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Today's Playoff Game Schedule

Championship Games

25+ WB Mountain Division

San Diego Athletics vs Westside Bandits

9:15am Maryvale Stadium

25+ WB Central Division

Game 9 winner vs Game 10 winner

1:00pm Maryvale Stadium

25+ WB Cactus Division

Albuquerque Trout vs Des Moines Bruins

9:15am Hohokam Stadium

Playoff Games

Semi-Finals

25+ WB Cactus Playoffs

Twin City Cardinals vs Rhode Island Bwr

9:00am Maryvale 4

Sacramento Giants vs Tucson Longhorn

9:00am Maryvale 5

Mark Gallo: MSBL World Series Hall of Fame member and Tempe Diablo Voice

By Steve LaMontia,

Mark Gallo is a married father of three and a grandfather of one, his most prized accomplishment. He was born in Canton, Ohio and moved to the desert when he was six, 51 years ago. He is also a member of the 2010 class of the MSBL World Series Hall of Fame and has been announcing games at Tempe Diablo Stadium for the MSBL World Series for all thirty years of its existence. "I was doing the math and I think I have announced over 600 games for MSBL."

Mark's full time gig is as the rec supervisor for the City of Mesa, which oversees HoHoKam Stadium and Fitch Park, now home of the Athletics, and the Riverview auxiliary fields, practice facility for the Cubs. "I've been supervising the HoHoKam since 2009 and have been with the city for 31 years," explained Gallo. "HoHoKam was the Cubbies home for a long time and then the Athletics took over in 2015. They are certainly different organizations but I enjoy working with both of them now. Fortunately the City of Mesa allows me the time to announce on weekends and nights during the World Series."

Mark's MSBL association as announcer at Tempe Diablo Stadium took hold thirty years ago but under a different looking facility.

"Thirty years ago my friend Joel was running Tempe Diablo (continued on page 3)

Final Day Of WS Games With 25+ Championships Today



25+ WB Cactus division Des Moines Bruins , **Brian Schueller** received his MSBL Hall of Fame award from National MSBL President, Steve Sigler before his game at Sloan Park.

Championship game summaries by HardBall Online reporters

45+ American: OC Sox 6, Team Victory 0

Former big league pitcher Vic Darensburgh tossed a complete game shutout for the OC Sox. Darensburgh allowed just six hits in blanking Team Victory 6-0. He also led the way at the plate with three hits and an RBI. Darensburgh's efforts earned him tournament MVP honors

45+ Central: Utah Rockies 9, California Hogs 6

Brady Field and Matt Burns each drove in three runs to lead the Rockies past the Hogs 9-6 at Tempe Diablo Stadium. Vic Valdez pitched a complete game to earn the win as well as MVP honors. Keith Ciupak and Dale Craig had three hits each for the Hogs.

45+ Cactus: Spokane Yankees 16, Fresno HCB 8

The 45+ championship game between the Spokane Yankees and Fresno HCB was tied at six going into the 8th inning. But in the 8th Spokane batted around, sending 15 batters to the plate and scoring 10 runs to win the trophy 16-8. Spokane coach Greg Peterson said "This is our first time winning the championship. We were close last year". This year they were able to bring home the trophy.

45+ Cactus (consolation): Southern California Tribe 7, Bay Area Giants 6

The Bay Area Giants led 4-1 after an inning and a half, when the Southern California Tribe responded with four runs in the bottom of the second to take the lead, 5-1. Bay Area scored one to tie the game at 6-6 in the top of the eighth. Southern California responded with a run in the bottom of the eighth to retake the lead then held Bay Area scoreless in the ninth to win the 45+ Cactus Consolation game.

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60+ Mountain: California Tribe 9, San Antonio Lonestars 5

The California Tribe utilized their team speed stealing five bases en route to a 9-5 victory over the San Antonio Lonestars in the 60 Mountain Division Championship. Starting pitcher Dave Kephart earned the win while going six innings. Mark Weathers scored twice for the Tribe and Bobby Wooden swiped two bases. The Lonestars were led by Vernon Wells who had a double and two RBI.

60+ Central: Dragons 17, Chicago North TSP Fire 3

Team MVP Mike Wilgus smacked four doubles and drove six runs and scored three times for the Dragons leading them to a 17-3 win over the Chicago North TSP Fire in the 60 Central Division Championship. Rick Arbogast tossed five innings allowing just one earned run to earn the win.

60+ Cactus: Colorado Stars 5, Inland Angels 4

MVP Hal Friskey earned the win in relief of starter Jim Bazel. Friskey was also 2-2. Blair Gifford, who was 3-3 for the Stars (8-1), knocked in the go-ahead run in the top of the eighth and also made a couple of key defensive plays in center field. The Angles (7-2) got a key 2-run double from Charlie Polk to take a 3-2 lead in the fifth. Dave Statter also doubled.

60+ Cactus (consolation): Long Island Athletics 7, Hollywood Stars 3

The Long Island Athletics upstaged the Hollywood Stars to seize the 60+ Cactus Division Men's Senior Baseball League World Series by a score of 7-3 in Phoenix on Saturday. Starter John Grossman was the only pitcher the A's needed to get the job done (9IP, 10H, 3BB and 3ER). Grossman induced a remarkable 17 ground ball outs to secure the complete game win. The Stars fought valiantly, keeping the game within a run, at 4-3, until the A's poured across three in the home half of the eighth.



