



Ken Chavez

2011 Inductee



Ken Played High School Baseball at Overfelt High School in San Jose and was a 1st team “All League” short stop in 1970. Ken also played college ball at San Jose State and Semi Pro ball for 7 years where in 1973 he received an award for having 100 stolen bases. Ken began his coaching career in 1975, managing the Overfelt H.S. summer program in the Police Athletic League (PAL). One of the players he coached was Kenny Williams who went on to play in the Major Leagues and is now GM of the Chicago White Sox. He would continue coaching PAL for 7 years, winning 5 City Championships. In 1981, Ken was honored as PAL’s Coach of the Year which included all PAL sports teams in San Jose. In addition to PAL’s summer program, Ken assisted coaching Overfelt’s High School team. In 1981, Ken married and started a family. They moved to Elk Grove in 1988, in 1989 started playing in the MSBL. His 1st team was the Reds in the Open division. In that first year, they lost just two games, both to Jim Barr’s Giants (2-1). He also played and coached the Padres, White Sox, Dodgers, Giants and this year (2011), started a new team, the White Sox. While coaching and playing in the MSBL, Ken also coached his son’s young teams and in 1995 he took his Babe Ruth (Cal Ripken) All Star 10 year old team to win City, State and Pacific Regional Championships. In 1997, he coached the Babe Ruth 12 year old All Stars, winning City, State and Pacific Regional Championship and a berth in the Babe Ruth World Series in Orlando, Florida. Elk Grove won the first game which was televised nation-wide. In 1998, Ken took his Babe Ruth 13 year old All Stars again through City, State and Pacific Regional Championships and a berth to the Babe Ruth World Series, held that year in Cape Coral, Florida. Ken also assisted coaching at Elk Grove High School from 1999 to 2005, winning the Section championship in 2003. David Hernandez, Arizona Diamondbacks, was one of the players Ken coached at 12 and 13 years old and again in High School. Since 1990 through 2010, Ken has coached and played in the MSBL World Series in Phoenix, missing just one of those tournaments. During the span of 2004 - 2010, Ken won a total of 7 Championship rings with his “Tribe” team, including a Father/Son title. From 2006-2011 Ken’s Tribe team won six MSBL National Championships in Las Vegas, including the Las Vegas Classic and Las Vegas Open Championships in 2011. In 2008, he coached the 18+ Tribe to a SMSBL League Championship. In 2009, Ken was elected to the MSBL World Series Hall of Fame in Phoenix, Arizona. Ken’s Tribe teams have played in 21 National tournaments and have made it to the finals every time. Ken credits all of the Sacramento Tribe’s success to the team chemistry, “we are not just a team we are family”. Ken is not only an outstanding manager but a great player.