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MSBL President **Steve Sigler** (right) presents **Joe Banasik** (left) with the prestigious MSBL Life Time Achievement Award before his Father & Son game yesterday.

Today's Championship Schedule

50+ National Championship Game OC Sox vs Dupage Angels 9:00am Goodyear Stadium

50+ Central Championship Game Mustang Baseball vs Chicago N TSP's 9:00am Tempe Diablo Stadium

50+ Cactus Championship Game Game 3 winner vs Game 4 winner 1:00pm Tempe Diablo Stadium

50+ Desert Championship GameNSEW Connection vs Red Deer Legends
12:30pm Tempe 1

Today's Playoff Game Schedule

50+ Cactus Semi-finals

Chicago Pinch Hitters vs Spokane Cubs 8:30am Tempe 1

Sacramento Marlins vs Arizona Cubs 8:30am Tempe 2

70+ Cactus Playoffs

Lehigh Valley Moondogs vs Mudville 9 10:00am Red Mountain 1

Fresno Grizzlies vs So Cal Dodgers 10:00am Red Mountain 2

70+ Cactus Semi-finals

Game 1 winner vs MBI 2:00pm Red Mountain 1

Game 2 winner vs Tucson Toros 2:00pm Red Mountain 2

70+ Playoffs On Tap Today As Father & Son Pool Play Ends



Father & Son Millenium Boomers first baseman, Mike McCormick appears to have the ball in his glove as Utah BSD batter/runner, Aden Alda's foot hits the bag. Call on the play - safe

50+ Championship Games Today With Some Pretty Stiff Competition

Game On Website Keeps Track of all the MSBL / MABL WS Game Scores By Tom Prendergast

In the late 1980's and early 90's, no rock band was bigger than ABBA. There success was off the charts and their appeal was across the board. This just didn't happen by accident. They were a well managed group with a plan that allowed them to be successful. In a lot of ways, I think you could say the same about the MSBL. Steve Sigler cultivated and guided the league with meticulous planning and a hands on approach that was unprecedented. Day after day he stayed at it. And he accomplished this with just a landline telephone and a fax machine.

One of the areas that Steve excelled at early on was picking the right person to be the MSBL President in a new city. In fact, you could say that nothing else he did was more important! To that end, his selections were almost always people with the same values that he had. At the top of this list, would be none other than Val Lewis. Val was selected by Steve in 1988 to run the Sacramento league. In no time at all, this league quickly rose to the top of the MSBL depth chart. Val served as the color commentator during the Sports Channel America MSBL broadcast in 1990. He also played on 15 MSBL World Series championship teams. But Val's number one accomplishment was his desire to include a Father and Son Division in the World Series. Ten years into the tournament in 1998, Val's vision came through - big time. Without a doubt, our Father and Son divisions are the most popular that we offer.

The MSBL has been fortunate to have had so many dedicated, hard working and talented league presidents the last 35 years. But in my opinion, one guy stands out above the rest. Val's in our Hall of Fame and our first Life Time Achievement recipient. He's a family man first, a baseball player second, a league administrator third and an incredibly nice guy always!

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No alcohol or tobacco products are allowed before - during or after the game at any MSBL WS locations or stadiums!

MSBL WS DAILY NEWS

The MSBL WS office is located inside Tempe Diablo Stadium Located on the second floor Stadium Mailing Address: 2200 W. Alameda Drive Temp. Arizona 85282

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MSBL World Series Souvenir Clothing Open Daily 9a - 7p **Tempe** Diablo **Stadium**

OC Sox

Cal Vets

Nationals

San Antinio Bombers

50+ Desert Playoffs

NSEW Connection

NSEW Connection

Red Deer Legends

F/S Zona Division

Utah Wildcats

HEZ Team

Utah BSD

Utah BSD

Utah Wildcats

HEZ Team

Utah Yutes

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Seattle Mariners

Santa Ynez Sox

Underhill Bandits

Millennium Boomers

Seattle Mariners

Santa Ynex Sox

Millennium Boomers

Underhill Bandits

Connecticut Navigators



Lanny Ropke 35-year World Series Success Story

By Steve LaMontia, Director of Communications MSBL Hall of Fame member Lanny Ropke is the 'grand imperial poobah' of the MSBL World Series. He was built to play ball often and with great skill. The Sacramento MSBL member has been playing in the MSBL World Series since day one and hasn't missed one yet. Out of the thousands of players who have participated over the past 35 years, he is one of the single-digits of players who can make that claim. Back home in Sacramento, the 76-year-old displays the same zesto and passion for the game. "I play in the 68s, 60s, 50s Sunday League and also in a 50-over Night League," explained the former American Airlines pilot and army veteran. "I used to play against 30-yearolds back in the day and made a lot of friends. Now they play in the 50s so I keep playing there so that I can see them." Lanny also has a full dance card in Arizona, as he is playing on four teams. With the World Series being a three-week affair, that requires some special planning and dedication.

"Yes, I am signed up for four teams this year in Phoenix. I am in the 75-over with the Sacramento Solons, 73-over as the Sacramento Antiques, the 70s with the Tribe, and in the Father/ Son as the Sacramento Cannons. I am excited about that because I am playing alongside my sons, Skye and Chad, but also with my granddaughter Hudson, who is 16-years-old and an amazing athlete and top-notch softball player. It takes a little schedule juggling but I make it work." This World Series multi-team concept isn't something new to Lanny.

