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The 2021 SSUSA Worlds will conclude this weekend, with the Men's & Women's 50s Divisions in action.

## Softball N' Roses



**By Donna McGuire**  
**Senior Softball News Contributor**

LAS VEGAS - A player on a special mission carried five roses with him as he entered the Big League Dreams softball complex in Las Vegas on Friday, the day play began in the 40s divisions of the SSUSA World Championships.

After the Maryland team reached its dugout at Dodger field, two players tied the roses to the backstop fence pole closest to the team's dugout. Each time a player left the dugout for the on-deck circle, he walked past the red, pink, white and coral roses.

In a way, the story behind the roses began last year, when the Gigantes O.C. 40s team wore special jerseys honoring members of their extended softball family who had died of cancer.

## Worlds Rage On With 303 Teams Battling During Second & Third Sessions; Four Team Complete Triple Grand Slam



**LAS VEGAS** – The Senior Softball World Championships, the granddaddy of them all, continued here with the Men's 65 through 85 age divisions playing Sept. 20-23, and the Men's and Women's 40 age divisions taking the field Sept. 24-26.

The second session (Men's 65 – 85) of the tournament featured 15 divisions, with 155 teams scheduled to play 506 games; while the third session (Men's and Women's 40) featured 148 teams scheduled for 482 games.

During the second session, California and Florida teams took home three championships each, while a pair of Minnesota team took home titles as well. Other victorious states included Indiana, Illinois, West Virginia, Montana, Colorado, Iowa, Texas and Arizona.

This year, the 40s Major team chose to honor Jennifer Rose Kindley, the wife of outfielder John Kindley.

She died unexpectedly earlier this summer at age 48, leaving behind not only John but also a 19-year-old daughter and 14-year-old son. The Kindleys strong faith in the Lord is helping John and the children cope during this difficult time.

To honor Jennifer Rose, the team ordered special jerseys for Worlds with a rose on each sleeve and bearing the initials JRK.

Alas, the jerseys did not arrive in time for the tournament.

So, the team displayed real roses instead.

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## Love of Softball Fights Cancer



**Donald Deaton**

During the first session of the 2021 Senior Softball World Championships, Claremont Property Co. (OH) finished in third place in the 40-team Men's 60 AAA Division.

The team went 6-2 in the tournament, fueled in large part by an inspirational teammate.

Donald Deaton, of Sidney, Ohio, fiercely competed in the Worlds despite his current diagnosis of Stage Four Pancreatic Cancer.

"Donnie has already surpassed the initial prognosis, and we all know that it is his love of softball and his desire to continue playing that has been a huge motivation," said Barb Williams, a wife of one of Deaton's teammates. "He is truly an inspiration and his story is worth retelling."

Deaton's story was recently featured in the Dayton Daily News, *Softball is tonic for toughest time*, written by Tom Archdeacon.

Six U.S. National Championship Games were held during the second session, with the West teams holding a 4-2 advantage.

Two teams would go on to earn the Triple Grand Slam – Timberworks/Suncoast 70 (CA) and Top Gun Blue Angels 85 (CA).

Two National Senior Softball Hall of Fame inductions also were held during the second session, as Dave Dowell, SSUSA National Director/Scheduling, and Lud Nordahl, a member of Timberworks/Suncoast 70 were each inducted.

Dowell was a member of the NSSHOF Class of 2020 in the Director category, while Nordahl was a member of the NSSHOF Class of 2021 in the Player category.

Session two began on a somber note, unfortunately, as Ron Smith, a player on Excessive Force (CA), a Men's 65 AAA team, suffered a heart attack on the field and later died at the hospital.

SSUSA extends its deepest condolences to the Smith family.

During the third session, a pair of teams from Florida, as well as Washington, Kansas, California and Utah all took home championships.

In the four U.S. National Games of session three, the East teams held the advantage, 3-1.

Two teams would go on to earn the Triple Grand Slam: DDA Nation (FL), Men's 40 Major; and Still Grubbing (CA), Women's 40 AAA.

The Men's 55 and 60 age divisions began the tournament, Sept. 16-19. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the recap from the opening session

Directors and umpires have earned a well-deserved break, as the first three sessions totaled 488 teams with 1,590 games scheduled over 11 straight days.

The tournament will conclude with the Men's 50 (Sept. 30 – Oct. 3) and Women's 50 (Oct. 1 – Oct. 3) age divisions.

