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Jon Browar MSBL Umpire in Chief

By Steve LaMontia,

Jon Browar is the 62 year old MSBL World Series Umpire in Chief who resides in Kansas City, Missouri. Scheduling the 150 or so umpires who roam the desert for three weeks is no easy task and not for the faint of heart. How does one attain such lofty status?



"I starting umping in our Kansas City men's league back in 1991 when I retired from my racing car parts business," explained Browar. "I also raced cars but was looking for something to fill that void and somebody recommended I start umpiring. I had played ball and thought I knew the game but I had no idea what I was doing. I started umpiring in our Kansas City men's league and it evolved into high school, junior college, some division one and I eventually compiled a nice 17 or 18 year career in mostly division two."

As Jon explains, he was thrown squarely off the dock into the umpiring waters and had to either sink or swim. He decided to swim. Now he is in charge of scheduling a stable of over 250 umpires across the midwest for a couple of division two conferences and has also been asked to perform his magic for the MSBL in next year's national tourneys in Palm Springs and Las Vegas, to go along with his duties here in Arizona. He was not only the right guy in the right place in becoming our World Series Umpire in Chief, he was easily the most qualified.

"Lou Meyers was the umpire in chief when I started working games down here and he sort of liked me," said Jon. "Then Dick Jolly took over from Lou and when Dick retired four years ago they turned to me. I remain close friends with both Lou and Dick and without their help and trust I wouldn't be here today."

One myth that needs to be addressed is the idea that Jon's umpires are getting fat wallets by coming down here and working 20, 30 or 40 games. As Lou Corso would say, 'not so fast, my friend.'

'If an umpire breaks even after his stint here, he or she is lucky,' explained Browar. "I try to give as many (continued on page 2)

Rick Park & Mike Jennings Inducted In WS Hall of Fame



MSBL / MABL National President & Founder, **Steve Sigler** (center) made two presentation's yesterday to long time MSBL World Series managers, **Rick Park** (left - Seattle Mariners) and **Mike Jennings** (right - California Hogs), who were inducted into the WS Hall of Fame.

Weather Finally Lets Up As Temperatures Drop Back Into The Low 80's 45+ And 60+ Teams Begin Play In Chamber of Commerce Ideal Conditions!

By Tom Prendergast

After two weeks of ninety degree temperatures, the heat finally gave way to perfect baseball weather, as teams started play in week 3 of the tournament. No doubt this is what most guys anticipate when they leave their local leagues and head for Arizona and half of the MLB Spring Training major league parks. On Monday, several games played were as good as the weather. Good pitching usually good hitting and that was the case yesterday across the board. A sub plot to this years MSBL / MABL World Series is the two teams that are playing in the major league series, (Cubs and Indians). Not only are the guys from Chicago going crazy but so are the players from Cleveland. These two long removed from post season play franchises are creating quite a buzz in the Valley of the Sun. So much so that the folks that run the Goodyear Complex (home of the Cleveland Indians) have requested that we move up our game times today and tomorrow, so their ground crew and administrative staff can go home early to watch the game. Who could say no to that request, so we moved up our games. Certainly being from Kansas City for the last 29 years, I can relate to these fans who are longing for a World Series winner and an end to their teams championship drought!



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60+ WB Mountain Division

Sacramento Tribe
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St Paul Saints
Shurty's Pub Moondogs
Chicago North TSP Fire
Arkansas Diamonds
Paladin

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
2	0	0	4	3	1000
2	0	0	4	10	1000
1	0	0	2	5	1000
1	1	0	2	10	500
0	1	0	0	6	000
0	2	0	0	16	000
0	2	0	0	20	000

60+ WB Central Division

San Antonio Lonestars
Portland Volcanoes
Dragons
So Cal Dodgers
Tortuga Solons
Tri Valley Giants
Red Deer Legends

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
2	0	0	4	5	1000
2	0	0	4	8	1000
1	1	0	2	11	500
1	1	0	2	15	500
0	1	0	0	5	000
0	1	0	0	22	000
0	2	0	0	17	000

45+ WB American Division

Team New Era
Winberg Construction
OC Sox
Raleigh Braves
US Baseball

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
1	0	0	2	3	1000
1	0	0	2	4	1000
1	0	0	2	8	1000
0	1	0	0	6	000
0	2	0	0	18	000

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**45+ WB Cactus Division 1**

Ventura Dodgers
CO Springs Thunder
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Berks Bombers
Peoria Pirates
Seattle Rainiers
So Cal Indians

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
2	0	0	4	12	1000
1	1	0	2	11	500
1	1	0	2	13	500
1	1	0	2	15	500
1	1	0	2	16	500
1	1	0	2	17	500
1	1	0	2	29	500
0	1	1	1	14	250
0	1	1	1	17	250

