



## THE BEST STATES TO RETIRE: PART 2

# California No. 1 in SSUSA, But 32nd in Retirement Poll

By Anthony Ramos  
Softball News Report

**D**espite coming in at No. 32 in Wallethub.com's ranking of 2017's Best & Worst States to Retire, California boasts the top number of Senior Softball-USA players. In fact, No. 2 is not even close.

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Source: Wallethub.com; Senior Softball USA

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JU Ent/Aftershock third baseman tags out runner from Northwest DeMarini in a game in the Men's 50 Major Plus division at Rock 'n Reno.

## Rock 'n Reno Challenge Cup Celebrates 30 Years

Softball News Report

RENO, NV --- The oldest and longest running Senior Softball-USA qualifier celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, as 196 teams from 15 states (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Washington), as well as Canada (Alberta and British Columbia) traveled to the "Biggest Little City in the World" May 26 to June 4.

The Rock 'n Reno Challenge Cup is the third largest SSUSA qualifier of the 2017 season,

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# News Briefing

## CARL'S CORNER

By Carl Gustafson

### The Battle Isn't Only on the Field

Those who last in senior softball must continually reinvent themselves. If you don't, you'll simply quit one day and instead of heading to first base, you'll begin your trek to the grave — and it's probably not as far away as you imagine.

I've been in this senior game 16 years. At 55, I was a stud with 18-inch arms that could muscle a bad pitch over the fence against the wind.

At 58, I pulled a groin tendon that had me limping for a year.

My 60th birthday present was a hernia that handicapped my game for another year before I had it operated on and went through recovery.

Then my right eye went bad and I couldn't see the ball correctly and learned to use my left eye only, until I had another operation and fixed the right eye.

At 63, I had a heart attack that completely changed my vitality to this day, and affected me psychologically even worse. I had to lose a lot of weight-lifting muscle to keep my weight down and no longer could bicep the ball over the fence.

At 64, I got plantar fasciitis and it crippled my stride for two whole years.

At 66, I had a pacemaker

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## Player Suspended at 40s Spring Worlds; Team Placed on Notice

A 40s Masters player was suspended indefinitely and a teammate and the team were placed on notice after an incident in which an umpire was threatened and physically pushed at the 40's Spring World Championships in Cathedral City in March.

The incident occurred on Saturday, March 18 at BLD in the 6:30 p.m. game between Team Amaya and SOFA Kings.

After a safe call at third base, Team Amaya's third baseman, Robert Muro, advanced toward the umpire yelling and swearing, according to two independent reports, plus a report from the umpire and director.

Muro was ejected and the pitcher, Brett Thomas, walked off the mound, pulled bats from the fence and threw them out of play, then walked toward the umpire, slammed his mask on the ground, hurled "F" bombs at the umpire and was ejected, according to the reports.

At that time, according to reports, Team Amaya surrounded the umpire and the umpire forfeited the game.

After the game, Muro reportedly physically pushed the umpire near the dugout.

Because the umpire was too upset to adequately apprise the director of all the facts, the director continued the game and ejected Brett Thomas for inappropriate

### Covering the Bases

By Terry Hennessy

behavior.

Senior Softball USA does not tolerate unsportsmanlike conduct and tactics of intimidation.

As a result of this incident, Muro was suspended indefinitely, and may face assault charges by the umpire.

Thomas and the Team Amaya were warned that any further instance will result in an automatic two-year suspension for the manager and all players on the team.

It should be noted that this was an isolated incident and does not reflect the behavior of other Masters or Senior teams. We strive to provide an atmosphere of fun, camaraderie and fair play in which players and their families can enjoy the sport without fear of being subjected to profanity, intimidation or violence.

### Chronic Umpire Shortage

Throughout softball — and other sports — we have had increasingly difficult time attracting new umpires and enough umpires to staff two umpires for each bracket game.

Therefore, beginning this year, we have increased the umpire pay for single games and will only have doubles on Championship day: the last

day of each session.

We are striving to attract the best umpires possible through this increase in pay and believe that it is better to have good quality single umpires than having two marginal umpires. This also allows us to have two top umpires on the last day because we need fewer umpires on the last day because of the shorter schedules.

This is NOT to save money. Our budget for umpires will be the same as the old system — the difference will be umpires receive more pay for single games.

We hope that this system will help ensure we have the best umpires available in the sport for SSUSA events.

### Bat Controversy

A bat was questioned by an umpire during the Southwest Championships and the issue has developed into a controversy among some women's teams during both that tournament and the Rock 'n' Reno Challenge Cup.

The incident began during the 40 Women's Major division game between Old School and Smack That at Lorenzi Park during the Southwest Championships in April.

The umpire noticed an old bat that appeared to have grooves and was worn when a Smack That player came to bat. The umpire examined the

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# Warren Buffet: Icon of Stock Market

**By Jack Sirard**

Like a lot of investors, I've always been intrigued by legendary investor Warren Buffett and as a result, his highly successful investment company, Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

The company's long-term performance on Wall Street has been nothing short of miraculous, racking up amazing gains as its wide range of businesses showed nothing but rising revenues and profits year after year.

Over the years, I loved to follow the stock but it was always way too expensive and didn't pay a cash dividend, something that's important for a lot of retired investors. Instead of dividends, Buffett and his team have historically chosen to reinvest its profits in their businesses or to look for new ones to buy.

Berkshire Hathaway's A listed shares trade on the New York Stock Exchange for roughly \$250,000 each, making it the most expensive shares on the Big Board. So unless you're a financial institution such as a pension fund, you're not going to be snapping up many of these shares.

However, several years back, Buffett created a second class of stock commonly called Berkshire B shares and they sell at a huge discount to the A shares. The most recently traded for about \$170 a share.

These were the shares that interested me. They're certainly not cheap, but after years of watching the company's performance, I recently decided to add some to my portfolio.

Buffett essentially uses Berkshire as an investment



**Warren Buffet, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway.**

holding company, buying both significant shares of publicly traded companies as well as entire businesses themselves.

He and his No. 1 investment partner Charlie Munger garner most of their attention by their Wall Street investments. And why not? Their investment portfolio reads like a who's who of the Blue Chip crowd.

Included in Berkshire's portfolio are the likes of Coca-Cola, Wells Fargo, Kraft Heinz Company, American Express, Apple and IBM, where he has reduced his holdings of late. And in the last year or so, Berkshire has taken a shine to the airline industry and has added large blocks of United Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines and American Airlines.

Over the years that Buffett has run Berkshire, he also has taken full control of companies like See's Candies, GEICO and Dairy Queen. In addition, the company wholly owns BNSF Railway, Lubrizol, Fruit of the Loom, Helzberg Diamonds, FlightSafety International, Pampered Chef and NetJets. His holdings also

include a diverse range of businesses including retail, home furnishings, encyclopedia, jewelry sales, newspaper publishing and a handful of regional electric and gas utilities.

The company is headquartered in Buffett's hometown of Omaha, Neb., and that suits him just fine. He's lived in the same house for years and his favorite food seems to be what's on the menu at Dairy Queen.

He's a strong believer in corporate transparency and has published an "owner's manual" for those owning Berkshire stock. It's readily available on his company's web site, but here's a particular part that I find interesting as a shareholder:

"In line with Berkshire's owner-orientation, most of our directors have a major portion of their net worth invested in the company," Buffett writes. "We eat our own cooking. Charlie's (Munger) family has the majority of its net worth in Berkshire shares; I have more than 98 percent.

"In addition, many of my relatives – my sisters and cousins, for example – keep a huge portion of their net worth in Berkshire stock. Charlie and I feel totally comfortable with this eggs-in-one-basket situation because Berkshire itself owns a wide variety of truly extraordinary businesses. Indeed, we believe that Berkshire is close to being unique in the quality and diversity of the businesses in which it owns either a controlling interest or a minority interest of significance.

"Charlie and I cannot promise you results. But we can guarantee that your

financial fortunes will move in lockstep with ours for whatever period of time you elect to be our partner. We have no interest in large salaries or options or other means of gaining an "edge" over you. We want to make money only when our partners do and in exactly the same proportion. Moreover, when I do something dumb, I want you to be able to derive some solace from the fact that my financial suffering is proportional to yours."

Not only are Buffett's annual letters widely read, but Berkshire's annual meetings regularly draw more than 20,000 investors to Omaha and have been named Woodstock for Capitalists. The meetings go on throughout the weekend where investors line up to question the top brass and to buy a wide array of products from their company.

Buffett is only paid \$100,000 a year with no stock options, making him one of the lowest paid top execs on Wall Street.

The question many investors have is how much longer the Buffett-Munger duo will run the company and who will take over when they do ultimately retire. Admittedly the stock could take a short-term hit when that day comes, but Buffett has repeatedly assured investors that he's groomed a successor and that he believes that the company's future is solid.

That's good enough for me.

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# Assessing Your Muscular Fitness

**By Stan Reents, Senior Softball News Contributor**

One of the keys to being successful in playing softball, or any sport for that matter, is muscular fitness.

Muscular fitness can be assessed in three ways:

- Muscular strength
- Muscular power
- Muscular endurance

Exercise scientists consider flexibility another aspect of muscular fitness. I'll cover that in a subsequent article.

Muscular strength is simply how much weight a particular muscle group can lift...one time. The easiest example to illustrate this is grabbing a dumbbell and doing a biceps curl. Most men can curl a 30-pound dumbbell. James Retarides holds the record, lifting 134 pounds with a one-arm curl but some seniors may struggle to curl as little as 15 to 20 pounds.

Muscular strength is important for offensive linemen in football and for wrestlers. But it's also important when you have to twist the lug nuts off the wheel of your car, or if you ever have to carry an unconscious person out of a burning house.

The most weight you can lift one time is called your one repetition max, abbreviated 1-RM. Note that the 1-RM differs for each muscle group. Knowing your 1-RM for various muscle groups allows you to design a weight-training program in a scientific way.

The bench press is used to assess both muscular strength and muscular endurance. This involves more muscle groups than a biceps curl. When it comes to a single rep, Gene Ry-chlak Jr. bench pressed 1,010 pounds. Several years later, Ryan Kennelly pressed 1,075 pounds. Yes, really!

However, it can be dangerous to load up a barbell with a huge amount of weight just to see if you can lift it once.

