



John Rice

2010 Inductee

John lettered in 4 sports at Yuba City High School ('64), making the All-League teams in basketball and baseball (MVP/top hitter/captain). John played basketball and baseball at Sac State where he holds the wood bat home run record (All-League/captain/MVP/BA .366/2 conference championships). From 1966-1980, John played in the Sacramento Summer and Winter Leagues winning numerous championships, and was a 9 year All-League player on 2 Semi-Pro teams winning 7 Placer Nevada League Championships (teammates included Larry Bowa, Bob Forsch, Ken Forsch, Buck Martinez, John Vuckovich, Rich Chiles and Ken Hottman). John had 3 chances to sign a professional contract (Pittsburgh Pirates, Cleveland Indians, and Philadelphia Phillies). John joined the SMSBL in 1990 and distinguished himself as a player, coach and officer: Board member 14 years; Chairman of "50 Hours of Baseball"; played/managed 17 years with championship A's, and played 2 years with the Phillies; Helped build the McAuliffe Fields; 5 MSBL World Series Championship Rings; Won the 1995 California Cup Championship; and received the following awards: 1971 Sacramento Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame Award; 2002 Northern California Sports Association Hall of Fame Inductee; 2008 LaSalle Club Baseball Hall of Fame Inductee; and is currently the President of Northern California Sports Association Hall of Fame (since 2007), and Board Member for the Northern California Sports Association (since 2002).