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## **35+ Mountain Championship Game**Oklahoma Biscuits 11 Minnesota Mammoth 3

**35+ Cactus Championship Game**California Dirtbags 6
Seattle Ravens 1



## Our 35th MSBL WS Ends With Old Faces and New Ones



35+ Cactus California Dirtbags pitcher, **John Wagner** threw a complete game yesterday against the Seattle Ravens as his team won the championship game 6-1 on Tempe field 2.

## MSBL World Series Still Going Strong After 3 and a Half Decades

The Boy's of Summer Return - Older and Possibly Wiser, But Now With Grandkids By Tom Prendergast

If you would have told me 35 years ago that I'd still be attending the MSBL WS in Arizona I'm not sure I would have believed that. In fact at the time, I was just happy to be playing real baseball again and looking forward to my next at bat. I mean how cool was that? I just turned 30 years old and I was on a baseball team, with guys my own age. A lot of things have changed during that time, but other things haven't. For example, I couldn't hit a curveball then and I still can't. I used to be able to steal bases, but not anymore. Routine groundballs seem a bit more challenging and I'm content with getting the lead runner, when turning two, used to be automatic. I looked forward to playing a double header and couldn't wait to get to the ball park. The enthusiasm I had for the game helped me gloss over the minor aches and pains that I'd have the next day. Down a few aspirins and I was good to go.

That was then, this is now. Since the Men's Senior Baseball League began in 1988, a lot of things are different. We've had six Presidents, four Indiana Jones movies, and Siri, who is ever present and is constantly reminding you to do things you forgot. There were 26 MLB teams, and we read the newspaper every day to check the box scores. We didn't live in Red or Blue states, we identified with American or National league towns. The love/hate relationship we have with our stock broker remains. But the game of baseball really hasn't changed that much between the white lines. Guys that were really good back then, are still pretty good now. The pace of the game is slower and seems more relaxed. If the batter before you hit a home run and then hot dogged it around the bases, you could be sure the next pitch was going to end up in your rib cage. And we thought nothing of it. It was just part of the game that we played then. There was an unwritten code about stuff like that and we all knew it. Baseball has always been a big part of my life and I still enjoy every aspect of *(continued on page 2)* 

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

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## 35+ Cactus Semi-Finals

Seattle Ravens	4
Kansas City Astros	0
California Dirtbags	9
Ohio / California Reds	3

## MSBL World Series Still Going

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it. For players in the MSBL, baseball is still the national past-time. Years ago we began hosting regional tournaments in Palm Springs, Puerto Rico, Las Vegas, and Florida. Many local leagues put on their own tournaments during the summer as well. Our tournaments start in mid January and end with the Fall Classic in November. So we are playing 11 months out of 12. That's not too shabby and in fact, it's kind of impressive.

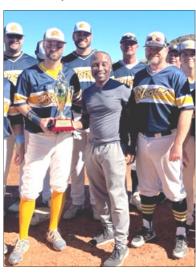
One part of the game that has changed is the players keep getting younger and younger. Last weekend when the 25 year old managers were checking in, I thought a couple of them were college players. And the umpires too. Back in the day when I thought an umpire made a bad call - I screamed and yelled at him and kicked dirt on his shoes. Now days, I want to ground him and send him to his room without dinner.

My wife (who's been very supportive of my baseball playing passions), keeps asking me, "how long am I going to keep doing this"? My response is, "as long as I can!" And why not? I'm playing a game I love, I enjoy being around the ball park and the atmosphere, and hanging out with my buddies. Where's the down side to that? Looking forward to my next at bat seems a lot more attractive than other alternatives. One other significant change has been the playing surface. Most of the ball parks have started switching from grass to a synthetic turf fields. Call me old fashioned, but I'd much rather be playing on a grass infield. But this reduces the chances for a rainout, so that's positive. And there's no more bad hops. Bottom line, the game on the field remains the same as it's always been. Win - loose or draw, you just can't beat playing the game. There's no substitute for what we do. And the MLB fields we play on are without question, top notch! Thanks for coming to our MSBL WS and see you next year!