The preferred strategy for measuring 1-RM is to pick a weight that you can lift several times. So, for example, let's say you think you can bench press 200 pounds once. You would use 160 to 180 pounds and count how many times you can press that weight. Then, you calculate your 1-RM using the Brzycki equation.

Muscular power considers how fast you can lift a specific

weight. If your buddy can bench press 150 pounds, but it takes him five seconds to complete the lift, and you can lift the same amount of weight in 1 second, you have more muscular power.

Muscular power is important in sports like basketball and volleyball. It's also important in high jump, long jump, triple jump and throwing events like the shot put and javelin. In softball and baseball, swinging a bat, throwing and sprinting all require muscular power. In all of these examples, muscles have to contract fast.

Muscular endurance is how many times in a row a muscle can contract. Running a marathon requires over 40,000 steps. That means each calf muscle is contracting over 20,000 times. Now think about ultra-endurance athletes like Dean Karnazes and Pam Reed who have both run more than 300 miles nonstop.

Other athletes have also demonstrated amazing muscular endurance: David Goggins completed 4,030 pull-ups over a span of 17 hours. Diana Nyad swam from Cuba to Key West, Fla., non-stop. That's 103 miles and it took her 53 hours. Cross-Fit competitions are a severe test of muscle endurance.

The NFL uses a 225-pound bench press test. In 1999, Justin Ernest did 51 reps. For healthy adults, the YMCA bench press test uses an 80-pound barbell for men and a 35-pound barbell for women.

For seniors, arm curls are used to assess muscular fitness in the upper body. In this test, subjects perform as many curls as they can in 30 seconds. An eight-pound dumbbell is used to test men and women use a five-pound dumbbell. A stand-up test is used to assess the lower body. Here, subjects stand up from a chair as many times as they can in 30 seconds.

After you have measured your muscular strength and muscular endurance, you can compare how you rank against your age group. A good reference for these tables is the ACSM book "Complete Guide to Fitness & Health."

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# Opinions & Letters

## Maintaining Fair Play

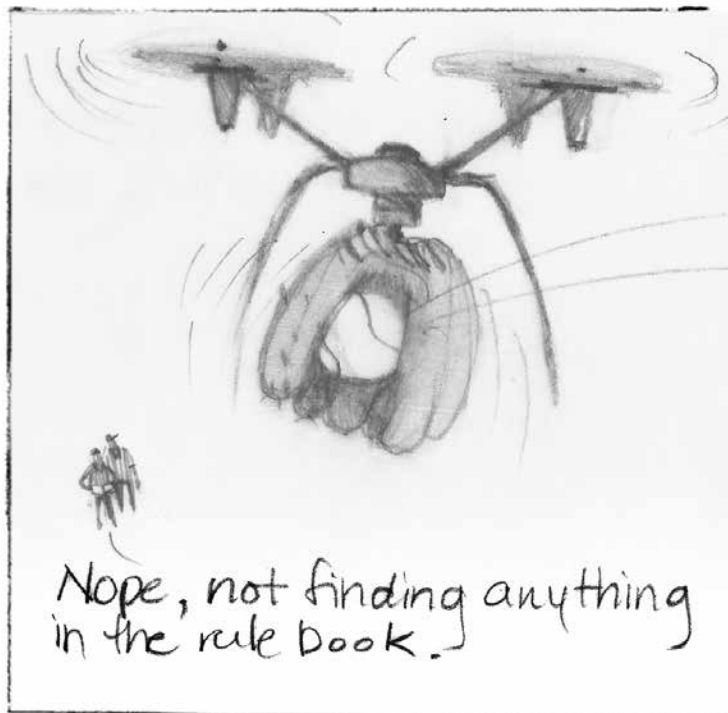
The guiding principle of Senior Softball USA is to maintain fair play for all competitors.

We believe – strongly – that the success of any sports organization in the long run is determined by its ability to maintain fairness for players and teams.

In our effort to maintain fairness, we strive to apply principles for rating teams and players as evenly as possible. We have led the way in establishing not only five-year age groupings, but also the skill level classifications within each age group.

We emphasize to both directors and umpires the necessity to apply rules evenly and they are recused from any decision-making when they are playing to avoid a conflict of interest.

In addition, we believe that all men and women 40 and over should be welcome



Sue Ballenger

to play our sport. We endorse no political party, and make no distinctions concerning race, religion, or lifestyle choice.

We do demand sportsmanship be practiced and abhor tactics of intimidation on the field.

In short, Senior Softball USA is dedicated to provid-

ing ALL Masters and Seniors with the opportunity to play the game we love in an atmosphere of comradery and sportsmanship.

And we deeply appreciate working with players and teams to make these goals a reality on the field.

**Terry Hennessy - Editor**

## Possible Body Signals of Cancer

**By Pete Davignon**

There are many ways your body can signal you that a cancer may be present.

Men have urinary issues as we get older. More frequent urination, leaks or even a weak stream normally are signs of enlarged prostate, but it also could mean cancer.

You have small, bean-shaped glands in your neck,

armpits, and other places in your body. When they're swollen, it means you could have an infection, a cold, or strep throat. Cancers like lymphoma and leukemia also can cause this kind of swelling.

If you see blood in the toilet after you go, talk to your doctor. A bloody stool is likely to come from swollen, inflamed veins called hemorrhoids, but it could be colon

cancer. Blood in your urine could be a problem like a urinary tract infection, but it also may signal kidney or bladder cancer.

Find a lump or swelling in your testicles, you need to see your doctor right away. A painless lump is the most common sign of testicular cancer. You may just have a heavy feeling in your lower

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# California: Weather, Access Keys to Softball Popularity

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California has more than twice the senior softball players as the next state on the list. That state is Florida, which is the top-rated state to retire in Wallethub's report. California's overall ranking by Wallethub.com was brought down largely because of affordability.

In a recent breakdown of SSUSA's player density by state that was done in late 2016, of the 39,264 players in the database, 7,786 were from California.

The popularity of senior softball in the Golden State, specifically in Northern California, may be attributed to the creation and growth of the Northern California Senior Softball Association (NCSSA).

NCSSA runs tournaments every weekend in multiple regions from February through November, allowing teams in the area ample opportunities to play. The organization also creates rules for rosters and playing.

"I got involved in NCSSA in 1994," said Gary Tryhorn, 72, of Walnut Creek in the San Francisco Bay area.

Tryhorn, a SSUSA player, also is the primary contact for NCSSA's Region IV (Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Solano, Sonoma and Trinity counties).

"It can't be done anywhere else in the country," continued Tryhorn, on the frequent number of tournaments run by NCSSA. "I used to play on a Florida team and Florida Half Century runs one tournament a month." Similarly, the Southern California Senior Softball Association also runs one tournament a month.

Freddie Miller, 77, from West Sacramento, whose SSUSA career also dates to the late 1990's agrees on the popularity of the sport in Northern California,



The Great Reno Balloon Race

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JULY 8-AUG 27	Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival
JULY 31-AUG 6	Barracuda Championship - PGA TOUR Golf Tournament
AUG 8-13	Hot August Nights
AUG 27-SEPT 4	Burning Man
AUG 30-SEPT 4	Best In The West Nugget Rib Cook-Off
SEPT 8-10	The Great Reno Balloon Race
SEPT 13-17	National Championship Air Races
SEPT 27-OCT 1	Street Vibrations Fall Rally
OCT 7-8	Eldorado Great Italian Festival

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"I play four days a week, plus tournament ball," said Miller, who plays league with Golden Seniors Softball Club of Sacramento. His tournament team, California Oaks, has been together for decades, starting as a 60's team and graduating along to 65's, 70's and cur-

rently 75.

Although California ranked 32nd overall in the study, the state did rank in the top-10 in quality of life (8th), one of the dimensions used in the study. It ranked 20th in health care, another dimension, and tied for third (with Connecticut) in life expectancy, one of the

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# California: Expensive, But Great Weather

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metrics used to calculate health care.

"Playing senior softball helps us stay fit," stated Miller. "We'd be long gone without it."

Affordability was the one dimension that hurt California's overall ranking, as the state came in at No. 42.

"Taxes and cost of living are really high," said Jerry Smith, 65 from Moreno Valley in Southern California, manager of Over the Edge (65 Major). "I wish it was more feasible to stay. We've lost a lot of players moving to Nevada, Arizona, Florida and Colorado."

Despite the state's lack of affordability, Smith says "California is a great place to live."

Like the Northern part of the state, league play is also a catalyst for maintaining a good quality of life for players in Southern California.

"We've got three leagues down here (Menifee, Anaheim, Rancho Cucamonga), and another one farther south in Fallbrook (San Diego)," said Smith. "Leagues are five days a week and it keeps us going. Helps us feel young again. We also get 20-30 guys out for hitting practice."

"Senior softball keeps getting bigger and bigger," continued Smith. "We've got good ballplayers down here that aren't playing yet."

The proof of the growth in the sport can be seen this season, with the Winter World Championships in Phoenix in November (209 teams), the LVSSA/SSUSA Southwest Championships in Las Vegas

in April (214 teams) and the Rock 'N Reno Challenge Cup in May/June (196 teams).

Driving the numbers in those tournaments are the large number of players and teams in California.

A major factor that draws people to Southern California is the ideal temperature year-round.

"San Diego has the best weather," said Dan Haveron, 75 from Fallbrook, a long-time member of SSUSA, who currently serves as manager of Top Gun 75 Classics, as well as a regional director for SSUSA in Southern California.

"I'd say 95% of the popularity of senior softball in

San Diego is due to the ideal weather. You don't freeze in the winter and don't burn in the summer."

Along with the vast access to leagues and tournament play in California, one driving force keeping senior softball players stay in-state is the fear of change.

"As we get older, it becomes more difficult to make a change," continued Haveron. "At 75, most guys don't want to consider moving."

*The third part of The Best States to Retire series will continue in the next edition of Senior Softball News, as we round out the remaining top five SSUSA states.*

# Carl: Take It Easy or Keep Swinging

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implanted and had to start being very careful not to get hit in the chest by line drives.

My last year in the 60s took away the remaining cartilage in my right shoulder and I could no longer throw the ball or push through the swing with my right arm. So, at 70 I finally learned how to use my hips to rotate hard and pull the bat with my left arm in a whip action through the ball.

