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MSBL WS Iron Man - 30 year Attendee - Lanny Ropke

By Lanny Ropke

The first year I played was truly magical. I was 41 and took a bunch of guys and we just went to play. We were the Woodland / Davis Stars and that's what started it all. My next biggest thrill was playing father/son with my boys Chad and Skye and now I have a grandson who plays. In our recent father/son tourney in Sacramento we asked for a waiver for him, since he is only 14, and he was able to play. It was really special.

The Sacramento Solons are a tight knit bunch and a team I have played with for most of my years at the World Series. I'm 71 now and play with them in the 65's and 70's. The solons have been around for 25 years but there is a handful of guys who have been through it and we have coffee all winter and play catch whenever we can find dry land.

When I first heard that some guy was having a Senior World Series in Phoenix I thought "what a great idea, I want to be part of that!" I remember that 1988 World Series clearly. I was so excited to play and manage that first World Series championship team, the Woodland/Davis Stars. I never thought then that I would still be attending, much less playing, 30 years later.

I still remember that post tournament banquet at 'The Buttes' after Steve Sigler called me up to give me the championship jackets and bats. As I left I said, "Steve, you gotta keep this going each year cause this is really something special." Thank goodness he did.

Here is a glimpse of some of Lanny's World Series highlights:

The years of support and encouragement of my wife of 50 years, Diana, and how much I enjoy looking from the field and seeing her sitting there.

Playing baseball in the Father/Son Division with the two boys I taught to play and love the game, Chad and Skye. And, this year in the SMSBL Father/Son Tournament, adding my grandson Jett to make it three generations on the field. Very special to me!

Playing on 68 World Series teams in the first 29 years and, God willing, three more in this 30th year. (continued on page 2)



MSBL World Series Honors Ray Newman & Irv Scott!



Before the game at Tempe Diablo Stadium yesterday morning, National MSBL President, Steve Sigler presented recognition plaques to Ray Newman's daughter, Diana and Irv Scott.

MSBL / MABL President & Founder On Hand To Hand Out Awards

35+ WB Divisions Begin Play - Some Confusion In 70+ Regarding No Stealing

By Tom Prendergast

Every year at this time, the MSBL/MABL World Series recognizes individual players for their longevity and hard work on behalf of their local leagues or some outstanding achievement on behalf of the organization. Especially this year, our 30th anniversary in Arizona. Yesterday morning before the 70+ Sacramento Solons vs USA Volkers game, MSBL President, Steve Sigler made a presentation via Facetime, to longtime player, Ray Newman (who couldn't attend this year's WS due to an injury that he suffered a week ago). In his absence his daughter, Diana accepted the award on his behalf and brought everybody to tears with her heartfelt tribute to her dad. Their wasn't a dry eye in the ballpark!

Meanwhile some nagging confusion remained regarding the "no stealing" rule in our 70+ divisions. Despite not being allowed to steal, some teams are using the "hit and run" as a way to advance the runner. Example: pitcher delivers the ball to the plate - the batter swings and misses and the catcher catches the ball, while the runner is off on the pitch to the next base. Regardless of a team's intention to "hit and run", if no contact is made and the runner reaches the next base, that's a steal. So he's sent back to first, just as if it was a foul ball. The runner can't advance or be tagged out on this play. For now, we have no penalty when this happens but that's probably going to change. And the same applies for a missed squeeze bunt.



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30 year Attendee - Lanny Ropke

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* Winning 14 MSBL World Series Championships (credit for that is due to my great teammates).

* 30 years of Board membership including League President in one of the first MSBL member leagues, the Woodland/Davis MSBL.

* 26 years of playing Sacramento MSBL including Board membership and a stint as League President.

* Being honored by Steve Sigler with the National Hall of Fame selection and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Now, I want to thank and give credit to Steve Sigler. May I be so bold to suggest that this year, whoever you are and whatever team you play on and however long you have been in MSBL, when you see Steve around the baseball fields, go up to him, shake his hand and say thanks, thanks for the opportunity to play baseball, the enjoyment, and to meet so many new friends across the United States.