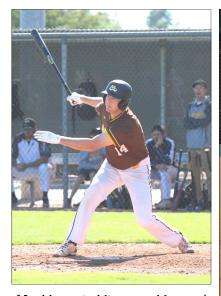
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50+ Central Championship Mustang Baseball Club Chicago North TSP's	7 4	Dallas Redbirds 73+ American Championship Mudville 9	11
<b>50+ Cactus Championship</b> Arizona Cubs Chicago Pinch Hitters	13 6	RI / PR Cardinals 73+ National Championship USA Volkers	10
<b>50+ Desert Championship</b> NSEW Connection Red Deer Legends	18 6	Sacramento Antiques  25+ National Championship San Jose Giants	0 5
<b>70+ National Championship</b> Sacramento Tribe LA Athletics	9 2	Columbus Pirates  25+ Mountain Championship Kansas City Royals	0 • 7
<b>70+ Central Championship</b> Chicago North TSP Fire Colorado Cardinals	9 2	Venice Gaze  25+ Central Championship Roseland Warriors	0 9
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35+ Mountain Division Oklahoma Biscuits won the championship game 9-3 against the Minnesota Mammoth Sunday afternoon at the Tempe Diablo Complex.



Sam Kayea (middle) awards the championship trophy to co managers Josh Naylor and Jerimiah Clark.



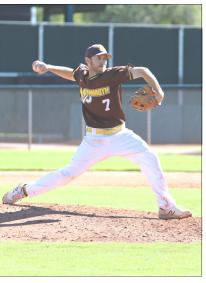
35+ Mountain Minnesota Mammoth batter, Nate Stark slices a single.



35+ Cactus California Dirtbags won the championship game 6-1 over the Seattle Ravens on Sunday.



60+ Lonestars skipper, **Bill Rector** receives the championship trophy from **Sam Kayea**.



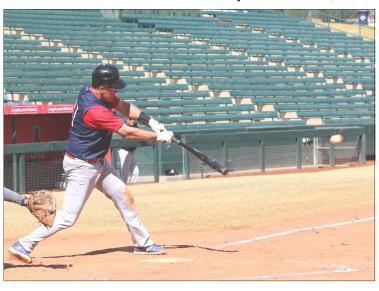
35+ Mountain Minnesota Mammoth pitcher, **Matt Grill** delivers a pitch.



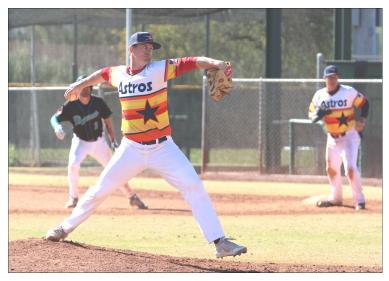
35+ Cactus California Dirtbags manager, **Jacob Moelter**, accepts the championship trophy Sunday.



60+ National Team Victory pitcher, **Dave Blackburn** went the distance in his teams championship game against the Lonestars.



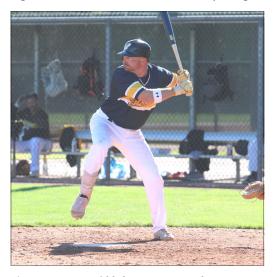
60+ National Lonestars batter, **Dave Dietrich** drove in the winning run with a base hit in the bottom of the 9th in the championship game



35+ Cactus Kansas City Astros pitcher, Matt Pay came on in relief against the Seattle Ravens in the semifinal game yesterday afternoon



35+ Cactus Division Seattle Ravebs pitcher, Adrian Gomez was lights out against the KC Astros in their 4-0 semi-final victory.



35+ Mountain Oklahoma Biscuits batter, Kestrel Dickerson went 3 for 4 and 2 rbi's.



lays down a perfect sac bunt against the Astros.



35+ Cactus Seattle Ravens batter, **Todd Jeffress** 35+ Cactus California Dirtbags pitcher, Benn Bruff picked up the win on Sunday.