## Session 2 (Men's 65 – 85)

### Men's 65/70 Major Plus Division (6 Teams)



**Timberworks/Suncoast (CA) - Men's 70 Major Plus World Champs (Triple Grand Slam)**

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the article.

Deaton, a 2019 inductee into the Dayton Amateur Softball Hall of Fame, and a 2021 inductee into the Greater Dayton Softball "Legends of the Game", earned All-Tournament honors at the Worlds for his play and determination.

## A Ball Player For Life



**John Carlson**

With the upcoming 2022 season on the horizon, John Carlson, 87, of Minneapolis, will have played an incredible 70 straight years of softball – beginning with fast-pitch and then moving on to slow-pitch.

Starting in 1952 at the age of 17, Carlson began playing in Minneapolis fast-pitch leagues, where he pitched and played numerous positions. He played fast-pitch until 1994, when the City of Minneapolis discontinued its fast-pitch league.

Carlson never missed out on playing softball, even while serving in the Army.

At the age of 55 in 1989, Carlson joined the first Senior Softball league in Minnesota. "I have been participating in seven age groups: 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 and now 85 with Jimmy's Gold," said Carlson.

Additionally, Carlson has participated in the National Senior Olympic Games, playing in St Louis (1987), Syracuse (1991), Baton Rouge (1993), San Antonio (1995) and Minneapolis (2015). For his play, Carlson earned numerous All-Tournament and MVP honors.

In SSUSA, Carlson last played with Jimmy's MN Legends 80 in 2017. He's also previously played with Minnesota Legends 75, and Scan Air Filter 70, among others.

Carlson currently plays in the West Metro Senior League in the summer; and in the winter months, he moves indoors for games at the Academy of Holy Angels StarDome in Richfield, MN.

For his efforts, Carlson was inducted into the Minnesota Sports Federation Softball Hall of Fame in 2014.

"My plan is to play at least until I am 90," said Carlson. "Part of



**McDowell & Sons/Drobena Builders (IN) - Men's 65 Major Plus World Champs**

The Men's 65/70 Major Plus Division featured five 65-year-old teams and one 70-year-old team. All games were played under 65 age division rules with 10 defensive players.

The lone 70s team, Timberworks/Suncoast (CA), went 2-0 in seeding play to secure the top seed.

Timberworks/Suncoast continued its winning ways in the bracket defeating MN Masters/Ancell 43-26 and McDowell & Sons/Drobena Builders (IN) 28-26 to punch its ticket into the championship game.

McDowell & Sons/Drobena Builders entered the bracket as the last seed, after going 0-2 in seeding play. However, the team won back-to-back bracket games, downing Top Gun Elite (CA), 21-17 and Texas Crush Sixty Fives, 29-17, before falling to Timberworks/Suncoast in the winner's bracket final.

In the third-place game, McDowell & Sons/Drobena Builders again knocked off Texas Crush Sixty Fives, 36-23, to reach the championship game.

With McDowell & Sons/Drobena securing the championship for its respective age division (65 Major Plus), no championship game was held as agreed upon by both teams.

Timberworks/Suncoast would also go on to earn the Triple Grand Slam for the Men's 70 Major Plus Division.

For Timberworks, this marks a remarkable sixth straight World title, and fifth straight Triple Grand Slam.

### **Men's 65 Major (25 Teams)**



the enjoyment I get from playing is the camaraderie. To all of you younger players, keep playing!"

## Get Ready for 2022



Managers, the 2022 season is right around the corner!

More than 60 teams have already registered for 2022 and begun building their rosters for the upcoming season.

Returning managers: You can log into your manager account now on the SSUSA website, register your team for 2022, and start putting your roster together.

New Managers: If you'd like to start a new team, please email your SSUSA team registration form ([info@seniorsoftball.com](mailto:info@seniorsoftball.com)) to have your team set up in the database.

Below is the direct link to the team registration form:  
[https://www.seniorsoftball.com/forms/form\\_team\\_reg-2017.pdf](https://www.seniorsoftball.com/forms/form_team_reg-2017.pdf)

The new season officially kicks off Oct. 23-24 in Polk County, Fla., with the **Oktoberfest Classic**. Entry deadline is Oct. 8.

The **Winter National Championships** (Nov. 9-14) in Ft. Myers, Fla., and the **Winter World Championships** (Nov. 16-21) in Phoenix, Ariz., will be your first crack at earning a berth to the original Tournament of Champions (February 2023) in Florida!

