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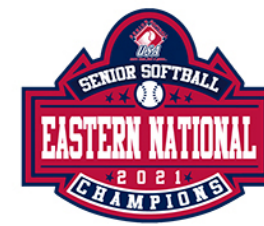
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229 teams will begin their quest towards the Triple Grand Slam next week at the Eastern and Western National Championships.

## RSVP For Tournaments

It is essential for managers to let us know prior to the deadline of a tournament that their team is planning on attending.

We are still receiving mail as much as three weeks after it has been sent, so please call 916-326-5303 or email [info@seniorsoftball.com](mailto:info@seniorsoftball.com) BEFORE the deadline to ensure your spot.

## From the Dugout - Death No Stranger



By Terry Hennessy  
SSUSA CEO

Death is no stranger to those of us in Senior Softball.

Happily, we celebrate life every time we play.

We love to share in our teammate's joy in the

## 234 Teams Compete in Hemet, Syracuse, Nashville, & Salem

The desire to play softball boiled over this summer, with record numbers of teams competing throughout the country.

In two of the four Senior Softball USA's premium tournaments played in the later part of July set records and the other two dodged raindrops to get the games in.

The SoCal Championships in Hemet, Calif., attracted 81 teams – and had to turn away an entire division. In the Northwest Championships in Salem, Ore., a record 71 teams played.

Meanwhile rain forced schedule changes in both the Southern Championships in Nashville, Tenn., and at the Northeast Championships in Syracuse, N.Y.

## 2021 Southern California State Championships Hosts 81 Teams



milestones of their own lives; their children's marriage, the first grandchild – and every grandchild thereafter – and their 20<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries.

And we share their pain when the road of life takes a nasty turn.

When a teammate and friend dies, the words on a page just can't capture the fullness of their life or the sadness of our loss.

But sometime, though rarely, words do capture the essence of the loss with just a tinge of humor that we all know so well in the dugout.

My good friend and teammate John "Jack" Kocunik, 72 died on July 17 and his wife, Karren, indeed did capture the moment in true softball fashion in an email to my team, the Sacramento Islanders 70s:

"Jack slid home today and finished the game at 10:00 this morning. His children will cheer him in the stands and his brother and sister will root him home and await their reunion in the hereafter. We will miss him."

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**John (Jack) Kocunik (1948 - 2021)**

CARMICHAEL, Calif. - John "Jack" Kocunik, 72, of the Sacramento Islanders 70s, slid into home base on July 17, 2021. Jack died of COVID-19. He had been vaccinated, but a medical treatment undermined the effectiveness of the vaccine and he succumbed to the illness.

Born in Syracuse, N.Y., Jack was an avid New York Yankees fan. He is preceded in death by his parents, John D. and Jane Kocunik. He was a graduate of Le Moyne College accounting program. He served as chief financial officer of Schools Financial Credit Union from 1978 until his retirement in 2011.

Jack's love of his family and his friends was only matched by his love of baseball and softball. He loved to spoil his children and grandchildren, and many knew him for his legendary generosity.



**Top Row (L-R): Scorpions 80, D & K Softball 70, Las Vegas Heat 70**

**Bottom Row (L-R): Tharaldson's 75, Lights Out 65, D&K 65**

HEMET, Calif. – The 2021 Southern California State Championships took place here at Diamond Valley Lake Sports Complex, June 22-27, with 81 teams in action.

Due to the increase in the number of teams registering for the tournament (specifically in the second session) and the inability to secure a second complex in order to host all teams, the Men' Division, which featured 14 teams, was not held.

The tournament began with 27 teams playing in the Men's 65 to 85 age divisions.

In the three-team Men's 65 Platinum Division, top seed Top Gun Elite (CA) took first place, with D & K (CA) finishing second. West Coast All-Stars (CA) rounded out the division.

D & K defeated Top Gun Elite, 11-3, in the championship game to force the "if" game. However, the team forfeited the decisive game.

In the five-team Men's 65/70 Gold Division, Las Vegas Heat 70 downed top seed Weakened Warriors (CA), 25-22, in the championship game.

After dropping their first bracket game, 14-13, against No Guts, No Glory (CA), Weakened Warriors won back-to-back elimination games en route to their runner-up finish.

No Guts, No Glory finished in third place.

