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Steve Faigin MSBL WS Stalwart

By Steve LaMontia,
Director of Communications



75-year-old Steve Faigin is an original member of the Chicago North MSBL and in 2018 became a full-time Arizona resident. He is also an MSBL World Series veteran and a member of the World Series Hall of Fame, having been inducted in 2007. He also barely missed being on the elite list of having attended every World Series since its inception. "I first came down in 1990," explained Faigin. "I only missed 2 at the beginning but have not missed since. Because of some back issues, I only manage now but I have been a part of some successful teams in Arizona. That first year I played under Dave Schultz with the Cubs in, I think, a 35-under division. Then Max (Reising) took over the Cubs and I played with him, too. Max and I also played together in some Father/Son divisions. Boy, was that a long time ago!" Steve is also currently a member of the Arizona MSBL while managing the Cubs in the 60-over division.

"We're one of the newer teams so we're just getting our legs under us. But we have a good time and all love the game."

So, who are the teams at this year's World Series who will see Steve directing traffic from the dugout?

"We will be the Mudville 9 in the 60s, 70s, and 73s. I'll be managing all three weeks. Unfortunately, my doctor won't let me swing a bat anymore so I have to resort to managing only and playing golf. I can live with that. I have the OK to swing a club!" When was his first year of managing his own team at the World Series? "That was in 2000 as the Lookouts. We didn't win a championship until we became the Chicago Grays and then won in 2014 while going 7-0 in the 65+ Central division. The Grays won again in 2018 in the 65s and then in 2019 with the 70s. Then we became the Mudville 9 and remain that today." (continued on page 2)

35th MSBL World Series Begins In The Valley of the Sun



50+ Cactus Arizona Cubs base runner, **Jeff Morgan** slides safely into home plate ahead of the tag by Sacramento Marlins catcher, **Eric Ferreri** in yesterday's 8-5 Arizona Cubs win.

300 Teams Take The Field In This Years MSBL WS Tournament

Heavy Rains Postpone the Start of the MSBL Games But Don't Dampen the Spirits!

By Tom Prendergast

For the rest of the country, any kind of significant rainfall would be welcome. In fact, the rains created havoc over at Sky Harbor airport, and about 75 flights were either delayed or cancelled. This is our 35th anniversary year and the MSBL is gathering for its annual World Series in Arizona. And what a remarkable three and half decades it has been!

MSBL President and founder, Steve Sigler, came up with the concept of a competitive men's baseball league while sitting at his kitchen table and it caught on nationwide. And why wouldn't it? Originally conceived as an over 30 baseball league, it quickly expanded to 18 and over, and the MABL was born. Based on the overwhelming response that Steve received, he realized he was on to something big. And after the Mel Allen promotional video was sent to all the MSBL leagues, around the country—guys started joining in droves.

HardBall Magazine gave the MSBL instant credibility and the 4 yearly issues were eagerly anticipated by the ever growing membership nationwide. In addition to a host of regional tournaments, MSBL National offered the first ever World Series tournament in 1988. That year, 38 teams participated in two divisions, 30 and 40. Since that time, the greater metropolitan Phoenix area, has been the home of the "MSBL World Series"! Thousands of players, which have included multiple generations in families have made the MSBL WS tournament a yearly event, which they mark on their calendar, the year before. Our world has changed a lot during the last 35 years, but fortunately our players passion for the game has not, in fact it just keep getting stronger. Make no doubt about it - the guys that come here care about winning. The desire for a world championship ring is a strong incentive as are the many friendships that have developed over the years, with teammates and opponents alike. So as much as we enjoy seeing old friends (and we do), winning a championship remains the goal.

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Steve Faigin (from page 1)

I asked Steve about his baseball roots and how his adult baseball journey began. "I hadn't played ball since I was 18 and then in 1988 my wife's cousin told me about a practice in Chicago that included ex-major leaguer Jose Cardenal and we were hitting and fielding and picking his brain and then original league president Mike Pinto showed up and told us about his new league, which became the Chicago North MSBL.

I was then 41 and played center field in what would become a 35-over league. My baseball experience in that 23-year absence consisted of an occasional visit to the batting cages and some softball.

I had not played in a league in all those years. I only played and never managed in Chicago until they went to the 45s, so that's when I became more involved in decision making."

What is your most cherished moment at the World Series?

"That involves two incidents. Number one is winning that first ring in 2014. That is hard to top.

The other is playing on the same Father/Son team with Steve and Brian Sigler. We made it to the finals but didn't quite win it all."

