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## Stuart Juarez World Series Hall of Fame

By Steve LaMontia, Director of Communications

Stuart Juarez is 60-years-old and resides in East Meadow, New York. He plays his summer ball in the Long Island MSBL, which is the longest-tenured MSBL league in the country, and amazingly plays down to the 35-over division as a third baseman, first baseman, and designated hitter on the Long Island Panthers. As impressive as that is, he has been attending the MSBL World Series for 25 years, many on the same team as his son, Stuart, Jr., as they have shared a dugout for 20 of those 25 years. MSBL Founder and President Steve Sigler has cited Stuart for his passion of playing in Arizona by naming him to the 2023 class of the MSBL World Series Hall of Fame. "It's a great privilege to be a member of the World Series Hall of Fame. It is a real honor," explained Stuart. "I want to thank both Steve and Brian (Sigler) and everyone who puts this great World Series tournament together."

Stuart began his Long Island MSBL career back in 1990 and he and his son are playing on the Panthers together, as well as World Series teammates. I have many really great memories but the biggest highlight has been developing a baseball family over the years and of course the past 20 years of being able to play alongside my son." Stuarts MSBL World Series career isn't simply one of attending in Arizona, eating burritos and pasta, and enjoying an escape from New York for a week or so. He has a winner's pedigree. "We won in 2008 in the 18-over division, in 2013 in the 45s, and in 2020 in the 50-over division. We have also been in the championship (continued on page 3)

## 45+ / 60+ / 75+ Teams Take The Field In The Final Week



60+ Cactus Inland Angels batter, **Eric Acevedo** crushes this ball and drives in two runs with a blast off the left field wall against AZ/CT United at Tempe Diablo Stadium yesterday.

## A Few House Keeping Items For Teams To Be Aware Of In Pool Play Games

Every Team Received An MSBL WS Scorebook At Check In - It's Important

By Tom Prendergast

One of the most important tasks a manager can assign to a player is to verify the game score at the end of each day. This is really a critical component for any team. You don't want to wait until your last pool play game is over, especially if your record is 3-3 and looking to advance to the playoffs on Friday. Because more likely than not, if you're on the bubble you'll be getting a call from the WS office, wanting to confirm your runs allowed. Many teams use an iPad to score the game and keep track of stats. It's terrific and convenient. But for this tournament we would like every team to keep the score in the WS scorebook, that every team received at the check-in. This will do a couple of things, first it will allow you to see how the scoring occurred and will be a hard copy record of which players received an at bat. This is crucial for teams in our participation divisions and will assist all teams in compiling the new Player Eligibility Form (that's required from each team before every playoff game).

This scorebook is also a great resource since it has the MSBL National Rules listed in the first few pages. Confused about using the A/B batter option or our Shared Batter position, no problem. It even covers the Decoy Rule and Force Play Slide Rule. It also includes what happens when a batter, is batting out of turn or the wrong runner is running the bases. These are not subject to protest.




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#### 75+ National / American

|                                | W | L | T | Pts | RA | Win % |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|-----|----|-------|
| 1 Sacramento Solons (N)        | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4   | 6  | 1000  |
| 2 Team Cambria                 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4   | 8  | 1000  |
| 3 Mudville 9                   | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4   | 10 | 1000  |
| 4 Arizona Scorpions            | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2   | 5  | 1000  |
| 5 San Antonio Sox              | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 20 | 500   |
| 6 Canton Captains              | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 31 | 500   |
| 7 USA Volkers (N)              | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 14 | 500   |
| 8 Tri Valley Antiques (N)      | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 11 | 0     |
| 9 RI/Puerto Rico Cardinals (N) | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 26 | 0     |
| 10 Red Deer Legends            | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 29 | 0     |
| 11 Cal Vets                    | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 30 | 0     |

#### 45+ American Division

|                       | W | L | T | Pts | RA | Win % |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|-----|----|-------|
| 1 Utah Rockies        | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2   | 10 | 1000  |
| 2 Sacramento Redbirds | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2   | 11 | 1000  |
| 3 Chicago North TSP's | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 31 | 0     |

#### 45+ Cactus Division 1

|                       | W | L | T | Pts | RA | Win % |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|-----|----|-------|
| 1 So Cal Monarchs     | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4   | 0  | 1000  |
| 2 Des Moines Bruins   | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 13 | 500   |
| 3 Minnesota Bruins    | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 35 | 500   |
| 4 East Coast Phillies | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 23 | 0     |
| 5 Spokane Cubs        | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 27 | 0     |