Entry deadline for the Winter Nationals is Oct. 19, while the entry deadline for the Winter Worlds is Oct. 26.

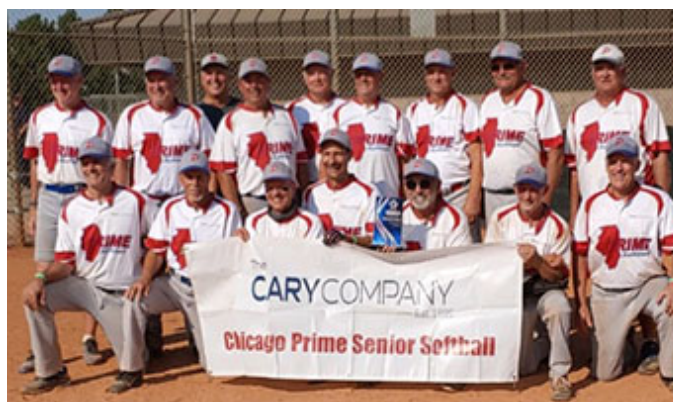
Also, be sure to add the **SSUSA Holiday Classic** (Dec. 11-12) in St. George, Utah, to your tournament schedule! Entry deadline is Nov. 29.

Play in any of these four qualifiers to qualify your roster for the 2022 World Championships.

The complete 2022 SSUSA schedule will be released in the coming months as we secure fields and dates with our partner cities.

## Player Renewals

Reminder, online player renewals will be activated once SSUSA officially closes out the 2021 season and turns the database over for the 2022 season. The online renewal link should be activated



### Chicago Prime (IL) - Men's 65 Major World Champs

In the 25-team Men's 65 Major Division, Via Citrus (FL) defeated Bulldogs (OR) in the U.S. National Championship Game.

Via Citrus would fall short of the Triple Grand Slam, as the team went 2-2 in bracket play, being eliminated in their first game on Championship Thursday.

Going undefeated on the week, Chicago Prime (IL) posted a perfect 7-0 record (2-0 in seeding and 5-0 in bracket play), including a 19-12 win in the Championship Game over Trachsel Auto Body (OR).

Trachsel Auto Body also entered bracket play with a 2-0 mark in seeding, and went 4-2 in the bracket, with both losses coming at the hands of Chicago Prime, en route to their runner-up finish.

After dropping their first bracket game against Nor Cal Reds, 25-18, Tasty Pizza (MN) rattled off a grueling seven straight victories en route to their eventual third-place finish.

North Idaho Softball Club rounded out the top four finishers.

KC Kids (MO) and Arizona Scorpions tied for fifth place.

### Men's 65 AAA Division (27 Teams)



### Pill & Pill (WV) - Men's 65 AAA World Champs

In a tournament first, a three-team full round robin was used to determine the U.S. National Champion in the 27-team Men's 65 AAA Division, the largest division of the second session.

The trio included Pill & Pill (WV), Yeahoos (WA) and Cascade Thunder (OR).

in mid-late October.

If you do not know your player log in information, please email SSUSA ([info@seniorsoftball.com](mailto:info@seniorsoftball.com)) to have it set up.

## 2021 Women's World Cup – Entry Deadline Oct. 15



Don't miss out on the inaugural SSUSA **Women's World Cup**, scheduled for October 29 – 31 at Freedom Park (2018 SSUSA Complex of the Year) in Valdosta, GA.

Teams that played in three (3) select tournaments during the 2020 and 2021 seasons have earned a **FREE** berth into the tournament.

Teams that played in two (2) of the select tournaments have earned a \$100 credit off the entry fee of \$500.

**CLICK HERE** for a list of teams that earned a free entry. **Please note:** teams that have earned the free entry will need to submit a fully refundable \$100 deposit to hold the spot. Teams will receive a check for \$100 at the tournament.

The tournament is open to all Women's teams.

Please be sure to contact SSUSA to reserve your spot! **Entry deadline is October 15.**



**Freedom Park (2018 SSUSA Complex of the Year) - Valdosta, GA**

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

Yeahoos came out on top as the U.S. National Champs, and locked up the No. 1 seed in bracket play with wins over both Pill Pill (24-20) and Cascade Thunder (15-5).

Pill & Pill defeated Cascade Thunder 24-9 to earn the second-place finish, and No. 2 seed. Cascade Thunder entered bracket play as the No. 3 seed.

