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Spotlight On - Dan Gooris 70+ Chicago North TSP Fire

By Steve LaMontia - Director of Communications

The **Chicago Fire** in an institution. No, not the one started in the O'Leary barn in 1871. This one is full of history and definitely winners. I have been playing against, and occasionally for, these guys and you always know it is going to be a struggle to get past them. **Dan Gooris** is the current leader of the pack with the **Fire**, now known as **Chicago North TSP Fire**, as they will be competing in the **70-over Central** division this year, where they won yet another ring last year.

We were able to corner Dan Gooris and ask him a little about the history of the **Fire** and how things began.

"I personally started going to **Arizona** in 1992 and my **World Series** career began with the **Chicago North Cubs**," said Dan. "Back then **Bart Zeller** was in charge of the **Fire** and they always played in the top divisions and always fielded a team that the **Chicago** entries looked up to because of their pattern of successes." I asked **Dan** when he took the reins from **Bart**, which seems like it was just recently but I was surprised to hear it was 15 years ago!

"I had been toiling with the **Cubs** until 2008 and never won a ring. We even changed our name once to the **Red Dogs** but we didn't scare anyone with that move and met the same fate. Then in 2008 **Bart** and his exceptional player and close friend, **George Karras**, were watching one of my games and they asked me after the game if I would like to become a player/coach with them. **Bart** wanted to back off a little, though he is still an invaluable coach and advisor to this day and remains on the team." I have noticed that throughout the years the **Fire** has gone through a few name changes. "When I took on my new role, we became '**Windy City**' but after a couple of years we came back around to the '**Fire**.' **TSP** is the name of a sports apparel company run by our league president **Max Reising** and his partner **Bruce Zimmerman**. **Bruce** was a long-time player for the **Fire** and just recently decided to hang them up. They have kept us in uniforms! Having a baseball mind like **Bart** on board as a mentor has been invaluable. Our history and culture (continued on page 3)

MSBL WS Managers On Board With Photo ID's



All eyes are on this ball hit down the line by 50+ Cactus Division, **Indiana Blue Jays** batter, **Craig McKendall** yesterday at **Tempe field # 2**. The ball had the distance, but was just foul.

New Government Issued Photo ID Rule Requires Players To Have One National MSBL Office Was Compelled To Take This Step Due to Past Incidents

By Tom Prendergast

Last year a team manager called the WS office, wanting to check on an opposing player's eligibility to participate in the tournament. No problem - I asked the other teams manager to text me a copy of his driver's license and he did so within 5 minutes. The driver's license name matched what was on the teams roster. End of story, crisis solved - but it wasn't. Turns out that the manager who requested the player's ID, didn't think it was the same guy who was playing in the game. Of course this was a playoff game and the losing manager lodged an official protest, stating that the player in question, wasn't actually the guy on the roster and in fact he was a former major league player.

OK fair enough, I told the winning manager that I would be at the team's semi-final game in the morning and conduct an ID check, myself. Several hours later, the manager called me back to inform me that the player in question had to return home - due to a family emergency. Well needless to say, this wasn't good for anybody. And quite frankly, it didn't pass the smell test. So I dropped the ball on that one! This wasn't the first time that something like this came up. Over the years many players had been summoned to the WS office, only to inform me that they didn't bring their ID with them to **Arizona**, because they drove with a friend. Kind a made me wonder if you still have to show an ID to get into the strip clubs around town? Well at least they did when I was a player (or so I was told). Bottom line, even the players who had a fake ID at least gave it the old college try.

So starting this year the National Office mandated that every player participating in the WS tournament needed to have a government issued ID (with a photo), with them during games. This way, any kind of player ID issue could be resolved right at the (continued on page 3)

