



Jim Tygrett

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 that was 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 tournament (58+Rivercats). He's been to the Florida Fall Classic twice with the Cal Gold team and 45+Rivercats. In 2009 Jim was named the SMSBL World Series tournament MVP in his division for his play during the week that included 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 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.

Dennis Viegas

Born and raised in Sacramento, Dennis played organized baseball since 1965: Little league, American Legion and 2 years @ Sacramento City College. Played many years in the Sacramento city winter and night leagues, before joining the SMSBL in the early 90's. Through the years, Dennis played in many MSBL regional tournaments including Las Vegas, Palm Springs and Woodland-Davis on many championship teams. First attended the MSBL World Series in 2001 and hasn't looked back since. Spending 3 weeks in October at the World Series has become a regular tradition. Dennis has been a key player on 9 World Series Championship teams and 1 Florida Fall Classic championship team. He considers those championships as a bonus after meeting many good people from all over the country and making many lifelong friends and teammates. Dennis is one of the rare people who, in his 50's, can still run, field and hit like he is still in his 20's. He currently works as the complex manager at Dan McAuliffe Memorial Ball Park, and has been instrumental in creating the premier baseball facility for SMSBL and the city of Sacramento for many local high school and youth baseball organizations.



Steve Welch

Steve started playing baseball at age 8 for the Lemon Hill Little League. He was very excited and his very first at bat ever, the pitcher hit him with the ball, he ran to first and promptly threw up on first base. He started catching at age 9 because he wanted to be able to touch the ball at every pitch. He moved to Folsom at age 12 and played Folsom Little League, Babe-Ruth, Sr. Babe-Ruth. He was a perennial all-star from 12 years on. He was All-League high school player. His future wife started watching him play when she was 16 and still make most of his games. He played at Sierra College and American River College. He has played Stan Musial, City Leagues and played for the Smokies when he was 35 years old. He coached for Folsom High School in 1980. He also coached for Oak Ridge in 2000. He coached his son's teams all through Little League. He has managed/coached MSBL Championship teams in Sacramento Spring League and in Woodland. Steve has also provided great service to the league with his



Electrical Contractor background. He has 10 MSBL Championship rings, and has attended the Arizona World Series for 20 years. He has also been to Florida MSBL Fall Classic several times. The rings that mean the most are for the FATHER/SON World Series. His team has won 5 spring league championships starting in 1992. He also plays in Woodland/Davis league and is in their Hall of Fame. He catches at least 100 games a year. He has been named MVP and Co-MVP for teams that play in Arizona World Series.

The Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League

Presents

2011 Hall-of-Fame Induction



September 10, 2011



Welcome to the Sacramento Men's Baseball League Hall of Fame induction dinner. It's an honor to serve as President of the most prestigious MSBL affiliate in the nation. We continue to lead the country with 43 national champions and have probably the best amateur baseball players that can be found anywhere.

The year 2011 has seen the SMSBL grow even more. During Spring we added 3 new teams and in Summer added another 3 for 6 total for the year. Our growth, I believe, is based on our reputation as a well-organized and well respected league that offers quality playing facilities and entertainment for our families, the fans, and the community. Our McAuliffe complex is a great place to watch the game of baseball.

One of the primary reasons the SMSBL continues to be successful is because of the men that serve on the Board of Directors. Those individuals spend an inordinate amount of their personal time making sure their respective roles are fulfilled and the task is completed. Those men are Lanny Ropke Vice-President, Gordon Olson-Treasurer, Tony Im-Secretary, Rusty Mclain-League Commissioner, Alan VanNess-Marketing,

Dave Whitesel-Scheduling, Ron Williams-Special Projects, and Bill Barnette-Player Relations. I'd also like to recognize our support staff Boyce Whitlock-website and Jane Burkitt-league photographer.

Finally I am proud yet humbled to be included in this year's induction class with these fine gentlemen Ken Chavez, Steve Gregory, Dennis Viegas, Steve Welch, and our friend and everyone's teammate Kenny Papini who will we never forget. They possess the qualities and character that merit special recognition and entry into the Sacramento Men's Baseball League Hall of Fame. A special thanks goes out to all our families for your years of support.

Therefore I am honored to be part of tonight's special occasion recognizing these men that have given so much to our league.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Tygrett

Jim Tygrett
President-Sacramento MSBL/MABL

Welcome to the Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League annual Hall of Fame Ceremony.

Another outstanding group of men are being inducted into the 2011 SMSBL Hall of Fame. Each of them have clearly demonstrated outstanding baseball skills, leadership, and commitment to the game and to the Sacramento and National Men's Senior Baseball League.

From a personal perspective, I have known Ken and Jim for many years and I have the highest admiration for both. They are gentlemen and always have the right perspective.

This is truly a great honor to acknowledge that the 6 inductees will be included along side of a select group of men who have pioneered the SMSBL to being in the top echelon of Senior Baseball.

I wish to offer special respects to the Papini family.

Regards to all the members of the SMSBL!

Steve Sigler



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Ken Chavez

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.

Steve Gregory

Steve began his illustrious baseball career playing Little League Baseball in San Diego. His youth baseball continued after a move to Sacramento where he played in the Grant Little League/ Big League with Leron and Leon Lee. He was a high school standout at Sacramento's at Encina High School. After his high school career, he played in various Sacramento Baseball Leagues from the late 1960's into the 1980's and then was recruited to play in the SMSBL for the A's in 1987. He constantly played great defense and was a consistent hitter in his 22 years with the A's. In addition, he competed regularly on numerous other SMSBL spring teams. His career was capped by playing in the MSBL World Series in Phoenix Arizona over 15 times and being a key player in winning 5 World Series rings.



Ken Papini

Ken was raised in Humboldt County, where he played youth baseball and later starred as a centerfielder at Humboldt State University where he was a two-time All-Far Western Conference Outfielder. He founded the Humboldt Crabs (Eureka Collegians), played for them for many years, and as a local beer distributor, helped support the team. He was known for his extraordinary play in the outfield and best remembered for his left-handed "canon arm". Noticed by Ron Brand at the Batting Cages Complex, Ken joined the Blue Jays in the SMSBL in 1990. Shortly thereafter, he joined the local A's team and excelled as a pitcher, 1st baseman, and outfielder. He became one of the best pitchers on the A's title teams. Ken starred for the Sacramento Majic in the Phoenix World Series and helped lead them to three championships. On his many trips with the California Gold to the Fall Classic, in 2000 he helped them secure the championship by holding a runner at third base on a throw from centerfield, and they won the title game by that one run.

Diagnosed with cancer and only given a few weeks to live, Ken fought a hard battle and continued to play baseball for another 4-5 years. He will be remembered for his smile, great winning attitude, and being one of the best teammates the A's and Majic ever had.