

# DUGOUT CHATTER

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### **TEAMS TO DRAFT TEAMS IN FEBRUARY AS CLUB LEADERS WRESTLE WITH SCHEDULE FOR PLAYOFFS, PICNIC, MAYBE A DINNER-DANCE**

Drafts for the club's 45 teams in eight leagues are scheduled for Feb. 22-26 with the Board of Directors continuing to address difficult scheduling issues that include setting dates for league playoffs and a picnic or perhaps a dinner-dance.

President Bill Hill said at the Feb. 8 general meeting that the board intends to make these decisions by the next general meeting on March 14. First games are anticipated in mid-March.

Hill and the board discussed options on the table as the club's leaders were determined to avoid a picnic date that clashes with the Labor Day Holiday weekend (which happened in 2015) and league championship playoffs that conflict with major tournaments involving many of the club's best players.

Among options that the board is considering, in efforts to maximize games while avoiding conflicts, is to have leagues hold late August playoffs on their regular season schedules, then play an additional four- to five-week round-robin tourney after the major NorCal or Senior Softball USA tournaments are held from mid-September through mid-October.

There might be one league champion for the earlier playoffs and another title to be decided by the extra games.

Will there be a picnic or a dinner-dance to mark the end of the season? The board did not decide at the Feb. 8 meeting and could ask managers to poll their players after teams are drafted. The board wants to act on a regular-season schedule before the drafts, which begin Feb. 22.

Club Commissioner Bobby Ellison and Player Agent Dave Tanner reported the Monday, Feb. 22 draft date for the two Monday morning leagues (L1 and L7) for players 70 and over and for Tuesday L8 (75 and over). (See Page 2)

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***NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Monday, March 14 at 7 P.M. at VFW Hall on Stockton Blvd.***

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Club policy restricts attendance at league drafts to managers, league commissioners and club officers.

Tanner said Leagues 1 through 6 will have six teams, L7 will have four teams, and L8 will have five teams with one team having a bye each week. The night leagues will have six teams, even though the signups for one of the leagues, Thursday night (L5) are lagging. Hill said he expects enough players to sign up to play in an additional league to make L5 viable, and he and others were still recruiting.

“All night leagues are going to play with six teams,” Hill said, noting that this process is “always stressful” as so many players tend to wait until late in the process.

Tanner also reported that 29 players new to the club have signed up for the 2016 season, but 150 members from 2015 had not responded “in any way” as of Feb. 8 to renewal applications.

In other news:

**Sponsorships.** First Vice President Rocky Wilkerson said as of Feb. 8 he was only three sponsorships short of having the entire club’s 45 teams sponsored for 2016, and he was sure he would have all in the fold by the March 14 general meeting. New sponsors pay \$300, with subsequent years \$250. A two-year sponsorship is \$450.

**Equipment.** Second VP Chuck Knutson reported that the balls have been acquired and jerseys assigned for virtually all teams. He also purchased new hats for 2016 and club sweatshirts (hooded and zipper front) are available to members for \$30.

**Safety.** President Hill said he will continue to serve as acting club safety coordinator until a member steps up to volunteer for the position.

**Budget.** Club Treasurer Don Wall said the club is making progress in its plan to reduce the budget surplus, thus reducing or holding the line on league fees. #

## SUNSHINE AND HEALTH REPORT

### REST IN PEACE: PAUL JOHNSON, BETTY SULLIVAN

Hal Johnson’s father, **Paul Johnson**, 98, passed away on Jan. 5. Condolences to Hal and family.

**Betty Sullivan**, wife of Bill Sullivan for 70 years, passed away in January. Bill, 93, has been a member since 1981. Condolences to the Sullivan family.

**Ray Crews**, 79, who joined the club in 2014 and played in L8 last year, has suffered a stroke.

About 20 pounds lighter and using a walker, **Henry Low** attended the Feb. 8 meeting, and expressed his pleasure at being out and about for the first time since suffering a stroke in November soon after having a hip replacement. He wants to continue as L1 commissioner if he can, but will not be playing this year.

Keep **Lou Coppola** in your thoughts. Lou, who has been a strong ambassador for the Golden Seniors for so many years, has been unable to muster the strength to attend club meetings thus far this year. Lou, 88, joined the club in 1992 and has served in numerous capacities.

Club President **Bill Hill** mentioned at the Feb. 8 meeting that he had a second heart episode that required the installation of more stents. #

## **LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS FOR 2016**

Club Commissioner Bobby Ellison has appointed the following league commissioners for 2016: L1 Henry Low 391-3939, L2 Bob Smartt 973-8269, L3 Mel Tennyson, L4 Brian Pearson 947-4384, L5 Bobby Ellison (acting) 212-7498, L6 Ray Lucas 718-3348, L7 Jim Stinson 397-3012, L8 Cloicec Wade 393-5809. #

## **SHORT HOPS AND LONG BOUNCES**

**BATTING PRACTICES:** Tuesday and Friday batting practice at Howe Park Field #3 were to resume Nov. 3 at 12:30 (winter hours), according to Paul Koze, Ken Dempsey and Dick Wright (known as the “triumvirate”). Questions? Call Paul at 503-805-3428.

**BP & PRACTICE GAMES:** Throughout the “off season,” batting practice and practice games are scheduled at Carmichael Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting at 9 a.m. Arrive early to sign the clipboard as teams for the first game are formed by order of signups. Contact: Greg Leurgans, 332-7953.

**THURSDAY AM GEEZERS:** Larry Campbell, self-described Grateful Gimpy Geezer Guy, sent the Dugout Chatter an email stating that, as of Feb. 7, his Thursday AM league for players 75 and older was only three players short of having nine full teams of 13 or more players. He said his league also includes wives, children and even grandchildren. Umpires are volunteers. Managers get to play for free, exempt from the \$35 fee to play in the “largest fun league in the area” as well as the league of oldest players, some pushing 90. The 31-game league fee includes a picnic. The league plays at Carmichael Park and is not affiliated with the Golden Seniors. For more info, Campbell’s email address: larrywc23@gmail.com.

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## **GOLDEN SENIORS GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE**

**MARCH 14, JULY 11, AUG 15, SEPTEMBER (TO BE DETERMINED)**

**MEETINGS ARE AT THE VFW POST 67 HALL ON STOCKTON BLVD., IN SACRAMENTO. USUAL MEETING TIME IS 7 P.M.**

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contact Rocky Wilkerson,  
first vice president, at  
595-2941.

**Help the club grow by inviting friends to join in  
the fun. You can refer them to the club website for  
player applications or have them call Player Agent  
Dave Tanner 216-1941. #**

**The next Dugout Chatter will be published  
in March.**

**Watch for "Email blasts" for information updates.**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- 2015-16 --** President: **Bill Hill** ... 804-2243

First Vice President: **Rocky Wilkerson** .. 595-2541 (Responsible for team sponsorships.)

Second Vice President: **Chuck Knutson** ... 524-9763 (Responsible for team uniforms,

balls.) Treasurer: **Don Wall** ... 434-8308 Secretary: **Deanna Sesso** ... 955-8195 Player

Agent: **Dave Tanner** ... 216-1941 (Responsible for player applications, player substitutes,

waiting lists.) Club Commissioner: **Bobby Ellison** ... 212-7498 (Responsible for

enforcement of league 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: Dave Tanner 216-1941

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