



### Past President's Comments

**Val Lewis – Past President (1984 – 1990)**

It is wonderful to see the legacy of the league continue to grow! To be associated with so many wonderful people, great players, and friends is an honor beyond expression! Congratulations to the new inductees, and thanks to everyone who has made the SMSBL the greatest fraternal baseball club in the world!

**Jerry Karnow – Past President (1991 – 2002)**

It is with great pleasure to have this opportunity to congratulate our 2015 Sacramento Hall of Fame Inductees. This also gives me an opportunity to recognize the past board members that worked with me during the 12 years as your president. These men spent countless hours continuing the work to build this successful local baseball league for men of all ages. Also the success of the construction of McAuliffe Complex. They are: Board members - Jim Barr – Bill Iliiff – Steve Croockewit – Tim Bryant – Joe Fernandez – Val Lewis – Lou Zabbia – John Rice – Lowell Palmer – Rich Johnson – Howard Scott – Mitch Crowden – plus others who volunteered their help. Complex construction: Jeff Malm & Ron Squalgia (these two headed up construction) plus members of the board previously mentioned. Also, congratulations to Alan Van Ness as our New President of the Sacramento MSBL. Again, congratulation to Steve, Tommy, Jim, Rob, Dennis and Mark as new members of the Sacramento HOF and thanks to the families for their support for these fine inductees.

**Jim Lortz (2005 - 2009)**

It was an honor and a privilege to serve as League President. I want to thank my board members at that time and all the volunteers that made our four years so progressive and successful. We were able to rehabilitate in most part the physical as well as the financial condition of the league. I also want to thank all those presidents and board members that came before and after for give of themselves to continue and improve this wonderful organization.

**Lanny Ropke – Past President (2007-2009) and Hall of Fame Committee Chairman**

It is our pleasure to present tonight the ultimate award our league can bestow on a member, induction into the Sacramento MSBL Hall of Fame. I know tonight's honorees are pleased that all of you have come out to share this moment with them. Thank you all for coming and congratulations to each of the new inductees. For 23 years I have been associated with this league, as Manager, Board President and now as HOF Committee Chairman, and I want all of you to know that this is the premier League in the MSBL National Organization. Why, because of the quality and hard work of its founders, each succeeding President and Board of directors, and men like we are honoring tonight. I would also like to you all to know who is currently on the HOF nominee list. It is an honor in itself to be nominated by your peers and I want to honor these league members now in this 2015 program: Steve Renowden, Dave Muniz, Paul Campbell, Tim Bryan, Carl Boyer, Rich Barski, Rich Cable, Jeff Hughs, Phil Adams, and Mike Borba.

**Jim Tygrett - Past President (2009-2012), (2013-2014)**

While serving on the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Men's Baseball League along with being a past President I've come to realize just how important and fulfilling it has been. The opportunity to meet and compete and make friends with so many great players amateur and professional, get to know their families, and to start new relationships is a rewarding experience. I am especially proud to be part of an organization that is well respected across the country, leads the MSBL in national championships, and serves as a model for other MSBL leagues. Tonight's inductees into the SMSBL Hall of Fame, Mark, Dennis, Tommy, Steve, Rob and Jim are to be congratulated and honored for contributing so much to this organization's success. These gentlemen are well deserved, well respected, well accepted thru-out the baseball community. Congratulations and thank you for your outstanding representation as players, champions, and members of the Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League and now it's Hall of Fame.

Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League Hall of Fame			
In appreciation of their outstanding baseball achievements, contributions, dedication and professionalism, the following inductees are hereby recognized as members of the Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League's Hall of Fame. All are deserving recipients of this prestigious honor.			
• Jim Arbogast - 2007 •	• Jim Barr - 2007 •	• Ted Bofinger - 2007 •	• Ron Brand - 2007 •
• Don Carrithers - 2007 •	• Frankie Devol - 2007 •	• Greg Elmasian - 2007 •	• Dave Fox - 2007 •
• Steve Gannon - 2007 •	• Dale Hall - 2007 •	• Larry Haren - 2007 •	• Jim Hill - 2007 •
• Jim Johnson - 2007 •	• Jerry Karnow - 2007 •	• Leon Lee - 2007 •	• Leron Lee - 2007 •
• Val Lewis - 2007 •	• Butch Metzger - 2007 •	• Ray Newman - 2007 •	• Bob Oliver - 2007 •
• Lowell Palmer - 2007 •	• Fritz Reynolds - 2007 •	• Brian Ross - 2007 •	• Bob Snook - 2007 •
• Jim Willoughby - 2007 •	• Lou Zabbia - 2007 •	• John Blackwell - 2008 •	• Alton Caesar - 2008 •
• Jeff Chandler - 2008 •	• Bill Conradi - 2008 •	• Steve Croockewit - 2008 •	• Tag Demment - 2008 •
• Tom Duval - 2008 •	• Michael Elorduy - 2008 •	• Phil Gelhaus - 2008 •	• Lee Jackson - 2008 •
• Chuck Loseth - 2008 •	• Dave Painter - 2008 •	• Jim Prizmich - 2008 •	• Tim Roche - 2008 •
• Lanny Ropke - 2008 •	• Irv Scott - 2008 •	• Clay Sigg - 2008 •	• Joe Soto - 2008 •
• Chuck Williams - 2008 •	• Ron Williams - 2008 •	• Hal Young - 2008 •	• Doug Hilton - 2009 •
• John Lane - 2009 •	• Tommy Melendrez - 2009 •	• Gary Stonebrook - 2009 •	• Harry Hart - 2010 •
• Bill Iliiff - 2010 •	• Jeff Malm - 2010 •	• John Rice - 2010 •	• Jim Tygrett - 2011 •
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• Ken Chavez - 2011 •	• Steve Gregory - 2011 •	• Ken Papini - 2011 •	• Jim Tygrett - 2011 •
• Dennis Viegas - 2011 •	• Steve Welch - 2011 •	• Dick Adams - 2012 •	• Bill Bailey - 2012 •
• Fred Creal - 2012 •	• Dave Lewis - 2012 •	• Javier Campos - 2013 •	• Pat Kelly - 2013 •
• Nelson Randolph - 2013 •	• Rich Williams - 2013 •	• Bob Alonso - 2014 •	• Tim Burkitt - 2014 •
• Gary Kleinfeldt - 2014 •	• Van Mattison - 2014 •	• Glen Wolff - 2014 •	• Tommy Arguijo - 2015 •
• Mark Crump - 2015 •	• Steve Gonsiorowski - 2015 •	• Jim Lortz - 2015 •	• Rob Segura - 2015 •
• Dennis Smith - 2015 •			

# The Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League

Presents

## 2015 Hall-of-Fame Induction



June 18, 2015



## SMSBL President's Message

It is both a privilege and an honor to welcome all of you to the Sacramento Hall of Fame. As a lifetime of commitment to our Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League and your accomplishments you are being rewarded tonight. Tonight, the league wishes to acknowledge your accomplishments and show you all great respect. I hope you all are very proud of yourselves and enjoy the evening with your family and team mates. Thank you to the H.O.F. Committee for selecting such a deserving class.

As the current President of this league I would like to thank all of the SMSBL Board Members for helping sustain what all of our forefathers have built. Our current board consist of 2 new members Eric Taylor (Scheduler), and Mark Vendeiro (Open Div Commissioner) I especially would like to acknowledge Jim Tygrett-DiNuzzi (league consultant) as he continues to dedicate tireless hours to help this league and has been a mentor to me on this Presidential journey. Boyce Whitlock the V.P. is also a very experienced league and board member, and he stabilizes both the web site the league rules. The league is very fortunate to have Boyce as he is such an experienced volunteer. Even though this league thrives on the volunteers it is still run as a business and our league treasurer Gordon Olson has the highest of integrity. Handling all the money, paying all bills and countless trips to the bank keeps the league in the black. This is why we enjoy the success the league has today. All board members are needed and please, thank them as well. Steve Morlin-Player Agent, Steve Welch-Facility Support, Ron Williams-Special Projects, Tina Haas- Compliance Officer, Dave Whitesel-Field Scheduler. Also a thank you to our league photographer, Jane Burkitt. She take hundreds of pictures for our web site for us all to enjoy.

This league has grown from 42 teams/2 leagues/ 6 divisions in 2009 to 72 teams/3 leagues/12 divisions in 2014. This league continues to grow as this year we will attempt to run a "Golden Division" which will be another 4 teams with all players over 60 and playing one day a week in the morning, Weds' 10am -1 pm. This 2015 season we will approach 80 teams total, 800+ Players. To have so many leagues and games played at our beautiful complex at McAuliffe is a reflection of the dedication our former complex manager George Ortiz's work ethic and dedication. I would like to thank him as well and wish him luck with his new Career with Sacramento Parks and Rec. We would like to acknowledge and welcome Bryan Freeman as our new Complex Manager and wish him the best with the many changes and challenges that will be in our future.