**50+ National Division**

Mustangs Baseball Club
OC Sox

3n2 Rangers

OC Sox

San Antinio Bombers

Dupage Angels

50+ Central Division

Caballeros

3n2 Rangers

Yonder Travelers

Chicago North TSPs

Chicago N TSP Fire

Caballeros

Yonder Travlers

Mustang Baseball Club

Long Island Panthers

Aberdeen US Baseball (tie)

50+ Cactus Division 1

DFW White Sox

Sacramento Marlins

Indiana Blue Jays

Madison Blues

Rockchester Redwings

Sultanes Rockers

Arizona Cubs

Sacramento Marlins

DFW White Sox

Chicago Pinch Hitters

Sultanes Rockers

Indiana Blue Jays

Madison Blues

Rochester Redwings

50+ Cactus Division 2

Spokane Cubs

Carolina Cobras

Chicago Pinch Hitters

Arizona Cubs

Fresno Hardcor

Spokane Cubs

Carolina Cobras

Seattle Steelheads

Sonoma County Cardinals

So Cal Indians

So Cal Indians

Santa Barbara Stingrays

50+ Desert Division

Red Deer Legends

Nationals

Cal Vets

NSEW Connection

70+ National/Central

13 Sacramento Tribe 8

15 LA Athletics 10

5 Minnesota Bandits 8

8 Chicago N TSP Fire 2

7 Colorado Cardinals 9

8 North County Mudcats 10

70+ Cactus Division 1

8 Fresno Grizzlies 16

8 Kansas City A's 0

14 Mudville 9 20

2 Cal Vets 4

8 Lehigh Valley Moondogs 3

7 MBI 15

3 Cal Vets 4

4 Fresno Grizzlies 20

70+ Cactus Division 2

0 Pacific Reds 7

0 So Cal Dodgers 12

3 Red Deer Legends 19

1 Cal Vets (team 2) 3

6 Tucson Toros 16

5 Paladin 1

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50+ Cactus DFW
White Sox short stop,
Stacy Sky camps under
this fly ball for an out.

**2023 MSBL / MABL World Series
Division Dates**

The MSBL / MABL National office has released the individual division dates for the 2023 MSBL World Series, our 36th year in Arizona.

Week 1 Divisions

6 50+ Div Sun - Fri Oct 15th - 20th

6 70+ Div Sun - Sat Oct 15th - 21st

0 40+ Div Mon - Sat Oct 16th - 21st

15 25+ Div Wed - Sun Oct 18th - 22nd

Week 2 Divisions

7 55+ Div Sat - Thur Oct 21st - 26th

8 65+ Div Sat - Fri Oct 21st - 27th

10 35+ Div Mon - Sat Oct 23rd - 28th

13 73+ Div Mon - Sun Oct 23rd - 29th

9 F/S Div Thur - Sun Oct 26th - 29th

Week 3 Divisions

11 75+ Div Sun - Sat Oct 29th - Nov 4

3 45+ Div Mon - Sat Oct 30th - Nov 4

60+ Div Mon - Sat Oct 30th - Nov 4

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Tempe Diablo Stadium



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50+ National Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	OC Sox	3	0	0	6	21	1000
2	Dupage Angels	1	1	0	2	14	500
3	3/2 Rangers	0	1	1	1	16	0
4	Aberdeen US Baseball	0	0	1	1	0	0
5	San Antonio Bombers	0	1	0	0	8	0
50+ Central Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Yonder Travelers	1	1	0	2	6	500
4	Mustangs Baseball Club	1	1	0	2	18	500
5	Chicago North TSP's	1	1	0	2	21	500
6	Long Island Panthers	0	0	1	1	0	0
7	Caballeros	0	1	1	1	16	0
50+ Cactus Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Arizona Cubs	2	0	0	4	3	1000
2	DFW White Sox	2	0	0	4	9	1000
3	Indiana Blue Jays	2	0	0	4	10	1000
4	Rochester Redwings	1	1	0	2	17	500
5	Sultanes Rockers	1	1	0	2	7	500
6	Sacramento Marlins	0	2	0	0	11	0
7	Chicago Pinch Hitters	0	2	0	0	28	0
8	Madison Blues	0	2	0	0	29	0
50+ Cactus Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Sonoma County Cardinals	1	0	1	3	13	500
2	Spokane Cubs	1	0	1	3	13	500
3	Carolina Cobras	1	0	1	3	19	500
4	Seattle Steelheads	1	0	0	2	10	1000
5	So Cal Indians	1	1	0	2	12	500
6	Santa Barbara Stingrays	0	1	0	0	11	0
7	Fresno Hardcor	0	1	0	0	8	0
50+ Desert Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Cal Vets	2	0	0	4	11	1000
2	Red Deer Legends	2	0	0	4	10	1000
3	Connecticut Navigators	1	0	0	2	6	1000
4	NSEW Connection	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Colorado Springs All Stars	0	1	0	0	15	0
6	Nationals	0	2	0	0	32	0
7	Wild Things	0	2	0	0	35	0
70+ National		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Minnesota Bandits	1	0	0	2	2	0
2	LA Athletics	1	0	0	2	8	0
3	Sacramento Tribe	0	1	0	0	10	0
70+ Central Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	North County Mudcats	1	0	0	2	9	1000
2	Colorado Cardinals	0	1	0	0	1	0
3	Chicago North TSP Fire	0	1	0	0	6	0
70+ Cactus Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Fresno Grizzlies	2	0	0	4	4	1000
2	MBI	1	0	0	2	3	1000
3	Mudville 9	1	0	0	2	4	1000
4	Lehigh Valley Moondogs	0	1	0	0	15	0
5	Kansas City A's	0	1	0	0	16	0
6	Cal Vets (2)	0	2	0	0	32	0
70+ Cactus Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Tucson Toros	1	0	0	2	1	1000
2	Red Deer Legends	1	0	0	2	3	1000
3	So Cal Dodgers	1	0	0	2	7	1000
4	Pacific Reds	0	1	0	0	12	0
5	Paladin	0	1	0	0	15	0
6	Cal Vets (1)	0	1	0	0	16	0