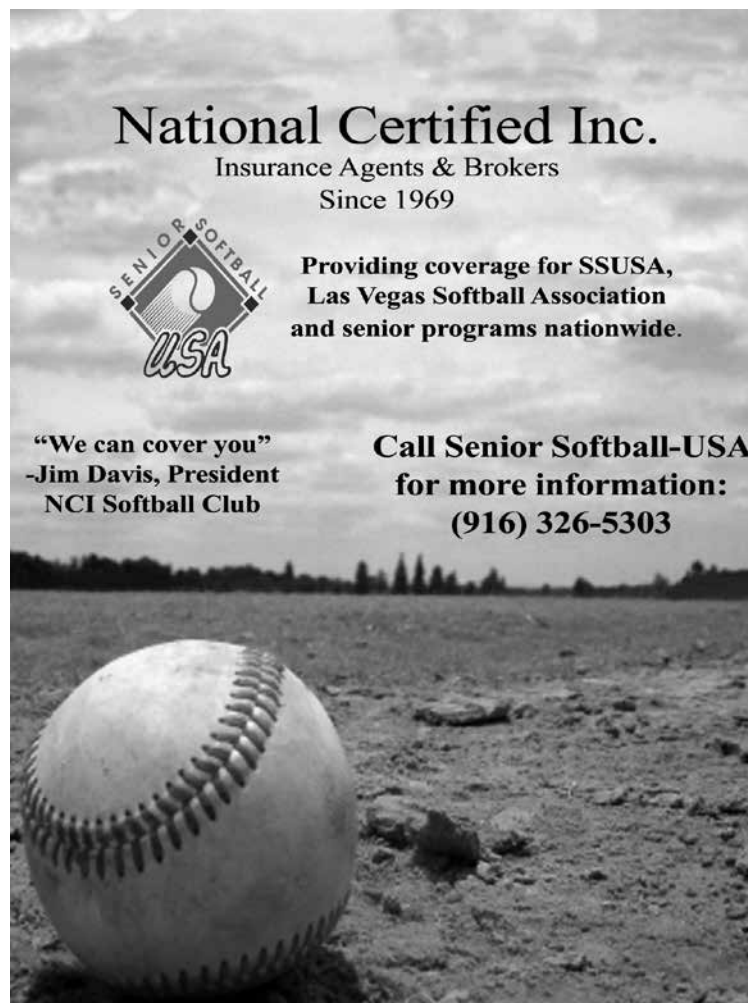
Now I'm almost 71 and debating whether or not to have my shoulder replaced so I can throw the ball again and go back to the outfield. But doc says once replaced it will last maybe six or seven years if I use it hard and up to 10 to 12 if I take it easy. So, I'm gauging how long I have yet to live and deciding whether or not to go down swinging.

Here's what I learned from all of this. I'm no different from the rest of you aging guys with your aches, pains, and operations, but those of us who find ways to compensate and keep going in our beloved sport, keep our zest and exhilaration of living.

Those who get discouraged and quit, almost immediately start to get brittle and lose brightness, and disappear into existence.

There's a huge difference between living and existing.

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# CAN-Sirs: Prevention Through Lifestyle Choices

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belly or scrotum or your testicles feel larger.

Trouble swallowing can be a sign of cancer in your throat or the pipe between your mouth and stomach, called the esophagus. Tests like a barium X-ray, will show your throat on the image.

From bad breath to canker sores, most changes in your mouth aren't serious. But if you have white or red patches or sores in your mouth that don't heal after a couple of weeks, especially if you smoke, it may be a sign of oral cancer. Look for a lump in your cheek, trouble moving your jaw, or mouth pain.

It's not normal to lose 10 pounds or more without trying. There's a chance it could be a first sign of cancer of the pancreas, stomach, esophagus, or lung. You can slim down when you change the way you eat or exercise. It can also happen if you have stress or a thyroid problem. If your indigestion doesn't stop, it could be a sign of stomach cancer.

Fatigue is one early sign of some cancers, like leukemia. Some colon and stomach cancers can cause blood loss that you can't see, which can make you feel very tired. If you're wiped out all the time and rest doesn't help, talk to your doctor.

A new spot on your skin or one that changes size, shape, or color could be a sign of skin cancer. Another is a spot that doesn't look the same as all the others on your body.

If you have a nagging cough that doesn't go away or



## CAN-SIRS CORNER

By Pete Davignon

you cough up blood, especially if you are a smoker, see your doctor to check for lung cancer.

Cancer prevention has meant reducing risks through lifestyle choices. Researchers are working to find a medical solution to cancer prevention. There are more than 33 types of cancer and they do not all respond to the same treatment. You can take a pill to lessen the risk of heart disease and stroke, but science has not yet progressed as far, but they are getting closer.

It is estimated that 30 to 50 percent of cancers could be prevented or delayed by using the tools we already have: Diet, exercise, not smoking, limit alcohol, protect yourself from ultra violet light, regular medical exams and cancer screening.

If you would like to organize a CAN-Sirs Senior Softball Exhibition team for your league or travel team, we would assist you in any way we can.

You can reach us at [can-sirs@att.net](mailto:can-sirs@att.net) and visit the CAN-Sirs website at [www.can-sirs.org](http://www.can-sirs.org). Your financial support is welcome, you can donate through PayPal or 2485 Notre Dame Blvd. #370-180, Chico, CA 95928

# Bat Controversy: Penalty for Altered Bat

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bat and thought it had been altered.

The director was called over to make a decision on the bat. The director reported that the bat only appeared to be worn, but had not been altered to gain any advantage.

The director elected to remove the bat from play to avoid controversy, unfortunately that move actually created controversy because the opposing teams then assumed there was something wrong with the bat.

In Reno, the owner of the bat approached the director's table before play began to make sure the bat was legal before she began to play. The three directors at the table all examined the bat and came to the same conclusion as the director who originally examined the bat at the Southwest: the bat was worn but had not been altered to improve performance.

The directors called me, as tournament director, and I instructed them to make sure the bat was not removed from play because they had ruled it a legal bat.

We take altered bats very seriously. Here is the SSUSA Rule:

## 3.4(6) • PENALTY FOR USING AN ALTERED BAT OR SOFTBALL

SSUSA agreed to follow the 2007 Summit Altered Bat Recommendation:

A. Penalty for using an altered bat – If a bat is suspected of being altered to enhance performance, a tournament official will determine if the

bat will be allowed to be used in play or will request that it be voluntarily surrendered by the owner for inspection.

If the player refuses to immediately surrender the bat to tournament officials, the player will be suspended for ten years, the manager for one year, and the team will forfeit all games played in the current tournament.

If the player voluntarily surrenders the bat and it is found to be altered to enhance performance, the player will be suspended for five years and the manager for one year.

The bat, if surrendered by the owner, will be held and forwarded for testing through the National SSUSA office at the conclusion of the tournament. A second offense may result in the lifetime ban of the player. Immediate actions for use of an altered bat will also result in the following:

1. Batter will be called out and ejected from the tournament.

2. Base runners will be instructed to return to the base(s) occupied at the time the suspected altered bat was used, providing there are fewer than three outs.

3. The bat (if surrendered by the owner) will be held and forwarded for testing through the National SSUSA Office at the conclusion of the tournament

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# Enhance Softball With a Hitting Club

By Art Eversole

On several occasions when traveling to a SSUSA tournament, some players tell me that they had not picked up a bat since the last tournament. These guys are not ready for tournament play. In many cases they don't get going until the last day of the bracket games and by then it may be too late for them to help the team.

A few years ago, I visited the Woodlawn hitting club in Florida with my hitting partner Brett "Kreugs" Kreuger. Brett and I were on our way to take part in the Jacksonville early season spring classic put on by Curt Hollis. We planned to first stop in Woodlawn to meet with the Woodlawn coordinator Dave "Pops" North and take part in the batting practice sessions for two days.

Dave and his associates had developed an early morning hitting activity that was organized and fun. Having a regularly scheduled time and place to practice your game adds to your physical skills as well as socially.

There are innumerable benefits in belonging to a hitting club and a salient one is in keeping your game tuned and ready for play. If you have a club in your local area, then try and join or start your own. You can pass the word at your leagues or use softball internet message boards to get out the word about starting or joining an existing hitting club.

In 2013 I started a hitting club at a local facility in the city of Seatac, Wash. This facility had fields that were



turfed for soccer and softball but were not regulation size; so a perfect site for BP and they were available in the mornings.

We ask for a \$10/month donation from players (cost is about 50 cents a session) and we have about 25 members who participate but not every day. Players show up when they want and no one is taking attendance.

It's a good idea for the hitting club coordinator to make every session, especially if bringing the equipment, or delegate to a lieutenant. We like to keep the participation age at 50+ but understand that a weekday morning hitting club is more suited for the retired senior player than for those still employed.

It's extremely important to maintain and take good care of equipment. We change out the balls three times a year to maintain good balls to hit. Try and order only 44COR/375 compression balls and not the really high performance ones so the player gets a feel for what they can do in league and tournaments.

A typical day starts with

players meeting in the parking lot at 9:45a.m. every weekday morning except Wednesdays which is our league day. We unload the equipment (normally hauled around by the coordinator) on to the transport cart and head to our field. We hit in groups of three with each batter taking three rounds of 10 pitches that are put into play. Having pitchers who can throw batting practice strikes is essential to keeping things moving.

I use my bullhorn to make the announcement for the next group of three to hit. I know everyone's name and skill level as I try to match up ability; I also hit the lefties in their own group. When it's time to replenish the pitchers ball-caddies I'll sound two blasts of the air-horn and the truck cart will then be rolled to the pitchers area.

Benefits:

- Meeting and getting to know more senior players socially,
- Provides a setting for finding a team that fits your skills and time constraints,
- Prepares players for league and tournament play,
- On-site hitting in-

struction,

- Swinging and testing the latest bat marketing sensations,
- Determination of bat speed and ball exit speed,
- Provides for fielding and pitching practice.

Equipment:

1. Pitcher protection screen (I.Screen),
2. Ball Collection area safety screen (7 foot wide),
3. Ball collection buckets,
4. Standup ball-caddies for pitcher's comfort,
5. Ball bucket flat truck cart for transporting,
6. Bullhorn (field communications),
7. Bat Compression kit (determines if bat is game ready or toast),
8. First Aid kit,
9. Mounted radar gun on tripod,
10. Large wireless bat speed monitor device.

