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104 teams competed in Senior Softball USA's 19th annual Original Tournament of Champions, which included skill contests, an All-Star Game, a reception highlighting all teams and a chance to prove who was the best of the best.

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Come-from-behind victories have a way of warming up a team on a cold, cold night.

Just ask the National All-Stars who rallied with eight runs in the open inning to defeat the American All-Stars 18-14 at the SSUSA Original Tournament of Champions in Polk County, Florida, on Jan. 22.

When the game ended, the temperature was 40 degrees with a "feels like" temperature of 32. A breeze and fine mist conspired to chill some participants to the bone.

Yet one victorious player quipped afterward that he didn't feel too cold while playing. The glow of victory emanating from his face helped, too.

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One of the coldest and dampest SSUSA Tournament of Champions concluded Jan. 26 under nearly ideal weather conditions – with 35 teams basking in the warmth that winning a championship delivers.

The 19th annual Original TOC also featured an all-star game, skills competitions, an award-filled reception, and a large cast of characters from across North America. (For more information about the All-Star Game, please find the All-Star Game story, left).



All-Star Game Champions, the National All-Stars in the red caps, posed with the finalists, the American All-Stars in the blue caps. Photo by Clover Schultz.

The 104 participating teams hailed from 28 states and Canada. All arrived as champions after winning qualifying tournaments spread across the country – a pedigree that makes this the annual showcase event among all SSUSA tournaments played each year.

Participating teams played nearly 330 games in three days, including a whopping 56 contests decided by just one run.



Each participating TOC team was able to nominate one player to represent them on one of the All-Star teams. The teams were randomized, making sure each age group and division was represented on both teams.

Because of the weather, organizers shortened the normal nine-inning contest to six innings. To quote a football cliché, the game became a tale of two halves.

The first three innings featured older players, many from 65+ and 70+ teams. During those frames, the American All-Stars sprinted to a 12-3 lead, ignited by Alfredo Poblete of the New Mexico Boomers 70+ team. Poblete singled to lead off a five-run first inning, and he also drove in a run with a third-inning triple.

In those first three innings, the National All-Stars managed only six hits while the Americans smacked 18.

“My older group beat Terry’s older group,” said American All-Star Co-Manager Art Graebe, who manages the Scrap Iron Diamonds 70+ team.

Graebe was referring to SSUSA Chief Executive Officer Terry Hennessy, who co-managed the National All-Stars with Dina Hidalgo, manager of the Cali Gold Ladies 50+ team. Graebe split American managerial duties with Bob Ruiz of the 70+ New Mexico Boomers.

After managers revamped their lineups with younger players starting in the fourth inning, the National All-Stars’ bats came alive.

The Nationals scored four two-out runs in the fourth inning, three runs in the fifth and eight in the top of the sixth, when the first seven batters reached on consecutive hits. The Americans, meanwhile, did not plate any runs the fourth or sixth innings.

During the final three National frames, two singles and a triple were supplied by Jim Wilkom of the 50+



More than 300 teams from the U.S. and Canada earned TOC berths in the 2024 season. Photo by Clover Schultz.

The 35 championship teams hailed from 13 states and Canada, with multiple titles won by teams from Florida, California, Minnesota, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Texas and Canada.



The National All-Star team defeated the American All-Star team and was rewarded at the 2025 TOC Reception, attending by hundreds of players, spouses, friends and family. Photos by Clover Schultz.

Persistent rains saturated Polk County early in the week, creating challenges for ground crews preparing fields at the four parks where TOC events took place.

That included the four-field Diamondplex Sports Complex in Winter Haven, where tournament directors helped prep one diamond so that the Wednesday night all-star game could proceed.

The next morning, contestants entered hitting, running and pitching competitions that took place during a steady mist in temperatures that never climbed out of the 40s. Light rain continued all day and into the night – which led to some delayed and rescheduled games when tournament play kicked off on a very chilly Friday morning.



More than 400 players joined the 2025 TOC Skill Contests, with 21 winners across four contests with five divisions each, along with 1 tie in the Women’s Precision Hitting contest. The largest divisions were the Men’s 65-74 and All Women’s. Photos by Clover Schultz.