#### 45+ Cactus Division 2

|                    | W | L | T | Pts | RA | Win % |
|--------------------|---|---|---|-----|----|-------|
| 1 Arizona Giants   | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4   | 6  | 1000  |
| 2 Colt 45's        | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4   | 12 | 1000  |
| 3 Sonoma REBL      | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 14 | 500   |
| 4 Tucson Nationals | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 20 | 500   |
| 5 OC Dodgers       | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 11 | 0     |
| 6 Bakersfield Heat | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 33 | 0     |

#### 60+ National / Mountain

|                         | W | L | T | Pts | RA | Win % |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|-----|----|-------|
| 1 Envision NW Emeralds  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8   | 7  | 1000  |
| 2 Tri Valley Tribute    | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7   | 9  | 1000  |
| 3 San Antonio Lonestars | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7   | 9  | 500   |
| 4 Sacramento Royals     | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6   | 8  | 500   |
| 5 Chicago MAXX Cubs     | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 15 | 500   |
| 6 Boston Wolfpack       | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 20 | 0     |
| 7 Team Victory          | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 24 | 0     |

#### 60+ Cactus Division 1

|                           | W | L | T | Pts | RA | Win % |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|-----|----|-------|
| 1 Mustangs Baseball Club  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4   | 3  | 1000  |
| 2 North County Waves      | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4   | 12 | 1000  |
| 3 Sonoma County Cardinals | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 30 | 500   |
| 4 Las Vegas 60's          | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 30 | 500   |
| 5 Arizona Stallions       | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 29 | 0     |
| 6 St Louis Pirates        | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 31 | 0     |

#### 60+ Cactus Division 2

|                            | W | L | T | Pts | RA | Win % |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|-----|----|-------|
| 1 Vancouver Angels         | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4   | 15 | 1000  |
| 2 Motor City Firebirds     | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4   | 6  | 1000  |
| 3 South Bay Zephyrs        | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 11 | 500   |
| 4 AAHS Saints Circumstance | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 14 | 500   |
| 5 Inland Angels            | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 25 | 500   |
| 6 Sacramento Rays          | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 19 | 0     |
| 7 AZ/ CT United            | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 31 | 0     |

#### 60+ Desert Division

|                    | W | L | T | Pts | RA | Win % |
|--------------------|---|---|---|-----|----|-------|
| 1 Aussie Aces      | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4   | 15 | 1000  |
| 2 Seattle Rainers  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4   | 21 | 1000  |
| 3 Cal Vets         | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 18 | 500   |
| 4 LA Sharks        | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 15 | 500   |
| 5 Racine Blues     | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 20 | 500   |
| 6 OKC Classics     | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 32 | 500   |
| 7 Colorado Fossils | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   | 25 | 500   |
| 8 Bonedogs         | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2   | 44 | 333   |
| 9 Red Deer Legends | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 16 | 0     |
| 10 SP Orioles      | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0   | 24 | 0     |

#### 60+ Cactus 1

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Arizona Stallions       | 2  |
| North County Waves      | 18 |
| Las Vegas 60's          | 11 |
| St Louis Pirates        | 8  |
| Mustang Baseball Club   | 13 |
| Sonoma County Cardinals | 1  |
| Sonoma County Cardinals | 11 |
| Arizona Stallions       | 6  |
| Las Vegas 60's          | 10 |
| North County Waves      | 22 |

#### 60+ Cactus 2

|                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| St Louis Pirates            | 2  |
| Mustang Baseball Club       | 20 |
| AAHS Saints of Circumstance | 6  |
| South Bay Zephyrs           | 4  |
| Sacramento Rays             | 5  |
| Motor City Firebirds        | 10 |
| AZ/CT United                | 11 |
| Inland Angels               | 14 |
| Vancouver Angels            | 17 |
| AZ/CT United                | 6  |
| South Bay Zephyrs           | 9  |
| Sacramento Rays             | 5  |
| Inland Angels               | 4  |
| Motor City Firebirds        | 14 |
| AAHS Saints of Circumstance | 6  |
| Vancouver Angels            | 4  |