You're certainly not expected to fortify your startup hitting club with many of the extras that I've outlined above; it's a matter of how much money the club desires to invest. Just make sure you decide on the core essentials that will prepare players for league play and tournaments and for the building of social connections which are critical for enhancing the total softball experience.

Happy Hitting,

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behind the Winter World Championships (209 teams) in Phoenix and the LVSSA/SSUSA Southwest Championships (214 teams) in Las Vegas.

The first session of the tournament featured the Men's 50 and 55 age divisions, May 26-28, with 47 teams in action at Golden Eagle Regional Park Softball Complex (Sparks) and Reno Softball Complex at Rancho San Rafael.

In the three-team Men's 50 Major Plus division, top seed Northwest DeMarini/Stark St. Pizza (WA) defeated Nor Cal Warriors (CA), 19-12, before edging out JU Entertainment/AfterShock (CA), 22-21, in the championship game.



**Player from DeMarini stretches out to make a play on the ball.**

The 11-team Men's 50 Major division saw No. 10 seed Layer Cake Wines/Crush 50's (CA) rally through the elimination side of the bracket with three straight wins to reach the championship game, defeating No. 6 seed Bad Seed 50's (CA), 22-16, to force the "if" game. Bad Seed defeated Layer Cake Wines/Crush earlier in the bracket, knocking the team down into the



**Photos by Jack Eberhard**

**Layer Cake Wines/Crush pitcher looks to hit the mat.**

elimination round. Layer Cake Wines/Crush was awarded the "if" game due to an injury induced forfeit. No. 4 seed Hara's/Jersey Lilly 50s (OR), making their SSUSA debut, finished in third place.

The top two seeds battled it out for the title in the 13-team Men's 50 AAA division, Calhoun/Michael's Toyota (WA) defeated Pacific Coast Alliance (CA) 18-10 in the "if" game, after dropping the championship game 24-14. Calhoun/Michael's Toyota got the better of Pacific Coast Alliance 23-8 earlier in the bracket to drop the team down into the elimination side of the bracket. No. 8 seed Sacramento Flash made an incredible run through the elimination



**Player on Calhoun/Michael's Toyota tries to turn two.**

rounds, winning five straight games, before falling short to Pacific Coast Alliance 17-16 in the third-place game.

The Men's 55 Major Plus division consisted of six teams, with No. 2 seed Somerville Softball (CA) going 3-0 in bracket play, including a 32-18 win over No. 5 seed Northwest Legends 55 (WA) in the championship game. Top seed Elite (AZ) finished in third place.



**Player from The Core rounds third looking to score.**

Seven teams competed in the Men's 55 Major division, as No. 3 seed The Core (NV) double-dipped top seed California Energy by scores of 17-11 and 20-9 in the championship and "if" game respectively. California En-

ergy edged out The Core 8-6 earlier in the bracket. Sonoma County Crush (CA) finished in third place.

Another seven-team division, the Men's 55 AAA division, saw the top two seeds duel it out, as Rebellion (CA) defeated Senior Bend Elks (OR) 17-14 in the "if" game, after falling in the championship game 30-17. After dropping their opening game in bracket play, top seed Senior Bend Elks went on a run, winning five straight games, before falling short in the "if" game. The "if" game was the team's fifth game on Sunday. No. 5 seed Fresno Heat finished in third place.

The second session saw the Men's 65 through 80 age divisions take the field, May 30-June 1, with 70 teams in play at Golden Eagle, Rancho San Rafael and Shadow Mountain Park Softball Complex (Sparks). KTVN Channel 2 News was on hand during the second session. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the news clip.

Timberworks/Adidas (CA) once again held onto its stronghold of the Men's 65 Major Plus division, coming out of the elimination side of the bracket to double-dip Omen 65 (CA) by scores of 23-19 and 18-16 to capture the four-team division. Omen edged out Timberworks/Adidas earlier in the bracket 26-25. Old A's (AZ) finished in third place.

This is the second straight Rock 'n Reno Challenge Cup victory for Timberworks/

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Adidas and the fourth major championship of 2017, as the team has won the Winter World, Spring World and Southwest Championships.



**Omen first baseman applies the tag at first against Timberworks in championship game.**

In the nine-team Men's 65 Major division, top seed Enviro-Vac Marauder 65 (BC, Canada) avenged their loss in the championship game against Nor-Cal STIXX 65 (CA) 21-20 with a 16-2 triumph in the "if" game. Nor-Cal STIXX bounced back from an 0-2 showing in seeding play with a 4-2 mark in bracket play en route to their runner-up finish. KC Kids (KS) finished in third place.



**Batter from KC Kids taking a healthy cut.**

Oregon Crabs posted a perfect 4-0 record in bracket play in the seven-team Men's 65 AAA division, including a 19-11 victory over Cut Loose 65's (CA) in the champion-



**Batter from Santa Cruz Blues Breakers swings hard.**

ship game. After dropping their opening game in bracket play, Prime Time (CA) rattled off three straight wins en route to their third-place finish.

In the four-team Men's 65 Silver division, Texas Lone Stars defeated Penn Valley Grays (CA) 20-12 in the championship game. Git-R-Done 65 (CA) finished in third place; however, as the highest finishing AA team, Git-R-Done earned first place awards for its division.

The champion in the four-team Men's 70 Major Plus division would be determined by an "if" game, as Venom (FL) downed Omen 70 (CA) 20-4 after falling in the championship game 10-9. After dropping their opening game in bracket play, Omen won three straight games to eventually force the "if" game and register a runner-up finish. Scrap Iron 70 Legacy (CO) finished in third place.

In the 10-team Men's 70 Major division, SoCal Gusto (CA) completed an

unbeaten week, going 2-0 in seeding play, before winning four straight in bracket play, including a 27-20 win over Hendricks Sports Management (TX) in the championship game. After losing their first two games in the three-game guarantee bracket, Tri-State Diamondbacks (NM) rebounded to win three straight games to finish in third place.

Solano Senior Enforcers (CA) took the 10-team Men's 70 AAA division, going 4-0 in bracket play, including an 18-7 victory over Southern California Crush in the championship game. After going 0-2 in seeding play and dropping their opening game in bracket play, Mustangs (CA) won four straight games in the elimination side of the bracket to finish in third place.

Sacramento Buds won the three-team Men's 70 AA division, defeating Direct Sales Flooring (CA) 23-7, before downing California Oaks 15-9 in the championship game.

In the five-team Men's 75 Platinum division, W.E. Ruth Realty 75 (WA) defeated San Francisco Seals 75 (CA) in the championship game 25-17. PDF Fastsigns (OR) and Lincoln Hills Coyotes 75 (CA) each finished in third place in the single-elimination bracket.

The Zone (UT) won the five-team Men's 75 AAA division with a perfect record, going 4-0 in seeding play and 2-0 in bracket play, including a 23-6 win in the championship game against California Oaks 75's. Triple Play 75 (CA) and Git-R-Done 75 (CA) each finished in third place in the single-elimination bracket.

In the three-team Men's 80 Major division, top seed Fairway Ford (CA) defeated Emerald 80's (WA) 15-3 in the championship game. Sacramento Gold finished in third place.



**Player on Fairway Ford shows off his wheels trying to score.**

In the six-team Men's 80 AAA division, teams played a full five-game round robin to determine the champion. Redwood City Gold Rush (CA) posted a perfect 5-0 record to take first place. Git-R-Done 80 (CA) finished in second

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A highlight from the 80 AAA division came from Forever Young Diamonds (UT), who turned a triple play. "The great thing about this triple play was it was done on 65 foot base paths," said manager Doyle Neuenswander. "The bases were loaded with nobody out. The ball was hit hard by one of the players from Redwood Gold Rush to the shortstop Ralph Brinton, who tagged the runner going to third, then threw to Ronnie Guest at second for two and he threw to Roy Lehrner at first base for the third out. No runs scored."

The third and final session of the tournament, June 2-4, was the largest, as the Men's 40's and 60's age divisions, as well as all the Women's (40's through 55's) divisions, were due up. With the most teams of any of the sessions (79), all four complexes were in use, as Centennial Park Softball Complex (Carson City) was added, to go along with Golden Eagle, Rancho San Rafael, and Shadow Mountain.

Starting with the three-team Women's 40 Masters Major division, Old School (CA) defeated Fun Bunch 40's (CA) 14-8 in the championship game. Smack That (CA) finished in third place.

TABU (CA) came out of the elimination side of the bracket to double-dip CCS

Fireballerz (CA), by scores of 20-12 and 26-8 in the championship and "if" game to win the four-team Women's 40 Masters AAA division. Old Nasty Curves (CA) finished in third place.

B.O.O.B.'s 40 (CA) defeated Dames Got Game (AZ) in a best two-out-of-three game series for the Women's 40 Masters AA division. After the teams split the first two games, B.O.O.B.'s 40 took the rubber-match 16-10.

Top seed Twisted Fossils 50 (MA), making the long trek across the country, ran the table in the nine-team Women's 50 division, going 2-0 in seeding play and 4-0 in bracket play, including a 20-13 win over Arizona Dream Team in the championship game. After going 0-2 in seeding play and dropping their opening game in the bracket, Been There! Done That! (CA) rattled off four straight wins to make a valiant run through the elimination bracket, en route to their third-place finish.



**Twisted Fossils pitcher looks to shut down opposing offense.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wind (CA), the top seed in the three-team Women's 55 division, defeated Spokane Sparx 50 (WA) 27-14 in the championship game.



**Player on 2nd Wind tries to beat the throw home.**

Nevada Sage finished in third place.

In the four-team Men's 60 Major Plus division, Old Dawgs 60 (CA) came back to defeat Summy's Demolition (CA), 34-20, in the "if" game, after falling 21-8 in the championship game. Old Dawgs edged out Summy's Demolition 15-14 earlier in the bracket, knocking the team down into the elimination side of the bracket. With their backs against the wall, Summy's Demolition won three straight games before running out of gas in the "if" game. MTC 60's/Dudley (CA) finished in third place.

Goodman Racing (WA) edged out Old Giants (CA) 27-26 in the championship game of the nine-team Men's 60 Major division. Goodman Racing ran the bracket going 4-0. Top seed Bulldogs 60's (OR) won four straight games in the elimination side of the bracket after dropping opening game in the bracket.