Asked to summarize the tournament, Director Tim McElroy spit out one sentence: “Damn, it was cold!”

team Roebell Painters/Paradise Painting/AllState Carburetor of New York. Eli Miller of the 40+ team Smokin Aces/American Legion Post #327 of Virginia smacked a three-run home run. Dan Christensen of MN 50 Core added a two-run home run and a single.

“We had a great bunch of guys and gals,” winning Co-Manager Hidalgo said. “We never put our heads down.”



Co-manager of the National All-Stars, Dina Hidalgo (Cali Gold Ladies), kept her team going for the win.

One of her players, Cali Gold’s Cheryl Henry Sweet, added that “it would have been better if it was not so cold.”

On that, everyone could agree.

SSUSA’s Stephanie Hopkins Honored by ISA Award

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SYLVIA, N.C. – Senior Softball USA’s Operations Director and Tournament Coordinator Stephanie Hopkins was awarded the Bill Ruth Base Burglar Award during ceremonies on Dec. 14 in the Old History Jackson County Courthouse.

The award by fellow senior softball organization, Independent Sports Association (ISA), is given to someone who is “always helping to assure everything is taken care of,” according to ISA’s 2024 Award Ceremony literature.

“Without [Stephanie’s] help, we would not be able to pull off our ISA Senior World held in July every year,” wrote Mike Caldwell, the chief executive officer of ISA. “We are very thankful for her and the assistance that she provides! Communication is vital for success and Stephanie does a great job communicating in all things needed to be successful!”

Temperatures finally climbed into the 60s by Saturday afternoon and crested into the low 70s for championship Sunday.



Photo by Clover Schultz.

Results:

Women’s 40+ Masters Gold: The top-seeded Lady Panthers of Ontario, Canada, lost the first title game 15-7 before capturing an “if needed” championship game victory 21-4 over the second-seeded Fireballs of Massachusetts. The win earned the Lady Panthers the AAA crown. Firestarter Oldies of Washington, which finished third in the four-team bracket, won the Major division title.



Lady Panthers, Women’s 40+ Gold Championships, with finalists Fireballs.

Women’s 40+ Masters AA: Playing a best-of-three format, the Arizona Desert Belles swept Idaho Spirit 11-9 and 22-7. That gave the Belles a perfect 5-0 tournament record.



Women’s 40+ AA Champions, Arizona Desert Belles, went undefeated against finalists, Idaho Spirit.



“We are very proud of Stephanie’s award,” said Fran Dowell, SSUSA’s executive director. “She has been an integral part of our company for many years and is admired by many players and staff.”

“It was a complete surprise,” said Stephanie, upon learning the news.

“A heartfelt thank you to ISA for selecting me to receive the Bill Ruth Base Burglar Award,” she added. “It is a true honor to be considered. Any achievement is a team effort as proven by the dedication of Mike Caldwell, Hank Heffner, Amy Jackson [and] Derek Setzer in growing and improving the sport of senior softball.”

Stephanie has been with SSUSA since 2002 and has worked in almost every department.

Bill Ruth, the award’s namesake, was the owner of ISA and eventually became co-owner of SSUSA in the early 2000s until his passing in 2021.

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Ben Ellsworth



Ben Ellsworth, 76, of Placerville, Calif., died peacefully on Oct. 7, 2024.

Ben was a well-known player and coach in the Sacramento area, coaching the Ain’t No Saints 60s team, formerly the Sacramento

Women’s 50+ Gold: Top-seeded TTAU of Florida went 3-0 in pool and lost only one bracket game, 16-10, enroute to claiming the Major division championship with a 4-1 record. The Cali-Gold Ladies of California -- the only team to defeat TTAU -- earned the AAA title while finishing 5-1 overall. Get Dirty of New Mexico took third in the three-team bracket.



TTAU, Champions of the Women’s 50+ Gold division, and finalists, Cali Gold Ladies both walked away as champions, Women’s 50+ Major and Women’s 50+ AAA, respectively.

Women’s 55+ Gold: The top-seeded Lady Scorpions of Arizona capped a 4-2 tournament and earned the Major division title by nipping G.W. Construction of Florida 8-7 in the “if needed” championship game. G.W. Construction, which won the first championship game 16-10, earned the AAA crown. The Homegrown Legends of Florida finished third in the three-team division.



Lady Scorpions, Champions of the Women’s 55+ Gold division, and finalists, G.W. Construction, both walked away as champions, Women’s 55+ Major and Women’s 55+ AAA, respectively.