911 Softball Club (CA) and Lights Out (CA) played a best-of-three game series in the Men's 65 AA Division.

911 Softball Club took the opening game 19-9, while Lights Out returned the favor with a 17-8 victory in game two.

In the rubber match, Lights Out completed the comeback with a 21-12 win to take home the title.

In the six-team Men's 70 AAA Division, SoCal Gusto upset top seed D & K Softball (CA) 20-19 in the championship game, forcing the "if" game. However, the game would not be played, with Gusto forfeiting to D & K.

Top Gun Patriots (CA) finished in third place after winning a pair of elimination games.

Tharaldson's 75 (NV) swept Top Gun 80 Gold (CA) in a best of three series for the Men's 75/80 Gold Division, by scores of 13-7 and 10-1, respectively.



He was a member of the Islanders Tournament Softball League (70's and over league), and several other daytime leagues. Jack was proud of the fact that at the age of 70+ he could still pitch it over the plate. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, and active member of Presentation Church Eucharistic Ministers.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Karren, his sons Joseph (Diane), and Mike (Heather), four grandchildren (Tommie, Christopher, Alexandra, and Ava), and one great-granddaughter (Cadence). He also leaves behind a brother, Daniel, and two sisters, Mary Ellen and Joanne. He will be greatly missed.

Donations may be made in honor of Jack to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Catholic Mass to be held at Presentation Parish of Sacramento on Saturday, August 7, at 1 p.m., followed interment at Mount Vernon Memorial Park & Mortuary in Fair Oaks. A Celebration of Life to be announced.

## 2021 Quad City Classic Plays Host to 43 teams



By Kenny Chard  
Tournament Director

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. --- The 2021 Quad Cities Classic started out and ended up with nothing but sunshine, but featured a heavy mix of 2-3 inches of rain throughout the rest of the week. As always in Rock Island, the grounds crew worked overtime and again were up for the challenge.

In the 75M / AAA, Midwest Express of Iowa took home championship hardware averaging 25 runs per game and going undefeated at 5-0. Chicago Gray Sox finished second at 4-1 with their only loss coming to the Midwest Express.

The 70 Major Division featured a best-of-three game series between Chicago Strikers and Minnesota Masters. Minnesota Masters took game one 18-14, but the Strikers came back with big open innings in both games to defeat Masters 19-14 and 17-11.

The 70 AAA Division saw the Oshkosh Ambassadors go undefeated at 5-0 averaging 24 runs per game. Midstate Seniors finished in second place at 3-2.

St. Louis Vision/Aces were winners in two straight games 22-7 and 16-10 to defeat Badger Classics for the

In the five-team 70/75 Silver Division, top seed Top Gun 6 Bits 75 (CA) dropped their opening bracket game, 15-6, against Southern California Crush.

Top Gun 6 Bits would then regroup in the elimination side of the bracket with four-straight victories, including a double-dip over J Squared (CA). The No. 1 seed eked out a 15-14 win in the championship game, and then a 16-6 win in the "if" game.

Southern California Crush finished in third place.

In the four-team Men's 80/85 Gold Division, the top two seeds squared off in the championship game, with Scorpions 80 (AZ) knocking off Top Gun Blue Angels, 7-5.

Top Gun Diamonds finished in third place.

The tournament continued with the Men's 40 to 55 age divisions and Women's 40 to 50 age divisions taking the field on June 25. 54 teams competed over the weekend.



Top Row (L-R): Skrewballs 40, Flatliners 40, Fattboyz/Elite 40  
Bottom Row (L-R): Scrap Iron/Elite 50, Lokahi AZ 50, Stix With Impact 50

Starting with the three-team Women's 40 Major Division, HTS-Here To Smash (CA) posted a perfect 3-0 record in bracket play, including a 19-18 win over top seed Hafta Play (CA) in the championship game.

Broken Dollz (CA) rounded out the division.

In the five-team Women's 40/50 Gold Division, top seed Stix With Impact 50 (CA) avenged their 15-7 loss in the championship game against Old School 50 (CA), with an 18-4 win in the "if" game.

Pro Moves 40 (CA) finished in third place. As the highest finishing 40 AAA team, Pro Moves earns a TOC berth for their respective division.

The Men's 40 Division featured 17 teams, with three teams in the Major Plus division, 12 teams in the Major division, and two in the AAA division.

