

DAILY NEWS



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Ryan Lutzka Inducted Into The MSBL National Hall of Fame

By Steve LaMontia, Director of Communications

41-year-old Ryan Lutzka is the league president of the Twin Cities Men's Adult Baseball League located in and around Minneapolis. The Plymouth, Minnesota resident is a Senior Sales Director for the global company Blis. Married in 2017 to Shelley, they have welcomed a son, John Ryan into the family in 2018. Regarding his baseball resume, Ryan is a TCMABL and MSBL World Series champion, with a league career beginning in 2007 and annual World Series appearances since 2009.

Because of Ryan's continued successes, and his talent in keeping the Twin Cities Men's Adult Baseball League a cornerstone of MSBL achievements, MSBL Founder and President Steve Sigler has inducted Ryan into the 2023 class of the MSBL National Hall of Fame.

"When I was informed, I was completely stunned, humbled, and honored," said Ryan. "I take great pride in not only leading my teams, but in leading the TCMABL. I share this award with all the managers/players in the TCMABL. Thanks to Steve and his staff at the National Offices for this prestigious honor. I couldn't be prouder to join the class of the 2023 MSBL HOF inductees." Ryan is a pitcher, catcher, third baseman, shortstop, and second baseman and plays in both the 18-over and 28-over divisions in the league.

"I play on the Sea Donkeys in the 18+ division and have been with them since 2007. I am currently with the Muskies in the older division and have played with the Cubs, and Bauhaus Brewers before that." Ryan is taking this moment to attempt to be humble. However, I asked him about championship details in the league. I don't think there is much more room on the mantle for trophies. "In 2007 the Sea Donkeys were the 18+ TCMABL Tier 2 Champions and the Donkeys have won five more Regular Season Division Championships from 2016 through 2022. While with the Brewers we also won six 28+ TCMABL championships. I have been very fortunate." Ryan has also made 14 trips to Arizona for the MSBL World Series as a (continued on page 3)

MSBL WS Gets Back To Pre Covid Team Numbers!



65+ Central Division Puget Sound Mariners base runner, **George "Doc" Lathrop** avoids Dragons catcher, **Gary Nelson** while he waits for the ball. The Mariners won the game 16-15

Total Team Numbers Hit 300 As The MSBL World Series Returns To Normal

Pandemic Related Issues Affected Our Team Counts in 2020, 2021 and 2022

By Tom Prendergast

The last time our world series tournament was impacted by national events was 2001, which saw us lose 50+ teams almost overnight. It took us several years to get back up to the 350 team mark. In March 2022, our Las Vegas Kickoff Classic was wrapping up when the word came down from the National Office to suspend the tournament after the Sunday night games. The Covid pandemic was just beginning and there were rumors that airports and hotels would be closing shortly. Fortunately that didn't happen and all the players made it back home. But we didn't have another tournament that year until our World Series.

Slowly but surely our team numbers have been steadily climbing and we are finally close to getting back to normal. The late summer covid scare knocked about 10 teams out, but for the most part, our event has withstood the test of time. For many MSBL players nationwide, the game of baseball remains our national pastime. Guys look forward to this and a lot of us plan our year around these dates. Over the last 35 years, strong friendships have been formed by friend and foe, alike. This tournament has become a ritual for many, many players who have been attending this event for the past three decades. Just ask our 73+ and 75+ division players!

65+ National Division Semi-final Game
Thursday 10/26 - 9:00am Red Mountain 3
3rd place team vs 2nd place team

65+ Central Division Semi-final Game
Thursday 10/26 - 3:00pm Indian School 4
3rd place team vs 2nd place team

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

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Important Information For Teams at Hohokam Stadium & Fitch Park Fields and Red Mountain & Gene Autry Park

Gates open 1 hour prior to 1st game

Teams must stay off the grass when
warming up or taking practice swings

Men's & Women's restroom will be open on
the third base side (on the lower concourse)

Dugouts will be accessible - not the clubhouse

No players may be on the field while the ground
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35+ Cactus Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Seattle Ravens	2	0	0	4	4	1000
2 Tucson White Sox	1	0	1	3	12	750
3 Long Island Twins	1	1	0	2	8	500
4 Connecticut Navigators	1	1	0	2	12	500
5 Houston Gamblers	0	0	1	1	7	0
6 Lambton Lugnuts	0	1	0	0	5	0
7 Chicago Cyclones	0	2	0	0	19	0

