals in the 55+ Division.



Dave Kephart

Dave grew up in Granada Hills California and played Little League, Pony, and Colt League Baseball. At the age of 37 he started playing hardball again in the Grass Valley/ Marysville and Yuba City MABL League. Dave joined the SMSBL night league in 1996 with the Auburn Braves and will enter his 20th season with the Braves. He also has played in the SMSBL Sunday League since 2013 and has played and managed the Auburn Pirates during this span. Dave has played in the MSBL World Series eighteen times winning World Series Championships six times with the Sacramento Muddogs F-S, Sacramento Giants, Sacramento Tribe, twice with the Sacramento Royals and with the Auburn Braves. Dave coached High School baseball at Bear River High School for seven years, six as the Head JV coach and one as a Varsity assistant. Dave considers his election to the Sacramento MSBL Hall of Fame as an honor and is humbled to be included with the many outstanding ballplayers that have preceded him in the Hall.



Tim Day – AKA Mr. Baseball

Tim was born in San Francisco, CA and grew up in Sunnyvale/Mountain View, CA. As a youngster his dad (who played for the NY Yankees) started coaching him and his 3 brothers. By the age of 7 Tim was a catcher playing in the Little League Majors and then on to Senior Babe Ruth which he had the privilege of going to the Senior Babe Ruth World Series in New Jersey. He attended and played baseball at St. Francis High School, De Anza JC and San Jose State and he was inducted to the Baseball Hall of Fame at all three schools. In 1972 he was drafted by his beloved San Francisco Giants in the 9th round and played Pro ball for two years. He still has his Topps Chewing Gum check for \$5.00 that he never cashed! In his spare time, Tim was a player/coach for a San Jose based semi-pro traveling team Fontanetti's for 25 years (arch rivalry and friends of the Sacramento Smokey's, Larry Manuiian). Moving to Applegate in 1994 Tim could not give up his gift for coaching baseball and began coaching High School baseball at Colfax High School (1995-2005) taking over the reins for Dick Adams. Tim moved over to Bear River for 2006-2009, Placer High School with Larry Pruitt in 2010 and back to the green machine Colfax for his final years 2011-2013. During his tenure of HS coaching he led Colfax to 4 Championships in a row; Bear River 4 championships in a row and returning to Colfax made the playoffs 3 years in a row. Tim was involved every year in American Legion recruiting players from all schools in the area. In 2011 the Auburn Journal wrote a story about the Reno 4th of July, Fire Cracker Series where the boys represented 7 different high schools a first in American Legion Post 84 history. His MSBL career began in 1992 with the San Jose All Stars then with the move to Applegate in 1994, he joined the Auburn Braves as a player and coach where he met lifelong baseball buddies & friends and the best kangaroo court ever. One of his contributions to giving back to Sacramento MSBL was being a part of the many players in the building of McAuliffe field. Tim would bring his landscape crew to assist Jim Barr mowing fields and planting trees. Tim's thrill of the MSBL season was to play in the Arizona World Series with all his baseball buddies at last count 16 times; winning a ring with the Majic and in 2015 co-coaching the Auburn Braves to win the World Series and received 'Honorary Co-Coach' with Alton Ceasar. Tim is honored to join his fellow players in becoming a member of Sacramento MSBL Hall of Fame. He is retired and living in Sunny Tucson, Arizona with his wife Anne Kay. He is still coaching now for his Granddaughter at Marana Little League T-Ball. Tim looks back on baseball being the conduit for lasting friendships – brothers sharing life experiences together.



Ken Jungsten

Born and raised in Belmont, California, Ken started playing Little League baseball at the age of six. Ken played high school baseball and basketball for four years at Carlmont High School and then for two years at Canada Junior College where he was a relief pitcher and a point guard. Ken also played baseball at San Diego State University for two years as a relief pitcher. After graduation from San Diego State, he played in a semi-pro league in Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada for three years. When Ken came back from Canada, he threw batting practice for three years for the San Francisco Giants. Ken stepped away from baseball for about 20 years and when at his son's Little League practice in 2001, Mark Vendeiro saw Ken playing catch with his son Thomas and asked him if he wanted to play for Fred Creel and his Tiger's team on Sunday's. This was the start of a now 15 year SMSBL career. Ken coached Little League baseball for three years and is proud to have managed (along with Mark Vendeiro) the Folsom National Junior Little League team in 2006 to the only D54 Little League Championship in its history. Ken has six World Series rings with the Tribe/Giants/Royals. He has participated in 10 Las Vegas Open/Kickoff and Woodland Championships while playing for the Tribe/Giants/Royals. Ken states that his most memorable and enjoyable time playing baseball were the three years he and his son participated in the Father/Son World Series under the leadership of Tribe manager, Ken Chavez. Ken has also been umpiring baseball games for the past 12 years (Little League, Legion and MSBL. Baseball not only keeps Ken active and healthy, having had diabetes since he was 6 years old, but gives him the opportunity to relish in the comrade of friendship of so many over the years.



