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Photo Courtesy of Don Nakao (Sacramento Buds 70): 142.4 lbs (about 180,000 tabs) were recently donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Sacramento. The Sacramento Buds and Islanders teamed up to collect the tabs on behalf of Don's brother-in-law Jimmy.

From the Dugout: New Rituals



By Terry Hennessy
SSUSA CEO

Returning from the recent World Masters Championships (WMC) last Monday, resulted in a new pandemic ritual for me – and many other players.

Five days of quarantine, then a COVID-19 test, which, thank goodness, was negative.

The quarantine wasn't bad on my five-acre "mini-farm" in the foothills in Northern California. At least it hadn't burned when I was away.

Yes, it has been that kind of year.

Still, we have much for which to be thankful.

Consider that 315 teams and almost 10,000 players, spectators and

2020 World Masters Field Shakeup for Session 4; Papago Park Added



The **2020 LVSSA/SSUSA World Masters Championships** (WMC) will resume in three weeks with the fourth and final session, the Men's and Women's 50's Divisions, playing October 29 – November 1 in the Phoenix Metro area.

Recently, SSUSA was informed by the City of Mesa that field availability for Thursday, Friday and Sunday during the fourth session of the World Masters Championships would be significantly reduced.

These reductions have forced us to relocate divisions.

To solve the shortfall, we have added Papago Park Softball

officials participated in the WMC over the first three sessions and fewer than 20 have so far reported contracting COVID-19. Only one case has required hospitalization and that player thankfully is being released this week.

We will continue to monitor any players who contract COVID-19 and we will publish the team age, where the team came from, and its skill level so that other teams in the same age/skill level will be aware. We will continue to strongly recommend that any players in the same age and skill level get tested as soon as possible to stop any potential spread.

We do not publicize the team names or the names of players who have tested positive to protect their privacy, however, we will continue to be as transparent as possible and update any new cases.

Like many of you, I take a chance when I play or go to a tournament. In fact, I'm forcefully reminded of the risks every time from my daughter, who is a nurse practitioner.

The risks are real and we respect those who have decided to sit out the year because of concerns of loved ones who may be at higher risk.

For those of us who do decide to play, we believe – strongly – that face masks work.

This is not political.

We simply want to ensure that anyone attending a tournament cuts down on the risk of contracting COVID-19. And that means masks in places where people congregate and it also means moving spectators out of those central areas.

Like all of you, we wish this was over. Until then, please know that we will do our best to protect those who decide to play.

I look forward to seeing you on the field.

Terry Hennessy is chief executive officer of Senior Softball USA and can be reached at terryh@seniorsoftball.com.

COVID Cases Update

SACRAMENTO – Seventeen people on seven different teams have reported positive COVID-19 tests in the first session (55/60 men) of the 2020 LVSSA/SSUSA World Masters Championships (WMC). Three cases have been reported in the second session (65-85 men) and no cases in the third session (40 Masters men and women). Only one of the cases has required hospitalization.

The first three sessions of the WMC attracted 315 teams and almost 10,000 players and their families.

The cases reported include:

Two players and a friend from a 60AA Colorado team.

Coach of a 60 AA Oklahoma team.

A pitcher from a 60AA team from Nevada.

A player from a 60 Major team from Minnesota. A player, his wife, and daughter from a 55AAA Southern California team.

Seven players and the coach of a 55 and 60 Major-Plus teams from Texas. The initial player became ill on the second day of play. That player is being hospitalized with pneumonia.

A player from a 65 Major team from Nevada.

A player from a 65 Major-Plus team from California.

Complex in Phoenix for Thursday and Friday (it is not available on the weekend).

In addition, Victory Lane Sports Complex agreed to postpone its leagues and open all six (6) fields up from Thursday- Sunday. This change allowed us to move the 50-team Men's 50 AAA Division to Victory Lane.

However, the Men's 50 AAA Division filled Victory Lane, so we had to move the Men's 50 Major Plus and 50 AA, and the Women's Divisions to Mesa on Friday-Sunday.

We apologize for the change and thank you in advance for your understanding during these difficult times... especially because we already had to move the WMC 50 Divisions to both a different city and different dates.

Here are the revised Field Assignments for Session #4:

- **Men's 50 Major-Plus:** Skyline (Mesa) Fri. & Sat. / Eastmark (Mesa) Sun.
- **Men's 50 Major:** Eastmark (Mesa) Thur. thru Sun. / Papago (Phoenix) Thur. & Fri. / Skyline (Mesa) Sat.
- **Men's 50 AAA:** Victory Lane (Glendale) Thur. thru Sun.
- **Men's 50 AA:** Papago (Phoenix) Fri. / Eastmark (Mesa) Sat. / Skyline (Mesa) Sun.
- **Women's 50 Major:** Skyline (Mesa) Fri. thru Sun.
- **Women's 50 AAA:** Skyline (Mesa) Fri. and Sun. / Eastmark (Mesa) Sat.

Looking Ahead to the 2021 Season

Senior Softball-USA (SSUSA) has added some new tournaments in the coming months, to go along with the Winter National and World Championships, which traditionally begin each season.