35+ Cactus Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Minnesota Bruins	2	0	0	4	19	1000
2 Minnoka Grays	1	1	0	2	8	500
3 Kansas City Astros	1	1	0	2	19	500
4 Baseballism	1	1	0	2	21	500
5 Long Island Panthers	1	1	0	2	26	500
6 San Diego N County Brewers	1	1	0	2	30	500
7 Ireland Buccaneers	0	2	0	0	29	0

35+ Cactus Division 3	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Utah Blues	1	0	0	2	3	1000
2 San Antonio River Burns	1	0	0	2	4	1000
3 Minnesota Mammoth	1	0	0	2	5	1000
4 Oakland Oaks	1	0	0	2	13	1000
5 Nuevo Mexico Conquistadores	0	1	0	0	4	0
6 Sonoma County Rebels	0	1	0	0	20	0
7 Valley Diamondbacks	0	2	0	0	15	0

73+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 MBI	1	0	0	2	0	1000
2 Sacramento Solons	1	0	0	2	6	1000
3 Team Cambria	0	1	0	0	6	0
4 Mudville 9	0	1	0	0	9	0

73+ American Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Rhode Island Salty Dogs	1	0	0	2	1	1000
2 Oklahoma Sooners	1	0	0	2	8	1000
3 OKC Dodgers	1	0	0	2	9	1000
4 Cal Vets	1	0	0	2	25	1000
5 Aussie Aces	0	1	0	0	12	0
6 Red Deer Legends	0	1	0	0	16	0
7 St Thomas Hurricanes	0	1	0	0	24	0

35+ Cactus Division 1	
Chicago Cyclones	0
Seattle Ravens	9
Long Island Twins	10
Connecticut Navigators	2
Tucson White Sox	10
Chicago Cyclones	5
Connecticut Navigators	5
Lambton Lugnuts	2

Seattle Ravens	6
Long Island Twins	4
Houston Gamblers	7
Tucson White Sox	7

35+ Cactus 2	
Kansas City Astros	14
Long Island Panthers	15

Ireland Buccaneers	6
San Diego N County Brewers	8

Minnoka Grays	0
Baseballism	4

Long Island Panthers	7
Minnesota Bruins	12

Minnoka Grays	24
San Diego N County Brewers	4

Kansas City Astros	21
Ireland Buccaneers	4

Minnesota Bruins	21
Baseballism	12

35+ Cactus Division 3	
Oakland Oaks	20
Sonoma County Rebels	13

Nuevo Mexico Conquistadores	3
Utah Blues	4

Valley Diamondbacks	5
Minnesota Mammoth	7

San Antonio River Burns	8
Valley Diamondbacks	4

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Valley Diamondbacks	4

73+ American	
Cal Vets	12
Aussie Aces	5

Oklahoma Sooners	16
Red Deer Legends	8

Rhode Island Salty Dogs	24
St Thomas Hurricanes	1

OKC Dodgers	20
Cal Vets	9

73+ National	
MBI	9
Mudville 9	0

Sacramento Solons	6
Team Cambria	1

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55+ National Division							65+ National / Central							55+ Cactus Division 1						
W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %	
1	5	0	0	10	18	1000	1	3	0	0	6	18	1000	1	3	0	0	6	18	1000
2	2	2	0	4	29	500	2	0	0	0	6	21	1000	2	1	0	4	22	667	
3	2	3	0	4	26	400	3	1	0	2	27	333		3	2	0	6	27	600	
4	1	3	0	2	37	250	4	2	0	0	2	24	333	4	2	0	6	37	600	
5	1	3	0	2	44	250	5	0	3	0	1	29	0	5	2	0	6	39	600	
55+ Mountain Division							65+ Cactus Division 2							55+ Cactus Division 2						
W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %	
1	4	1	0	8	36	800	1	2	0	1	4	20	833	1	4	0	8	14	1000	
2	3	0	1	7	17	870	2	1	0	4	21	667		2	3	0	4	49	400	
3	2	2	1	5	29	400	3	2	0	2	18	500		3	1	0	6	34	750	
4	2	3	0	4	37	400	4	1	2	0	2	30	333	4	2	0	6	37	600	
5	2	2	0	4	23	500	5	1	2	0	2	48	333	5	2	0	6	44	333	
6	0	5	0	0	59	0	6	0	1	1	29	0		6	2	0	6	50	333	
55+ Cactus Division 1							65+ Cactus Division 3							55+ Cactus Division 2						
W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %	
1	4	1	0	8	24	800	1	2	1	0	4	15	667	1	4	0	8	14	1000	
2	3	1	0	6	19	750	2	1	0	4	24	667		2	3	0	4	49	400	
3	3	2	0	6	27	600	3	2	0	2	19	333		3	1	0	6	34	750	
4	3	2	0	6	37	600	4	1	2	0	2	24	333	4	2	0	6	44	333	
5	3	2	0	6	39	600	5	1	2	0	2	24	333	5	2	0	6	44	333	
6	2	3	0	4	49	400								6	2	0	6	44	333	
7	1	4	0	2	85	200								7	1	4	0	2	85	200
8	0	4	0	0	55	200								8	0	4	0	0	55	200
55+ Cactus Division 2							65+ Desert Division							55+ Cactus Division 2						
W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %	
1	4	0	0	8	14	1000	1	4	0	0	8	26	1000	1	4	0	8	14	1000	
2	3	1	0	6	34	750	2	1	0	4	20	667		2	3	0	4	49	400	
3	3	2	0	6	37	600	3	2	0	2	31	333		3	2	0	6	37	600	
4	3	2	0	6	44	600	4	1	2	0	2	52	333	4	2	0	6	44	333	
5	1	2	0	2	27	333	5	0	3	0	0	52	0	5	2	0	6	44	333	
6	0	4	0	0	51	0								6	0	4	0	0	51	0
7	0	4	0	0	70	0								7	0	4	0	0	70	0



