

# DUGOUT CHATTER

ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION OF THE GOLDEN SENIORS SOFTBALL CLUB OF SACRAMENTO ([WWW.GSSCS.ORG](http://WWW.GSSCS.ORG)) -- JULY 2013

## **PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE WOULD ALLOW YOUNGER WOMEN PLAYERS**

The Board of Directors on July 8 proposed to reduce by five years the minimum age for women players, a By-Law change that requires approval of the membership at the Aug. 12 general meeting.

The board compromised on five years after earlier suggesting that the minimum age for females be reduced by 10 years. Club President Tom Sansone said the proposal was amended because it was felt that a 10-year reduction would be more difficult for the membership to accept.

Sansone said it will be easier to recruit women to the club. "Now there are several wives of members who cannot play due to the age requirement." The six-team L-3, on Tuesday nights, has 18 women.

The proposal would allow women to play in L-1 on Mondays during the year of their 65th birthday. The minimum age for women in the Tuesday day leagues (L-2 and L-6) would be 55 and the minimum age for women in the three night leagues would be 45. Players with special circumstances also can petition the board for permission to play at a younger age.

At the July 8 meeting, the board decided that, effective with games of July 9, the scoring plates would no longer be used. The chalked scoring line will continue to be used for runners who must avoid colliding with catchers. The scoring plates resulted in runners being called out if they miss them while still crossing the line, even when there was no defensive effort to throw them out. There also is the danger of runners slipping on wet plates.

The question of whether the club would continue to use the 70-foot base paths will be addressed at a later date. Some members want to revert to the 65-foot rule that has been used in the past. The club uses Senior Softball USA rules, which were changed for this year to use the longer bases except for leagues with players 70 and over. The Golden Seniors can adopt its own rules, however. (SEE PAGE 2)

## **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

**AUG. 12, 2013**

**7:30 P.M.**

**VFW HALL**

**2784 STOCKTON**

**BLVD.**

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## **JUNE 8 MEETING NEWS (FROM PAGE 1)**

Sansone said a survey of membership showed obvious support for abandoning the scoring plates. The use of 70-foot bases was favored by 78% of respondents. However, only 187 of 362 surveys sent out electronically were returned. The survey will continue through the rest of the season to aid in a decision on the length of base paths for the 2014 season.

In other club news:

**Expansion.** A meeting of club and L-1 leaders was scheduled in July to discuss the possibility of adding a second league on Mondays for players 70 and older.

**Club Roster Manager.** Henry Low informed the Board of Directors that this is his final year as manager of the club's computerized roster system. He has been doing this job since 2005 and intended to give it up last year but didn't want to make life difficult for a new player agent. Dave Tanner, club secretary, said he is willing to take over the task of managing the roster data base, which includes preparation of draft lists for the leagues.  
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## **CLUB OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED AT AUG. 12 MEETING**

Members will elect the club's seven-member Board of Directors for the coming year at the Aug. 12 general meeting, with six officers seeking re-election and Jim Wait stepping forward to run for second vice president. The lone contested office is that of club commissioner as incumbent Curtis Holcomb faces a challenge from Jerry Nevis, who was nominated from the floor at the July 8 general meeting.

At the July meeting, John Mizerak, the club's nominations chairman, presented the 2013-14 slate of incumbents -- President Tom Sansone, 1st Vice President Dick Latimer, Treasurer Don Wall, Secretary Dave Tanner, Player Agent Myron Dahl, and Club Commissioner Holcomb. Sansone is seeking his third year as club president; Latimer his fourth term, and Wall his third year on the board. Dahl and Tanner are seeking second terms.

Mizerak's slate includes Wait, 71, a member since 2002, for 2nd vice president to succeed Pete Ward, who has stepped down after a number of years in which he upgraded team jerseys and hats. He also helped in the pursuit of better-quality balls. Wait is a L-2 manager and L-6 player and has served as a league commissioner.

Holcomb, 61, joined the club in 2007 and was first elected to the club commissioner position on the Board of Directors in 2011. He was re-elected in 2012. He also has served as club safety coordinator for two years and as a league commissioner and team manager. Curtis is a L-2 player this year.

Life Member Nevis, 75, joined the club in 1993 and has served the club as a team sponsor and manager, and, circa 2003, as club commissioner. He most recently served as chairman of the club Rules Committee. He is playing in L-1, L-2 and L-6. George Hodsdon nominated Nevis.

The club commissioner oversees the six league commissioners and is responsible for enforcement of club rules. He works with league commissioners in the drafting of teams and handles issues that cannot be dealt with by a league commissioner.

The new board will be sworn in at the club's September picnic. #

# ***SHORT HOPS AND LONG BOUNCES***

## ***AWARD OF MERIT NOTICE***

Nominations for the 2013 Award of Merit are being accepted until Aug. 15, three days after the Aug. 12 general meeting. Contact Dave Vargo (689-7061) or George Hodsdon (481-9304).