"In those intervening five years since our last recognition, I have increased my World Series individual team participation from playing on two teams in 2017 to four teams in 2018, four teams in 2019, five teams in 2020, four teams in 2021, and God willing, four teams this year."

It's a funny story how Lanny first started with the MSBL. He doesn't have the traditional college or pro roots while simply deciding to get back into the game. The adult game actually found him. "I played high school ball in Torrance, California and also played in the Bay League, which was a huge baseball league for high school. I went to El Camino Junior College but they had 27 guys trying out for first base! So, I decided to join the Army and took flying lessons while playing a lot of fast pitch softball. Then one day I was at a batting cage hitting baseballs and was drilling them on this particular day. Somebody from the Sacramento league (continued on page 4)

50+ Central Semi-finals		70+ National/Central	
Yonder Travelers	5	North County Mudcats	7
Chicago North TSPs	6	LA Athletics	8
Mustang Baseball Club	8	Minnesota Bandits	13
Caballeros	5	Colorado Cardinals	6
50+ Cactus Playoffs		Sacramento Tribe	6
Chicago Pinch Hitters	6	Chicago N TSP	3
Sonoma County Cardinals	2	70+ Cactus Division 1	
Sultanes Rockers	3	Fresno Grizzlies	3
Sacaramento Marlins	4	Lehigh Valley Moondogs	4
		Kansas City A's	8
Madison Blues	15	Mudville 9	16
So Cal Indians	11	MBI	20
Carolina Cobras	5	Cal Vets	3
Indiana Blue Jays	10	70+ Cactus Division 2	
Chicago Pinch Hitters	7	Red Deer Legends	9
DFW White Sox	5	Tucson Toros	10
Madison Blues	1	So Cal Dodgers	8
Spokane Cubs	11	Cal Vets	1
Indiana Blue Jays	2	Cal Vets	9
Arizona Cubs	8	Pacific Reds	4
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Sacramento Marlins	8	Pacific Reds	5
Fresno Hardcor	7	Paladin	10
50+ National Semi-finals		Red Deer Legends	10
Aberdeen US Baseball	2		
Dupage Angels	17	(s.C)	

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Father & Son UTAH Yutes second baseman, Nate Jack, camps under this high fly ball and makes the catch to end the inning vesterday at Tempe Diablo Stadium.

Keep up to date on what's happening at the MSBL / MABL

World Series!

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was watching me and signed me on the spot as a 41 year old rookie in 1987." Beyond Lanny being a true ambassador of the World Series and baseball in general, he is a humble and thankful pull hitter. "This has been a wonderful 35-year ride on this baseball train. So many great, and not so great, memories.

and not so great, memories. I remember telling Steve Sigler when he gave me the team awards for winning the first World Series in 1988, "I hope you are going to do this again." Well, he sure did! Sometimes, it is hard to believe it has been 35 years. That is longer that I worked for American



35 year MSBL World Series attendee Lanny Ropke

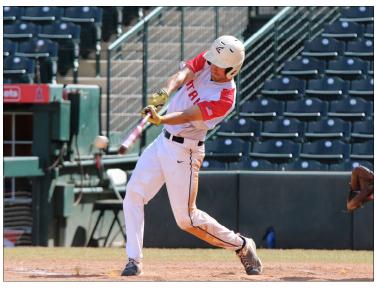
Airlines. At 'Team Ropke,' October means baseball, MSBL World Series, and Phoenix! My family has enjoyed it too, as both sons, Chad and Skye play MSBL, along with my grandson Jett. This year will be special as my granddaughter, Hudson, is planning on joining our F/S team. And our biggest fan and supporter, my wife Diana, has also achieved the 35-year mark. We are truly a baseball family." Any final words from this special World Series statesman? "I have made so many friendships I can't count them. There is also some sadness, as each year I lose more and more of those baseball buddies. Age is truly catching up to me, and picking up speed! My mind still thinks I can perform at a decent level but my body quickly corrects that bogus thought. But I just want to keep moving as long as possible. I have been blessed to have participated in 31 championship games and winning 18 of them. The wonderful awards and honors bestowed on me by Steve and his phenomenal organization have been the icing on the cake. My cup runneth over."

The MSBL Version of the Quarry Men?



OK, so if your old enough to know who the Quarry Men are, then you know it's not these guys! The original Quarry Men group was the forerunner of the Beatles and never played baseball in their lives.

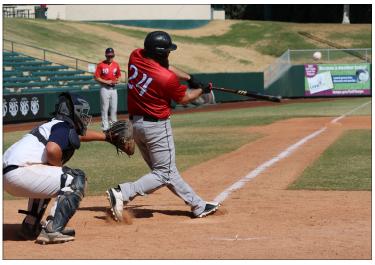
From left to right, Frank DiMaria, Bart Zeller, Paul Maganzini and Dan Gooris. These guys have all played for a Chicago area team for the last 35 years and have a minimum of 120 years of MSBL World Series participation among them. So needless to say they are in a league by themselves. Besides being pretty decent ball players they are all good guys and folks you want to hang out with after the game.



Father & Son Utah Yutes batter, Cas Blevins rips this pitch into the right field corner for an rbi against the Millenium Boomers yesterday



Father & Son Seattle Mariner's pitcher, **Tom Lange**, came on in relief yesterday afternoon at Tempe Diablo Stadium against Utah.



Father & Son Millenium Boomers batter, **Trevor Schopper** gets good wood on this ball the he hit to the left center gap for a double.