

DUGOUT CHATTER

ELECTRONIC EDITION

On the Internet: www.gsscs.org GSSC Hotline for Field Conditions: 491-1721

WANTED! NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS

Wanted! Volunteers to serve on the club's Board of Directors as one of seven club officers. Outgoing President Ray Mendonsa, who is completing his second year at the club's helm, issued a call for volunteers, as has John Mizerak, chair of the nominating committee. Interested in serving? Nominations will be made at the July 12 general meeting. The election is at the August general meeting, with the new board to be sworn in at the September meeting. (See Page 3)

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GSSCS LEADER JERRY JODICE -- 1930-2010

As Jerry Jodice knew he was near death, he told his son that he wanted a party. He had been an entertainer in his younger years, acting and singing. In the end, the large gathering at the Carmichael Park Community Center on June 5 felt entertained one final time by the numerous and humorous recollections recited by son Jamyn of Sacramento and daughter Janina of San Diego.

Jerry Jodice, who turned 80 this year, died on May 24 after a long fight against cancer. Per his request, the family requested remembrances in his name to the Golden Seniors Softball Club of Sacramento ("His softball club was his passion," Jamyn said.) or the American Cancer Society.

Those present at the celebration of his life included many GSSC members, some wearing their team shirts. Also in evidence were GSSC red hats, which means the Golden Senior had taken a Red Cross CPR/AED course sponsored by the club and arranged by Jerry, who devoted many hours to his position as club safety coordinator over the past four years. Prior to that, Jerry served two years as club president and also was editor of the Dugout Chatter. As a result of Jerry's work, the club has "safety carts" at fields, equipped with life-saving defibrillators. Members trained to use the equipment, certified by the Red Cross, can wear red hats. At least two GSSCS members might be alive today because of assistance from fellow members who have undergone this Red Cross training. (See Page 2)

SUNSHINE & HEALTH (FROM P. 1)

One veteran GSSCS member approached Jamyn at the party to say that while he did not always agree with his dad, he sincerely appreciated Jerry's dedication to the club and his unparalleled volunteer service. His leadership helped bring club communications into the 21st Century with a Web site set up by son Jamyn, the club's volunteer webmaster.

The former honorary mayor of pre-cityhood Citrus Heights, Jerry helped the town become a city. He also performed weddings as minister/director of River City Weddings. He taught English to south Korean kids during spare time as a U.S. Air Force photographer. He taught middle and senior high school students in the Sacramento area, and promoted country dancing events,

Jerry, who joined the club in 1997, was inducted as a GSSCS Life Member earlier this year. He cherished his days on the ball field, performing managerial duties when illness kept him from playing.

(Donations in Jerry's name can be sent to GSSCS, Glen Cole, Treasurer, 8725 Lake Nimbus Dr., Fair Oaks, CA 95628.)

TONY PINA SR. Tony, a charter and life member, passed away on May 11 at the age of 87. He joined the club in 1979 and played until 1999. He also played on travel teams and umpired. Tony was an excellent shortstop, according to Bill Turner who added, "He always had his head in the game and was a great teammate."

MONICA TRACY DI BERNARDO-STACY. Monica, daughter of GSSCS Member Tony Di Bernardo, passed away on May 15 in San Diego after a long battle with ovarian cancer. She was 46. Tony: Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. #



Jerry Jodice checks his lineup for game in 2008. (Jamyn Jodice photo.)

2010 LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS. L1 --

Jim McNamara 424-1402; L2 -- Curtis Holcomb 600-6065; L3 -- Jerry Toenyas 354-4126; L4 -- Bill Greene 391-5559; L5 -- Monta Litle 606-4776; L6 -- Rich Edwards 483-12903; L7 -- Larry Campbell 485-4843. Assistant Commissioners: L1 -- George Hodsdon 481-9304; L2 -- Jim Wait 455-4440; L3 -- Brent Korff 359-6872. #

GO GREEN! READ THE CHATTER ONLINE! IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY TAKEN YOUR NAME OFF THE MAILING LIST, DO SO NOW TO SAVE PAPER AND POSTAGE. CONTACT RON ROACH AT 422-2500. Read the Chatter on line (www.gsscs.org) for expanded coverage with photos.

MONDAY MORNING NEWS

From George Hodsdon:

, With the loss of Manager Jerry Jodice, who passed away on May 24, Joe Sugimoto and Jerry Moody have taken over Medequip as manager and co-manager, respectively.

Meanwhile, L-1 had no established trend to report after three weeks of the second round. With hot weather coming, everyone is reminded to stay hydrated.

Batting practice on Tuesday and Friday mornings has been moved up to 10 a.m. at Howe Avenue park. Ten to 15 players have been showing up to tune up their hitting strokes.