The largest division of the tournament, the 18-team Men's 60 AAA division, saw top seed Mountain Men 60 (UT) post a flawless record, going 2-0 in seeding play, before running the bracket with a 5-0 record, including a 20-

18 win over No. 2 seed Utah Coyotes in the championship game. Mountain Men also defeated Utah Coyotes 21-20 to advance to the championship game. Auto Accessory Dist. (OR) finished in third place.

Ain't No Saints (CA) won the four-team Men's 60 AA division, going 3-0 in bracket play, including a 25-8 win over East-West Aircraft (ID) in the championship game. Fresno Mayhem (CA) finished in third place.

In the six-team Men's 40 Major Plus division, Miken Voodoo (AB, Canada) bounced back from an 0-2 showing in seeding play, with a perfect 4-0 mark in bracket play, including a 42-24 win over GTS (ID) in the championship game. After dropping their opening bracket game, GTS won three straight games en route to their runner-up finish. Desert Springs (NV) finished in third place after going 0-2 in seeding.

In the 17-team Men's 40 Gold division, top seed Prestige Pools (CA) completed a perfect weekend, going 2-0 in seeding play and 5-0 in bracket play, including a 14-11 win over No. 2 seed Rancid/Miken Sports (CA) in the championship game. Team CPC (CA) finished in third place. Honorable mention to SofaKing Softball/Elite (CA), who lost their opening game in the bracket, before going on a run, winning four straight in the elimination side of the bracket. The team would eventually fall to Team CPC.



# Rock 'N Reno All-Tournament Teams

## Women's 40 Major

Smack That (CA): Stefanie Acton, Dina Hidalgo, Andrea Ennis

## Women's 40 AAA

CCS Fireballerz (CA): Betty Atkinson, Staci Mosher, Ruby Rubio, Isabel Highman. / Old Nasty Curves (CA): Christina Jones, Mary Knudsen, Michelle Serna.

## Women's 40 AA

B.O.O.B.S (CA): Alicia VanHoy, Julie Holcomb, Kam Butler, Lisa Lambert, Michelle Ballard. / Dames Got Game (AZ): Jennifer Tidbury, Ophelia Begay, Irene Bouzanquet, Jean Hughes.

## Women's 50

Twisted Fossils (MA): Tammy Schondelmayer, Ellen Spruce, Dawn DeMerchant, April Blake, Kristen Blandino. / Been There! Done That! (CA): Shawn Moreno, Deborah Robertson, Gail Locati.

## Women's 55

2<sup>nd</sup> Wind (CA): Chris Shelley, Jane Smith, Lois Hand, Teresa Provost, MaryAnn Stegall. / Spokane Sparx (WA): Pam Mcleod, Bonnie Patey, Terry Graham, Peggy Rose.

## Men's 40 Major Plus

GTS (ID): Chris Hoshaw, Pat Paschal, Trevor Jones, Joey Smith.

## Men's 50 Major

Layer Cake Wines/Crush 50's (CA): Charles Baranzini, Charles Ruffkahr, Christopher King, Marco Jones, John Gibbs. / Bad Seed 50s (CA): Sean Kelly, Brad Clemens, Brian Gregoire, Richard Monteiro.

## Men's 50 AAA

Pacific Coast Alliance (CA): Stephen Fultz, Carlton Gallant, Lawson Williams, Kenneth Levey.

## Men's 55 Major Plus

Sommerville Softball (CA): Isac Alvidrez, Danny Arevalos, Darrell Beeler, Jimmy Ferguson, Ronnie Parnell.

## Men's 55 Major

The Core (NV): Jaime Lagos, Dan Maher, Mark Ahearn, Dave Cherry, Elecio Rosales, Jr.

## Men's 55 AAA

Rebellion (CA): Ricky Ishimaru, Jeff Jackson, Mike Kalas, Walt Strickland, Bill Conwell.

## Men's 60 Major Plus

Old Dawgs (CA): Steve Hillman, Rick Cady, Lyman Rose, Bryan Lowry, Roger Underwood. / Summy's Demolition (CA): Paul Smit, Cory Firzloff, Wayne Wilcox, George Robinson. / MTC 60'S/Dudley (CA): Ron Webb, Bob Aikman, Dwayne Brekke.

## Men's 60 Major

Goodman Racing (WA): William Stock, Marlin Harris, Steve Humphries, Donald Freund, Emery Smith. / Old Giants (CA): David Brown, Duff Criley, Jesse Vargas, Ronald Joseph.

## Men's 60 AAA

Mountain Men (UT): Ernest Reyes, Stuart Fredman, Vardell Curtis, Arthur Talbot, Ron Whitehead. / Utah Coyotes: Steve Belnap, Bob McFarland, Brent Silcox, Thomas Garner. / Auto Accessory Distributing (OR): George Lorentzen, Charles Hudson, Don Allen.

## Men's 60 AA

Ain't No Saints (CA): Robert Smartt, Frank Bonilla, Lee Levig, Steve Schuler, Mark Little. / East-West Aircraft (ID): Chuck Leachman, Ted Dedden, Michael Griffith, George Van Horn.

## Men's 65 Major Plus

Omen 65 (CA): Roland Bleitz, Mickey Ayala, Barry Oliver, Charlie Carter.

## Men's 65 Major

Enviro-Vac Marauder 65 (BC, Canada): Bob Mireau, Jim Norris, Donald Freund, Ralph Tipton, Jim Klassen. / Nor-Cal Stixx: Gopher Gold Harris, John Flores, Eduardo Calip, Steven Etchieson.

## Men's 65 AAA

Oregon Crabs: Mitch Deaderrick, Richard Wheeler, Craig Everhart, Jeff Powers, Mike Kutansky.

## Men's 65 AA

Git-R-Done 65 (CA): John Potter, Donald Drehsen, Wayne Arendt, William Rugh, Tommy DeRocher.

## Men's 65 Silver

Texas Lone Stars: Carl Beyer, Bill Hale, Pete Moreno, Victor Carrola, Joe Trevino.

## Men's 70 Major Plus

Omen 70 (CA): Tony Miranda, David Sells, John Di Re, Bob Cummings

## Men's 70 Major

SoCal Gusto: Jon Arem, Lary Row, Paul Auster, Dan Milakovich, Mike Young. / Tri-State Diamondbacks (NM): Dick Gwilt, Kent Near, Edward Kanda Sr.

## Men's 70 AAA

Solano Senior Enforcers (CA): William Hamilton, Brian Bates, Mike Faaborg, Larry Yoder, Antonio Garcia. / Southern California Crush: Harvey Deeter, Larry Wagenbach, John Murillo, Russell Young.

## Men's 70 AA

Sacramento Buds (CA): Lee Marshall, Jim Mays, Frank Newcross, Tosh Ohara, Timothy Sutherland. / California



Oaks: Howard Toder, Jerry Horton, Drew Asher, Eric Scharer. / Direct Sales Flooring (CA): Murray Herriman, Gerald Henderson, Mark Kraft.

## Men's 75 Platinum

San Francisco Seals 75's (CA): Jerry Ford, LeRoy Gallardo, Herb Epple, Bill Wilson. / Lincoln Hills Coyotes (CA): Forrest Burkett, Gene Hanson, Virgil Dahl. / General Equipment (OR): Jay Brack, Mike Baker, Bob Quarantino.

## Men's 75 AAA

The Zone (UT): Jack Searle, Leonard Mecham, Tom Swegle, Rex Cates, Steve Haslam. / Git-R-Done (CA): Joe Barry, Gene Dick, Marlow Pounds.

## Men's 80 Major

Fairway Ford (CA): Dave Duarte, Bert Haley, John Fisher, Bill Poe, RJ Jerrels. / Emerald 80's (WA): Carroll Shook, Oliver Harding, Don Person, Gordon Rasmussen. / Sacramento Gold (CA): Ray Newman, Darrow Baker, Sam Sekikawa.

## Men's 80 AAA

Redwood City Gold Rush (CA): Roger Phillips, Bill Be-shore, Dennis Craig, Robert Elwood, Ron Schwartz. / Git-R-Done 80 (CA): Lee Hoyt, Jack Paulson, Norm Hall, Bob Rose.

# 2017 Steve Simmons Memorial/Mosquitoland Classic First TOC Qualifier in Gopher State

## Softball News Report

VADNAIS HEIGHTS, MINN. ---

For the first time in its history, Senior Softball-USA held a Tournament of Champions (TOC) qualifier in Minnesota, as the fifth annual Steve Simmons Memorial/Mosquitoland Classic was given the distinction of TOC Qualifier for 2017.

Weather would be an issue early on Sunday, as a monster fast-moving storm rolled through the area, including tornado warnings; however, all games on the final day would be completed, with the exception of the Men's 50 Major Plus and 55/60 Major Plus divisions.

Vadnais Heights Community Park, McKnight Fields (North St. Paul) and Pioneer Park (Little Canada) all hosted games throughout the week. A special thank you to Jimmy's Food & Drink for serving as a sponsor for the tournament.

Pope Transport (WI) ran through the five-team Men's 50 Major division with a

3-0 record in bracket play, including a 15-12 win over KC Classics (MO) in the championship game. KC Classics won both of their games in the elimination side of the bracket to reach the final game. Iowa Demons finished in third place.



**Jim Proulx, sponsor of the tournament.**

Miken/Chi Town Assault (IL) won the three-team Men's 50 AAA division, besting MN Lumberjacks 50, 7-5, before knocking off Neb. 50's, 22-12, in the championship game.

WC Thunder 55 (IL) defeated Speedwerx (MN) 21-19 in the championship game of the four-team Men's 55 Major division. After dropping their opening game in the bracket, Speedwerx



**Photo by Dave Dowell**

**Storm clouds gave way early enough on Sunday to allow for the completion of the Steve Simmons Memorial/Mosquitoland Classic.**

won back-to-back games in the elimination side of the bracket, defeating both Central Illinois Chiefs 20-15 and J & J's Sports/Miken/Demons (IA) 21-9 in the third-place game, en route to their runner-up finish.

In the five-team Men's 55/60 Gold division, Nebraska Silver Bullets (55 AAA) defeated Minnesota Cowboys (60 Major) 22-14 in the championship game. As the highest finishing team in their age division, Minnesota Cowboys would also receive first place awards and a 2018 TOC bid. Antiques of Iowa City finished in third place.