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1	LA Athletics	2	0	0	4	9	1000
2	Sacramento Tribe	1	0	0	2	4	1000
3	Minnesota Bandits	0	1	0	0	5	0
70+ Central Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	MBI	1	0	0	2	6	1000
2	Chicago North TSP Fire	0	1	0	1	5	0
3	Fresno Grizzlies	0	1	0	1	8	0
4	Rhode Island Salty Dogs	0	1	0	0	14	0
70+ Cactus Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Kansas City A's	1	0	0	2	6	1000
2	Mudville 9	1	0	0	2	10	1000
3	Aussie Aces	1	0	0	2	11	1000
4	Red Deer Legends	1	0	0	2	11	1000
5	Colorado Stars	0	1	0	0	13	0
6	Milwaukee Rattlers	0	1	0	0	14	0
7	So Cal Dodgers	0	1	0	0	15	0
8	Cal Vets 2	0	1	0	0	21	0
70+ Cactus Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Cal Vets 1	1	0	0	2	3	1000
2	Tucson Cool Arrows	1	0	0	2	4	1000
3	Paladin	1	0	0	2	8	1000
4	North County Mudcats	1	0	0	2	10	1000
5	Oklahoma Sooners	0	1	0	0	11	0
6	Lehigh Valley Moondogs	0	1	0	0	12	0
7	PSSBL Aqua Sox	0	1	0	0	20	0
8	Sacramento Pirates	0	1	0	0	21	0
50+ National / Central		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Dupage Angels	2	0	0	4	6	1000
2	Phoenix Padres	1	0	1	3	7	750
3	San Antonio Bombers	1	0	1	3	7	750
4	Tri Valley Tribute	1	1	0	2	19	500
5	Mustangs Baseball Club	1	1	0	2	7	500
6	Chicago North TSP's	0	2	0	0	18	0
7	Yonder Travelers	0	2	0	0	23	0
50+ Cactus Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Chicago Pinch Hitters	2	0	0	4	10	1000
2	Dallas Spirits	1	0	0	2	5	1000
3	Madison Blues	1	1	0	2	18	500
4	Hudson Valley Bears	1	1	0	2	28	500
5	Arizona Cubs	1	1	0	2	22	500
6	Wine Contry Blue Jays	0	1	0	0	9	0
7	Saskatchwan Sportsmen	0	2	0	0	32	0
50+ Cactus Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Fresno Hardcor	2	0	0	4	17	1000
2	Ventura Dodgers	1	0	0	2	3	1000
3	Indiana Blue Jays	1	1	0	2	15	500
4	Connecticut Navigators	1	1	0	2	25	500
5	So Cal Indians	0	1	0	0	13	0
6	Limeport Milkman	0	2	0	0	17	0
50+ Cactus Division 3		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Utex Warriors	2	0	0	4	16	1000
2	Sacramento Capitals	1	0	0	2	3	1000
3	Colorado Springs Thunder	1	0	0	2	6	1000
4	Seattle Steelheads	1	1	0	2	27	500
5	Sonoma County Cubs	0	1	0	0	6	0
6	Austin Express	0	1	0	0	12	0
7	NSEW Connection	0	2	0	0	25	0
50+ Desert Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Red Deer Legends	1	0	0	2	3	1000
2	Nationals	1	0	0	2	6	1000
3	Cal Vets	0	1	0	0	14	0
4	Wild Things	0	1	0	0	33	0

50+ National / Central

Tri Valley Tribute	11
Chicago North TSP's	7
Dupage Angels	7
Mustangs Baseball Club	3
Yonder Travelers	2
San Antonio Bombers	10
Phoenix Padres	12
Tri Valley Tribute	2
Chicago North TSP's	3
Dupage Angels	7
San Antonio Bombers	5
Phoenix Padres	5
Mustangs Baseball Club	13
Yonder Travelers	1

50+ Cactus Division 1

Arizona Cubs	8
Chicago Pinch Hitters	21
Madison Blues	14
Saskatchewan Sportsmen	6
Wine Country Blue Jays	8
Hudson Valley Bears	9
Saskatchewan Sportsmen	1
Arizona Cubs	18
Madison Blues	2
Chicago Pinch Hitters	12
Hudson Valley Bears	5
Dallas Spirits	20

50+ Cactus Division 2

Limeport Milkmen	5
Connecticut Navigators	9
Fresno Hardcor	8
Indiana Blue Jays	4
Connecticut Navigators	13
Fresno Hardcor	20
Limeport Milkmen	7
Indiana Blue Jays	8
So Cal Indians	3
Ventura Dodgers	13

50+ Cactus Division 3

Sacramento Capitals	6
Sonoma County Cubs	3
Colorado Springs Thunder	12
Austin Express	6
Seattle Steelheads	5
Utex Warriors	20
NSEW Connection	11
Utex Warriors	12
NSEW Connection	7
Seattle Steelheads	13

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50+ Desert Division

Cal Vets	6
Nationals	14
Red Deer Legends	33
Wild Things	3

70+ National / Central

LA Athletics (Nat)	5
Chicago No TSP Fire (Cen)	2
Minnesota Bandits (Nat)	4
Sacramento Tribe (Nat)	5
Fresno Grizzlies (Cen)	2
LA Athletics (Nat)	8
MBI (Cen)	14
RI Salty Dogs (Cen)	6

70+ Cactus Division 1

Red Deer Legends	15
So Cal Dodgers	11
Aussie Aces	21
Cal Vets (2)	11
Colorado Stars	6
Kansas City A's	13
Milwaukee Rattlers	10
Mudville 9	14

70+ Cactus Division 2

Cal Vets (1)	12
Lehigh Valley Moondogs	10
Oklahoma Sooners	3
North County Mudcats	11
Paladin	20
PSSBL Aqua Sox	8
Sacramento Pirates	4
Tucson Cool Arrows	21

New Government Issued Photo ID Rule Requires Players To Have One*(continued from page 1)*

field. If for some reason, the player didn't have an ID, then he has to come out of the game immediately and then has an hour, to return with his government issued ID - or the team forfeits the game. In addition, any other games that this player played in would also be forfeited.

