

The Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League

Presents

2020 Hall-of-Fame Induction



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SMSBL President's Message,

Congratulations to the 2020 SMSBL Hall of Fame class. You are the first class to be enshrined at our new home, Army Depot Park. This year has been the most difficult year for all of us, due to the pandemic we have had to endure. No obstacle will prevent this league from recognizing each of you. The long successful history you all achieved will be celebrated one way or the other. As President of one of the largest and most successful leagues in the country I am honored to lead you through this.

This year the SMSBL HOF Committee is inducting 2 of our umpires which is a rarity. The committee has recognized the long history and support these two men have shown SMSBL. The players in this class are all elite and very deserving. The HOF Committee would like to provide you with a memorable event to share with your teammates and your family and friends. I would ask you all today to recognize and thank the SMSBL Board of Directors and HOF Chairman Jim Tygrett-DeNuzzi. They put many hours and sacrifice personal time to provide us all with events like this special occasion, your induction into the SMSBL Hall of Fame. We are very proud of this league and are recognized by the MSBL headquarters in New York as the league others try to emulate.

Respectfully,
Alan Van Ness

Congratulations to all New 2020 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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Terry Callahan

Terry was born in Arlington Heights, IL but his family moved West to southern California when he was 2 years old. Terry is the youngest boy in a family of 7 children (4 boys, 3 girls). He grew up playing in the West Hills little league in Woodland Hills CA where he threw his first no-hitter at the age of 11. Two of his older brothers were also baseball players, with his next oldest brother (a lefty) having pitched in the little league world series. He still blames a broken hand-me-down process in his family for being a righty. His family later moved to Westlake Village, CA where he played baseball with Westlake High School as well as American Legion. His Mom was his biggest fan, having kept score for every game Terry played in high school. Dad was always there to motivate and provide as many reps required. And his brothers constantly motivated him to be better than they were.

Terry played ball at Los Angeles Valley College for 2 years, where he met his future wife-to-be Kim. Terry also played with the LA Valley Dodgers semi-pro team that went on to win the National Baseball Congress (NBC) World Series. After being recruited to play with Sacramento State, he played on one of only two teams in school history to make it to the College World Series. Kim later joined Terry in Sacramento where they decided to remain after marrying in 1988.

After a few years of doing nothing competitive and reaching 240 lbs with the help of married life and Baskin Robbins, Terry opted to get off his butt and do something to get a handle on his condition. He went all-in with competing in duathlons (run, bike, run), bicycle racing, and competitive running, ultimately winning numerous age group competitions in races all over California. He even qualified with a 3:09 marathon time and ran the 100th running of the Boston Marathon, where his only goal was to beat the guy running with the North Church replica on him (which he did).

Terry coached baseball with the El Dorado Hills Little League for 4 years, including their first District 54 championship in league history. He coached competitive soccer for 3 years. He also coached the Freshmen and Junior Varsity baseball teams at Oakridge High School for 4 years, which gave him the baseball bug again.

Terry joined the MSBL in 2010 after bumping into Derrick Rebensdorf at a Sac State alumni game. He joined as a Giant and has played league with them ever since. He has also played with the Royals, Braves, Pirates, 18+ Tribe, and Buzzards. He has won 2 MSBL National Championships with the Giants, 2 with the Royals and 2 with the Braves. He has also won a National Championship with the Royals in another league as well as the MSBL Fall Classic. He has won numerous local league championships with the Giants as well as various MSBL holiday tournaments. He has over 125 pitching wins thus far in his MSBL career.

Terry has been blessed with an incredibly supportive wife in Kim so he could “get out and play.” His children Katie and Trevor both have competitive streaks themselves, each continuing to play soccer since graduating college.

Terry was inducted into the Sacramento State Baseball Hall of Fame in 2017.



Dave Everingham

Dave grew up in El Dorado County and played high school baseball at El Dorado and Ponderosa High Schools for his father Ray as a sophomore and junior on Ponderosa High School’s varsity team in 1975 and 1976 and as a senior at El Dorado High School in 1977, where Dave was All Conference, a Sacramento City All-Metro First Team selection as well as an All California High Schools Baseball Team Northern Division selection as a shortstop and pitcher.

Dave continued his love for baseball at Sacramento City College where he was the starting shortstop for a very competitive Sacramento City College Panthers team led by the legendary coach Jerry Weinstein. Dave received a baseball scholarship to Colorado State University in the WAC Conference where he was the starting shortstop and played at Colorado State with two former major league pitchers—Mark Knudsen and Marc Husiman who both pitched in the big leagues for over 10 years! His coach at Colorado State University was Tom Wheeler who was a long time college coach and professional baseball scout for numerous major league clubs.

