



Jim Tygrett

2011 Inductee



Jim was a two sport star in High School in New Jersey playing basketball and baseball. He received a basketball scholarship to college in Missouri but ended up playing baseball instead and made the varsity as a walk-on freshman shortstop. During college Jim was invited to professional tryouts with the Detroit Tigers and Philadelphia Phillies. After college Jim played on a travel team in Missouri ranked in the top 20 in the state and he was named to the Central Missouri District all-star team as a shortstop. Jim relocated to California, and at age 45 began playing in the SMSBL and has played in the league for 16 years. In his first two seasons, Jim underwent treatment for cancer, receiving chemotherapy and radiation, and is now cancer free. Jim has managed 6 SMSBL teams (Cardinals, Rangers, Mets, Saints, Angels [2003 Champs] and Yankees). His contributions to the SMSBL include: Board member for 11 years (Commissioner, Secretary, Treasurer, VP) and President the last two years. During his service, the board initiated the web site, created the SMSBL logo, got the snack bar up and running, and added teams to the league. During his presidency, the McAuliffe complex purchased better maintenance equipment and improved the parking lot lighting. As President, Jim also oversaw bringing the league back into Federal/State 501c non-profit compliance. Jim has been participating at the MSBL World Series since 1998, has been on championship teams at the Las Vegas Kick Off Classic (Cardinals, Patriots, 58+Rivercats) and Woodland-Davis Labor Day tournaments (58+Rivercats), and has attended the Florida Fall Classic twice (Cal Gold and 45+Rivercats). In 2009 Jim was named the MSBL World Series tournament MVP in his division for his play during the week including a two-out, bases loaded diving catch in the championship game that preserved an 8-6 victory and the World Series ring. Jim is now the proud owner of the World Series ring, MVP ring, and SMSBL Hall of Fame ring. In 2010 MSBL National President Steve Sigler awarded Jim a Rawlings Series, Heart of the Hide Gold Glove for his service and representation as President of the SMSBL, and spirit of cooperation with the National office.