Any club member can nominate another member for the honor that will be bestowed at the club picnic on Saturday, Sept. 7.

The Award of Merit, formerly Man of the Year, recognizes those who have gone over and beyond club membership by devoting time and effort for the betterment of the club.

The winner or winners of the award will be determined by a committee comprised of those who have won the award in the past. #

## ***RIVERCATS TICKETS***

Want a \$5 break on good RiverCats tickets? Contact GSSCS Entertainment Chair Lou Coppola at 444-6138. #

## ***SUNSHINE AND HEALTH***

**Bob Annecone**, assistant manager of Arnold Properties in L-1, had a serious operation and is out for the year.

**Wayne Vickery**, L-3 player and life member, suffered a heart attack in June.

**Darryl Watson**, L-5 assistant manager and L-4 player, required surgery on his broken left thumb and is out for the season.

**Arnie Wilkerson**, L-1 player and life member, had a growth removed from his back on June 24 and is doing well.

(Information from George Hodsdon and Trudy Smartt)

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# **GOLDEN SENIORS SPONSORS FOR 2013**

First VP Dick Latimer lists these club sponsors for 2013 and urges club members to reward their support by giving them their business (\* = new sponsor for 2013):

**AMERICAN MEDEQUIP**  
**ARNOLD PROPERTIES**  
**AVALON HEARING AID CENTERS (TEAM 1)**  
**AVALON HEARING AID CENTERS (TEAM 2)**  
**BECKS, IN MEMORY OF**  
**BERTOLUCCI BODY & FENDER SHOP, INC.**  
**\*JOHN BRENDLE CONSULTING**  
**C&C PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES**  
**\*CAPITOL BARRICADE**  
**COTTONWOOD ESTATES**  
**OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY OF SACRAMENTO, INC.**  
**\*EG THREADS**  
**ESPANOL ITALIAN RESTAURANT (TEAM 1)**  
**ESPANOL ITALIAN RESTAURANT (TEAM 2)**  
**EXECUTIVE LIMOUSINE**  
**GEREMIA POOLS**  
**GREATER SACRAMENTO SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**HARPER PROPERTIES**  
**\*BILL HILL ROOFING & VINYL SIDING**  
**\*BILL HILL WINDOWS, HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING**  
**JERRY JODICE, MEMORY OF**  
**JOLLY ROGERS**  
**\*KLUMPP'S FUNERAL HOME**  
**LIVINGSTON'S CONCRETE SERVICE**  
**L&S SURVEYS**  
**MARK E. WHITE, DDS**  
**MERRILL'S BOOKKEEPING AND TAX (Ray Merrill)**  
**R.H. NIELSEN REAL ESTATE**  
**OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY OF SACRAMENTO, INC.**  
**\*RAPID SOLUTIONS PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS**  
**RAMBIT, INC. (Ray Merrill)**  
**REINWALD'S HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS BROKERAGE**  
**\*SAM'S HOF BRAU**  
**SHOW BIZ PRODUCTIONS**  
**SILVER CATS**  
**SPORTS LEISURE VACATIONS**  
**TANNER AND ASSOCIATES**  
**\*TRI-C MACHINE CO. OF AUBURN, INC.**  
**VFW POST 67**  
**\*RYAN R. WILGUS, DDS**  
**WION'S BODY SHOP**

## **LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS FOR 2013**

**L-1 Henry Low 391-3938; Asst. George Hodsdon 481-9304**

**L-2 Dave Vargo 689-7061**

**L-3 Mel Tennyson 838-6811**

**L-4 Bud DeSouza 424-6115**

**L-5 Allen Riker 873-3779**

**L-6 Bill Greene 391-5559**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- 2012-13**

President **Tom Sansone** ... 686-1654

First Vice President **Dick Latimer**  
363-9555 (Responsible for team  
sponsorships.)

Second Vice President (Vacant)  
(Responsible for team uniforms.)

Treasurer **Don Wall** ... 434-8308

Secretary **Dave Tanner** ... 216-1941

Player Agent **Myron Dahl** ... 451-2450  
(Responsible for player applications,  
player substitutes, waiting lists.)

Club Commissioner **Curtis**

**Holcomb** ...600-6065 (Responsible for  
enforcement of playing rules, oversees  
league commissioners.)

### **TELEPHONE HOTLINE**

#### **Club Answering Machine**

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

#### **Phone or Address Changes:**

Asst. Secretary Henry Low  
391-3938

**Player Applications:** Myron  
Dahl 451-2450

**Sunshine & Health:** Trudy  
Smartt 973-8269

**GSSC #3912 Blood Bank:**  
456-1500

**Safety Coordinator:** J.C. Terry  
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