Thanks to Rick Salmeri and Hal Young who asked Dave to play for the Tigers in SMSBL in 2006! Dave has been very lucky to play for some great teams and managers—Joe Soto and Pat Kelly for the A’s and Tribe, Mike Baker and Dave Kephart for the Braves and Pirates, Gary Stonebrook and Jim Tygrett-DeNuzzi as well as Bobby Brown for the Royals and Dan Wukmir for the Buzzards!



Steve Goggans

Steve was born on George Air Force Base, Victorville, Ca and played his Little League years on the base. He attended Victor Valley High School and played both football (MVP) and baseball. Steve went on to star at Victor Valley Community College and was awarded team MVP in both football and baseball in his sophomore year. He transferred to the University of LaVerne playing for legendary coach Ben Hines in baseball. Although he did not play football in his junior year, Steve couldn't resist the gridiron playing his senior year and earning All-West Coast NAIA as a defensive tackle.

Steve then began 40-years of coaching both football and baseball in 1978. A part of that time he was a player-coach for two different semi-professional teams; Eston Saskatchewan in the Saskatchewan Major Baseball League and the San Bernardino Pioneers. He was a high school varsity Head Coach in both baseball and football over several seasons. Steve in baseball coached future major leaguers Greg Colbrunn, Chuck Carr, and Ryan Madson. Colbrunn and Madson each played more than a dozen years in the MLB. Madson is second only to Mariano Rivera for all-time postseason appearances and has two World Series rings (Pilly and KC). Colbrunn has a ring with the Diamondbacks. In football, Steve coached famed NFL offensive lineman Kyle Turley. "I was so blessed with amazing coaches as I grew up; it was easy to grab the torch and become a part of the coaching profession". Several of Steve's former players have gone on to coach.

When Steve joined the SMSBL, he played spring and summer for the Solons, Capitol Dogs, Angels, Phillies, Orioles, and Dragons. Sundays he has played for Mudville, the Dragons, and the Buzzards. He was part of the Yankees in the inaugural 60+ league. Last year while undergoing cancer treatments, Steve tossed over 100 innings for the Buzzards. "Playing with and against my SMSBL brothers is the best medicine money can buy". Steve enjoys the comradery of the dugout, talking baseball and seeing the game being played right. "God has blessed my time on a baseball field and I am humbled to be selected to the SMSBL Hall of Fame, God bless you all"



Tina Haas

A rabid baseball fan since 1975, Tina became involved in Men's baseball in 2003, when she went to open tryouts. She was picked up, but that manager wouldn't take her money because he didn't think it fair, as he wouldn't give her playing time. Instead, she was referred to the 38+ Cardinals to be their scorekeeper. The rest, as they say, is history. Nationally She has done all administrative functions and the book for the Cardinals (2003 ring), 58+ River Cats (2004 ring), 60+Silverbacks (2009 ring), 60/65/70 Solons (2013, 2016, 2018), California Patriots, and Red Sox in league. She still keeps the book, deals with the paperwork/fees for the Solons, cheerleads, renders first aid, and serves as secretary on the SMSBL Board.

Tina also volunteers with the Patriot Guard Riders Founded in 2005 to shield families of fallen heroes, our veterans, from those that would disrupt the services of their loved ones, the Patriot Guard Riders has grown to include thousands of members across all 50 states in the US.

She was inducted into the MSBL National World Series Hall of Fame in 2013 by national president Steve Sigler for her outstanding contributions and administrative efforts to so many championship teams.

Rumor has it she told her husband "if Johnny Bench walks thru the door, it's over."



”Dave Harden

Dave started his baseball experience in South Sacramento in a Sandlot setting, where neighborhood kids took a vacant lot and created a baseball field. There was not true left or right field. So 4 on 3 baseball was played and everyone learned to hit to left center, right center or straight up the middle.

Dave’s entry into organized baseball was in Willow Rancho Little League, as well in Little League in Clear Lake and later Senior League in Carmichael.

Sports in High School included Wrestling and Track and Field.

An enterprising Air Force recruiter told Dave he would wrestle for the Air Force for the price of a signature. Four years of service for Uncle Sam included one year in a war zone and several temporary duty assignments in Okinawa in support of activities in Southeast Asia. Dave’s service time also allowed him to get started on a College education earning his AA degree at Yuba College in 1974 while serving at Beale AFB for 2 1/2 years after service in Vietnam. He later earned a BA degree at CSUS.

Dave’s introduction to Men’s Senior League Baseball in the early 90’s was through fellow Little League coach and friend and current Rockies teammate Chris Ford, joining the Mets for several years.

In October 2000 a stroke and subsequent loss of approximately half his field of vision curtailed a third trip to the Fall Classic in Florida with the California Gold and their Championship run, but was honored to be part of their awards ceremony.