Men’s 40+ Masters Platinum: After a 0-2 start in pool play, the Major Plus team Suncoast Adidas 40s of Florida fought through tight bracket play unbeaten, finishing with a 27-17 title game victory over Major champion Detwiler Roofing/Treedem NE 40s of Pennsylvania ([photo below](#)). Detwiler, which lost its first bracket game by one run, won three elimination games to reach the finale. Central Jersey Elite of New Jersey placed third in the five-team bracket.

Saints, for most of the 2000s and early 2010s.

The name "Ain't No Saints" was certainly a play on words, as Ben was a graduate of bible college, a pastor of 21 years and a family service counselor for a funeral home for 16 years.

"Ben was a great teammate and good friend for many years on the Sacramento Saints," said Terry Hennessy, Senior Softball USA's chief executive officer and former Sacramento Saints teammate. "I'll especially miss his humor and insight."

In addition to his faith, Ben was known as a devoted family man, never missing family events, and sports lover. "Ben loved playing and coaching softball and was a passionate supporter of senior softball," according to his online obituary. "A die-hard San Francisco Giants fan, Ben was never far from the ballpark."

Gene McCloskey



Gene McCloskey, 74, of Lewes, Del., died on Dec. 6, 2024.

Gene started playing with Senior Softball USA in the early 2000s, but sports, specifically baseball and softball, began at the early age of 9.

According to his baseball memoir, written by Gene before his passing, he played little league, often winning championships and titles. By high school and college, he was playing baseball and basketball, being one of the first two freshman ever on the varsity baseball team at St. John's University of Queens, N.Y. Gene was even offered a chance to play with a Detroit AA affiliate but declined so he could continue his education and his promise to his new wife, Nancy, and his mother.

Later in life, he spent 18 years playing senior softball with the New



Men's 40+ AAA: Top-seeded and unbeaten Unloaded of California (photo below) outscored its competition 146-73, including a 27-14 title game victory over second-seeded Sarafis Painting and Construction of North Carolina. Flatline 40 of Maryland finished third in the four-team bracket.



Men's 50+ AAA: Seeded eight out of eight teams, Racehorse Tavern/Girard Club/Old Skool of Pennsylvania (photo below) proved to be a long-shot winner. Consecutive bracket victories of 15-12, 26-23, 30-29 and 21-15 earned the division championship. Third-seeded Drouillard/Breakaway Gaming of Ontario, Canada, won three elimination games before finishing second. Oldtimers of Florida finished third in the tightly contested division.



Men's 50/55+ Platinum: Unbeaten in five games, Suncoast/Adidas 50s of Florida (photo lower left) earned the 50+ Major Plus title and overall bracket championship by defeating 50+ Major champion and second-seeded Florida-Onyx 22-17 in the finale. Fourth-seeded SSC/Persuaders of Kansas placed third in the five-team bracket. Third-seeded 50 Degrees of Missouri (photo lower right) was the 55+ Major Plus champion.

Jersey Hitmen, winning over 20 national championships and the Triple Grand Slam in 2017 and 2022.

“He loved life as long as it included playing baseball/softball,” said his wife, Nancy. “It helped make him an even better husband and dad.”

“Gene was a wonderful teammate,” said teammate and good friend Dale C. Hood and his wife Linda. “We absolutely do not win... the Triple Crown without the two outstanding plays that Gene made late in the Championship game. He was a thoughtful and caring person and friend to all, teammates and opponents. We all will miss him.”

In addition to New Jersey Hitmen 55-70s, Gene also played with the Metro Hitmen 60s and High Street Bucs 65-70s.

Russell S. Curtis



Russ Curtis, 79, of Las Vegas, died peacefully on Dec. 8, 2024.

Russ was a long-time Senior Softball USA and Las Vegas Senior Softball Association member, with two and a half decades of membership with SSUSA.

“Russ enjoyed playing golf and bowling, but his passion was softball,” according to his online obituary. Growing up playing softball, he and the neighborhood kids created a softball game called “Doll Head.” They used a doll head for the ball. His sisters would donate their dolls, and they would rip the heads off to play. They only used dolls that had soft heads because they wouldn’t break windows and would go really far, so they could hit home runs, according to the obituary.