Starting with the Major Plus Division, top seed Fattboyz/Elite (CA) completed a perfect weekend, capped off by a 17-4 win over Onyx (CA) in the championship game.

Flawless/Loaded Sports (CA) rounded out the division.

In the Major Division, Flatliners (CA) completed an undefeated weekend, going 2-0 in seeding to earn the No. 2 seed, and continued their run in bracket play, going 4-0, including a 23-14 win over Pony Tail Express (CA) in the championship game.

70 AAA Championship.

Thursday would be the only day for 60/65 divisions to play with steady rain forecasted for Friday. Therefore 27 games were played to determine winners in all divisions. Chicago Prime would be the champions in 65 Major division going 3-0 including wins over second place Minnesota Ancel 23-21 and third place Minnesota Tasty Pizza 26-16.

The 65 AAA four-team division champion was decided by defensive runs allowed against common opponents. Plainsmen from Nebraska was crowned champions with the Iowa Fossils finishing second place.

In the two-team 65 AA division, Indy Fog and Blue Chips of Illinois would meet for the first time with both teams at 2-1. Indy Fog kept Blue Chips off the scoreboard in the late innings to claim the title with a 17-12 victory.

Concluding the Mixed Round Robin on Thursday was the 60 M/AAA/AA division.

With a perfect 4-0 record, the Iowa City Antiques claimed 60 AA first place hardware.

To end the day, Bucks Run Farms scored 8 runs in the open inning to defeat second place Oshkosh of Wisconsin 23-19 to claim 60 Major/AAA Championship. Chicago Panthers finished in third place due to a loss to Oshkosh 21-15.

The third session of the Quad City Classic saw 16 teams battling in bracket play for hardware in four divisions.

In the five-team AAA division, Team Illinois posted an undefeated weekend which included a 23-18 win over J&J of Iowa in the championship game. Minnesota Lumberjacks finished in third place.

The four-team 55 Major Division saw the top two seeds battle it out at the end. Aurora Tap House lost their first game in bracket play and fought back to face the Iowa Demons in the first championship game. Averaging 24 runs a game and scoring the maximum runs in the first five innings became too much for Aurora Tap House to overcome. A perfect 4-0 weekend for the Demons was capped off with a 25-10 victory. St. Louis Shockers finished in third place.

The final two champions would be decided in 50 AAA and 50 Major. The three-team AAA division saw round robin play conclude with a single elimination on Sunday. Iowa Demons defeated Milwaukee's Best 14-13 and All In Softball of Oak Forest, Ill., defeated the Iowa Demons 20-10 in a winner-take-all championship game. All In would finish the weekend at 3-1.

Two familiar foes from Illinois squared off in 50 Major with Big Hurt Softball winning 22-21 scoring three runs in the open inning to overcome a 10 run top of the seventh inning by CT Vipers. Vipers defeated Iowa Demons 20-17 and Maher Homes of Nebraska 17-16 in loser's bracket. Big Hurt playing their first game on

Pony Tail Express had won three straight elimination games to reach the championship game.

Howarth Construction (CA) finished in third place, while RLG Legacy (CA) finished fourth.

The best-of-three game series in the AAA Division between Aces (AZ) and Skrewballs (CA) went the distance.

In the opener, Skrewballs got on the board first, taking game one 17-16. Aces evened up the series with a 24-12 win in game two, forcing the deciding game.

Skrewballs took the rubber-match, 18-12, to claim the championship.

In the six-team Men's 50 Platinum Division, top seed Scrap Iron/Elite (CO) posted a flawless weekend, going 2-0 in seeding, and 3-0 in bracket play, including a 25-20 win over Juiced Up Athle (CA) in the championship game.

Juiced Up Athletics survived the elimination side of the bracket with three straight wins to secure its eventual spot in the championship game.

Bad Attitude (CA) was the third place finisher.

In the seven-team Men's 50 AAA Division, top seed Lokahi AZ dropped the championship game, 11-7, against Alliance/Scrap Iron (CO), before re-grouping with a 19-3 win in the "if" game.

Alliance/Scrap Iron entered into bracket play as the No. 2 seed, following 2-0 record in seeding. However, the team got off to rough start in bracket, dropping their first two games. The team eventually right the ship, winning three straight games, including the championship game, before running out of steam in the "if" game.

Viejos So Cal finished in third place.