Bud Sanchez

Started MSBL in Sacramento in 1997 playing baseball with the Padres and Yankees before organizing, playing and managing my own teams. From youth sports I played softball in the summer months and ice hockey in the winter months. Add some golf with one State NCGA title and all things turned back to Baseball!

Started managing in 2002 putting together some competitive teams and after winning both the summer league and the World Series in 2013 I thought of “going out on top”!! There are many managers who will attest to the

countless hours and monies spent for the love of baseball and we are still here.

World Series affiliations and wins started in 1998.

1998 and 1999 Championships with Cal West-Val Lewis

2004 Championship with Cal Zona-Ken Chavez

2006 Championship-Twin City Twins-Bud/Mgr.-Player

2008 Championship-Cal Reds-Larry Gies/Bud/Mgr.-Player

2010 Championship-Nor Cal Giants-Bud/Mgr.-Player

2013 Championship-Nor Cal Giants-Bud/Mgr.-Player

Through SMSBL I have developed many friendships for which I am truly grateful! It is an honor and a privilege to be recognized by the Sacramento Men’s Senior Baseball League!

Thank you, Bud Sanchez # 24!



Mike Baker

Mike began his baseball career in 1967 in the Pioneer Park Little League of El Monte, California. The highlight of his early career was a game-winning walk-off extra inning home run in the 12 year old championship game for the Indians. He has been swinging a bat ever since. Mike started playing in the Sacramento MSBL in 1992 with the Marlins. His first World Series appearance was with the Sacramento Majic in 1999. He began playing with the Auburn Braves the following season. In 2001, he traveled to Florida with the Rivercats to play in the Fall Classic. The spring league Indians marked the beginning of Mike’s managerial career where he also played for three seasons while winning two titles in 2007 and 2008. He assumed player/manager duties for the summer night league Auburn Braves in 2004 and has played and managed in the World Series with the Braves for 16

years before clinching the Championship Title in 2015 in the 50+ Cactus Division. Mike also plays with the Sunday league Pirates since 2013 and was voted to the All-Star team in 2014. The high point in Mike’s 25 years in the league came in 2011, when he and his son, Michael, Jr., won the Arizona World Series Father/Son Championship with the Sacramento Muddogs. Mike has vowed to continue playing baseball until it is no longer fun for him and that doesn’t seem to be happening any time soon. Mike is extremely grateful to the league for making all of the fun, laughter and friendships possible.



Morgan Snow

Organized baseball began with little league at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1960. Next came Fort Richardson, Alaska and little league all-stars where I pitched the state championship game in Fairbanks for the Fort Richardson Pioneers (after a 400 mile train trip). Exposure to high level amateur baseball came while serving as batboy for the Fort Richardson army team as they played in the Alaska Baseball League competing against teams such as the highly regarded six time National Baseball Congress champions, the Fairbanks Goldpanners under manager Red Boucher, with their future major leaguers (some 200+ over the years) including our own Jim Barr as well as Dave Kingman, Tom Seaver, Bill Lee and Dave Winfield. The next family transfer was to Fort Ord, California and Babe Ruth League baseball where I pitched an all-star win at Salinas Municipal

Stadium. Then 30 years playing, coaching, managing and umpiring fast and slow pitch softball followed while attending university (including 3 years at Oxford University in England) and beginning a career in university administration. Employment relocation with CTB/McGraw-Hill (after a long tenure with the University of California at Santa Cruz) found me moving to Sacramento from the Santa Cruz/Monterey area in 1994. A very surprising ad in the local paper announced try-outs for adult baseball — what a concept! I tried out and was drafted by the last place team from the previous season. In the 21 years of participation since then I have been able to compete in the national tournament in Phoenix each year, winning 4 championships and several seconds and thirds. I have played for the Braves, Astros, Stars, Sox, Colorado Buffalos, Tigers, Yankees, Rebels, Giants and Patriots and look forward to many more seasons. I have always agreed with Honus Wagner, who said, “There ain’t much to being a ballplayer if you’re a ballplayer.”





