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## Back To The Future? MSBL Memories From Past Years

By Tom Prendergast

In 1988, the world was different than it is today. No internet, cell phones or 24hr cable news. It seemed like a much simpler time.

More importantly for amateur adult baseball players, a national organization had formed and was looking for men, thirty years of age and over to play baseball.

Started in Long Island in 1987, founder Steve Sigler appeared on the Today Show and talked about his new, thirty and over baseball league. And after an article appeared in Sports Illustrated about the new league his phone didn't stop ringing. Almost overnight 30 and over baseball leagues began forming all across the country.

With so many new leagues and interest in adult baseball surging, Steve came up with the idea of an MSBL 30+ / 40+ World Series tournament in Phoenix, Arizona - played on MLB spring training fields. That first year 38 teams participated in inaugural event, sponsored in part by Smith-Barney.

Score reporting in the early days consisted mostly of calling scores into the office and then posting the scores on sheets of paper on the office wall. Every morning recap sheets with line scores from the previous days games were delivered to the players hotels. The early fields consisted of the 3 fields at the Tempe Diablo, 4 fields at Fitch, 2 fields in Chandler, Phoenix Municipal stadium and Compadre stadium.

Tournament director, Kurt Knop remembers the atmosphere that first year as "electric"! "Players were pumped up and thrilled to be playing on major league fields", he recalled. "Our first manager meeting was held up the hill at the Buttes and it was standing room only, as every team had at least three players on hand". "Steve spent two hours answering questions". Kurt said the best decision they made the first year was one they didn't use. "We originally had planned on using luxury buses to take the teams to and from the hotels to the fields, but as it turned out that didn't pan out, thankfully"! On Saturday night after the championship games they had a banquet at the Buttes and everybody had a wonderful time. "We knew after that this was going to be an annual event"! (continued on page 2)



## MSBL WORLD SERIES Reaches 30 Year Milestone!



Longtime MSBL veteran, **Bart Zeller** was on the mound yesterday for the San Diego Mudhens in their first round pool play game against the San Antonio Broncos. San Diego won 13-8.

### 30th MSBL / MABL World Series Begins Exclusively With 70+ Teams Above Average Temperatures Expected As Tournament Gets Underway!

By Tom Prendergast

It's altogether fitting that the 70+ division should kick off this years World Series especially when you consider that 30 years ago, that was one of the age groups that was part of the inaugural event. In 1988, thirty eight teams, in two age divisions, 30+ and 40+ made up the tournament. Back then we didn't have National or American, just a bunch of guys who were incredibly excited to be playing competitive baseball again on Major League fields. It was a concept that was right for the time and leagues all across the country started to form. This year we have divisions that start with our 18+ players and go all the way up to our 73+ division. Our Father and Son divisions, (which includes daughters, uncles and nephews) is without a doubt one of our more popular divisions. For those of us who grew up watching our hometown baseball team, getting the opportunity to come to Arizona and play on major league quality fields is an opportunity not to be missed. (continued on page 3)



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**MSBL Twitter Account "Live" In AZ!**

By Steve Lamontia

Last year at this time we introduced our new **MSBL / MABL National Twitter** page. While we probably won't be as active as the President, there's no doubt that good communication is the key during the World Series. This addition will provide yet another avenue for everyone to receive up to the minute - critical and current information, related to the tournament each day. Rain delays, traffic problems, venue changes, scheduling concerns, etc. will now be instantly available to everyone.

We are confident that between the national website, Facebook page and now **Twitter** we will have all of the bases covered. Please save our address in your phones or computers.

[https://twitter.com/MSBL\\_National](https://twitter.com/MSBL_National).

**Back to the Future** - (continued from page 1)

"The players brought their wives, families or girlfriends and really enjoyed meeting guys from other cities". In his closing remarks, Steve thanked everybody for coming and promised that next years event would be even better. And boy was he right.

During this years World Series I'll be looking back at some of the past events that took place over the years that were both memorable and important moments in MSBL / MABL history.