60+ WB Cactus Division 1

Puget Sound Mariners
Tri Valley Giants
Team America
Mudville 9
Hollywood Stars
Arizona Pirates
Snowbirds

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
2	0	0	4	6	1000
1	0	0	2	13	1000
1	0	0	2	3	1000
1	1	0	2	4	500
1	1	0	2	12	500
0	2	0	0	18	000
0	2	0	0	53	000

45+ WB Cactus Division 2

Can Am A's
Lehigh Valley Hurricanes
Great Lakes Tigers
Sacramento Bulldogs
Spokane Yankees
DFW Astros
Utah Red Sox
NAPA Reds
Kendall Metz

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
2	0	0	4	2	1000
2	0	0	4	5	1000
2	0	0	4	10	1000
2	0	0	4	13	1000
1	1	0	2	16	500
0	2	0	0	10	000
0	2	0	0	14	000
0	2	0	0	26	000
0	2	0	0	32	000

60+ WB Cactus Division 2

Sacramento Reds
Western Diamondbacks
So Cal Fire
Inland Angels
Long Island A's
Tucson Toros
Milwaukee Rattlers

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
2	0	0	4	17	1000
1	0	0	2	11	1000
1	1	0	2	12	500
1	1	0	2	14	500
1	1	0	0	15	500
0	1	0	0	5	000
0	2	0	0	28	000

45+ WB Central Division

Utah Rockies
Dallas Rangers
California Hogs
Santa Rosa REBL Cardinals
Chicago N. Cubs 45's
Chicago North TSP's
Tri Valley Giants
Brew City Bat Panthers
Kansas City A's

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
2	0	0	4	11	1000
2	0	0	4	12	1000
1	1	0	2	8	500
1	1	0	2	11	500
1	1	0	2	13	500
1	1	0	2	16	500
1	1	0	2	16	500
0	2	0	0	18	000
0	2	0	0	23	000

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games as possible to the traveling guys because of their expenses. I explain that to our local umpires and they understand that they will be assigned the games that are left. There are tremendous local umpires but I have to help the people traveling cross country to be here on their own nickel. Our umpires are fiercely loyal and I want to

take care of them because I know they are all very good at what they do and that makes the World Series a better experience for everyone." "A lot of them just want to get away and experience the same atmosphere the players do on these facilities," Jon continued.

"It really is a labor of love and their way of giving back to the sport.

They are instructed to make the players time here a special time while remaining on top of their game. I think my umpires accomplish that." As we continued to discuss the various instances that have popped up throughout the years I asked Jon what his biggest 'Oh my God' moment was over his current four year stint at the helm. It didn't take him long to answer. "In my first year in charge I found out by accident that there were 40 games that mysteriously appeared that I hadn't seen anywhere," chuckled Browar. "I had 48 hours to schedule 40 games in addition to their already bulging schedules. Welcome to Arizona, right?" Now that Jon is recently fully retired he throws himself into his division two collegiate scheduling duties as well as the MSBL World Series preparations, which begin for him in July. "The participants in the World Series need to rest assured that I take the approach that I am going to utilize the best umpires available to me," Browar further explained. "Not just numbers of guys to (continued on page 3)

45+ Central Division

Chicago N Cubs 45's	6
Brew City Bat Panthers	5
Utah Rockies	16
Tri Valley Giants	5
Santa Rosa REBL Cardinals	9
Kansas City A's	3
Dallas Rangers	13
Chicago North Cubs TSP's	8
Dallas Rangers	6
California Hogs	4
Tri Valley Giants	12
Brew City Bat Rangers	0
Utah Rockies	14
Kansas City A's	6
Chicago North Cubs TSP's	8
Santa Rosa REBL Cardinals	3
California Hogs	8
Chicago N Cubs 45's	2

45+ American Division

OC Sox	6
US Baseball	4
Team New Era	6
Raleigh Braves	3
Winberg Construction	12
US Baseball	8

60+ WB Central Division

Portland Volcanoes	7
Dragons	2
San Antonio Lonestars	10
Red Deer Legends	2
So Cal Dodgers	5
Tortuga Solons	1
Dragons	22
Tri Valley Giants	4
Portland Volcanoes	7
Red Deer Legends	6
San Antonio Lonestars	10
So Cal Dodgers	3

45+ Cactus Division 1

Houston Giants	4
Indy Giants	3
Berks Bombers	6
Colorado Springs Thunder	3
Peoria Pirates	12
Seattle Rainers	4
Ventura Dodgers	9
So Cal Indians	4
Arizona Angels	14
Berks Bombers	4
Colorado Springs Thunder	13
Houston Giants	5
Indy Giants	25
Peoria Pirates	11
Seattle Rainers	5
So Cal Indians	5
Ventura Dodgers	9
Arizona Angels	8