#### 60+ Desert

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Aussie Aces      | 25 |
| Bonedogs         | 3  |
| Cal Vets         | 6  |
| LA Sharks        | 4  |
| Colorado Fossils | 3  |
| OKC Classics     | 18 |
| Red Deer Legends | 4  |
| Racine Blues     | 13 |
| Bonedogs         | 3  |
| Red Legends      | 2  |
| Seattle Rainiers | 14 |
| Cal Vets         | 8  |
| Colorado Fossils | 8  |
| SP Orioles       | 7  |
| Racine Blues     | 12 |
| Aussie Aces      | 16 |
| SP Orioles       | 13 |
| Seattle Rainiers | 16 |
| LA Sharks        | 29 |
| OKC Classics     | 9  |

#### 75+ Division

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| RI / Puerto Rico Cardinals (Nat) | 1  |
| Sacramento Solons (Nat)          | 9  |
| USA Volkers (Nat)                | 11 |
| Tri Valley Antiques (Nat)        | 7  |
| Cal Vets                         | 3  |
| Canton Captains                  | 10 |
| Mudville 9                       | 14 |
| Red Deer Legends                 | 9  |
| San Antonio Sox                  | 8  |
| Team Cambria                     | 10 |

**45+ American/Cactus**

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Chicago North TSP's | 6  |
| Utah Rockies        | 23 |
| Des Moines Bruins   | 5  |
| Sacramento Redbirds | 8  |
| East Coast Phillies | 11 |
| Minnesota Bruins    | 19 |
| So Cal Monarchs     | 17 |
| Spokane Cubs        | 0  |
| Sonoma REBL         | 20 |
| Tucson Nationals    | 6  |
| OC Dodgers          | 0  |
| Arizona Giants      | 11 |

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Sacramento Redbirds | 8 |
| Chicago North TSP's | 6 |

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Tucson Nationals    | 4  |
| East Coast Phillies | 0  |
| Minnesota Bruins    | 0  |
| So Cal Monarchs     | 24 |
| Spokane Cubs        | 5  |
| Des Moines Bruins   | 10 |
| Utah Rockies        | 8  |
| Sonoma REBL         | 4  |
| Arizona Giants      | 17 |
| Bakersfield Heat    | 6  |
| Colt 45's           | 4  |
| OC Dodgers          | 3  |
| Bakersfield Heat    | 9  |
| Colt 45's           | 16 |

**60+ National**

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| San Antonio Lonestars | 5  |
| Sacramento Royals     | 9  |
| Chicago MAXX Cubs     | 18 |
| Team Victory          | 9  |
| Boston Wolfpack       | 5  |
| Envision NW Emeralds  | 6  |
| Envision NW Emeralds  | 3  |
| Sacramento Royals     | 2  |
| Tri Valley Tribute    | 14 |
| Boston Wolfpack       | 4  |
| Team Victory          | 0  |
| San Antonio Lonestars | 6  |
| Chicago MAXX Cubs     | 5  |
| Tri Valley Tribute    | 6  |

**Gary Firestone World Series Hall of Fame***By Steve LaMontia, Director of Communications*

Those of you who have been playing in the **MSBL World Series** for a decade or two, or more, have probably seen **Gary Firestone** roaming the fields and either pounding the fences or clearing them from the left side of the plate. He has been playing in **Arizona** since 1988 and his profile is one to remember, either from the parking lot of as he stands in the batter's box ready to make you wish you weren't throwing that game. When you look at his picture in this article, you'll probably say to yourself, 'Oh yeah! That guy!' "I came into the league in **1988** with the **LA Pirates** (California) after answering an ad in the newspaper and that first year I also went to the **World Series**," explained **Firestone**. "**Dan Piro** was our first manager and I took over in 1990. It took about nine years to win but then things took off." Gary has been involved with the World Series with teams in various age brackets as players have gotten a little older, as well as managing championship Father/Son teams.