Dick Seward was scheduled for knee surgery the week of June 7. #

**GSSCS SAFETY PROCLAMATION:
ALL UMPIRES AND MANAGERS
MUST ENFORCE THE GSSCS
SAFETY RULE THAT NO GAME MAY
START WITHOUT THE SAFETY CART
IN PLACE BY THE FIELD BEFORE
EACH SOFTBALL GAME IS PLAYED!
NOTE: THE CLUB MAY BE LIABLE IF
THIS SAFETY RULE IS NOT
IMPLEMENTED. -- JERRY JODICE,
SAFETY CHAIRMAN. #**

GSSC GENERAL MEETINGS SCHEDULE

**JULY 12 -- 7:30 P.M. VFW HALL,
2784 STOCKTON BLVD.**

**OTHER GENERAL MEETINGS ARE
AUG. 9 AND IN SEPTEMBER. THE
SEPTEMBER MEETING IS HELD IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THE
ANNUAL PICNIC & PLAYOFFS
SATURDAY.**

Wanted: Club Leaders (From Page 1)

Seven club offices:

President. Presides over board and general meetings; appoints committee chairs and members.

Club First Vice President. This officer is responsible for recruiting and maintaining team sponsors. (Incumbent Fred Fischer has said he is not seeking re-election.)

Club Second Vice President. This officer is in charge of team uniform shirts and hats.

Club Commissioner. This officer is responsible for enforcement of league rules, dealing with issues that rise above enforcement by individual league commissioners.

Club Player Agent. This officer is responsible for production and circulation of player applications, waiting lists and collection of member dues.

Club Treasurer. This officer maintains the club's budget and makes sure the bills are paid.

Club Secretary. This officer maintains the minutes of club meetings.

The president, with board approval, creates committees to deal with various issues. For example, club rule changes are considered by a committee with broad representation from leagues. There also is a committee responsible for club planning, which considers proposals to add leagues, change venues, etc., while fielding members' suggestions and making recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Interested in serving on the board or know of someone who would make a good board member? Contact Mizerak at 332-5511.

There would be no problem having second nominations for offices in which incumbents have served considerable time, Mizerak said. "I am asking our players to seriously consider to volunteer for any of these positions. If not, please pass on a plea to teammates to attract the necessary nominations." #

2010 GSSCS SAFETY COORDINATORS

From Jerry Jodice, safety chairman

(EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS ARTICLE ORIGINALLY RAN IN THE MAY ISSUE OF THE DUGOUT CHATTER. IT IS RE-RUN HERE FOR THOSE WHO MAY HAVE MISSED IT. ANYONE INTERESTED IN SUCCEEDING JERRY JODICE AS SAFETY CHAIRMAN SHOULD CONTACT RAY MENDONSA, CLUB PRESIDENT.)

Billy Beck, Glen Cummings, George Hodsdon, Curtis Holcomb, Trudy Smartt, and Joe Sugimoto have contributed magnanimously to the enhancement of replenishing, organizing, and discarding old first aid supplies in our Day and Night League Safety Carts. As a result of their good work and the efforts of others, the following appointments were made:

- League 1 COORDINATOR: Joe Sugimoto 359-4111
- League 2 COORDINATOR: Curtis Holcomb 600-6065
- League 3 COORDINATOR: Trudy Smartt 973-8259
- League 4 COORDINATOR: Bob Smartt 973-8259
- League 5 COORDINATOR: Glen Cummings (W) 791-9299, (Cell) 276-9538

NOTE: I have requested additional advocates to serve as Assistant Coordinators for their respective leagues: L-1: Billy Beck, Casper Greif, George Hodsdon, and Jerry Moody. L-3: Ron Roach.

Safety COORDINATORS may enlist any Golden Senior in their league as an Assistant Coordinator to help them during the softball season! Players may report to any Safety Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators regarding Safety concerns and improvements needed. George Hodsdon saw the need for instant cold packs this year, so he bought and donated 16 packs to the club.

The Safety Chairman and Coordinators will meet during the first two weeks in September on a date acceptable to all to discuss improvements necessary for our 2011 Safety Program. #

NEXT GSSCS GENERAL MEETING IS MONDAY, JULY 12 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE VFW POST 67 MEETING HALL ON STOCKTON BOULEVARD. AGENDA FEATURES NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCT. 1.



DOUBLE PLAY! Down by one run in the final inning, VFW Post 67 faced bases-loaded, none-out situation against Jolly Rogers in L-2 play on May 18. Grounder to shortstop, force out at third and relay home beat the runner from third. Third out came on routine grounder. What happened next? See Page 6. (John Thomas photos.)

GOLDEN SENIORS ACTION: Rich Edwards' inside-the-park home run with one man on base gave VFW Post 67 walk-off League 2 victory over Jolly Rogers on May 18. (John Thomas photos.)