Past President's Comments

Val Lewis – (1984-1990)

“Congratulations to our 2016 inductees, for your years of outstanding play and sportsmanship”!

Jerry Karnow – Past President (1991 – 2002)

Congratulations to our 2016 inductees into the Sacramento MSBL Hall of Fame – Mike Baker – Dereck Bullock – Tim Day – Ken Jungsten – Dave Kephart – Bud Sanchez and Morgan Snow. And, thank you, families and friends for your support given to these men. This is our 10th year of our Hall of Fame inductions, beginning in 2007. Since then, we have inducted 88 members, including these 7 new members, into the Sacramento HOF. Just think of all the “history” and “talent”!

- I would like this opportunity to thank Val Lewis and Lanny Ropke for their service as HOF chairman during these 10 years. Also, Alan Van Ness, for keeping the continued success of the Sacramento Adult/Senior Baseball tradition going forward and to all the 88 members of the SMSBL HOF for their continued support. Thank you!!
- Note: Attention – let me know if any HOF members are interested in purchasing a Sacramento HOF ring.

George Esposito (2003-2004)

The SMSBL has built up a rich tradition over the years with numerous championships and quality players. I had the privilege of following Jerry Karnow who really set the standard with dedication and class. It is an honor to add players this evening who have adhered to this standard. Please welcome Mike Baker, Derek Bullock, Tim Day, Ken Jungsten, Dave Kephart, Bud Sanchez, and Morgan Snow.

Jim Lortz (2004-2007)

It was an honor and a privilege for me to have been your League President. But, now that I have been given the privilege of being inducted into the SMSBL Hall of Fame, I would suggest that each and everyone of you strive for that honor. As for those being inducted, it is with thanksgiving and appreciation that this Club so honors you on this special occasion. To the new Hall of Fame inductees, welcome to the Club! It is now our responsibility to maintain and improve The Hall of Fame membership through your input, sponsorship and support. Congratulations!

Lanny Ropke (2007-2009)

Tonight we gather to honor and induct some very special team mates into the SMSBL Hall of Fame. Thank you all for coming out to make this a night to remember for these guys, I know they are pleased that all of you are here to share this evening with them. My 24 years of association with this league in a variety of positions have been very rewarding. I can say without reservation that this is the premier Men's Senior Baseball League, made so by the quality, hard work, and devotion of it founders and leaders down through the years. From the founding President right down to today's President and Board of Directors, our league has not only grown but maintained and improved every aspect of managing an amateur men's baseball organization. My thanks to each and everyone of the past and present leaders of this league. And, my hearty CONGRATULATIONS to our new Hall of Famers.

Jim Tygrett (2009-2012)

As a past President of The Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League I've come to realize just how important and fulfilling it has been. The opportunity to meet and compete and make friends with so many great players amateur and professional, get to know their families, and to start new relationships is a rewarding experience. I am especially proud to be part of an organization that is well respected across the USA, leads the MSBL in national championships, and serves as a model for other MSBL leagues.

Rusty McLain (2012)

“My heart felt congratulations to tonight's inductees and to all the great personalities listed on the hall of fame plaque. Tonight is a special night as you join the list of quality people that have helped make the SMSBL the premier baseball league it has become.”

Jim Tygrett (2013-2014)

Tonight's inductees into the SMSBL Hall of Fame, Mike, Derek, Tim, Ken, Dave, Bud, and Morgan are to be congratulated and honored for contributing so much to this organization's success and their accomplishments in the game of baseball both on and off the playing field.

The Hall of Fame Committee would like to acknowledge and thank Mickey Lebeck and Arthur O'Brien of Mailing Systems, Inc. for their gracious contributions to the Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League Hall of Fame over the years.

Also, a big thank you to our own Phil and Patty Gelhaus for opening their home for this tenth anniversary gathering.