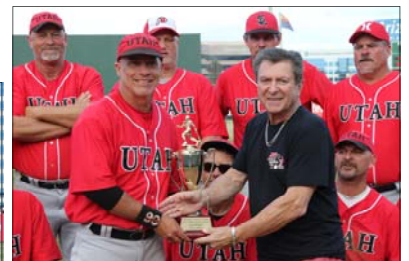
45+ National Division Champions - OC Sox



45+ Central Division Champions - Utah Rockies

25+ National: So Cal Reds 3, So Cal Snappers 0

The So Cal Reds (4-2) scored single runs in the second, third and eighth innings as right-hander Eddie Russell allowed five hits through eight innings to lead his team to a 3-0 victory over the So Cal Snappers (4-3) in the 25 plus National division of the 2017 MSBL World Series at Sloan Park. Lefty Scott Holder pitched the ninth to earn the save. Jerry Madueno, Kevin Howard and Colin Courtland had three hits for the Reds.



Mike Caenazzi give Randy Miles the 45+ championship trophy.

MVP, Spokane - Gary Wolf



25+ National Playoffs

So Cal Snappers	7
Tampa Bombers	1

45+ Cactus Playoffs

Fresno Hardcor	9
Arizona Angels	8
Spokane Yankees	6
Nor Cal Diablos	2

25+ Mountain Playoffs

MSL All Stars	1
Colorado Rippers	0
San Diego Knights	13
So Cal Naturals	9
Westside Bandits	6
San Diego Knights	1
San Diego Athletics	12
MSL All Stars	6

25+ Central Playoffs

AP / C's	7
LA Legends	2
Arizona Angels	7
New Mexico Giants	5
Seattle Ravens	6
Tucson Tigers	0
Denver Kokopellis	11
Las Vegas Dirtbags	10
Rhode Island Brewers	10
Seattle Ravens	1
Tucson Longhorns	12
Denver Kokopellis	1
Twin City Cardinals	7
Arizona Angels	4
Sacramento Generals	9
AP / C's	8

25+ Cactus Division

Albuquerque Desert Trout	6
Chicago Cyclones	4
Central Coast Outlaws	12
Chicago Redhawks	11
Albuquerque Desert Trout	10
San Jose Marlins	5
Des Moines Bruins	2
Central Coast Outlaws	1

MVP, LI A's - John Gross (left)



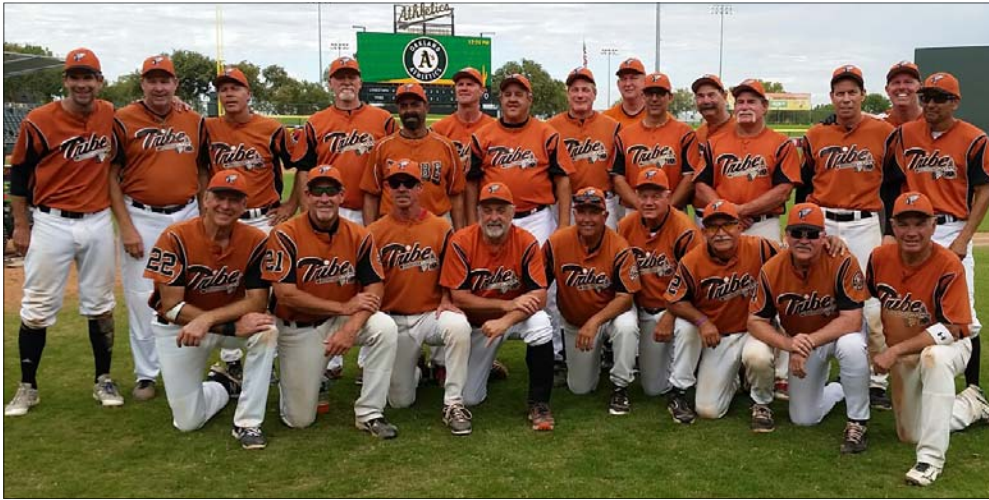
60+ Cactus Division Champions - Colorado Stars



25+ National Division Champions - So Cal Reds



45+ Cactus Consolation Champions - So Cal Indians



60+ Mountain Division Champions - California Tribe



45+ Cactus Division Champions - Spokane Yankees



60+ Central Division Champions - Dragons

Mark Gallo: MSBL Legend Series

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and he told me about MSBL needing someone to announce games and create a truly professional atmosphere for the players. I was immediately hooked and love it to this day."

So what was different about broadcasting at the stadium back in the late 80's? "The stadium at that time was one level and we broadcasted out of a box that wasn't air conditioned. There was no fancy scoreboard either. We just sat in the box and announced the game. It was just pure baseball and we loved every minute." Mark doesn't have a broadcasting background and didn't spend years honing his skills at some obscure radio station. "My dad was always a huge sports fan, as am I, and I love baseball and am actually a basketball official so I keep my finger in the sports arena."

"That first year back in 1988 I was the only announcer. I worked games at 9:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm every day. I would then help compile the newsletter with then tournament director Kurt Knop, go to Kinkos at 2:00 am to make copies, catch a nap in my car while they were being printed, then delivered them to all of the motels. I'd manage to get home for three or four hours of sleep and then do it all over again the next day. It was pretty crazy."

What is possibly the craziest or most special moment in thirty years and 600 games of announcing? "Two or three years ago I was with the manager of a team while going over his lineup and I noticed the name Kenny Chesney as the catcher. I remarked that it is really something to have a player with the same name. Well, I was told that it WAS Kenny Chesney. I was able to meet him and talk for a while and we talked baseball and football. Country music never came up. He was a great guy and a very good catcher. He trailed every play and knew how to play the game."

"I'm also a huge Red Sox fan and to see Roger Clemens throwing against Oil Can Boyd a couple of years ago here at the stadium was really a special night. I have a ton of MSBL memories and they're all good. I look forward to announcing more games in the years ahead after I retire from my day job!" *(photo below) Mark with wife, Jackie.*



Editors note: Few people associated with the MSBL WS have been around longer than Mark. He's been instrumental in our success and I feel fortunate to have him with us! TP