After moving up to typically softball in high school, “[h]e was blessed to be able to play competitive softball well into his 70s. Some of his softball accomplishments included being



Men's 50/55+ Silver: In a division filled with close games, fifth-seeded Isle Edge Trucking of Wisconsin ([photo below](#)) shook off a 0-2 pool play record and a 20-19 loss in the first title game to edge second-seeded Florida Titans 20-19 in the “if needed” finale. Third-seeded Alliance/Scrap Iron 55 of Colorado finished third in the six-team bracket. The sixth-seeded Gulf Coast Hurricanes of Texas received the 50+ AA championship.



Men's 55+ Major: Playing a best-of-three format, Mitchells of Florida swept KC Vintage of Missouri 25-12 and 29-14 for the crown and a 5-0 overall tournament.

Men's 60+ AAA: The top-seeded Road Warriors of Arizona capped a perfect 6-0 tournament with a thrilling 13-12 championship victory over the second-seeded Hudson Valley Cyclones of New York. Hudson Valley’s only losses came against the Road Warriors. The sixth-seeded North Valley Seniors of California captured third in the nine-team bracket, which was the tournament’s largest division.

Men's 60+ AA: After a 0-2 pool play start, the sixth-seeded OKC Angels of Oklahoma ([photo below](#)) cranked up enough run production to claim the division. OKC won its bracket games 20-18, 19-18, 20-14 and 19-13. The fourth-seeded Markham Canadians of Ontario finished as runner-up. Third-seeded So Cal Riptide of California nabbed third in the six-team bracket.



Men's 60/65+ Platinum: The fourth-seeded Minnesota Merchants ([photo below](#)) won the 60+ Major title and overall bracket championship by defeating third-seeded Ted Todd Insurance of Florida, which earned the 65+ Major Plus title. The top-seeded Iowa Demons finished third in the four-team division.

inducted into the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame in July of 2008, the LVSSA Hall of Fame in 2009, and numerous World Championship awards.”

Russ also served as the field commissioner for LVSSA from 2007 to 2024 for men under 65.

Russ will be remembered by many SSUSA players and by his LVSSA friends for playing with numerous years with Tharaldson's 65s, 70s and 75s (NV) and Ryan's Way 60s (UT).

Shirley Rowland



Shirley Irene Rowland, 86, of Dewey, Okla., died on Dec. 22, 2024.

Shirley was the beloved wife of Senior Softball USA national director Otis Rowland as was known for supporting senior softball players everywhere she went.

She grew up in small town Oklahoma, and through her life, had many jobs, including owning and operating her own Pizzeria and working for a petroleum company. After her retirement, she met Otis and the two later married.

“Shirley was a wonderful addition to our senior softball family,” said Fran Dowell, executive director of SSUSA. “Shirley was an assistant director along with Otis and she helped everyone with her beautiful smile. She is missed by all and I was honored to have her as a friend.”

Del Drake



Men's 65+ Major: Third-seeded Agway Steelers of Ontario, Canada, (photo below), defeated the top two seeds enroute to a 23-22 championship victory over top-seeded DT Express of Georgia. Agway finished 4-1 overall. Fifth-seeded Action Auto Parts of Rhode Island finished third in the five-team bracket.



Men's 65+ AAA: Unbeaten in five games, top-seeded Spring Ford of Pennsylvania crushed fourth-seeded Dinos of New Hampshire 17-2 in the championship game. The third-seeded Northeast Jackhammers of New York secured third place in the seven-team bracket.

Men's 65/70+ Silver: Top-seeded Spring Ford of Pennsylvania encountered only one hiccup – a 13-12 loss in the winner's bracket finale – before resuming its winning ways and defeating second-seeded MP Components/Bomb Squad of Michigan 19-3 and 19-10 in the title games of the nine-team bracket. The fifth-seeded Long Island Jaguars White lost their first bracket game then won four elimination games in a row to finish third. The eighth-seeded Electrifiers of Texas received the 65+ championship.



Spring Ford 70+, 65/70+ Silver Champions, with finalists MP Components/Bomb Squad.

Men's 70+ Major: Unbeaten in its six games, the top-seeded Minnesota River Bats (photo below) won two lopsided bracket games, including a 21-12 title victory, to capture this three-team division. Second-seeded Pill & Pill of West Virginia edged third-place finisher Northern Virginia Force 9-8 to advance to the championship.