Frank DiMaria (MSBL Iron Man)

By Steve LaMontia, Director of Communications

Frankie DiMaria is 75 years old and splits time between Chicago and Florida. But there is one address you can catch him at in the fall and that is Tempe, Arizona and surrounding ball fields as part of the MSBL World Series. We reported a story about Frank in 2017 as he was one of a select class of eleven players who had attended every World Series since its inception. Here we are five years later and Frankie is not part of that select fraternity who has never missed a World Series. "35 years! Wow, it has been a great run," shouted a man I have been fortunate enough to share some diamond-time with over the years. "I never would have thought that the first tournament with 40 some teams would turn into the major senior baseball event of every year with 300 plus teams.

Over the years I have met so many interesting people and made friends from all over the country. Playing baseball and being part of this tournament has been a true honor for me. The opportunity of playing with my father and son together in the outfield at the father and son tournament is one of my most treasured moments of my baseball career. By far my biggest thrill in all thirty-five years was playing with my dad and son in the father-son division. We were the first grandfather-father-son combo in MSBL history! One play that sticks out in the hundreds of games I have played in down in Arizona was where my dad was on second base and my son's base hit scored him. My dad talked about that until the end. At one point in the father/son division, we had all three of us in the outfield together. Players still come up to me to this day and remark about the three of us out there together. I will never forget it."

Attempting to assemble a cohesive, flowing story about Frankie's involvement is an exercise in futility. It is best to simply provide you all with his comments, in no particular order. "What I have enjoyed is playing in all the major league spring training parks and fields with the beautiful Arizona weather, especially when I can escape from an early Chicago fall and winter. What has been truly special through all of these years is making friendships with all the people I've met and the relationships I have developed through MSBL baseball, both locally and nationally. It has kept me in physical and mental "shape" for 35 years and gives me something to look forward to as the weather turns a little dicey back home. I have always had a blast talking and reminiscing about baseball with players from all around the country at the banquets and BBQ's. All the playoff games in the stadiums are also something special to cherish and win or lose they were exciting and fun to participate in!" Frankie's closing remarks are spoken from the heart. Anyone who can call Frankie their friend or teammate is a better person for it. "I would like to thank MSBL and all my coaches and managers for their dedication all these years and teaching me the right way to play the game. Double digit championship rings say a lot. The fact that I'm still playing is the best highlight I can think of!" I also would like to thank my family for letting me go to Arizona for weeks at a time every year to play baseball. I am so grateful to be healthy enough to play this great game of ours for so long. I hope to be playing many more years to come and remember, *"You don't stop playing baseball because you're old, you get old because you stop playing baseball!"*



50+ Cactus Indiana Blue Jays pitcher, **John Simpson** delivers a pitch to the plate during his teams game with the Sultanes Rockers,



50+ Cactus Dallas Fort Worth White Sox batter, **Stacy Sky** sends this ball into right field during his teams game against Chicago.



50+ Cactus Chicago Pinch Hitters batter, **Howie Lakin** gets a good look at this pitch and delivers a solid line drive for a single Monday.



50+ Cactus Division Dallas Fort Worth White Sox 1st baseman, **Earl Gemant** keeps his eye on the ball at Bell Bank Park yesterday.



50+ Cactus Sultanes Rockers batter, **Julio Perez** manages to foul off this pitch during his teams game with the Indiana Blue Jays.



50+ Cactus Sacramento Marlins pitcher, **Teron Melrose** came on in relief during yesterday's game with the AZ Cubs at Bell Bank Park.