In the six-team Men's 55 Major Division, No. 1 seed So Cal 55 took top honors, going 3-0 in bracket play, including a win over Team Rawlings (CA) in the championship game.

Team Rawlings had won three straight games in the elimination side of the bracket to reach the championship game. However, they would have to forfeit the final game due to injury.

So Cal Guys 55 finished in third place.

In the 11-team Men's 55 AAA Division, No. 7 seed Alliance/Scrap Iron (CO) went 5-0 in bracket play, including a 22-18 win over Enforcers (CA) in the championship game.

After dropping their opening game of the bracket, 21-15, against Alliance/Scrap Iron, Enforcers rattled off five straight wins to reach the championship game.

No. 1 seed Top Gun Phantoms (CA) finished in third place.

Following back-to-back losses to open bracket play, Top Gun Growlers (CA) won three straight games en route to their fourth-place finish.

## Northeast Championships Returns in 2021 With 54 Teams





Sunday were able to win the championship 20-15 over the Vipers.

## 2021 Milwaukee Classic Welcomes 35 Teams

BROOKFIELD, Wis. - The Milwaukee Classic Wounded Warriors Tournament attracted 35 teams from July 15-18, fighting rain Thursday, but breaking into some beautiful sunshine the rest of the tournament.

"After we caught up with the perfect weather, we had a flyover and National Anthem – and we raised \$10,500 (for the Wounded Warriors)," said Tournament Director Tom Mikich. "To date, we have raised \$50,500."

### Classic Champions include:

50 Division: Milwaukee's Best  
55 Division: Pope Transport  
60 Division: Milwaukee Merchants  
65 Division: Oshkosh Ambassadors  
70 Division: Oshkosh Ambassadors  
75 Division: Badger Classics

## 2021 Women's World Cup Update



SACRAMENTO - Women's teams playing in three (3) of the below qualifiers and receive a **FREE ENTRY** into the Women's World Cup Champs, scheduled for Oct. 29-31, 2021 at Freedom Park in Valdosta, Ga.

Valdosta also is planning a Halloween costume contest and party! Stay tuned for details.

Teams that play in two will get \$100 off the entry.

**CLICK HERE** for a list of teams that have earned free entries already.

Teams receiving **Free Entries** will be required to post a \$100 deposit to enter, which will be refunded at the tournament.

### 2020 Tournaments:

2019 Winter World Championships (2020 roster event)  
Spring National Championships  
Eastern National Championships  
Western National Championships  
World Championships

### 2021 Tournaments:

2020 Winter World Championships (2021 roster event)  
Spring National Championships



Top Row (L-R): Finance of America; Player hitting for the fences  
Bottom Row (L-R): Jeff Mickle, Visit Syracuse with Gayle Collins, SSUSA Director; Syracuse Cyclones

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – The 13th annual Northeast Championships attracted 54 teams from eight states here July 6-11.

Rain showers shortened the first day of both sessions of the tournament, on Tuesday and Friday.

"On Tuesday, we played two rounds and had to cancel the rest of the day," said Tournament Director Gayle Collins. "We reworked the schedule so if it (rain) happened again we would have win in each division."

As a result, the first session (65-80 divisions) lost only one seeding game and the second session (40-60) didn't lose any games because directors used shortened game times on Friday.

The oldest division, 75 / 80 AAA, had four 75 AAA teams and one 80 AAA. The Long Island Jaguars 75s of New York won the division in thrilling fashion, beating the Bostonian 75s of Massachusetts 17-16 in the Championship game.

The teams tied 9-9 in the fourth inning, then tied again 11-11 in the fifth. The Jaguars pulled ahead 15-13 in the sixth inning and Bostonians pushed to a 16-15 lead in the top of the seventh in. Jaguars came back with the two runs they needed in the bottom of the inning to win the game and the championships.

Syracuse Cyclones 75s came in third.

The 65/70 Gold Division was a mix of 10 teams that played blended pool games, then broke into three sets of finals.

In the 65 Major playoffs, Promotion of New Jersey defeated Deep Purple of Massachusetts 15-10 in the championships game to win. Deep Purple advanced from the elimination bracket to the game by beating New Jersey Hitmen, who came in third place, 10-9.

In the 65 AAA Division, Talaga Construction of Connecticut defeated Cellular Sales of New York 21-12, then beat the Rochester (NY) Royals 19-6 to advance to the championship game against Cellular. In the finals, Cellular, in its fourth game of the bracket, ran out of steam and Talaga prevailed 32-13 to win the division.