It's been 30 great years for me and to all my teammates and all my opponents over the years, thanks for the memories!

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70+ WB National Division

St Paul Saints
Detroit 70's
Sacramento Solons
USA Volkers

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
3	0	0	6	25	1000
3	1	0	6	39	750
2	2	0	4	34	500
1	2	0	2	35	250

70+ American Division

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

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
2	1	0	4	22	667
2	1	0	4	22	667
2	1	0	4	23	667
1	2	0	2	29	333
1	2	0	2	36	333
1	2	0	0	39	333
0	3	0	0	42	000

70+ WB Central Division

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

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
4	0	0	8	18	1000
2	1	0	4	27	667
2	1	0	4	31	667
1	3	0	2	48	250
0	4	0	0	78	000

50+ National Division

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

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
3	1	0	6	14	750
1	2	0	2	10	333
1	2	0	2	11	333
1	2	0	2	20	333
1	2	0	2	22	333

50+ Central Division

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

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
3	0	0	6	11	1000
3	0	0	6	16	1000
2	1	0	4	10	1000
2	1	0	4	14	1000
2	1	0	4	25	1000
2	2	0	4	34	500
1	1	0	2	14	500
1	2	0	2	19	333
1	2	0	2	27	333
0	2	0	0	20	000
0	3	0	0	28	000

50+ Cactus Division 1

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

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
3	0	0	6	10	1000
3	0	0	6	14	1000
3	0	0	6	23	1000
2	1	0	4	16	667
2	2	0	4	27	500
1	2	0	2	29	333
0	3	0	0	33	000
0	3	0	0	40	000
0	3	0	0	58	000

50+ Cactus Division 2

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

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
3	0	0	6	10	1000
3	0	0	6	16	1000
2	1	0	4	18	667
2	1	0	4	44	667
1	1	1	3	31	500
1	2	0	2	44	333
1	2	0	2	23	333
0	2	1	1	49	000
0	4	0	0	81	000

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70+ WB National Results

Sacramento Solons	4
USA Volkers	3
St Paul Saints	21
Detroit 70's	2
USA Volkers	2
San Diego Padres (American)	3

70+ WB American Results

Red Deer Legends	17
Tri Valley Antiques	9
San Diego Mudcats	13
Arizona Scorpions	1
San Antonio Broncos	13
Portland Dirt	12

70+ WB Central Results

Ohio Classics	12
Tri Valley Giants	11
Aussie Aces	9
Tri Valley Giants	7
San Antonio Texans	14
Team America	0

50+ WB National Results

Team Victory	12
Boston Wolfpack	5
US Baseball	5
Colorado Blues (Central)	1
Raleigh Braves (Central)	10
So Cal Blue Jays	5

50+ WB Central Results

Auburn Braves	15
3n2 Rangers	1
Waikiki Beach Boys	15
3n2 Rangers	3
All Star Baseball Academy	9
Chicago N TSP's	6
Raleigh Braves	13
DuPage Angels	8
DuPage Angels	12
East Bethalto Dodgers	8
Raleigh Braves	10
So Cal Blue Jays (National)	5
Colorado Blues (National)	5
Tulsa Liners	2
Team Victory (National)	11
Rochester Redwings	2
Utah Pirates	10
Boston Wolfpack (National)	4
Rochester Redwings	8
East Bethalto Dodgers	3

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50+ WB Cactus 1 Results

Sacramento Dragons	7
Vancouver Angels	0
Sacramento Dragons	13
Red Deer Legends	12
Austin Express	4
Diamond Dream Mustangs	1
Des Moines Bruins	10
Arizona Monsoon	6
Long Island Panthers	17
Vancouver Angels	3
Diamond Dream Mustangs	19
KC Knights	15