On the surface, it seems like this would not only make sense, but nip this issue in the bud. I would anticipate that if one team is going to request an ID check, the other manager will be wanting to see his player's ID's as well. Bottom line, if a player doesn't have a government issued ID - he can't play. Now, in the event that a player is driving on a suspended license, then a passport or military issued card will suffice. Or a state issued ID card will also work. Sadly, your Costco card won't cut it. At the end of the day, this protocol will certainly help resolve most issues that might involve a suspected illegal player.

Playoff Eligibility Form -

Every team that qualifies for the playoffs, needs to complete the Playoff Eligibility Form (before the team can play in any playoff / semi-final or championship games).

Approximately 30 minutes before the home plate meeting, team managers should exchange their lineup sheets and the playoff eligibility form. If a team manager doesn't have the form completed prior to the home plate meeting, the game will be allowed to start on time, which will give the manager time to prepare the form and submit it to the opposing manager, before the end of the second inning. If the manager is unable to provide this form before the third inning begins, the game will be declared a 9-0 forfeit win.

Spotlight On - Dan Gooris *(continued from page 1)*

is so solid that we never recruit. New people may come into the family but it is always from a connection within the team. I feel that this is a contributing factor to the success of the Fire these past 30 years." **Dan** is a catcher by trade but like many of us continuing to grind away in the 70+ division, it has become hard to throw on the gear and get behind the plate very often. "I have now evolved into having a first baseman's legs," chuckled Gooris. One of his favorite moments as the Chicago manager, was winning the final in 2009. I have a picture where "I'm the catcher and **George Karas** is in my arms after striking out the **Hollywood Stars** batter for our first **World Series Championship** in 2009. A couple of my teammates experienced some bad luck right after we won. **John Engeris-er**, spent months in the ICU after contracting Legionnaires Disease in the Phoenix hotel he was staying in. And **Mike Weinberg**, fell down a flight of stairs (the year before and broke his arm) just days before the start of the World Series.

I had to ask Dan what his plans were for the future and if there were any immediate goals. "At our age, there are no real goals except to continue playing this great game as long as we can, reconnect with friends, stay healthy, and if a ring happens, it happens. The only goal I can control is making sure we continue carrying on the great **Windy City** and **Fire** tradition. We will always be respectful of the game and our opponents and at the end of the day, all will be good."



50+ Cactus Division
Fresno Hardcor batter, **Roy Buford**, barely flinches as this pitch hits him in his left shoulder during his at bat in his teams game at Tempe Diablo Stadium Yesterday afternoon.

40+ National	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 AJW White Sox	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Montebello Angels	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 San Jose Bees	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 So Cal Snappers	0	0	0	0	0	0
40+ Mountain Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Baseball BBQ Forkballers	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Clancy's Irish	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Dust Devils	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Missouri Stars	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 San Antonio Titans	0	0	0	0	0	0
40+ Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 #shegone	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 BTOP Ballers Baseball	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Burlington Herd	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Cen Cal Nuts	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Columbus Spiders	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Houston Cyclones	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Sacramento Sox	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Seattle Royals	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Silverton Red Sox	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Texas Marauders	0	0	0	0	0	0
11 Utah Dodgers	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 Virgin Island Waves	0	0	0	0	0	0
13 Yetis	0	0	0	0	0	0

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50+ National / Central Mustang Baseball Club batter, **Spencer Headley** steps into the batters box against the Dupage Angels.



50+ National / Central Dupage Angels pitcher, **Chris Ley** picked up the win yesterday morning against the Mustang Baseball Club.



50+ Cactus Division pitcher, **John Beady** delivers a pitch to the plate during his teams game with the Indiana Blue Jays.



50+ Cactus Division Indiana Blue Jays batter, **Chris Carmack** gets good wood on this pitch during his teams game against Fresno.



50+ National/Central Dupage Angels batter, **Mark Guerero** drills this pitch into the left center field gap against the Mustangs Club.



50+ Cactus Div Connecticut Navigators pitcher, **John "Gronk" Ivkovich** delivers a pitch to the plate at Tempe Diablo Stadium.