With encouragement and support from league elders, such as Jerry Karnow, Fritz Reynolds and Greg Elmasian and others, Dave has continued to play ball after a break of a few months and has done his best to play MSBL ball in league and tournament play.

He continues to play World Series, regional and local tournaments on an annual basis and has been a member of many championship teams over the years.



Mike Miklaus

Michael A. (Mik) Miklaus has been umpiring baseball starting with Little League when his oldest son was eight. His son is now thirty-nine. Mik wanted to do a good job umpiring, so he started by becoming a certified LL Umpire. This required being evaluated on two big field games and two small field games on the bases and as a plate umpire in a league other than his home league. Mik went on to be elected Umpire and Chief for Fair Oaks Little League for twelve years. During this time, he began attending clinics and working other paid youth ball.

It was 1997 that Mik began working High School Baseball, as well. His vocation has been paid umpiring over twenty-five years. During that time, he has umpired High School, Legion, College, Adult and Youth baseball.

Mik began working for RCOA in the mid 1990’s and began managing the group with Bill “Swanny” Swanson in 1996 when the founders, Ray and Sue Pinola retired to Florida. Initially Dan Blower also assisted with group administration, but more recently Holly Abplanalp has been the third member of RCOA leadership. RCOA and Mik has been umpiring in the SMSBL since 2006. Mik has personally umpired hundreds of SMSBL games. He enjoys being considered a part of the league immensely and works with the SMSBL Board providing umpire oversight and addressing all sportsmanship issues (Ejections)

Mik became the President of the Executive Board of NCOA, the Northern California Officials Association in 2010 and remains this training organizations senior officer.

Mik has worked the following levels of Baseball

Sacramento River Cats six games 2006

CCAA Division II College ball 2011, 2012, 2013

CVUA JC Ball 2007- to present

NBPO JC Ball 2008 –2012

NCOA HS -1997 to present

RCOA multiple types of baseball 1995 to present including SMSBL since 2006

Mik has worked the following post season tournaments:

NCOA HS playoffs Northern section 2005 to present

Plate for the North/South Boris Tournament 2017

American Legion State Tournament since 2006

American Legion Western States 2019

Mik has attended or taught at the following clinics:

2007 WSUC 3 man Combine

2004 Jim Evans 3-day Nor Cal Umpire Clinic

2006 –Present 3-day NCOA HS Clinic (Instructor)

2007 –Present 3-day LL Area 4 Fall Clinic (Instructor)

More recently Black and Blue Camp Instructor-various years

Mik is very well known in the Real Estate community as the President and Broker of Integrity mortgage. He started this loan brokerage firm in 1997. Mik is the owner and has several Mortgage Loan Officers that work with him. The office is located at 9290 Madison Avenue in a building owned by Mik and his wife Cynthia. When not umpiring or assisting people with mortgages to buy or better afford their homes, Mik and Cindy can be found spending time with their combined eight children, nine grand children or out wine tasting at their favorite foothill wineries nearby



Gordy Olsen

Like most of us, Gordy's path to Major League Baseball started out with Little League, Pony League, and American Legion ball but ended well short of "The Bigs". Gordy captained and played shortstop for his high school team at Rutgers Prep in New Jersey. After college, he played both fast and slow pitch softball on a variety of recreational and Congressional teams and coached the newly formed baseball team at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, DC. Gordy was a member of the U.S. Foreign Service for over 25 years and played softball on U.S. Embassy teams in Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Zambia, and Namibia. When baseball rejoined the Olympics, his teammates in Namibia decided to switch from fast pitch softball to baseball to get ready for TheGames. Their Olympic dreams were destined to follow the same trajectory as Gordy's Major League ones, but it did get baseball back into Gordy's life. When he returned to DC, Gordy discovered the MSBL and played for six years, representing DC in the MSBL World Series as a member of the Washington BureauCATS (a name that Steve Sigler misspelled as "BureauCRATS" every year!). The 'Cats never had any real success in Phoenix (making his subsequent success with the SMSBL that much more rewarding). After retiring from the diplomatic corps, Gordy and his wife Cindy relocated to Sacramento. Coincidentally, Cindy's supervisor at UC Davis was Susan Hill, Jim Hill's wife. Through that connection, Gordy joined the SMSBL as a member of the Patriots. He went on to play for the Solons, the NorCal Giants, the Silverbacks, the Red Sox, and the Sacramento Tribe in league play and in a number of World Series. Gordy has been part of four World Series championship teams representing Sacramento. Gordy has also served as the SMSBL Treasurer for the past several years.