The top two seeds squared off in the championship game of the six-team Men's 60 Silver division, as No. 2 Milwaukee Merchants (WI) defeated top seed Playmakers (WI) 10-7. Playmakers dropped their opening game in the bracket, before going on a run, winning four straight games to reach the championship game. Minnesota Blizzards 60's finished in third place.

An "if" game was needed to determine the champion in the Men's 65/70 Platinum division, as MN Masters/Ancell defeated Minnesota Prize 70's, 17-12, after falling in the championship game

21-20. Scrap Iron 5280 (CO) finished in third place.

Minnesota Masters 65's defeated Oshkosh Ambassadors 65 (WI) 14-10 in the championship game of the Men's 65 Silver division. Fossils 65 (IA) finished in third place after winning back-to-back games in the elimination side of the bracket.

The Men's 70/75 Gold division featured a full round robin to determine the champion. U.S. Pallet 70 (MO) finished with a perfect 5-0 record to take first place, while Chicago Gray Sox and MN Lumberjacks 70's finished with identical 3-2 record. Chicago Gray Sox held the tiebreaker via its head-to-head win, 11-9.

The Men's 75/80 Major division came down to a best two-out-of-three game series between Minnesota Masters 75-Jimmy's and Jimmy's MN Legends 80's. Minnesota Masters 75-Jimmy's swept the series, by scores of 16-15 and 16-9, respectively.

For a complete list of game-by-game scores, please [CLICK HERE](#).



# Steve Simmons Memorial/Mosquitoland Classic All-Tournament Teams

## *Men's 50 Major*

Pope Transport (WI): Mike Thoma, Tom Schroeder, Lance Riddell, Anthony Di-Mauro, Gregg Hill. / KC Classics (MO): Jeff Henning, Allen Neal, Brian Taylor, Scott Hubbard.

## *Men's 55 Major*

WC Thunder 55 (IL): Dave Koelper, Kevin Rieser, Ron Lindstrom, Jim Walsh, Kevin Krahn. / Speedwerx (MN): Craig Wendt, Don Hoffman, Joe Fischer, Al Trapp. / J & J's Sports/Miken/Demons (IA): Tim Anderson, Vince Bruce, Ron Cummins.

## *Men's 55/60 Gold*

Antiques of Iowa City (IA): Brian Williams, Randy Johnson, Kirt Sickels.

## *Men's 60 Silver*

Milwaukee Merchants (WI): Don Laine, Brad Stallings, Bill Scasny, Jeff Lewiston, Stu Hannam.

## *Men's 60 Silver*

Minnesota Blizzard: John Hill, Byron Jackson, Dave Irvin.

## *Men's 65/70 Platinum*

Minnesota Masters/Ancell: Bob Frey, Gary Hamilton Doug Swenson, Ludwig Nordahl, Wayne Peterson.

## *Men's 70 AAA*

U.S. Pallet (MO): Lee Beckley, Ken Vokac, Marvin Carr, Mike Zimmermann, Matt Laudano. / Chicago Gray Sox (IL): Jim DuCharme, Wayne Markett, Eddie Dunn, Jerry Santerelli. / MN Lumber-



jacks: Steve Baker, Wayne Wolter, Rich Majcin.

## *Men's 75/80 Major*

Minnesota Masters 75-Jimmy's: Howard Schaber, Jerry Johnson, Sam Miller, Phil Caligiuri, Garry Russell.

# Longtime SSUSA Player/Director Dies

Richard K. Stone, who had a lifelong passion for playing baseball and softball, died on June 12.



**Richard K. Stone**

A Senior Softball-USA member since the late 1990s, Stone was a long-time member of Spicer Properties (60, 65 & 70). He most recently participated in the Winter National Championships

in Florida this past November.

Stone, 72, of Keedysville, Md., also played with Virginia Cavaliers, High Street Bucs, Jersey Metro and Joe B's Softball among others. He was a member of the Washington County Senior Softball League and the Frederick Senior League in Maryland.

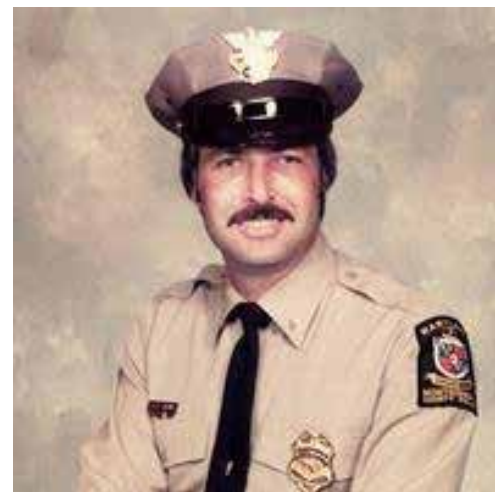
Additionally, Stone worked for SSUSA as a director, working tournaments such as the Atlantic Coast Champi-

onships and the Winter National Championships.

"Stoney played softball with a passion," said Ronnie Miller, one of Stone's teammates with Spicer Properties. "He loved the game and was an awesome manager. His smile and kindness was like an epidemic. He will be sadly missed."

"Stoney was not only a leader, but one of the most blunt, honest guys I have ever had the pleasure to know," said Jack Spicer. "He was a quiet general as a coach, never hurt a guy's feelings, never asked for respect, but he in every way received it because he was a class guy. He will be missed by not just Spicer teammates, but anyone that shared moments talking with him for a few minutes, or like myself and others that knew him, as a friend and of course playing with Stoney on our team or against him."

Stone served in the Army and was a 25-year veteran of the Montgomery County Police Department. He also served as chief of police of Brunswick, Md., and Lewes, Del. He was an execu-



**Richard K. Stone with the Montgomery County Police Department**

tive director of the Maryland Sheriff's Youth Ranch and served as bailiff for the Washington County District Court.

Stone is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carol, son Richard K. Stone, Jr., daughter, Sandra Lynn Stone, Grandson, Jason Lee Grossnickle and great grandson Karter Mason Grossnickle.

# *SSUSA International Tours presents:*

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While in Beijing, players will also visit the famous Forbidden City. The Forbidden City, originally the Imperial Palace for the Ming dynasty and many others after, is now home to the Palace Museum which holds many unique artifacts rich in Chinese culture.

Players will then take a domestic flight to Guangzhou (flight included in tour price) to participate in the Pacific Rim Championships. The



**The Great Wall of China**

Pacific Rim Championships will take place Saturday, October 14th and Sunday, October 15th and host teams, from the United States, Taiwan, Japan and China.

While in Guangzhou, we will visit the old streets of Guangzhou, and take a boat ride down the Zhujiang River. Players will have the option to take part in an additional tour to Yueyang, October 17th – 20th. Here, we will visit a remote location of China not frequented by Westerners to help grow the sport of softball through their local schools. Players will have the unique opportunity to interact with students and teach them the fundamentals of softball.

• For more information on the tour please contact Ross McCulligan at [Ross@seniorsoftball.com](mailto:Ross@seniorsoftball.com) or call (916) 326-5303.



**Zhujiang River**



**Forbidden City**



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**Local school children from Yueyang**



# Trek to Polk County Continues With Six Gems

## Three TOC Qualifiers Showcase Month of March

The 2017 calendar season got off to a solid start with three Tournament of Champions (TOC) qualifiers held during March. The 40's Spring World Championships (March 18-19) in Cathedral City, CA, got this started, while the Spring World Championships (March 21-26) in St. George, UT/Mesquite, NV, and the Spring National Championships (March 24-26) in Polk County, FL, followed.

### 40's Spring World

During the 40's Spring World Championships, West Coast Mayhem (CA), playing in their first SSUSA tournament, won the four-team Men's 40 Major Plus division to secure a TOC bid. Team CPC (CA) won the 14-team Men's 40 Major division to earn their TOC berth.

To read the full tournament recap, please [CLICK HERE](#).



### Spring World

The Spring World Championships saw 106 teams compete from 10 states and featured 19 TOC bids being handed out.

Fully Loaded (TX) won the largest division of the tournament, capturing the 14-team Men's 50 AAA division. The team came back to win

the "if" game, after falling in the championship game.

The elder statesmen of the game were on full display at the Spring Worlds with five 80's teams in action. Fairway Ford (CA) won the 80 Major division, while Forever Young Diamonds (UT) won the 80 AAA division.

To read the full tournament recap, please [CLICK HERE](#).



### Spring National

The Spring National Championships, held in the home of the Tournament of Champions, saw 13 teams etch their names on the list of TOC qualifying teams.

Kryptonite (FL) won an exciting five-game series in the Women's 40 Major division, while S2S/.40 CAL (FL), making their SSUSA debut, won the Men's 40 Masters Platinum division.

To read the full tournament recap, please [CLICK HERE](#).

### Tidewater Classic & LVSSA/SSUSA Southwest Championships Highlight April

The Tidewater Classic (Virginia Beach) and the LVSSA/SSUSA Southwest Championships (Las Vegas) were the marquee TOC Quali-



fiers of the month, held simultaneously, April 18-23.

Ten states were represented at the Tidewater Classic, with 41 teams in attendance. All Sunday games were rained out, as inclement weather caused the second and third sessions to be shortened.

Northern Virginia Force 65 won the Men's 65/70 Gold division during the first session.

For a full recap of the tournament, please [CLICK HERE](#).



The Southwest Championships made history, breaking the record for largest qualifier with 214 teams from 14 states and Canada, surpassing the 209-team Winter World Championships this past November in Phoenix.

Mountain Mike's Pizza (CA) ran the table in bracket play, going 5-0, to win the largest division of the tournament, the 20-team Men's 60 AAA division.

In total, 27 TOC berths would be awarded during the championships.

To read the full tourna-

ment recap, please [CLICK HERE](#).



### Atlantic Coast Championships Return to Loudoun County for 10<sup>th</sup> Straight Year

In what has become one of the premier SSUSA TOC Qualifiers East of the Mississippi, the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Atlantic Coast Championships (Loudoun County, VA) drew a record 96 teams, held May 16-21.

Trinity Rizzo's (NY) took home the top prize in the 16-team Men's 50 AAA division, the largest division of the tournament.

Overall, 20 teams were awarded TOC berths.

To read the full tournament recap, please [CLICK HERE](#).

[CLICK HERE](#) to view a list of teams that have qualified for the TOC in February 2018 in Polk County, FL.



