



Bill Iliff

2010 Inductee

Bill played in the SMSBL from 1989 through 2004, mostly as a catcher with various teams, highlighted by the 2002 Open Division Spring League Champion Cal Gold team, a perfect mix of youngsters and veteran players. An SMSBL Board Member for 15 years, serving in a variety of elected positions. He was the founding MSBL player/Board Member for the Dan McAuliffe field project with the following accomplishments: secured the land lease with the City of Sacramento in 1991; personally raised just over a half million dollars to help fund construction; networked throughout the Sacramento Metropolitan region to raise the profile of the ballpark, working with various businesses and organizations (CIF, Asian American Baseball League, Sacramento Police and Fire, American Legion Baseball, SMUD, City and County of Sacramento, Sacramento River Cats, CSU-Sacramento, various amateur youth organizations) to help turn the park into a premier regional facility that became a true source of accomplishment for the City as a successful public-private partnership. Bill coached from 1986 to 2010 at every level from rookie youth baseball to the high school level, helping to not only send many boys into the college and professional ranks (including Major League players), but made the game fun for his players along the way. He is very proud of the fact that many players on his past teams still keep in touch with him, having forged lifetime friendships because of the positive experiences that occurred between him and his players.