**70+ WB National Division**

Detroit 70's  
St Paul Saints  
Sacramento Solons  
USA Volkers

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**70+ American Division**

Portland Dirt  
San Diego Padres  
San Diego Mudcats  
Red Deer Legends  
Tri Valley Antiques  
San Antonio Broncos  
Arizona Scorpions

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**70+ WB Central Division**

Tri Valley Giants  
San Antonio Texans  
Aussie Aces  
Ohio Classics  
Team America

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**50+ National Division**

Boston Wolfpack  
So Cal Blue Jays  
Team Victory  
Colorado Blues  
US Baseball

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**50+ Central Division**

Auburn Braves  
Raleigh Braves  
3n2 Rangers  
All Star Baseball Academy  
Chicago North TSP's  
Waikiki Beach Boys  
East Bethalto Dodgers  
Rochester Redwings  
Tulsa Liners  
Utah Pirates  
DuPage Angels

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**50+ Cactus Division 1**

Austin Express  
Arizona Monsoon  
Red Deer Legends  
Sacramento Dragons  
Vancouver Angels  
Diamond Dream Mustangs  
Kansas City Knights  
Long Island Panthers  
Des Moines Bruins

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**50+ Cactus Division 2**

Aussie Aces  
Austin Amigos  
Burlington Angels  
Connecticut Navigators  
Houston Skeeters  
Las Vegas Rattlers  
Long Island Yankees  
Westchester Mets  
LS Warriors

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## 30th MSBL World Series Begins *(from page 1)*

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Detroit 70's            | 12 |
| Sacramento Solons       | 6  |
| St Paul Saints          | 18 |
| USA Volkers             | 13 |
| Detroit 70's            | 4  |
| Red Deer Legends (Amer) | 3  |

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| Aussie Aces        | 23 |
| Team America       | 15 |
| San Antonio Texans | 12 |
| Ohio Classics      | 8  |
| Tri Valley Giants  | 24 |
| Team America       | 8  |

In an attempt to keep the 70+ WS divisions competitive and consistent, MSBL National has instituted the following rules for all 2017 World Series games:

- 1) No stealing
- 2) Three (3) courtesy runners (see rule 9)
- 3) One 9 inning game per day
- 4) 5 games in 5 days
- 5) For any hit that reaches the outfield grass, the batter / runner cannot be thrown out at first.
- 6) If a pitcher fails to go into the stretch position (with runners on base) and pitches with a full wind up, the base runner is allowed to steal or advance to the next base.
- 7) With a 3-2 count on the batter and 2 outs, all forced runners can break on the delivery by the pitcher.
- 8) If a wild pitch / passed ball goes out of the designated home plate circle, runners can advance (including to home plate) one base only without the catcher chasing the ball.
- 9) We will use shared A/B batter positions. The manager uses two players for one batting position and during the game he decides who bats each time the batting position comes up. He can use the other player to run if he chooses to do so. There is no limit to the number of shared line-up positions. Any player sharing a batting order position is locked in that position for the duration of the game and cannot be used in any other batting order position.

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This helps avoid tearing up the Infield Grass.

Playing catch will only be allowed in the outfield. NO playing catch on the infield.

Do not throw baseballs against any buildings or fencing.

Batting cages between fields are NOT available for your player use. Coaches, when taking infield please make sure you are wearing turf shoes when hitting fungos. This helps avoid tearing up the infield grass.



Every team manager received an official WS scorebook when they checked in to pick up the team merchandise. Inside on the first few pages list the MSBL / MABL National rules. In the event of any confusion or controversy please call the WS office (480) 858-7515.



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70+ WB American Portland Dirt batter, **Tom Trebelhorn** doubles down the first base line yesterday against the Arizona Scorpions.



WS staffers, **Jeremy Sellers**, **Mike Cadenazzi** and **Sam Kayea** set up shop in the Angels locker room at Tempe Diablo Stadium yesterday.



70+ WB American Portland Dirt batter, **Steve Meyer** crushes this ball and doubles in two runs against Arizona Scorpions yesterday.



70+ WB American Arizona Scorpions pitcher, **Phil Webster** got the start for his team yesterday against the Portland Dirt in game 1.



70+ American San Antonio Broncos pitcher, **Joe Perales** delivers a pitch to the plate during his teams game against the SD Mudcats.



70+ San Diego Mudcats batter, **Frank DiMaria** is one of only 10 players that has attended all 30 MSBL World Series tournaments.