Delbert "Del" Drake, 86, of Star, Idaho, died on Dec. 23, 2024.

Del has been with Senior Softball USA since the mid-to-late 1990s and was instrumental in forming the Idaho Senior Softball Association.

Born and raised in Southern California, he joined the Navy after college and was stationed in San Deigo. After the Navy, we opened an HVAC business which he kept until his retirement and move to Idaho.

In Idaho, he founded the Idaho Senior Softball Association, a wood bat league for men 60 years or older, which still operates today. The association was among the first largely successful senior softball organizations in Idaho and helped build senior softball and SSUSA's presence in the state.

"Del Drake helped to build Senior Softball in Idaho for more than two decades and was an excellent ambassador of our sport," said Terry Hennessy, SSUSA's chief executive officer.

"Del Drake was such a huge supporter of softball in Boise," said Fran Dowell, SSUSA's executive director. "He planned many wood bat tournaments that turned out very successful. He was such a great friend of mine... and will be missed so much."

In addition to substantially growing senior softball in Idaho, Del also played on Idaho Trips 70s, Northwest 70s (ID) and Lighthouse 75s (CA).

Ryan Layton Pickles



Men's 70+ AA: The top-seeded and unbeaten New Mexico Boomers topped second-seeded Robson Ranch Texans 22-18 for the title of the four-team division. Robinson's Furniture/OTS of Delaware nabbed third place.

Men's 75+ Major: Top-seeded R&R of California fell 21-12 in the first title game but rebounded for a 22-8 championship victory over third-seeded JAG-ONE/Jersey Masters in the finale of the four-team division. Northern Virginia Force finished third.

Men's 75+ Silver: After opening with a 1-2 record in pool play, the third-seeded AAA team Midwest Fossils of Nebraska went 3-1 the rest of the way, including a 26-8 "if-needed" title game victory over the second-seeded Syracuse Cyclones of New York. Syracuse won the first championship game 27-24. The top-seeded Minnesota Lumberjacks nabbed the 75+ AA title.

Men's 75/80+ Major Plus: Playing a best-of-three format, Venom 75s capped a 4-1 tournament by sweeping Maverick Construction 80s of Texas 20-5 and 23-13. Both teams won their individual Major Plus age brackets.

Men's 80/85+ Gold: Unbeaten in six games, the 80+ AAA Minnesota Masters (photo lower left) defeated the third-seeded NorEasters of New York 20-5 for the title of three-team division. Center For Sight of Florida (photo lower right) nabbed the 85+ Major crown.



Men's 85+ AAA: Playing a best-of-three format, Main Street Pub of Michigan swept Team Rehab of Minnesota 12-11 and 19-12 to win the tournament's most senior division.

SSUSA Partners with Southwest Airlines for Discounted Flights to Tournaments

By Nic Francois Softball News Report

Senior Softball USA has reached an agreement with Southwest Airlines to offer players discounts on fares to tournaments – and 15% more points for Rapid Reward members.

"For years, Senior Softball USA has partnered with host hotels around the country to offer discounted stays for teams traveling to tournaments," said Fran Dowell, SSUSA executive director. "Now we are happy to be able to offer airline discounts to our players as well."

For select Tournament of Champion Qualifiers, players will simply need to visit the tournament page, scroll down until they reach the part discussing discounted flights, click on the 'Click Here' link and book the flight to the qualifying airport.



Ryan Pickles, 42, of Winter Haven, Flor., died on Jan. 8.

Ryan was the assistance director for the City of Auburndale, Fla., in the Parks and Recreation division, and formerly worked with Central Florida Sport Marketing, now called Visit Central Florida Sports, which sponsors the Spring National Championships and the original Tournament of Champions.

“Ryan was instrumental in helping us launch the original Tournament of Champions in Florida,” said SSUSA’s CEO Terry Hennessy. “He helped us grow the TOC to the premier softball tournament in the country.”

“Even though Ryan hadn’t worked for Central Florida Sports for a few years, he would always ask about Terry, Fran, Dave and all the folks he knew and loved with SSUSA,” said Mark Jackson, director of Polk County Tourism and Sports Marketing.

“He was a very strong advocate for the sport and organization. It is with fondness and love that our thoughts and prayers go out to Ryan’s friends and family,” added Mark.