Yeahoos would fail to complete the Triple Grand Slam, as the team was upset in their opening bracket game against Utah Coyotes (29-17) and unable to recover. The team would eventually be eliminated on Wednesday afternoon.

Pill & Pill, the U.S. National runner-up, used a 5-0 run in the bracket, including a 16-6 win over MN Lumberjacks in the championship game.

MN Lumberjacks won three elimination games to reach the championship game.

Plainsmen (NE) and Last Call (NV) rounded out the top four teams, coming in third and fourth place, respectively.

Seattle65 (WA) ran the gauntlet through the elimination side of the bracket with five straight wins, to eventually finish in tie for fifth place along with Utah Coyotes.

### Men's 65 AA Division (14 Teams)



### Montana Cutthroats - Men's 65 AA World Champions

In the 14-team Men's 65 AA Division, Montana Cutthroats took the No. 1 seed following its 2-0 record in seeding games, and continued to roll with a 4-0 mark in bracket play. The team capped off its undefeated week with 20-18 win over Relentless (TX) in the championship game.

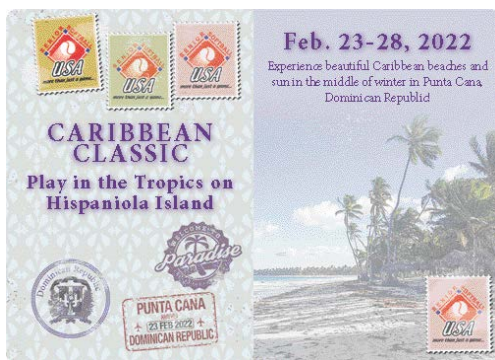
Relentless also went 2-0 in seeding, and 4-2 in bracket play, with both losses coming against the Montana Cutthroats.

Oklahoma Street Outlaws put forth a valiant effort in the elimination side of the bracket with five straight wins, en route to their third-place finish.

Northwest Silver (WA) rounded out the top four finishers.

### Men's 70 Major Division (13 Teams)





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 Bárcelo 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.

## 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.

If you are interested in attending the convention, please register by November 1.



### Minnesota Masters - Men's 70 Major World Champs

In the 13-team Men's 70 Major Division, Minnesota Masters won five straight bracket games, including a 20-17 win over top seed AZ Ancient in the championship game.

After going 2-0 in seeding to lock up the No. 1, AZ Ancient posted a 3-2 record in bracket, with both losses against champion Minnesota Masters.

After dropping their first two bracket games, R & R (CA) rattled off four straight wins in elimination games to finish in third place.

Oregon Crabs rounded out the top four.

### Men's 70 AAA Division (17 Teams)



### Valley Fog (CA) - Men's 70 AAA World Champs

In the 17-team Men's 70 AAA Division, Valley Fog (CA) completed a flawless week, going 2-0 in seeding, and 5-0 in bracket play, including a 26-13 win over top seed, SoCal Gusto, the championship game.

Both of SoCal Gusto's losses in the tournament came against Valley Fog.

For Valley Fog, this is the team's second straight World Championship title, as the team won the Men's 70 AA Division in 2020.

Scrap Iron 5280 (CO) and Last Call (NV) finished in third and fourth place, respectively.

### Men's 70 AA Division (8 Teams)



[CLICK HERE](#) for the Convention Agenda  
[CLICK HERE](#) for the Convention Registration  
[CLICK HERE](#) for Hotel Booking

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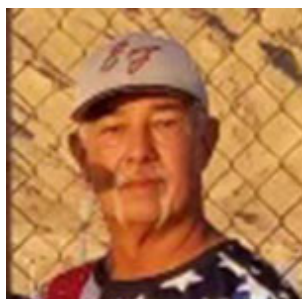
### Holiday Inn Sacramento Downtown - Arena

300 J Street  
 Sacramento, CA 95814  
 (916) 446-0100

**Code: SSU**

Rate: (Subject to local/state taxes/fees)  
 \$132.00/night

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**Ron Smith**



### Scrap Iron Diamonds (CO) - Men's 70 AA World Champs

In the eight-team Men's 70 AA Division, Scrap Iron Diamonds (CO) took home the division following a 4-0 record in bracket play including a 22-14 win over Chicago Hitmen (IL) in the championship game.

After dropping their opening bracket game, Chicago Hitmen ran off five straight victories en route to their eventual runner-up finish.