The Rochester Royals took third.

In the 65/70 Silver Division, with two 70AAA and one 65 AA, it was a battle of Syracuse Cyclones for the title. The Cyclones 70s advanced to the finals after beating the Rochester Royals 70s bracket play and faced their young brothers – the Cyclones 65s. The Cyclone 70s took the lead early in the game and never lost it, defeating the Cyclone 65s 13-8.

Spring World Championships  
 Southwest Championships  
 Rock 'n' Reno Challenge Cup  
 Southern California State Championships  
 Midwest Championships  
 Southern Championships  
 Eastern National Championships  
 Western National Championships

## SSWC Raffle Winners Announced

SACRAMENTO - Six lucky teams received free entry into the Senior Softball World Championships in Las Vegas. The entry fee for the Worlds is \$795.

Each time a team played in one of the 20 TOC Qualifiers for 2021, their name went into the drawing. One men's and one women's team from each of the sessions was chosen in the drawing (SSUSA employees and their teams were not eligible).

Here are the winners:

### Session 1: 55-60 Men:

Vegas Elite 60 Major

### Session 2: 65-85 Men:

Mountain Mike's Pizza 65 AAA

### Session 3: 40 Men:

Cody Staffing 40 Major

### Session 3: 40 Women:

B Squared 40 AAA

### Session 4: 50 Men:

Xtreme Heat 50 AAA

### Session 4: 50 Women:

Lady Vipers 50 AAA



## 2021 World Championships

### Dates of Play:

September 16 - October 3

### Rolling Deadlines:

Men's 55 - 60: Thursday, August 19

Men's 65 - 85: Monday, August 23

Men's 40 / Women's 40: Friday, August 27

Men's 50 / Women's 50 - 70: Thursday, September 2

### Entry Fee: \$795

Contact SSUSA ASAP to enter your team and reserve your spot!

In the second session of the Northeast Championships, the Roosters of New York pounded through the large 10-team 40s division with lopsided seeding scores (20-4 and 18-4), before skating through the bracket with four straight wins. The Roosters beat Giant Steel/ True Point of New York 28-7, then First Capital of New York 23-9, and Vinnie's Hitmen of Pennsylvania 24-20.

The Roosters faced Vinnie's again in the Championship game and again won 24-9.

First Capital came in third place.

In the six-team 50 Major Division, Trinity Home Renovations of New York had a perfect weekend of five straight victories to clinch the title. Trinity went 2-0 in seeding play and in bracket play to Roebell/Paradise of New York 11-7, then Union Meeting/Phoenix Tube of Pennsylvania 17-9 to advance to the championship game.

Trinity faced Union Meeting again in the finals, winning 14-11. KIKU Imports/ Buddies of Massachusetts came in third.

Finance of America of New Jersey won each of its bracket games by a single run to take the 50AAA championships. Finance beat Fat Chops /4 Season of Massachusetts 21-20, then edged t Pennsylvania Senior Hitmen in the semifinals (15-14) and again in the finals (11-10).

Gashouse of New York came in third – and missing a shot at the championships by one run. Gashouse lost to the Hitmen, sending the Hitmen to the finals.

The 55/60 Gold was a mixed division of 60 Major-Plus, 55 Major and 55AAA teams that combined for pool games and then broke into two divisions for the finals.

In close competition in the 55 AAA division finals, the 55 Finance of America team of New Jersey double-dipped Syracuse Crunch of New York 19-16 and 21-20 to win the championships. In a earlier bracket game, Finance edged the Crunch 18-17 on its path to victory.

ERB Financial of New York was third place.

There was another double-dip in the 55/60 Platinum Division, with three 55 Majors and one 60 Major-Plus team. Building Innovation Group 55s emerged from the elimination bracket to beat fe New Yorkers, Buell Fuel 55s, 17-12 and 15-11 for the title. Buell had knocked Building Innovation into the elimination bracket in the first game.

Bond 124/OSS/Phil's Painting of Massachusetts took third place.

In the 60 Major Division, Action Auto Parts of Rhode Island won in a series of low-run games after defeating all three other Major teams in seeding play. Action Auto beat Olympian Athletics of Pennsylvania 8-3, then Pittsburgh North 10-8, before facing Olympian again in the finals. Action Auto continued its streak, defeating Olympian 14-5 for the title.