45+ Cactus Division 2

Can Am A's	6
DFW Astros	4
Great Lakes Tigers	6
Kendall Metz	3
Lehigh Valley Hurricanes	12
Napa Reds	8
Sacramento Bulldogs	9
Spokane Yankees	6
Can Am A's	4
Utah Red Sox	1
Great Lakes Tigers	6
DFW Astros	5
Lehigh Valley Redbirds	26
Kendall Metz	4
Sacramento Bulldogs	10
Napa Reds	7
Spokane Yankees	10
Utah Red Sox	7

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60+ WB Cactus Division 1

Mudville 9	7
Hollywood Stars	0
Puget Sound Mariners	31
Snowbirds	4
Arizona Pirates	8
Hollywood Stars	5
Puget Sound Mariners	4
Mudville 9	2
Team America	22
Snowbirds	13
Tri Valley Giants	10
Arizona Pirates	3

60+ WB Cactus Division 2

Inland Angels	8
Long Island A's	2
Sacramento Reds	15
Milwaukee Rattlers	11
So Cal Fire	5
Tucson Toros	2
Western Diamondbacks	12
Inland Angels	11
Long Island A's	13
Milwaukee Rattlers	6
Sacramento Reds	10
So Cal Fire	6

60+ WB Mountain Division

St Paul Saints	7
Arkansas Diamonds	5
California Tribe	16
Paladin	8
DFW Phillies	9
Lehigh Valley Moondogs	0
California Tribe	9
Arkansas Diamonds	2
DFW Phillies	4
Paladin	3
Lehigh Valley Moondogs	6
Chicago North TSP Fire	1

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to fill spots, but the absolute best of guys that I can trust completely. I hope the players in this tournament know that I take it very seriously and that I'm going to always use the best available to me. My guys all know that this is a business and not personal. We don't have a 'good buddy' system down here." "We have an umpires meeting every Saturday night and we discuss the good, the bad and the ugly. We talk about certain circumstances, field events, rule interpretations and whatever needs discussing. We don't take this job lightly and our team is qualified to work either an over 65 game or an 18-over national. Our job is to make the players experience a quality one and I know that my 150 umpires out there are qualified to do that."

Jon doesn't have an assistant, he handles it alone for the most part. Yes, he leans on certain guys to help him out when the squeaky wheel needs some grease but this is Jon's show from start to finish. "It is an honor to be asked to coordinate the umpires for the largest adult amateur baseball tournament in the world. I am very humbled, and we won't let you down."

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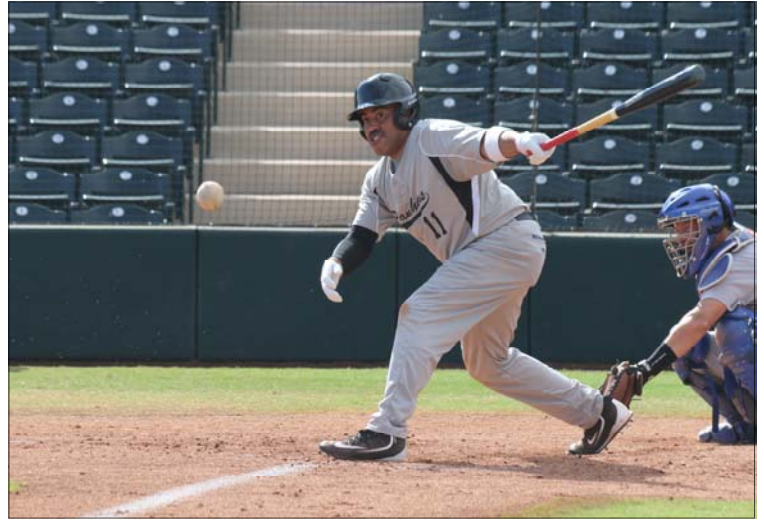
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45+ WB Central Chicago N Cubs 45's batter, **Sonny Caringella** comes through with an rbi in his teams 6-5 win over the Panthers.



45+ WB Central Brew City Bat Panthers, **Ruben Colton** watches this ball go foul during an at bat at Tempe Diablo Stadium yesterday.



45+ WB Central Kansas City A's short stop, **Jim Velear** snags this one hopper, steps on second and throws to first for the double play.



50+ WB Central Utah Rockies pitcher, **John Sandovall** was outstanding yesterday in his teams 14-6 win over the Kansas City A's.



45+ WB Central Kansas City A's pitcher, **Dave Thomas** delivers a pitch during his teams game against the Utah Rockies on Monday.



45+ WB Central Chicago North Cubs 45's pitcher, **Dave Czosek** was on the mound against the Brew City Bat Panthers yesterday.