Thank You, Alan Van Ness  
SMSBL President

## MSBL National

Congratulations to the 2015 Class of Sacramento MSBL Hall of Fame inductees! You join an incredible group of dedicated men who have given significant time/resources/efforts. You distinguish yourself on how you are judged and you all obviously have met this criteria very well. Hope you all enjoy the evening and are proud to be a part of MSBL. I sincerely appreciate all that you do!

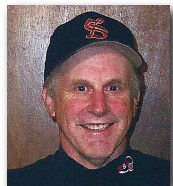
### Steve Sigler



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### Dennis Smith

Dennis started playing organized baseball in 1957 when he was selected in the third round by the Padres of the Eastern Little League in Carmichael, California. He played in the minor leagues for two years as a pitcher/outfielder, then was traded for two players to be named later to the Tigers in the major league division. He played two years with the Tigers and was selected to the all-star team both years and was named outstanding defensive player of the 1961 all-star game. His next assignment was playing Babe Ruth for the Colt 45's and also moonlighting for his grammar school team at Our Lady of Assumption. Having finished out his A ball he was moved up to double A playing for the Jesuit High School Marauders till 1969. His baseball career went stagnant for almost 20

years. He played in city and night leagues and even softball leagues in the twilight of his career. Then, in 1989, his persistence and love for the game paid off. His dream finally came true. The call had come to play with the Tigers of the MSBL. He paid is league fees and his career took off from there. His 26 years in the league saw him in many different uniforms. He played for the Tigers, Mets, Yankees, Patriots, Reds and is currently playing for the A's. He has also played in Phoenix 23 time with various teams and has 6 championship rings from the Phoenix World Series and one from the Florida Fall Classic.

Through my affiliation with SMSBL I have had the opportunity to meet many guys that I probably never would have met otherwise, forged many friendships and created lifetime memories. Without baseball and this organization none of the above mentioned would have been possible. I feel very fortunate and blessed to have been able to play this great game this late in my life. I never would have dreamed back in 1957 I'd still be playing organized baseball almost 60 years later.



### Tommy Arguijo

Tommy started playing organized baseball in 1964 for the Stockton Little League and continued playing Babe Ruth, High School (St Mary's & Stagg) American Legion, and Joe DiMaggio. He served 2 years in the Army and afterward played college baseball at Delta Community College in Stockton. He joined the Sacramento MSBL in 1995 with 30+ Reds and since 1997 has been playing for the 40+ Giants. Tommy has played on several championship teams with the Giants during the spring and summer leagues. For the past 20 years, he has participated in the Arizona World Series with 9 MSBL Championship rings. Tommy is truly grateful and honored to be a member of the Sacramento MSBL Hall of Fame.



### Mark Crump

Mark Crump grew up as a multi-sport athlete in the talent-rich small community of Elk Grove. He started playing baseball in the EG Boy's Baseball League at age 7, and served as a bat-boy for the Sacramento Smokey's from age 8 to 12, where his father played center field. Babe Ruth League was next where he was a two-year all star. Mark loved all sports, playing baseball, basketball, football and track. He was a star running back and line-backer in youth and high school football, and won ribbons in track for 70 Yard High Hurdles, Half Mile Relay, 440 Yard Relay, and High Jump. In his teen years he played baseball at EG High School, and Christian Brothers, and American Legion Baseball for Elk Grove and Post 61. Mark's adult baseball career began with the 1984 inaugural year of the SMSBL when it was named the Stan Musial Veterans League. He was one of the four 25+ year old catchers that was allowed to play in the new 35 year and over league. He played the first 5 years and then took about a 10 year break. He returned to play on Ken Chavez' SMSBL teams and with Cal West in the Woodland league. He participated in the MSBL World Series with a Father/Son team, and several years with Ken Chavez teams in Phoenix. Mark has always been highly respected and loved for being the consummate friend and teammate. His positive personality is contagious. In the 2008 Series he caught every inning of the tournament, and was named the "iron man" by his teammates after winning his first and only MSBL World Series Ring. He now looks back on that nick name with pride...Lou Gehrig was originally called the "iron man" of baseball, and now, a few years later, Mark says he is proud to carry another moniker of that great man and ball player...ALS...Lou Gehrig's Disease. We are pleased to honor Mark tonight as a great player, a great friend, and a great inspiration!