Pittsburgh North came in third.

In the 60 AAA Division, Ockers Company of Massachusetts won two of its three bracket games by one run on its way to the title. Ockers beat the Syracuse Cyclones 16-15, then Northeast Jackhammers of New York twice: 21-6 and scoring 4 runs in the bottom of the seventh to win 13-12 in the Championship game.

The Cyclones came in third.

In the 60 AA Division, the Diamond Dawgs of Massachusetts won the bracket decisively, beating the Vernon Vipers of Connecticut twice: 26-7 and 21-14 in the championship game. The New Capitals were third.

## Southern Championships Makes Debut In Volunteer State



NASHVILLE – Teams played the 14th annual Southern Championships here July 9-11 through threatening rain that finally dumped from the skies Sunday, washing out the last day of the tournament.

And rain hit even before the tournament started.

"The field prep crew did a fantastic job of getting fields ready the first day after rains that hit on Wednesday," said Tournament Director Donna McGuire.

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#### International Co-Ed Division Update

Due to international travel restrictions that remain in place, the SSUSA International Co-Ed Division has been postponed for 2021.

The division is planned to be held again in 2022.

### Please Use Host Hotels

Senior Softball USA strongly urges players to stay at the Host Hotels listed on each of the tournament pages.

These Host Hotels support SSUSA and are recommended by the City Sponsors of the tournament. It is essential for our City Sponsorships to show the economic impact of players staying in the City's Host Hotels.

These City Sponsorships enable us to keep your entry fees lower.

In addition, we can help players who use our Host hotels and have an issue – unlike the online services. If you do have a problem with any of our Host Hotels, please call Fran Dowell at 916-326-5303 or email [fran@seniorsoftball.com](mailto:fran@seniorsoftball.com).

Please check out the Host Hotels and use the codes by the deadlines listed on the tournament pages.

### 2021 SSUSA Convention

The 2021 SSUSA National Convention will take place Monday, November 29 - Thursday, December 2, in SSUSA's home city of Sacramento, Calif.



Fortunately, enough games were played the first two days of the tournament to determine winners in the six divisions that competed.

The six winners came from five different states, with two winners from Indiana and one each from Tennessee, Illinois, Alabama and Missouri. The 28 teams came from nine states – as far away as Arizona.

In the 50 Major Division, 615 Honored/Sumner from Tennessee ran the table with five straight wins. 615 Honored went 3-0 in the seeding games, beating all three of the other Major teams in the bracket, before beating Connecticut Vipers 17-10 in the first bracket game and then KB 50's/ Huey Designs from Kentucky in the semifinals to become the only unbeaten team in the bracket at winning the championships.

KB 50's took second place and Walker Brothers from Alabama came in third in the 50 Major Division.

In the four-team 50 AAA Division, Dudley Lightning of Illinois also posted a perfect weekend record of 5-0 to win the division. Dudley also beat each team in the division in the seeding rounds and top seed. In bracket play, Dudley edged the No. 4 seed, Our Dirt from Indiana 20-19 and then handily beat 615 Senior Softball of Tennessee in the semifinals to take the division.

615 Senior Softball, the No. 2 seed, took second and the Outlaws and Outsiders from Texas took third place in the 50 AAA Division.

In the 55/60 Platinum Division, which included four 55 Major teams and one 60 Major-Plus, Warner Roof/Nail Gun of Indiana (a 55 Major team) won the division. Warner went 2-0 in seeding rounds and then won two bracket games, beating Dudley Lightning of Missouri 26-12, and Legacy Sports USA from Arizona 13-11. That left Warner the only undefeated team on Sunday to win the division.

Arizona's 60 Major-Plus Legacy Sports – which traveled the farthest by far to the tournament – came in second and K & L 55's from Indiana came in third.

In the 55 AAA Division, Bob Sykes BBQ/Hitmen from Alabama claimed the title with five straight wins. After beating each of the other three teams in the division in pool play, Bob Sykes defeated No. 4 seed, KC Stampede from Missouri, 24-17 in the first bracket game.

The last bracket game was close, with Dudley Lightning from Illinois posting 7 runs in the open inning to threaten the champs. But Sykes held on and defeated Dudley 23-19 in the semifinals to become the only unbeaten team in the division.