Robert Woodroof



Bob Woodroof, 77, of Dana Point, Calif., died on Jan. 13 after a long battle with cancer.

Bob started with Senior Softball USA in the mid-2000s. He coached and remained a valuable Major Plus player well into his 70+ division.

John Kulisich, a friend and assistant coach to Bob, remembers

Players must go through the link on the tournament page to receive the discount.

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Refund policy: Entry Fees are non-refundable after the deadline. Full refunds are given to teams withdrawing BEFORE the deadline. NO refunds are given after the deadline.

Tournament Format

Note: SSWC reserves the right to combine divisions of three or fewer teams within one age level and/or skill level

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Some tournaments will have more than one qualifying airport, and the discount rate varies between tournaments/locations.

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At the time, the following TOC Qualifiers already have discount links posted on the tournament pages:

- 2025 Aloha Bowl (Honolulu, HI – Airports: HNL, OGG)
- 2025 Spring National Championships/Horton and Wood Classic (Polk County, FL – Airports: TPA, MCO)
- 2025 Spring World Championships (St. George, UT – Airport: LAS)
- 2025 Tidewater Classic (Virginia Beach, VA – Airport: RIC)
- 2025 Southwest Championships (Las Vegas, NV – Airport: LAS)
- 2025 Midwest Championships (Kansas City, KS – Airport: MCI)
- 2025 Texas State Championships (Grapevine, TX – Airport: DAL)
- 2025 Atlantic Coast Championships (Raleigh, NC – Airport: RDU)

The following TOC Qualifiers will have discount links soon:

- 2025 Rock 'N' Reno Challenge Cup (Reno, NV – Airports: RNO, SMF)
- 2025 Northern Championships/Mosquitoland Classic (Twin Cities, MN – Airport: MSP)
- 2025 Southern California State Championships (Hemet, CA – Airport: PSP)
- 2025 Land of Enchantment Championships (Albuquerque, NM – Airport: ABQ)
- 2025 Jim Sherman Memorial/Northwest Championships (Salem & Albany, OR – Airports: EUG, PDX)
- 2025 Northeast Championships (Syracuse, NY – Airports: SYR, ROC)
- 2025 ISA Men's Senior World Championships (Columbus, IN – Airport: IND)
- 2025 Great Salt Lake Championships (West Valley City, UT – Airport: SLC)
- 2025 Eastern National Championships (Loudoun County, VA – Airports: IAD, DCA, BWI)
- 2025 Western National Championships (Sacramento & Placer Counties, CA – Airport: SMF)

“his teams won the major plus world championships in 2005, 2009, 2010 with GSF and 2014 with Full Circle. He was a great guy and a great coach.”

Bob’s devotion to his team and players earned him an induction into the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame in 2010 as a player, and he helped many other players earn inductions in the years after.

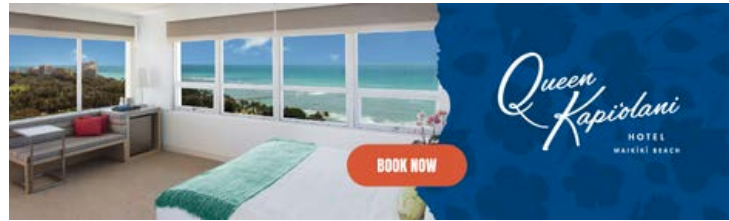
“Bob Woodroof was truly a legend in our sport,” said Dave Dowell, SSUSA’s master scheduler. “His teams always played at the highest competitive levels, and they wouldn’t have it any other way. “Woodie” was also a key member of the SSUSA’s Major Plus Task Force in 2008 that re-wrote the rules for that division. His insights and expertise made SSUSA, and anyone who got the privilege of knowing him, better for the experience.”

“I’ll miss that wry smile that showed every time just before he was about to say something incredibly funny,” added Dave.

Bob will be best remembered for playing and coaching with GSF 60s (AZ), Full Circle 60-65s (CA) and Omen 65-70s (CA).

- 2025 Rocky Mountain Championships (Aurora, CO – Airport: DEN)
- 2025 World Championships (Las Vegas, NV – Airport: LAS)
- 2025 Winter National Championships (Ft. Myers & Naples, FL – Airport: RSW)
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