2024 MSBL / MABL WORLD SERIES DATES

Week # 1

50+ Divisions	Sun - Fri	October 13th - 18th	6 games
70+ Divisions	Sun - Sat	October 13th - 19th	5 games
45+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	October 14th - 19th	6 games
25+ Divisions	Wed - Sun	October 16th - 20th	5 games

Week # 2

55+ Divisions	Sat - Thur	October 19th - 24th	6 games
65+ Divisions	Sat - Fri	October 19th - 25th	5 games
35+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	October 21st - 26th	6 games
73+ Divisions	Mon - Sun	October 21st - 27th	5 games
Father / Son	Thur - Sun	October 24th - 27th	4 games

Week # 3

75+ Divisions	Sun - Sat	October 27th - Nov 2nd	5 games
40+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	October 28th - Nov 2nd	6 games
60+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	October 28th - Nov 2nd	6 games



Ryan Lutzka MSBL Hall of Fame

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player/coach for the Twin Cities Cardinals, beginning in 2009. They have won it in 2009, 2012, and 2018. 2009 was in the 18+ central and the final two were both in the 25+ central. I asked Ryan about any personal comments he wanted to share.

"I thought my baseball career was over until the Sea Donkeys team formed in 2007. It is simply amazing how joining that team and the TCMABL has changed my life forever. I never imagined I would eventually become the TCMABL League President in 2017.

The TCMABL has been around since 1997, and has provided me and all its players "friends for life." I am forever grateful to the contributions of our former and future leaders.

There are so many people that have contributed to my life in baseball. From my Dad, who instilled the love of baseball into my DNA, to my childhood buddies from Little League, and to my current brothers in the TCMABL. I love you all!"

65+ Cactus Division 1

Cal Vets	8
Paladin	9
Tucson Toros	10
Motor City Firebirds	13
Red Deer Legends	6
Lehigh Valley Moondogs	20

65+ Cactus 2

Inland Angels	13
Mustang Baseball Club	23
Arkansas Diamonds	2
Team Mexico	4

65+ Cactus 3

So Cal Dodgers	3
Colorado Buffaloes	7
Chicago MAXX Cubs	11
Kansas City A's	7
Chicago Central Northstars (Div 2)	11
Long Island Yankees (Div 3)	3

65+ Desert

Seattle Mariners	16
Bonedogs	0
Cal Vets (2)	7
Cal Vets (1)	13
Aussie Aces	13
Seattle Mariners	23

65+ National/Central

Dragons	15
Puget Sound Mariners	16
SA Black Ops / Lonestars	6
Minnesota Bandits	12
Sacramento Tribe	5
LA Athletics	12



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73+ Oklahoma Sooners batter, **David Byars** hits this ball right on the sweet spot during his teams 16-8 win over the Red Deer Legends.



65+ Desert Division Seattle Mariners batter, **Mark Raffles** gets a good look at this pitch and singles against the Aussie Aces Monday.



73+ American Division St Thomas Virgin Island Waves pitcher, **George Newton** was on the mound against the Salty Dogs Monday.



73+ American Rhode Island Salty Dogs batter, **Gary Firestone** gets an RBI double, driving this ball into the right field gap on Tempe 2.



65+ Central Puget Sound Mariners batter, **Rocky Nordness** keeps his eye on this pitch and lines it into left field for an rbi yesterday.



70+ Cactus Division MBI pitcher, **Matt Falerios** was outstanding during his teams semi-final game against the Chicago TPS Fire.