In the 60/65 Platinum Division, which included four 60 Major teams and one 65 Major-Plus, Suncoast Midwest 60s of Missouri captured the title. Suncoast notched the top seed with two impressive victories in pool play, then beat the BJM Bomb Squad of Indiana 14-10 and Scrap Iron Rocky Mountain Thunder of Colorado 24-14 to clinch the championship.

Scrap Iron Thunder came in second and DT Express of Georgia captured third place.

In the mixed 60/65 AAA Division, Antique Roadshow of Indiana went 2-1 in seeding games, losing a game to (By) Grace Redeemed 65s of Tennessee. Then Roadshow got serious in bracket play, beating GA-AL Seniors / GAS 19-14 and Tennessee Connection 16-11 to win the division.

Tennessee Connection came in second place and The Power of Tennessee took third.

### Jim Sherman Memorial/Northwest Championships Sets Tournament Record in 2021



SALEM/ALBANY, Ore. – The 2021 Jim Sherman Memorial/Northwest Championships, held here in mid-July, set a tournament record with 71 teams. Games were held at Wallace Marine Park Softball Complex (Salem) and Timber Linn Park (Albany).

All games for session one (Men's 65 to 75), held from July 13-15, took place in Salem, with 22 teams in action.

Starting with the five-team Men's 65/70 Platinum Division, Timberworks/Suncoast 70 (CA) registered an undefeated week, going 2-0 in seeding, and 3-0 in bracket play. The run was capped off with an 18-3 win over Trachsel Auto Body 65 (OR) in the championship game.

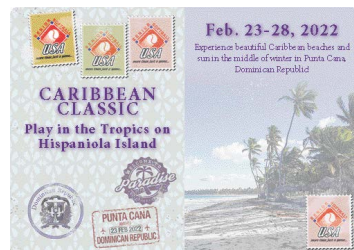
Trachsel Auto Body dropped their opening bracket game against North Idaho Softball Club, 17-13; before then rallying with three straight wins to escape from the elimination side of the bracket.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Convention Agenda

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Convention Registration

[CLICK HERE](#) for Hotel Booking

## Second Annual Caribbean Classic - Deposit Deadline Oct. 29



Senior Softball USA is pleased to announce the return of an international tournament to be held February 2022 on the beautiful island of Hispaniola.

The second annual Caribbean Classic will feature one or two SSUSA teams assembled from the USA and Canada playing against local senior softball teams from the Dominican Republic, and possibly a team from Venezuela.

SSUSA players and their guests will be staying at the Bavaró Barceló Palace, an all-inclusive beachfront resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

The resort has agreed to waive its usual day use fee and allow two local Dominican teams to come onto its access-controlled grounds and play against our SSUSA players on its beautiful ballfield, located just 50 yards from the beach.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the tentative itinerary.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the booking form.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a brief video of the resort, showing the various sports offered.

## Senior Softball-USA

As the highest finishing 65 team, Trachsel Auto Body earns a TOC berth for their respective division (65 Major).

Bulldogs 65 (OR) finished in third place.

In the four-team Men's 65 AAA Division, top seed Last Call (NV) went unbeaten, going 3-0 in seeding and 3-0 in bracket play, including an 18-3 win over Yeahoos (WA).

Yeahoos had won back-to-back elimination games to reach the championship game.

Scrap Iron/M-I Sports (CO) finished in third place.

The top seed would also take home the title in the three-team Men's 65 AA Division, as Cascade Thunder (OR) recorded an unblemished 6-0 mark. The team went 3-0 in seeding and 3-0 in bracket play, including a 10-4 win over Northwest Silver (WA).

Vancouver USA – Woolly's (WA) rounded out the division.

The trend of top seeds winning it all continued in the three-team Men's 70 Major Division, as Oregon Crabs went unbeaten. The team posted a 3-0 mark in seeding and a 2-0 record in the bracket play, including a 14-6 win over Mr. Plywood (OR) in the championship game.

W.E. Ruth Realty (WA) rounded out the division.

The Men's 70 AAA Division featured a best-of-three game series between Last Call (NV) and Seattle Merchants (WA).

Last Call swept Seattle Merchants by scores of 14-11 and 24-13, respectively.

The Men's 75 Major Division also featured a best-of-three game series, as General Equipment (OR) and Sidewinders (AZ) went head-to-head.