LEAGUES 3&6 HIGHLIGHTS

From Sandy Begg, scorekeeper:

Old Hornets (4-2) squeezed by Livingston Concrete (3-1 with two ties), 7-5, on June 1 as League 3 scores indicate closeness of competition. ReMax (3-2 with one tie) edged the Silver Cats (1-3 with two ties), 11-9. And Maita Chevrolet (3-3) beat Geremia Pools (1-4-1), 11-7. Three tie games mottled the L-3 standings through games of June 1, as rainouts or water pipe issues at the Complex limited each team to six games through the first two months of the season.

Top L-3 hitters include: Maita -- Eugene Lipscomb .778; Livingston -- Bret Wangan .824, Jack Wabinga .769, Bill Greene .765; Old Hornets -- Hap Duffney .737; ReMax -- Jerry Horton .750; Geremia -- Rich Del Chiaro .722.

Through June 1, there were relatively few home runs (heavy hitters blame sluggish balls) and no player had more than one round-tripper: Bill McMahon, Pat Morrison, Greg Diehl, Bill Greene, Tom Mosher, Jack Wabinga, Steve Casarez, Jim Andres, J.C. Terry and Al Raydon. (Note: In the 6:30 game on June 8, there were four homers: M.R. Evans of the Silver Cats and Maita's McMahon, Eugene Lipscomb and Emilio Lobato. Silver Cats prevailed 13-5, as Norm Blackwell Jr. impersonated Ozzie Smith at shortstop.

In spite of having an abnormally chopped up season (due to wet fields, etc.) L-6 continues to play interesting games. June 8 scores: Mark White (4-1) defeated Compass Strategies (1-4), 15-5; Uptown Cafe (3-2) defeated Greater Sacramento Softball Association (2-3), 7-6.

Leading L-6 hitters: White -- Bruce Gilmore .823, Bill McMahon .800, Greg leurgans .750; Compass -- Bob Fenton .769, Rich Edwards .765; Uptown -- Howard Toder .769, Everett Richardson .700; GSSA -- Bill Enos .882, Joe DiSessa .867, Frank Norcross .833. #

LEAGUES 2-4-7 HIGHLIGHTS

From Colette Barnes, scorekeeper

L-2 Tuesday Day 60+ thru June 8 (5 games played)

Three teams with 3 wins and 2 losses: Jolly Rogers, VFW Post 67 and Richard C. Will, Attorney; three teams with 2 wins and 3 losses: Harper Properties, Rambit Inc. and Sports Leisure Vacations.

Players of the Week:

May 4 -- Dave Bristol of Jolly Rogers was 5 for 5 with a home run, 5 RBIs and 2 runs scored.

May 18 -- Rich Edwards of VFW Post #67 was 4 for 4 with 2 home runs and a double, 7 RBIs and 2 runs scored.

June 8 -- Joe Cors of Richard C. Will Attorney was 4 for 4 with a double and 2 RBIs and 2 runs scored.

L-7 Tuesday Select 70+ thru June 8 (5 games played)

Auburn Oaks Senior Living 5-0; two teams at 2-3, Better Softball Bats & Equipment and Denny's Grand Slams; and Arnold Properties, 1-4.

Players of the Week:

May 4 -- Tony DiBernardo of Better Softball Bats & Equipment was 4 for 4, 2 RBIs and 2 runs scored.

May 18 -- John Mezerak of Arnold Properties was 4 for 4 with 1 double, 4 rBIs and 2 runs scored.

June 8 -- Chuck Short of Auburn Oaks Senior Living was 4 for 4, 2 RBIs, 3 runs scored.

L-4 Wednesday Night thru June 9 (9 games played)

California Energy Services #1 -- 6-1-2

Bertolucci's Auto Body & Fender Shop -- 6-3

Teichert Construction -- 4-4-1

East Lawn Inc. -- 4-5

Cottonwood Estates -- 3-4-2

C & C Plumbing -- 1-7-1

Players of the Week:

May 5 -- Don Jackson of Bertolucci's Auto Body & Fender Shop was 5 for 5 3 with a double and home run, 6 RBIs, 2 runs scored.

May 12 -- Lou Mahinay of C & C Plumbing was 4 for 4 with a homer, 4 RBIs, 3 runs scored.

May 19 -- Emilio Lobato of California Energy Services #1 was 4 for 4 with a double and two homers, 5 RBIs and 3 runs scored.

June 2 -- Terry Urban of East Lawn Inc. was 4 for 4 with a double and homer, 4 RBIs, 2 runs scored.