Contact SSUSA (916-326-5303 / info@seniorsoftball.com) to get your team into any of these upcoming tournaments.

OKTOBERFEST CLASSIC



The inaugural Oktoberfest Classic, originally scheduled to be a 2021 roster event, was changed to a 2020 roster event.

As a 2020 roster event, winners will now earn a berth to the upcoming Tournament of Champions (TOC) in January.

A player from 75 AAA team from Arizona.

Renew for 2021

With the 2021 season on the horizon, many players and teams have begun renewing for the new campaign.

Managers, if you haven't do so already, please log onto your player/manager account on seniorsoftball.com to pay your 2021 team registration and build your 2021 master roster. Once you have paid the 2021 team registration, your link to build your annual roster will appear.

Also, please be sure to read up on the roster rule change for 2021, allowing Major, AAA, and AA teams to add two (2) out-of-region players. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Players, the option to renew for the 2021 season will appear on your account once we officially transition to the 2021 season, which will occur around November 10. In the meantime, you can call the office to renew.

Reminder, SSUSA office phone is between 8am – noon (pacific), Monday – Friday.

2021 Caribbean Classic Postponed



Participants from the Inaugural SSUSA Caribbean Classic

The Second Annual Caribbean Classic in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, which was scheduled for February 17-22, 2021, has been postponed.

The international trip will be pushed back to February 2022.

More information to follow at a later date.

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The Oktoberfest Classic will be held in Polk County, FL home of the TOC, October 24 - 25.

Games will be played at Auburndale Sports Complex and Walker Road Softball Complex.

Entry deadline is tomorrow, Friday, October 9, and the entry fee is \$350.

WINTER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



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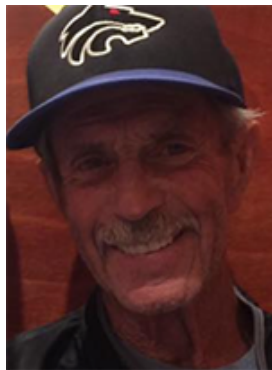
The 2021 season will officially kick-off in November with the Winter Nationals Championships (Florida) and the Winter World Championships (Arizona). Both tournaments are 2021 roster events.

The 2020 Winter National Championships will once again be held in Ft. Myers, November 10-15. The Winter Nationals draw over 100 teams annually, making it one of the marquee senior softball tournaments on the East Coast.

Entry deadline is October 20, and the entry fee is \$575.

Tentative field assignments have been posted on the tournament page. Please be sure to book your lodging through Lee County Sports Housing.

WINTER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Mickey Deutschman

Mickey Deutschman, 78, of Santee, Calif., died on Sept. 23.

Deutschman last played SSUSA in 2013 with Last Call CA 70.

He was also a member of Top Gun 65 Silver.

Deutschman was a baseball coach at the junior college and high school levels, and also served as a scout. Additionally, he ran the semipro San Diego Barona Stars.

For his efforts, Deutschman was inducted into the National Semipro Hall of Fame and the National Baseball Congress Hall of Fame.

A U.S. Navy Veteran, Deutschman was a business owner, operating a heating and air conditioning company, Temperature Control.

Deutschman's passing was featured in [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#) and [East County Sports](#).

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SAGUARO CACTUS

The 2020 Winter World Championships will once again be held in Phoenix, November 17 – 22. The Winter Worlds is among the best senior softball tournaments in the country drawing close to 200 teams a year, in recent seasons.

Entry deadline is October 27, and the entry fee is \$620.

Lodging information will be posted on the tournament page soon.

SSUSA HOLIDAY CLASSIC



The Canyon's Complex - St. George, UT

Along with the usual suspects in the Winter National and Worlds, teams will also have an opportunity to qualify around the holidays, as SSUSA will introduce the Holiday Classic another 2021 roster event, scheduled for December 12-13 in St. George, UT.

Entry deadline is November 30, and the entry fee is \$450. All games are scheduled at The Canyon's Complex.

The Holiday Classic was added onto the SSUSA slate due to popular demand by players who want to play in St. George again (which hosts the annual Spring World Championships and recently the first two sessions of the World Masters). St. George also wanted SSUSA to return with additional tournaments.

Be sure to save the date for the first SSUSA tournament of the New Year, as the Top Gun Winter Classic, tentatively scheduled for January 12-17, will be held in Bullhead City AZ.

More information to follow.

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TOP GUN WINTER CLASSIC



SAVE THE DATE!

The 2021 Top Gun Winter Classic is scheduled for January 12-17, 2021 in Bullhead City, AZ.

RECREATION TOURNAMENTS

Teams looking for a tune-up to the 2021 season can participate in the a couple of recreation tournaments scheduled this month.

The Southwest Championships is scheduled for October 17-18 in Phoenix, AZ. Please contact tournament director Rick Seifman (623-776-2143 / tournsport@aol.com) for more information.



The **12th Annual LVSSA Bullhead City Fall Classic** is scheduled for October 30 – November 8 in Bullhead City AZ.

For more information contact Paul at LVSSA (702-332-4523).

Women's teams can contact Vicki Oltean (760-831-8665 / 21vicki1253@gmail.com) and Connie Stewart (702-275-3937 / grannysoftball@aol.com).

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