General Equipment swept the series by scores of 17-13 and 13-11, respectively.

In the three-team Men's 70/75 Silver Division, W.E. Ruth Realty 75 (WA) went 0-3 in seeding play, but bounced back with a 3-0 record in bracket play, including a 15-9 win over Silver City Brev 75 (WA) in the championship game.

Brunette/Spikes 70 (WA) rounded out the division.

The tournament continued on July 16 with the Men's 40 – 60 age divisions and the Women's 40 – 50 age divisions starting on July 17. A total of 49 teams competed during the second session.

In the eight-team Men's 40 Major Division, Cheap Suits/Republic Realty/Express Athletics (CA) entered bracket play as the No. 1 seed following a 2-0 mark in seeding play.

The team continued their winning ways in bracket play, going 4-0, including a thrilling 19-18 win over Cody Staffing/A3 (WA) in the championship game.

NorthWest Legends (WA) finished in third place following a valiant run through the elimination side of the bracket, that saw the team win four straight games before bowing out.

Outlaws/Simon Home (OR) rounded out the top four finishers.

In the four-team Men's 40 AAA Division, Hit N Solos: LC Merchants (WA) rode its top seed all the way to the championship, going 3-0 in bracket play, including a 22-6 win over Northwest 40s (OR) in the title game.

GTR (OR) finished in third place.

In another four-team division, the Men's 50/55 Platinum Division, HTM 50 (ID) ran through the elimination side of the bracket, winning four straight games, including a double-dip over Cornerst (OR).

HTM won the championship game, 21-12, and the "if" game, 14-13, to complete the sweep.

HTM dropped its opening bracket game against Northwest Athletics (OR), 19-18, to fall into the elimination bracket.

Northwest Athletics finished third.

In the 10-team Men's 50/55 Gold Division, Wolfpack/Washington Legends 55 went undefeated in bracket play, going 5-0, including a 19-15 win over All-Quip/SOWC 50 (OR) in the championship game.

As the highest finishing 50 AAA team, All-Quip/SOWC earns the TOC berth for their respective division.

After dropping their opening bracket game against Savon 50 (UT), 13-12, All-Quip/SOWC rattled off an impressive run of five straight wins in the elimination side of the bracket, before running gas in the championship game.

GTR 50 (OR) finished in third place.



Top seed Calhoun/Michael's Toyota (WA), who was upset by GTR, 18-17, in their opening bracket game; won three straight games in the elimination bracket en route to their fourth-place finish.

In the four-team Men's 55 AAA Division, Wilsons (ID) went undefeated in the bracket, going 3-0, including a 22-14 win over Stars & Stripes (OR) in the championship game.

Stars & Stripes won a pair of elimination games to reach the championship game.

Top seed Sletten (ID) finished in third place.

In the Men's 55 AA Division, Spin Tees (WA) swept Mike's Bar & Grill (WA) in a best-of-three game series, by scores of 20-9 and 14-11, respectively.

The seven-team Men's 60 Major Division saw Wolfpack (WA) post an undefeated weekend.

The team went 2-0 in seeding play to earn the No. 2 seed (Tri-State Kings, WA, took the No. 1 seed), and continued its winning recipe in bracket play, going 4-0, including a 22-7 win over GR/ Legends in the championship game.

Trachsel Auto Body (OR) finished in third place, after winning three straight elimination games.

In the Men's 60 AAA Division, ROE (OR) swept Chelu (WA) in a best of three game series, by scores of 18-15 and 27-14, respectively.

The three-team Men's 60 AA Division would go to the "if" game, as top seed Tri City Legends/TimeShareCompliance.com (WA) defeated Scrap Iron Rockies (CO), 19-8. The win completed the double-dip for Tri City Legends, as the team also won the championship game, 17-5.

East West Aircraft (ID) finished in third place.

In the three-team Women's 40 AAA Division, top seed Shake Off The Dust (OR) proved worthy of its top billing, going 2-0 in bracket play, including a 20-11 win over Vintage 208 (ID) in the championship game.

Bend Blockbuster (OR) rounded out the division.

In the Women's 50 Division, NW Lady Legends (WA) and Who's Yer Daddy-50 Shades of Grey (WA) played a best-of-three game series.

NW Lady Legends swept the series by scores of 17-16 and 12-10, respectively.

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