If your team has won a qualifying tournament and does NOT appear on list, please contact Senior Softball USA at (916) 326-5303.

# Spring World and National All-Tournament

## 40's Spring World

### *Men's 40 Major Plus*

West Coast Mayhem (CA): Robert Chute, Ron Hayes, Kevin Bourgeois, Dave Bush, Fred Scripture. / Layer Cake Wines/Dudley/EliteSport-sUSA (CA): Gary Jordan, Kenneth Burton, James Kaul.

### *Men's 40 Major*

Team CPC (CA): Robert Bartz, Jim Reynolds, Steve Allen, Roy Mariani, Conrad Caraballo. / Tri Metal CNC (CA): Johnny Gomez, Jess Olivares, Ricky Rodriguez.

## Spring World

### *Men's 50 Major*

4 The Fallen (AZ): Randy Tompkins, Steve Sims, Randy Jabara, Jamie McAndrew, Mark Ozolins. / Arizona Old School: Mike Wilmer, Jeff Armbruster, Rocky Phillips, Tom Trieber. / OG (CA): Jerry Dunn, Robert Vega, Shawn Devlin.

### *Men's 50 AAA*

Fully Loaded (TX): Joe Aragon, Arturo Alvarez, George Ramos, Antonio Salazar, Gil Saenz. / Pacific Coast Alliance (CA): Carlton Gallant, Rudy Bondietti, Greg Metcalf.

### *Men's 55 Major Plus*

CornerStone (OR): Randy Holbrook, Gary Springer, Jeff Black, Al Larson, David Dahilig. / L.A.F. 55 (CA): Mike O'Donnell, Jim Blanscet, Ron Barnhart, Chip Brakeville.

### *Men's 55 Major*

D & K Tradition (CA): Ed Francel, Fred Cantrell, Jim Roach, Michael Feldman, Tim Deering. / The Core (NV): Jack Zoani, Al Shelley, Jamie McCaffery, Doug Fox. / So Cal 55: Dave Barretto, Jeff

Iannone, Fernando Hill.

### *Men's 55 AAA*

SW Outlaws (NM): Wayne Johnson, Andrew Virdell, Mike Becker, Tony Mitchell, Rick Garcia. / Never Say Never/Al's Trucking (UT): Skip Cluff, Tim Ryan, Kelly Taylor, Mike Wondergem. / Michael's/Magic Toyota (WA): Nick Wansitler, Wade Mayfield, Rance Glasper.

### *Men's 60 Platinum*

Reloaded (CA): Eric Overstreet, Ed Rhoads, Larry Lorin, Tom Lewis, Dan Plesetz. / Arizona Old School: Ken Van Keuren, Fred Poblete, Bill McKnight, Ross Borland. / Sin City Softball (NV): Rob Taylor, Jim Whipple, Felix Mendiola.

### *Men's 60 AAA*

LVSSA Raiders (NV): Andy Moscow, Bob Murray, Alan Geary, Tom Warren, James De Groot. / Mountain Men (UT): Ernie Reyes, Bruce King, Barry Blumenthal.

### *Men's 60 AA*

Los Vatos Viejos (AZ): Rick Mares, Fred DeLeon, Gene Burnett, Dennis Rosales, Manny Hurtado. / Family (NV): Dom Vittori, Marcelino Villanueva, Greg Solomon, Phil Tignino. / Classics (UT): Dolin Robbs, Chuck Winn, Marty Lopez.

### *Men's 65 Major Plus*

R&R 65's (CA): Wes Baker, Dick Markota, Kerry Payne, Joe Sotelo.

### *Men's 65 Major*

Top Gun Mavericks (CA): Don Chandler, John Woolsey, Jim Teeter, Geo Anas, Don Ludwig. / AZ Ancient: John

Barresi, Walt Kado, Jerry Sepich, Al Hawkenson. / Over the Edge (CA): Ed Lloyd, Mike Daniels.

### *Men's 65 Silver*

Ryan's Way (NV): Larry Giese, Dale Reiser, Dan LoBue, Dale Palmer, Sandy Milmeister. / Fountain Valley Outlaws (CA): Mike Barnett, Les Ito, Kenny Larson, Bill McPhillips. / Las Vegas Stars (NV): Ralph Wolf, Mike Kimberlain, Mike Hula.

### *Men's 70 Major Plus*

Omen 70 (CA): Ellwin Jobe, Bob Cummings, Dave Sells, Otis Menasaco, Gary Tryhorn. / Scrap Iron 70 Legacy (CO): Jerry Bianchi, Don Carpenter, Bob Ross, Dale McLaughlin.

### *Men's 70 Major*

Scrap Iron/3N2 (CO): Jim Casswell, Doc Demarco, Bob Darrah, Steve Ravenkamp, Alan Wiechmann. / Top Gun 70 (CA): Howard Clark, Bob Martinez, Mike McCassey, Jeff Millard, Marc Rudich. / Tri-State Diamondbacks (NM): Ken Ikeman, Johnny Battaglia, Ronne Mercer.

### *Men's 70 AAA*

Southern California Crush: Carmelo Montanez, Fred Mittelstaedt, Russ Young, Ed Heftman, John Murillo. / Elite 70's LVSSA (NV): Robert Napolitano, Joe Pellegrino, Robert Pink, Pete Houghton. / Mustangs (CA): Bill Neri, Ike Garcia, Robert Salinas.

### *Men's 70 AA*

Doughboys (NV): Gary Nance, Ray Belak, Ray Ellis, Norm Shue, Vinny Ferrante. / California Oaks: Harlan Erickson, Bob Scaletti, John Mertens, Rich Anderson.

### *Men's 75 AAA*

The Zone (UT): George Barfuss, Marlon Roper, Kent Loutensock, Steve Haslam, Gordon Hadley. / Las Vegas 75 Coyotes (NV): John Balavia, Larry Miller, Ed Schimmels, Earl Snell. / Git-R-Done 75 (CA): Carl Craft, Carl Cordill, Art Gelb. / Magic Stuff (UT): Senifa Suapaia, Phil Feiock, Jerry Stone.

### *Men's 80 Major*

Fairway Ford (CA): Bert Haley, Jim Douglas, Lew Herndon, John Fisher, Frank Perdue. / Emerald 80's (WA): Carroll Shook, Paul Dvorack, Darrell Wise, Jay Avery.

### *Men's 80 AAA*

Forever Young Diamonds (UT): Jim Turner, Doyle Neuenswander, Gary Porter, Ralph Brinton, Al Taylor. / Scrap Iron Gray Berets (CO): Don Notarmuzi, Bob Bush, David Bray, J.P. Morgan. / Git-R-Done 80 (CA): Bob Biel, Larry Courtright, Bob Rose.

## Spring National

### *Women's 40 Masters*

Kryptonite (FL): Carolyn Deeb, Coleen Dague, Lynelle Westra, Diane White, April Blake. / TM Force (FL): Kacee Crumpacker, Kellie Berning, Gayle Borgen, Sabrina Hinkley.

### *Men's 40 Masters*

Miami Power-Blitz/One Payment/Euler-Hermes (FL): Roger Otano, Jeff Oldfield, Lino Alvarez, Danny Caceras.

### *Men's 50/55 Platinum*

Florida Automated Shade 55 (Major Plus): Jeff Farney, Doug Knerler, Larry Veaham,

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Scott Good, Harry Seward. / Public Enemy (FL) (Major): Patrick Phillips, Thomas Rich, Ricky Williams, Alvin Berkhall.

### Men's 50 AAA

Hit 'N Run for the Cure (FL): Carl Lockhart, Victor Aviles, Andrew Packard, Allen Germany, Benjamin Hendricks. / Globe Trailers (FL): Tom Nickisher, Duane Stokes, John Lambert, Kendal Shaw. / Public Enemy II (FL): James Ashley, Robert Butuzara, Jay Lugo.

### Men's 55 Major

RBC/Pro-Grass (FL): Mike Hart, Roger Bard, Denny Russo, Craig Knowles.

### Men's 55 AAA

Bev Smith Toyota (FL): Bryan Douglass, Scott Jones, Clarence DeLancy, William Gaillard, William Oblaczynski. / Vero Codgers (FL): Fred Keeney, Curtis Pearce, Gerry DuGuay, Dale Blankenship. / Florida Legends: Dave Leon, Mike Mash, Jimmy Carroll.

### Men's 60 Major Plus

Hollis Appraisals (FL): Mark Martin, Dave Motta, TJ Jones, Dave Royalty, Jeff Frey. / Team Florida: Louis Reyes, William Mark Thomas, Peter Bassignani, Timothy Fincher.

### Men's 60 AAA

Slug-A-Bug (FL): Scott Sanford, Scott Donaldson, Chuck Wolf, David White, Ernest (Skip) Ryan. / Silver Rays (FL): Vic Gonzalez, Norbert Micklos, Rick Bahrey, Terry Ellerd. / Red Haws (FL): Randy Burford, Billy Hill, David Shipley.

### Men's 65 AAA

FL. Mustangs: Kerry Charlet, Gary DeFalco, Don Held, Ron Salyer, Kenny Winebold. / Acousti (FL): Joe Pavlock, David Jolly, Terry McIlrath, Hugh Mitchell. / Cardiac Kids 65 (FL): Mike Kochel, Rich Morin, Paul Giambalvo.

### Men's 70/75 Major Plus

Venom 70 (FL): Tols Mihailoff, Frank Krawczyk, Bob Schreyer, Vince Melograno, Bobby Ray Sny.

### Men's 70/75 AAA

DAF 70's/Globe Trailers (FL): Chuck Duff, Larry Webster, Billy Scarbrough, Jorge Bernard, Rich Mest. / Ted Todd Insurance (FL): Tyce Pearson, Maris Jaunakais, Bill Shields. / Bucs & Bulls (FL): John Ormsby, John Loiacano, Steve Papalas.

### LVSSA/SSUSA Southwest

#### Men's 40 Major Plus

SOCO District (CA): Jason Prewitt, Ralph Jara, Joe Emmons.

#### Men's 40 Major

Rancid/Miken (CA): Joe Medrano, Doug Ainsworth, Willie Galaz.

#### Men's 50 Major Plus

JK, Inc (CA): Ron Parnell, Tony Garay, Isaac Alvidrez, Matt Suder. / 2. NorCal Warriors (CA): Brad White, Tommy Langenhorst, Al Becker, Sean Morgan. / 3. JU Entertainment/AfterShock (CA): Eddie Martin, Pat Epps, Jim Lemmon.