El Paso Nine-Elevens (TX) and Franklin Loan Center (CA) rounded out the top four, finishing third and fourth, respectively.

### Men's 75 Major Plus (2 Teams)



### Venom (FL) - Men's 75 Major Plus World Champs

In the Men's 75 Major Plus Division, Venom (FL) and OMEN (CA) played in a best of three-game series.

In the opening game, which was the U.S. National Championship Game, OMEN knocked off Venom, 21-5.

However, Venom would have the last word, as the team bounced back with two straight wins, 17-2 and 19-8, respectively, to complete the double-dip and claim the World title.

### Men's 75 Major (8 Teams)

A full seven-game round robin was used to determine the champion in the 8-team Men's 75 Major Division.

The division also featured a U.S. National Championship Game, as State Roofing Systems (CA) knocked off AMR South (FL), 17-15.

The loss would be the lone loss for AMR South, as the team wer



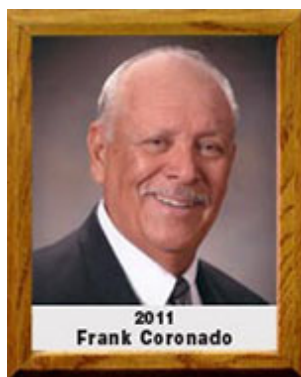
Ron Smith, 67, of Fairfield, Calif., died on Sept. 22; while playing during the World Championships in Las Vegas with Excessive Force in the Men's 65 AAA Division.

"Ron was the epitome of a really nice person," said Ernie Lopez, manager of Excessive Force. "Respectful of his teammates and the game of softball, his smile lit up the room and he was a lot of fun to be around. His memory will always be a part of the Excessive Force team. RIP our friend, our teammate."

Smith began the 2021 season with Misfits 65, playing in the Rock 'n Reno Challenge Cup, before moving on to play with Excessive Force, playing in the Western National Championships and the Yuba City Last Chance Qualifier.

Smith's previous teams in SSUSA included Viejitos 60 (2017-2018), Island Tropic 60 (2017), Not Yungins 60 (2016), and Please Don't Bug Me 60 (2015).

Smith began playing SSUSA in 2015.



**Frank A. Coronado**

Frank Coronado, 82, of Tucson, Ariz., died on Sept. 22.

Coronado served on several baseball and softball committees and operated the annual Cinco de Mayo Senior Softball Tournament in Nogales, Az., that benefited youth programs in Pima and Santa Cruz counties. He also helped run the annual Tucson Senior Softball Holiday Classic.

In SSUSA, Coronado was a member of Caliente Players, Tucson Cowboys, and Tucson Pioneers, which he also managed. He last played in an SSUSA tournament in 2008 at the Gold Glove Classic.

In 1972, Coronado was part of the Tucson Gas & Electric semi-pro baseball team that placed seventh in the national tournament in Wichita, Kan., and received the NBC Sportsmanship Award. That team was named Team of the Year by the Arizona Daily Star.

For his efforts, Coronado was inducted into the Pima County Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.

6-1, to take the top spot.

Tri-State Diamondbacks (NM) and Tharaldson's (NV) each finished with identical 5-2 records.

Via its head-to-head win, 10-9, Tri-State Diamondbacks claimed second place, while Tharaldson's finished third.

State Roofing Systems fell short of completing the Triple Grand Slam, finishing with an even 3-3 record. General Equipment (OR) also finished with an even 3-3 record, as the teams did not play each other in their scheduled game, the final game of the division.

Hooikaika Kinipopo (HI) finished in a 3-4 record, while Scrap Iron Legends (CO) and Sidewinders (AZ) finished with identical 1-6 marks. Sidewinders defeated Scrap Iron Legends, 17-8, in their head-to-head meeting.

#### **Men's 75 AAA (10 Teams)**



**Midwest Express (IA) - Men's 75 AAA World Champs**

A modified single elimination bracket was used to crown the champion in the 10-team Men's 75 AAA Division.

Midwest Express (IA) and Chicago Gray Sox (IL) each entered the bracket with a 3-0 record in seeding.

Midwest Express would go on to run the table in the bracket, with a 3-0 record, including a 10-8 win over Huberd Shoe Grease (AZ) in the championship game.

Chicago Gray Sox and Hill Contracting (TX) tied for third place.

#### **Men's 75 AA (4 Teams)**



**MN Lumberjacks - Men's 75 AA World Champs**





**Michael A. Rasmussen**

Mike “Razz” Rasmussen, 55, of Palmdale, Calif., died on Sept. 14 in a motorcycle accident.