### Steve (Gonzo) Gonsiorowski

Steve was 4 1/2 years old in 1949 - his mother, father and Steve were hit by a drunk driver. His father was hospitalized. The following week Steve had a high temperature. Because of the accident he was taken to the Hospital. Steve developed a high fever and the doctor's diagnosis that Steve had early signs of Polio. Steve's right leg became crippled after several months in the hospital. The Dr's decided on surgery on his right leg, a healthy tendon was successfully transplanted for the paralyzed one, which they noticed his right leg hadn't grown with the rest of his body, and he limped badly. "His personal doctor said Steven had to exercise his leg, he needs to compete in sports, and hopefully it will strengthen his right leg" and his mom said "I'm certain that competing in sports is what did it." If it wasn't for the AUTO accident, Steve could have been another Polio victim.

Steve began playing baseball at the age of 8. His favorite player was Yogi Berra and so he wanted to be a catcher. He was not very fast at running at the time. He caught and pitched from 4th grade through Carlmont High School. Coach John Noce recruited Steve for 2 years at College of San Mateo as catcher and infielder. He played 3 years of semi/pro baseball in the San Francisco area up to Humboldt Crabs. At all levels of baseball steve always carried a high batting average.

Steve started playing in MSBL as a Dodger for 1 year, Cubs for 2 years, and then moved to the 40's and 50's with the Phillies for 12 years. He managed a team in Arizona. He also won 2 World Series as a Solon in the 50 & 70 year old divisions. Steve was very active in the communities in South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County as a coach. In South Lake Tahoe he coached two Senior Babe Ruth teams to qualify two teams to Utah and Pasadena for the Western Regional Finals. He also coached Babe Ruth League for 4 years. In El Dorado Hills Steve coached varsity baseball at Oakridge High School for 4 years. MSBL was having problem getting fields to play on; Steve got permission to use Oakridge High School field for weekend Open Leagues. Steve prepped the field every week for the MSBL Open League for two years.

I am not through playing or coaching. I will help my son David, coach my grandsons (Zack and Gannon). I hope to play as a grandfather in the "father and son games" this October. As Yogi Berra says "The game's isn't over until it's over". I Love all of my baseball brothers and their families - especially the women that put up with us. Thanks to my wife, Janine, who cheered for me at almost every game. Great Times!!!

It is an honor and a privilege to be inducted into the SMSBL Hall of Fame!



### James L. Lortz

Jim Lortz began playing organized sports was as a freshman for Williamsburg HS in Iowa. He wrestled, ran track and played football and baseball. While in England with the USAF he was recruited to play fast-pitch softball for the base team, winning three All-England championships. One of his fondest sport's memories was in London in the championship game, batting in the bottom of the seventh, down two runs with two out, two on and hitting a three-run homerun to win it all! He was also selected to the first team All-Military, All-England Football Team. In 1993, Jim joined the Sacramento Golden Senior Softball Club, where he served a five-year term as their President. Jim started playing baseball in 1995 with Freddie Creal's SMSBL Tigers, when Lowell Palmer tricked him into playing baseball...and he will be forever grateful for Lowell's chicanery. While in the SMSBL, he played with the Phillies, River Cats, and the Patriots, and served as League President from 2004-2008. His first MSBL World Series was with the 50+ Gold Miners managed by Bobby Snook. Jim has won 6 MSBL World Series rings over the last twenty years of baseball, and 8 rings with other organizations. He has been very fortunate to earn three MVP's in the last four years with championship teams, and continues to actively play tournament ball. He would like to thank everyone and especially his family for allowing him to have the opportunity to play this wonderful game of baseball! It is with great pleasure and thankfulness that Jim accept this honor.



### Robert T. Segura

Softball- 23 years in Sacramento and the Bay Area, hit 81 home runs in one season. Played on two National Level Teams, Pro-Team Sports and Oakland Produce for 3 years. Invited to play baseball from folks met playing softball. Baseball- The 2015 Season will be my 17th year playing both in Sacramento and Tri-Valley MSBL. I am proud to state that I am to be inducted in both Halls of Fame. I have been blessed to win 4 World Series rings, 2 with the Tribe and 2 with the Nor Cal Giants from SMSBL. In 2013 went 17-0 with the Giants winning week one and the Tribe winning week two. Also, received MVP for the Giants in week one. Was runner up with the Tri-Valley Pirates losing the championship game 5-4 in 14 innings in 2005. Several All-Star teams both Sacramento and Tri-Valley. Started and managed the Tri-Valley Giants for 3 years, now into our 7th year we have won the summer league twice in a row and are currently 8-1 on our way to hopefully a third. Started the Nor Cal Giants which merged with Bud Sanchez's Red's and Bud took it from there building a successful teams both in league and the World Series.