50+ WB Cactus 2 Results

Las Vegas Rattlers	4
Westchester Mets	3
Burlington Angels	15
Aussie Aces	15
Louisville Slugger Warriors	16
Houston Skeeters	15
Austin Amigos	16
Connecticut Navigators	8
Long Island Yankees	16
Connecticut Navigators	3

2017 MSBL World Series logo shirts**35+ Mountain Division**

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
Missouri Tribe	2	0	0	4	5	1000
San Antonio Bombers	2	0	0	4	11	1000
Phoenix Tube	1	0	0	2	2	1000
The Dirty Sox	1	1	0	2	7	500
Arizona Angels	1	1	0	2	16	500
Tucson Storm	0	1	0	0	6	000
Milwaukee Mudhens	0	2	0	0	16	000
Salt Lake Lugnuts	0	2	0	0	16	000

35+ Cactus Division 1

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
Murietta Mutiny	2	0	0	4	3	1000
Minnesota Lumberjacks	2	0	0	4	7	1000
Chandler Bat Philadelphia	1	1	0	2	2	500
Portland Mets	1	1	0	2	14	500
Puget Sound Reds	0	1	0	0	11	000
Ulster Buccaneers	0	1	0	0	26	000
Chicago Cyclones	0	2	0	0	47	000

35+ Cactus Division 2

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
Seattle Rage	2	0	0	4	7	1000
Omaha Red Sox	2	0	0	4	9	1000
Nor Cal Knights	1	1	0	2	12	500
Easton Storm	1	1	0	2	17	500
Houston Marauders	1	1	0	2	19	500
Elevated Athletics	1	1	0	2	23	500
Puget Sound Knights	0	2	0	0	12	000
Sacramento White Sox	0	2	0	0	23	000

35+ WB Mountain Results

Phoenix Tube	7
Salt Lake City Lugnuts	2
San Antonio Bombers	6
Tucson Storm	4
The Dirty Sox	8
Milwaukee Mudhens	1
Missouri Tribe	6
The Dirty Sox	3
Missouri Tribe	8
Milwaukee Mudhens	2
San Antonio Bombers	8
Arizona Angels	7
Arizona Angels	9
Salt Lake City Lugnuts	8

35+ WB Cactus 1 Results

Minnesota Lumberjacks	22
Chicago Cyclones	3
Murietta Mutiny	2
Chandler Bat Philadelphia	0
Portland Mets	11
Puget Sound Reds	6
Minnesota Lumberjacks	26
Ulster Buccaneers	4
Murietta Mutiny	8
Portland Mets	3
Chandler Bat Philadelphia	25
Chicago Cyclones	0

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35+ WB Cactus 2 Results

Easton Storm	6
Sacramento White Sox	5
Seattle Rage	12
Easton Storm	5
Seattle Rage	14
Houston Marauders	2
Elevated Athletics	7
Puget Sound Knights	2
Omaha Red Sox	21
Elevated Athletics	8
Omaha Red Sox	9
Nor Cal Knights	1
Nor Cal Knights	16
Puget Sound Knights	3
Houston Marauders	6
Sacramento White Sox	5

1990 MSBL World Series

97 teams attended the World Series that year while the 30+ National championship game was taped and broadcast on Sports Channel America cable television network.



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70+ WB national Division USA Volkers batter, **Billy Jacobs** singles to center during his teams game against the Sacramento Solons.



Former NHL player (and NBCSN hockey broadcaster) **Jeremy Roenick** is playing for the 50+ Cactus Colorado Blues this week.



35+ WB Mountain Milwaukee Mudhens pitcher, **Tim Saskowski** was on the mound for his team yesterday against the Dirty Sox.



35+ WB Mountain Dirty Sox batter, **Juan Alonzo** doubles to right center field in his teams 8-1 victory over the Mudhens on Monday.



Unable to attend this year's MSBL World Series, Sacramento Solons player, **Ray Newman** receives his WS Hall of Fame via Facetime!



Jerry Hall (Tempe Diablo Complex), **Dave Dunne** (Salt River Complex) and **Mark Gallo** (Hohokam and Fitch Complex) supervisors.