The various league and World Series titles were bonuses, but the real joy for Gordy has always been -- and will always be -- sharing the game he loves with his teammates.



Bill Robinson

Bill was raised in the small town of Rio Vista, along The Sacramento river, about 50 miles south of Sacramento. He was the youngest of six children born to Bill & Alma Robinson.

Bill started playing Baseball at the age of 7. Being left handed they sent him to 1't base, Pitcher or the outfield. (what no 3'd base) that came later in life!

After graduating from Rio Vista High School, he went to San Joaquin Delta College and was a pitcher for two years. Not knowing at this time he was pitching to his future in-law Roy McDaniel, he thinks he struck him out, it'sfuzzy. After that he played 2 years atCa State Hayward, now known as Cal State East Bay.

Bill moved up to the Sacramento area in 1983, where he noticed a neighbor wearing a Baseball uniform, so a conversation started. Brian Pearson was that neighbor, and I thank him for having me come out to a practice.

Bill started in SMSBL in 1990, he played for about 4 years until his Daughter & Son got a little older and started playing sports themselves. He took a few years off to teach them the game he loves. It was the greatest time! He got back in the SMSBL around 2001' when he got a phone call from a good friend Derek Bullock, to play with the Cardinals.

It was the 4th best day of his life. 1) Marriage to Karen 2) Daughter Valerie 3) Son Anthony 4) The love for this game: BASEBALL!!!

He has met so many great people over the years that have the same love for the game, and is so very thankful for that.

Bill has been on many championship Cardinals teams both in league, the SMSBL Father Son tournament, and the MSBL Father Son World Series Champions.

Current SMSBL HOF Nominated List:

*George Esposito, Craig Parker, Jessie Zachary, Steve Cornelius, Mark Fowler, * Larry Donaghey, Guillermo Roses, Dave Absher, Derrick Rebensdorf, Phil Gunter, Eric Taylor, Scott Stevens.

* Deceased



Bill Swanson

Swanny's personal umpire adventures have taken him to several levels & places over the past 45 years ...

Bill started umpiring in 1975 at the Little League level & continues to do so even today ...

He instructed volunteers at the Western Region Little League Umpire School from 1992-2002 ...

In 1996, Bill worked the Western Region Little League 12 year old tournament in San Bernardino ...

In 1998, the Senior LL World Series in Orlando, Florida ...

In 1999, the Big League LL Regional Tourney in Scottsdale, Arizona ...

In 2002, the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania ...

In 1990, Swanny started working in RCOA -- better known now as the "The Real Cool Officials Association" as well as umpiring high school games locally ...

Mike Miklaus, Dan Blower & Swanny began operating RCOA in the late 1990's when Ray & Sue Pinola, the original owners of RCOA, retired & moved to Florida ... Bill has worked in the Sacramento MSBL since the late 1990's ...

RCOA joined the SMSBL family shortly thereafter with Holly Abplanalp joining us as well ... The last couple of years (2018 & 2019) having participated in crews working the MSBL World Series in Phoenix & seeing many of you competing there ...

Mik & Swanny are currently the Executive Officers of the Northern California Officials Association ...

NCOA provides 100 high schools with sports officials in 6 different sports throughout the northern half of the Sac-Joaquin Section ...

Bill has worked at the college level since 1995 ...

His college work has included several levels & conferences ...

Junior College in all the northern California Conferences -- Golden Valley, Bay-Valley & Big-8 ...

Bill's Division II work included the California Collegiate Athletic Assn -- CCAA ...

His Division I experience included stints in the Big West, West Coast, Western Athletic Conferences & the Pac-10 at the time

...

Bill also worked as a River Cats substitute umpire for many years ...

One special event was working the plate for a pre-season exhibition game between the Oakland A's & Sacramento River Cats with 5 other local umpires ...

Bill has been helped by so many players, coaches & umpires sharing knowledge along the road helping him learn this wonderful game ...

Bill has a very loving, supportive family & family floor covering business that allows him to follow his umpire passions.

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 2020 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 2020 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 and women. Again, welcome to all of our new members inducted into this year's 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 this dinner. It is a time to meet current and old friends, celebrate the league and all those people who have made it work and grow, now for 37 years. More specifically, to honor those chosen for their standout performance on the field and/or their behind the scenes contribution to the success of our organization. I am pleased and proud to have been one of the past Presidents, and involved with the Hall of fame from its inception. And, want to thank those who have served on the committee over the years for stepping up and preserving the original concept and standards.

Now, my hearty congratulations to this year's inductees and their families, enjoy the evening, this is your night.

Jim Tygrett-DeNuzzi: (2009-2014)

Welcome Hall of Fame class of 2020. 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
Frankie Duval	2007	2020
Bob Oliver	2007	2020