For all of his contributions to the game and to MSBL, **MSBL Founder** and **President Steve Sigler** has inducted Gary into this year's class of the **MSBL World Series Hall of Fame**. "This award means I have dedicated a lot of years of my life to this sport and it as a really important part. It means I was inducted as a player and my ability has been recognized. People can now go into the internet and see for years to come who was involved with the **World Series** and in baseball in general. This award is special for my family and future grandkids. They can always go in and see grandpa. I have known **Steve (Sigler)** for half of my 73 years and these past 36 years have been the best of my life. Thank you!" Regarding Gary's life off the field, he is retired from horse and cattle business and played MSBL baseball in **Texas** while living there. He moved back to **California** and remained in the cattle and horse business and continued to break horses, as well as various body parts. Most everything clicks or scrapes in his body now but Gary has a simple solution. "Pop a few Advil, go out and play, and worry about it later." What is the history of Gary the baseball junkie? "I went to **Santa Monica City College** and played ball while there. I moved to **Hawaii** and played on their baseball team after getting married. Former Major League pitcher **Bo Belinski** was my coach. The **Hawaii Islanders** was the AAA team there, as Bo decided to run that. I played for Bo and the Islanders to fill in on the roster after others were drafted to go to Viet Nam." Gary also went to other tryouts around the country and was actually ready to sign a **Yankee** contract after traveling to **Yankee Stadium** for a workout. After putting three in the upper deck of the right-field stands, they called him over. "They wanted to sign me but I was 27 years old. When they found out my age, they said I would be a 30-year-old rookie by the time they called me up and they wouldn't get their investment back so they backed off. That was the end of baseball until MSBL in 1988." Gary possesses an amazing **31 MSBL World Series Championship Rings**. That could be a record.

Where did all of these rings come from? "I used to coach the **Agua Dulce Reds** back in the day before we became the **Waikiki Beach Boys**. We have quite a few rings from that era. I also either coach or play for all three weeks and have many championships as a player, like with the **Dragons**, **Rhode Island Salty Dogs**, and some others. I have three **Father/Son** rings, too. "I'll be playing for the **Fresno Grizzlies** in the 70s this year and also in the **Father/Son** as manager with my kids as **Team Hawaii**. I'll be playing in week two for the **Salty Dogs** in the 73+ division. In 2024 I think we'll get the band back together as the **Waikiki Beach Boys** in the 60-over division just to see what happens." What are your special takeaways from your World Series experiences? "By far, my greatest experience is being on the field in the Father/Son division with my twin daughters, who are now 19, and my 23-year-old son. The rings are nice but playing alongside them means so much more." Gary continued, "The two most important people in this journey is my wife **Jennifer** for allowing me to go away every Sunday and chase my dreams for what seems like forever, and the second is **Steve Sigler** for inventing this organization and allowing me to play. I would have stopped playing without **MSBL**. I wanted to stick around long enough to take the field alongside my kids and we accomplished that. I have made so many friends in my baseball days. The list is too long to recite. However, **Cedric Watson** has been there 34 straight years and plays every Sunday with me and at every World Series. **Tracy Wheeler** and I have played together almost 30 years. I have been blessed to be able to continue playing while making true lifelong friends along the way."



"This is a photo of me and my son Stuart JR whom I've played together for 18-20 years on the Panthers team and attended numerous world series tournaments"

**Stuart Juarez World Series Hall of Fame***(continued from page 1)*

game six other times but came up short. We go there hoping to do well." Stuart has shared his World Series playing time with the Long Island Mariners and the Long Island Panthers. In his 25 years of playing in the World Series, he has progressed through the 18+, 25+, 35+, 40+, 45+, and the 50+ divisions. There is always another division waiting for you as age and experience creep up. "In closing, I want to thank all of you in my Panthers family and of course Steve Sigler and Brian for creating somewhere for us all to keep playing this great game. I view this as an achievement not just for me but for my Panthers teammates and of course my family. Thank you!"





60+ Cactus Division AZ/CT United batter runner, **Mark Yoder** beats this throw to Angels 1st baseman, **Robb Street** for an infield single.



60+ Cactus Division South Bay Zephyrs, **Blaine Olson** heads home with the winning run, with a 9-5 win over the Sacramento Rays.



60+ Cactus Div South Bay Zephyrs 2nd baseman, **Wayne Williams** gets ready to catch the ball and tag out Rays runner, **Mike Egan**.



60+ Cactus Div South Bay Zephyrs pitcher, **Pete Cesario** delivers a pitch to the plate during yesterday's game with the Sacramento Rays



60+ Cactus Sacramento Rays third baseman, **Andrew Kunstman** manned the hot corner.



60+ Cactus Inland Angels pitcher, **Jeff Goodnight** delivers a pitch to the plate.



60+ Cactus South Bay Zephyrs batter, **Chris Means** launches a shot just foul down the line.