#### Men's 50 Major

4 The Fallen (AZ): Paul Hendricks, John Tackitt, Mark Ozolins.

#### Men's 50-AAA

805 PE Class (CA): Ron Wallravin, Kirk Raithel, Mike Daughtery, Keith Knight. / Elite/Scrap Iron (CO): Hank Twilt, Ken Lindow, Mike Gurnee, Mike Christopher. / Arizona Heat: Armando Saenez, Joey Van Arsdale and Eddie Soto

### Men's 50/55-AA

Lights Out 55 (CA): Rich Householder, Dennis Tilford, Howard McCasland, Marvin McWhorter, Keith Watson. / Unknowns 50 (AZ): Ross Chapa, Richard Doxtader Sr., Shem Smalls, Francisco (Panchito) Figueroa.

### Men's 55 Major Plus

L.A.F. 55 (CA): Phil McCrea Jr., Jimmy Banscet, Matt Dobyns, Michael Reitzler.

### Men's 55 Major

Team Rawlings (CA): Keith Thompson, Robert (RJ) Johnson, Dave Ropp, Michael Moller, Pat Imbriale. / D&K Tradition (CA): Jim Roach, Robert Ames, Fred Cantrell, Brad Koller. / Arizona Legends: Scott Porter, Dusty Lee, Ken Alger.

### Men's 55-AAA

Never Say Never/Big Al's Trucking (UT): Kelly Taylor, Davis Ballard, Tim Ryan, Thane Woodard, Scott Allington. / Top Gun Hornets (CA): Jeff Blakeman, Mario Aguinaga, Lonny Adams.

### Men's 60 Major Plus

Nighthawks (CA): Joe Hensley, Ken Vaught, Dane Barriault, Mike Toomey, Sam Ferri. / Summy's Demolition (CA): Brian Urata, Paul Smit, Dan Hess, George Robinson. / Old Dawgs 60 (CA): Roger Underwood, Brad Drennan, Bryan Lowry.

### Men's 60 Major

Southwest Bandits (AZ): Mark Meekins, Dave Niles, Kenny Sheffield, Reyes Gonzales, Mark Weber. / Sin City Softball (NV): Rick Nelson, Willie Banks, Jim Whipple, Dale Palmer. / Old Giants (CA): Larry Fuentes, Duff Criley, George Fangonilo.

### Men's 60-AAA

Mountain Mike's Pizza (CA): Ron Landers, Ray O'Rear, Mark Fry, Pete Folger, Mike Koepf. / CJ & S Express (AZ): Will Lendof, Jim Judy, Jeff Kolb, Mike Manna.

### Men's 60-AA

New Mexico Warriors: Dennis Rosales, Julio Rios, Vicent Moreno, Pete Lozano, Ricardo Ornelas. / Family (NV): Marcelino Villanueva, Brad Fawcett, Dom Vittori, Greg Solomon. / Makua Alii (HI): Paul Merino, Howard Man-oiki, Tony Fernandes.

### Men's 65 Major Plus

Hollis Appraisals 65 (FL): Ed Carrington, Norm Edwards, Ed Rivera, Rocky Scott, Terry Vervynck. / Omen 65 (CA): Barry Oliver, Ricky Harris, Mickey Ayala.

### Men's 65 Major

Arizona Ancient: Al Hawkensen, Steve Giese, Bill Campbell, Dick Reader, John Barresi. / 2. Over The Edge (CA): Dan Nava, Mike Daniels, David Miller. / 3. Top Gun 65 Mavericks (CA): Jim Day, Ray Martinez, John Woolsey.

### Men's 65-AAA

Ryan's Way (NV): Sandy Milmeister, Mike Marshall, Larry Larson, Steve Boyle, Paul Pennington. / No Guts/

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No Glory (CA): Randy Van Essen, Eddie Gestine, Jack Brunschmid, Bruce Marschall. / Fountain Valley Outlaws (CA): Eddie Arocho, Nolan Spencer, Rick Ridenour.

### Men's 65-AA

Duke City Dynamite (NM): Willie Walker, Larry Gialouris, Mike Sinnott, Ranson Kennedy, Ron Brooks. / Git-R-Done 65 (CA): Artie Hartington, John Potter, Donny Drehsen, Bill Rugh. / Desert Heat (NV): Mike Falkowitz, Greg Luna, Brad Fawcett.

### Men's 70 Major Plus

1. Omen 70 (CA): Gary Tryhorn, Bob Cummings, John Di Re, Tom Avery, Ed Carey.

### Men's 70 Major

California Wrecking Crew: Garry Dovenberg, John Melvin, Ron Martella, Rym Partridge, Cliff Thomas. / SoCal Gusto (CA): Dan Milakovich, Hank Ornelaz, Ray Fly, Dave Lacey. / Tri-State Diamondbacks (NM): Kent Near, Dan Shewcraft, Ed Sullivan.

### Men's 70-AAA

Git-R-Done 70 (CA): Jim Douglas, Rich Haft, Mike Welch, Bryan Wilkins. / US Pallet (MO): Ken Vokac, Lee Beckley, Jack Pickert.

### Men's 75 Platinum

San Francisco Seals 75 (CA) (Major Plus): Tom Palma, Bob Hannah, August Niklas, Bill Wilson, Argie Haddock. / Kokopelli Eye Institute Scorpions (AZ) (Major): John Tee-tor, Wayne Poindexter, Billy Kee, Bob Charameda, Roger Wisslead. / Sidewinders 75's (AZ): Frank Williams, Buster Dickinson, Calvin Goings.

### Men's 75-AAA

Las Vegas 75 Coyotes (NV): Larry Miller, Ed Schimmels, Bill Walsh, Joe Upperman, John Dangona. / Outlaws (AZ): Emmette Spike Graham, Al Ludwig, Michael Sullivan, Blake Moffat.

### Men's 80 Gold

Fairway Ford 80 (CA) (Major): Red Simmons, John Chacon, Jack Scott, Dave Duarte, Bill Poe. / Git-R-Done 80 (CA) (AAA): Frank Hollier, Les Blum, Bob Rose, Mickey Rae. / Forever Young Diamonds (UT): Jerry Cooper, Newell Farnsworth, J. Doyle Neuenswander, Dwight Seamons.

### Women's 40 Major

Old School 40's (CA): Joann Hester, Shelby Howell, Brenda Foor, Suzanne Howard, Patty Felker. / Smack That (CA): Janelle Ito-Orille, Vera Arellano, Monique Stevens, Rona Stanley. / Hafta Play (CA): Amy Hobbs, Shannon Rackley, Stephanie White.

### Women's 40 Silver

Utah Relics: Allison Dennison, Malia Krogstad, Becky Rees, Shanna Stevens, Samdi Lampshire. / Misfits (CA): Shannon Elrich, Lori Dawn Alexander, Amanda Martin.

### Tidewater Classic

#### Men's 55 Major

Olympian Athletics (PA): Keith Doleman, Dane Anthony, Randy Brookens, Joe Liguori, Rick Leedy. / Woodlawn Funeral Home (VA): Andres Medina, Stuart Stanley, Derek Cooper, Gus Eddins.

#### Men's 55 AAA

Crossfit/RDU (NC): Ricky Wadford, Rod Farlow, Ed Sawyer, Bubba Holliman,

Willie Medlin.

### Men's 55 AA

Longshoremen 55 (VA): James Taylor, Mike McCormick, Clarence Moore, Danny Holland.

### Men's 60 Major

Promotion (NJ): Robert Solitto, Bill McNamara, Steve Toth, Baer Chandler.

### Men's 60 AAA

Long Island Jaguars 60's (NY): Joe Mancini, David Didio, Tom Dellefemine.

### Men's 65/70 Gold

Long Island Jaguars Red 65 (NY): Dennis Cassidy, Jon Glazer, Ray Dawson, Ken Schultz. / CC Medical Services 70 (NY): Dave Clark, Pete McClelland. Joe Gibney.

### Atlantic Coast

#### Women's 40 Major

Sweet Ladies Softball (VA): Deborah Macejka, Nikki Palakovic, Lisa Lewis, Laura Grunert.

#### Women's 40 AAA

Fireballs (MA): Marie Gaudreau, Becky Stone, Annette Fortin, Kelly Petrowski.

#### Men's 50 AAA

Trinity Rizzo's (NY): Darren Mack, Jeff Drain, Don Fazio, Jose Munoz, Don Dicrasto.

#### Men's 55 Major

Building Innovation Group (NY): Rick Redmond, Steve Holmes, Sam Gallo, Bob Foley, Jeff Shondelmyer. / Phoenix Tune (NJ): Tim Gandy, Stephen Belford, John Alcaide.

#### Men's 60 Platinum

Cardot/Madalena Construction (NY): Pat Kelly, Mike Garvey, Rick Palermo, Joe

Germano, Curt Kirchmaier.

/ Omega IT Services, LLC (MD): Hosea Harris, Rolando Flores, Eddie Parker, Marvin Middleton. / Promotion (NJ): Allan Betau, Bill McNamara, Mike Menzer.

### Men's 65 Platinum

Superior Senior Softball (VA): James McLamb, Bill Cameron, John Davide, Pete Smith, Danny Ballard. / High Street Bucs (MD): Mike Snyder, Robert Lehman, Barry Lausch.

### Men's 65 Silver

Jersey Masters Red (NJ): Richard Kovach, Ed Kushner, Vinnie Stella, Tom Pasko, Frank DeLuca.

### Men's 70 Major

Bostonian 70's (MA): Mike Perroncino, Tom Hall, Roger LePage, Teddy Wess.

### Men's 70 AAA

Spicer Properties 70 (MD): Joe Fry, Stan Robinson, James Ross, Jack Ogert, Robert Hewett.

### Men's 75 Major

Pittsburgh Gold (PA): Walter Hunter, Joe Zevola, Eddie Lloyd, Jim Fleckenstein.

### Men's 75 AAA

Bailey Talent Cavaliers 75 (VA): Jim Davis, Lee Southworth, Bud Allen, Allen Schulman, Tony Giannini. / Monkey Joe's Big Nut Co. 75 (NJ): Herminio Cruz, Frank Gordon, Ralph Morrison, Ron Rutter.

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