Rasmussen made his SSUSA debut in 2021 as a member of Enforcers (CA), participating in the Southern California State Championships.

Rasmussen played outfield and pitched.

Rasmussen served six years in the U.S. Air Force as a crash rescue firefighter, and was deployed to Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm.

He then began his career with the Los Angeles Airport Police Department in 1997, where we served as an Airport Safety Officer at Ontario International Airport. He would later be reassigned to LAX as an Airport Police Officer. At LAX, Rasmussen was assigned to the Crisis Intervention Team.



**Peter J. DeRosa**

Pete DeRosa, 77, of Brick, N.J., died on July 12.

DeRosa, the SSUSA Northeast Regional/New Jersey State Director in the Clubs & Leagues program, was selected as the SSUSA Regional Director of the Year in 2010.

“Pete DeRosa was a guiding force for the sport at the grassroots level in New Jersey and helped build opportunities for seniors to play ball in leagues for more than a decade. SSUSA – and the sport -- will miss Pete immensely,” said Terry Hennessy, Chief Executive Officer of Senior Softball USA.

On the field, DeRosa most recently played with Boys of Summer (NJ) at the 2014 Atlantic Coast Championships. He also

In the four-team Men’s 75 AA Division, top seed MN Lumberjack completed an undefeated week, going 3-0 in seeding, and 3-0 in bracket play, including a 19-4 win over Triple Play (CA) in the championship game.

Silver City Brewers (WA) finished third, followed by Texas Knight Riders in fourth.

#### **Men’s 80 Major Plus (2 Teams)**



#### **Florida Investment Properties - Men’s 80 Major Plus World Champs**

Florida Investment Properties swept Top Gun Gold (CA) in a best of three game series, by scores of 18-11 and 19-14, respectively to capture the Men’s 80 Major Plus Division.

Top Gun Gold did not go home empty handed, as the team defeated Florida Investment Properties, 23-19, in the U.S. National Championship Game.

#### **Men’s 80 Major (6 Teams)**

A full five-game round robin was used to determine the champion in the six-team Men’s 80 Major Division.

With a 4-1 record, LOTA Softball (TX) took the top prize.

Minnesota Masters and Scrap Iron Gray Berets (CO) tied with identical 3-2 records, with Minnesota Masters earning the tie-breaker via its head-to-head win, 19-13.

New York Statesmen, the fourth-place finisher, took home the U.S. National Championship, via its 10-8 win over Git-R-Done Gold (OR).

#### **Men’s 80 AAA (8 Teams)**



#### **Arizona Outlaws - Men's 80 AAA World Champs**

previously played with Diamond Classics, Monkey Joe's Big Nut Co., Jersey Masters, Stahl Post #30, and Cash 4 College.

DeRosa was an original owner of Awards of Brick, where he created memorable awards for thousands of athletes, coaches and community members.

After retiring from the Teamsters Local 641 in 2000, DeRosa went on to work for the Brick Township Board of Education in food service.

A founding member of the Brick Memorial High School Booster Club, DeRosa was a staunch supporter of Brick Memorial Athletics. For nearly 40 years, DeRosa could be heard as "The Voice of the Mustangs" at every home football game.

DeRosa was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in 2013.

DeRosa also proudly served in the United States Army Reserve.

The eight-team Men's 80 AAA Division also used a full round robin to determine the champion, with teams playing seven games.

Arizona Outlaws and Scorpions (AZ) tied with identical 6-1 records.

Via its 20-18 head-to-head win, Arizona Outlaws took first place.

ProHealth Care (WI) finished third with a 5-2 record.

Gold Rush was the fourth-place finisher with a 3-4 record.

### **Men's 85 Gold Division (5 Teams)**

The five-team Men's 85 Gold Division was determined with a modified single elimination bracket.

Top seed Top Gun Blue Angels (CA) completed a perfect week, going 4-0 in seeding and 2-0 in bracket play, including a 17-11 win over Center For Sight (FL).

The win also completed the Triple Grand Slam for Top Gun Blue Angels.

Arizona Prospectors and Team Rehabilitation (MN) tied for third, followed by Antiques (KS).