June 9 -- Toby Tyler of East Lawn hit for the cycle in a 4 for 4 game, driving in 8 runs and scoring three. #

WANTED: MEMBER OR MEMBERS SKILLED IN WEB SITE MANAGEMENT AND DESIGN TO ASSIST WITH THE CLUB'S WEB SITE. CONTACT RON ROACH, 422-2500 OR COACHRWR@COMCAST.NET

GO ONLINE TO SEE MORE NEWS AND PHOTOS; CURRENT AND PAST DUGOUT CHATTERS:

WWW.GSSCS.ORG

CONGRATS TO GREG THE NEW GRANDDAD ... Trudy Smartt reports that Greg Luergans became a grandfather on April 21. His name is Connor. #

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VFW POST 67
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Take 3 minutes and find out how your hearing rates.

Hearing Awareness Survey

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Date of Birth _____

Do people seem to mumble more frequently? Yes No

Do you often ask people to repeat what they have said? Yes No

Do you have difficulty hearing someone with a soft voice? Yes No

Does your family complain that you play the TV too loudly? Yes No

Does a hearing problem cause you to feel frustrated when talking to members of your family? Yes No

Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when visiting friends, relatives, or neighbors? Yes No

Do you feel left out at family or group gatherings? Yes No

Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when in a restaurant? Yes No

Does a hearing problem cause you to attend meetings, religious services, or movies less often than you would like? Yes No

Does a hearing problem cause you to feel embarrassed when meeting people? Yes No

Do you feel frustrated by a hearing problem? Yes No

Do you feel your hearing problem limits or hampers your social or professional life?
Yes No

Do you have difficulty with telephone conversations? Yes No

Do you currently have hearing aids that frustrate you? Yes No

Total YES's _____

See below for scoring your survey

Scoring Your Survey

of Yes's

Your Hearing Satisfaction and Recommendations

0 - 2

Your hearing probably falls within the normal range of hearing. Congratulations! And good for you for taking the time to do this survey! Keep your interest and awareness high and if you notice a change in your ability to hear and understand, be sure to have a hearing test.

3 - 4

You may have a mild hearing loss. Early detection is important. Although you probably do not need hearing aids yet, it is important that you have a thorough hearing test and begin to monitor your hearing once a year.

5 - 9

You may have a moderate hearing loss. You hear but have difficulty understanding conversation, especially in background noise. You spend a lot of energy trying to follow conversation and may not even be aware of it. Learn as much as you can about hearing loss and your options but start with a thorough hearing test, now.

10 - 14

You may have a serious hearing loss. Your ability to be part of a conversation is very limited unless you are facing the speaker. Talking to others is both frustrating and exhausting. If you have not tried hearing instruments, you are probably in denial and hurting yourself and others. Learn all you can about denial and the cost of untreated hearing loss. Then, find a hearing health care practitioner you can talk to about your concerns. You need to work with someone who understands your hesitation.

**To learn more about your hearing healthcare, call the Avalon office nearest you.
Mention Golden Seniors Softball and you'll receive a complimentary hearing test and
consultation!**

Sacramento

2620 Hurley Way
Suite B

(916) 483-9064

Fair Oaks

8146 Greenback Lane
Suite 100

(916) 729-2711

Woodland

433 Second Street
Suite 104

(530) 662-7345

TEAM PHOTOS: Lou Coppola has been busy shooting team photos. Your manager will collect the \$3 from each player who wants a photo. Lou needs to know how many prints to order. For more information, contact Lou at 444-6138.

DUGOUT CHATTER FEATURES: KNOW OF A GOLDEN SENIOR WHO HAS BEEN IN THE NEWS? HAS A TEAMMATE BEEN HONORED OR, PERCHANCE, ELECTED TO SOMETHING? LET THE DUGOUT CHATTER KNOW SO WE CAN REPORT MORE GOOD NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB MEMBERS.

WOOD BAT LEAGUE

Interested in a Monday night league using only wood bats at the Sacto Softball Complex? Contact Ray Mendonsa at 686-3894 for details. #

BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- 2009-2010

President **Ray Mendonsa** ... 686-3894

First Vice President **Fred Fischer** ... 685-5044
(Responsible for team sponsorships.)

Second Vice President **Pete Ward** ... 989-4722
(Responsible for team uniforms.)

Treasurer **Glen Cole** ... 966-4561

Secretary **George Lamb** ... (530) 681-8070

Player Agent **Tom Sansone** ... 686-1654
(Responsible for player applications, player substitutes, waiting lists.)

Club Commissioner **Bob Smartt** ... 973-8269
(Responsible for league rules, oversees all league commissioners.)

**NEXT GSSC GENERAL MEETING: 7:30 P.M.
JULY 12 AT VFW HALL ON STOCKTON BLVD.**

TELEPHONE HOTLINE

Club Answering Machine
(managed by Don Shank):
491-1721 for meeting news
and field conditions.

Phone or Address Changes:
Henry Low 391-3938

Player Applications: Tom
Sansone 686-1654

Sunshine & Health: Trudy
Smartt 973-8269

GSSC #3912 Blood Bank:
456-1500

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