## **Session 3 (Men's and Women's 40)**

### **Men's 40 Major Plus (17 Teams)**



### **Suncoast Adidas (FL) - Men's 40 Major Plus World Champs**

In the 17-team Men's 40 Major Plus Division, Spirits West/SMC (MD) knocked off LCP/DTA (CA), 26-23, for the U.S. National Championship.

Spirits West/SMC and LCP/DTA would eventually finished tied for fifth place in bracket play.

Suncoast Adidas (FL) took the top spot following its 5-0 performance in the bracket, including a 34-24 win over Proton (AZ) in the championship game.

Proton won three straight elimination games en route to their runner-up finish.

Onyx (CA) claimed third place, while GTS (ID) rounded out the top four finishers.



### Men's 40 Major (65 Teams)



### DDA Nation (FL) - Men's 40 Major World Champs

In the 65-team Men's 40 Major Division, the largest division of the third session, DDA Nation (FL) took down Hustle (CA) 16-13 in the U.S. National Championship Game.

12 teams would go on to advance to Championship Sunday, with eight teams in the elimination side of the bracket, and four teams in the driver's seat in the championship side of the bracket.

Building off of the momentum of their U.S. National Championship, DDA Nation, one of the four teams to reach the championship side of the bracket, would advance all the way to the Championship game.

Dudley Lightning (MO), Evan Williams/CWI (CA) and First Capital (NY) rounded out the other four teams that entered the final day needing to lose twice to get bounced.

Eventually tying for fifth place were Evan Williams/CWI and Pony Tail Express (CA).

Asylum Ballers (CA) was the fourth-place finisher after winning their three straight elimination games on Sunday.

First Capital finished in third place, after going 1-2 on Sunday.

After dropping their first game of bracket play on Sunday 25-2 to DDA Nation, Dudley Lightning rattled off four straight wins, including a 29-26 victory in a revenge game over DDA Nation in the championship game.

In the winner-take-all "if" game, and rubber match, DDA Nation avoided the double-dip with a 23-20 win.

With their victory, DDA Nation completed the elusive Triple Grand Slam.

### Men's 40 AAA (23 Teams)



### **Hit N Solos: LC Merchants (WA) - Men's 40 AAA World Champions**

In the 23-team Men's 40 AAA Division, Autism Pride (MD) downed GTR (OR), 20-17, in the U.S. National Championship Game.

Autism Pride would be unable to complete the Triple Grand Slam going 2-2 in bracket play, being eliminated on Sunday morning.

Hit N Solos: LC Merchants (WA) completed a perfect weekend, going 2-0 in seeding play, and 5-0 in bracket play, including a 25-13 win over Shut-D (HI) in the championship game.

Shut-D had won five straight elimination games en route to their eventual runner-up finish.

40 Cal Assault was the third place finisher, while Rough Ryders (MD) finished fourth.

Rough Ryders made a valiant run through the elimination side of the bracket with six straight wins.

Sicarios (CA) and Vintage Softball (AZ) tied for fifth place.

### **Women's 40 Major (15 Teams)**



### **Dudley Softball (KS) - Women's 40 Major World Champs**

In the 15-team Women's 40 Major Division, Dudley Softball (KS) ran the table in the bracket with a 5-0 mark, including a 16-8 win over top seed TABU (CA) in the championship game.

TABU had won three straight elimination games en route to their eventual runner-up finish.

HTS-Here To Smash (CA) finished in third place, followed by



Hafta Play (CA) in fourth place.

Tharaldson Softball (NV) and Broken Dollz (CA) tied for fifth.

#### **Women's 40 AAA (25 Teams)**



#### **Still Grubbing (CA) - Women's 40 AAA World Champs**

In the 25-team Women's 40 AAA Division, Still Grubbing (CA) defeated Cherry Bomb (MD), 19-10, in the U.S. National Championship game.

Still Grubbing continued their winning ways in the bracket, going 5-0, including a 19-12 win over Shut-D XP (HI) in the championship game, to complete the Triple Grand Slam.

Shut-D XP won three straight elimination games en route to their runner-up finish.

Cherry Bomb finished in third place, while Pro Moves (CA) was the fourth-place finisher.

B Squared (AZ) and B.O.O.B.s (CA) tied for fifth.

#### **Women's 40 AA (3 Teams)**



#### **Still Got It (UT) - Women's 40 AA World Champs**

In the three-team Women's 40 AA Division, top seed Still Got It (UT) went 2-0 in the bracket, including an 8-6 win over Guam FIGO Islanders in the championship game.

Guam Team SOTTA finished in third place.

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