

DAILY NEWS



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Today's Championship Games**45+ American Championship**Utah Rockies vs Sacramento Redbirds
9:00am Tempe Diablo Stadium**45+ Cactus Championship Game**Colt 45's vs So Cal Monarchs
9:00am Hohokam Stadium**60+ National Championship Game**Boston Wolfpack vs Envision NW
1:00pm Tempe Diablo Stadium**60+ Mountain Championship Game**Team Victory vs Chicago MAXX Cubs
1:00pm Hohokam Stadium**60+ Cactus Championship Game**Sonoma Co Cards vs Mustang Baseball
9:00am Tempe 1**60+ Desert Championship Game**Racine Blues vs Red Deer Legends
9:00am Tempe 2**75+ National Championship Game**USA Volkers vs Sacramento Solons
12:45pm Tempe 1**75+ American Championship Game**Mudville 9 vs Team Cambria
12:45pm Tempe 2

45+/60+/75+ Championship Game Day Arrives Today!

**Spotlight On - The Sacramento Solons**

By Steve LaMontia, Director of Communications

Batman has his Robin, Butch has his Sundance, and the Sacramento Solons have 2013 World Series Hall of Fame member, Tina Haas. "What she does for our team is invaluable," said longtime Sacramento player and Solon's manager Irv Scott. "Tina is probably the most valuable player to never actually play," added MSBL Founder and President Steve Sigler. Tina has also been on the Sacramento MSBL board for the past ten years. Why do we bring this up? Because we are profiling one of the most successful teams in MSBL WS history, the Sacramento Solons, and Tina Haas is a huge part of the makeup that keeps this collaboration ticking. We found Tina during a breather in her very busy vet tech calling. "I have been a vet tech since 1986," explained the 62-year-old Haas. "My goal was to be a veterinarian but the requirements for UC Davis were pretty intense. I was able to go to a (continued on page 3)

75+ Division USA Volkers batter, **Bill Ehrbrandt** gets good wood on this pitch and singles up the middle to drive in a couple runs, during his teams semi-final win over Tri Valley.

75+ Division Players Thrilled To Still Be Playing And Competing With Peers Winning At All Costs Seems to Be Pushing The Envelope A Little Bit Too Far

By Tom Prendergast

I've been attending the MSBL WS since, year two - in 1989. I came down as a player manager for the 30+ Kansas City Royals. After going 0-6 on our first trip, I doubled down the next year and really had a talented squad with plenty of pitching. Unfortunately, the results were still the same, another 0-6 trip. So while I was 0-12 as a manager I was on fire as the teams second baseman and leadoff batter. I hit over 600 and my on base percentage was off the charts. Because we weren't playing on Friday, I was able to volunteer my services as a complex supervisor. Next thing you know, I'm no longer managing the team but instead I'm on the WS staff. During my 35 years at the tournament, I've seen and heard a lot of wild stories about the lengths some teams will go to in order to win a ring. These range from flying in a fresh arm to pitch in the semi-final and championship game, to a former major league player using an alias to play, to guys getting fake ID's or swapping out really good players with the teams bad players. While some of these urban myths maybe true (to an extent), it's hard to believe that a player who was on the roster and played the first 6 games, would give up his spot to another guy (and let him wear his jersey) so his team could have a better chance at winning a ring. Talk about taking one for the team! That just doesn't seem plausible. Meaning it doesn't pass the smell test. I would rather play every inning, of all my teams games and lose, than give up my spot in order to win a ring. Forget about the money spent on coming down and the week away from home. There's not a chance that I'm going along with that.

As this years tournament wraps up, it was enjoyable to spend time with several guys who have been playing MSBL ball for the past thirty plus years. They don't run as fast or throw the ball as hard - but they still want to be on the field - in the game. Win, lose or draw - these guys get it. Along with their teammates they are brothers in arms. We are happy to have these players at the MSBL World Series!

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75+ National	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Sacramento Solons (N)	5	0	0	10	17	1000
2 USA Volkers (N)	4	1	0	8	25	800
3 Tri Valley Antiques (N)	2	2	0	4	22	500
4 RI/Puerto Rico Cardinals (N)	0	5	0	0	68	0

75+ American	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Team Cambria	5	0	0	10	21	1000
2 Mudville 9	3	1	0	6	19	750
3 San Antonio Sox	3	1	0	6	29	750
4 Arizona Scorpions	1	3	0	2	53	250
5 Canton Captains	1	3	0	2	74	250
6 Red Deer Legends	1	4	0	2	56	200
7 Cal Vets	0	5	0	0	92	0

45+ American Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Sacramento Redbirds	5	1	0	10	38	833
2 Utah Rockies	5	1	0	10	39	833
3 Chicago North TSP's	3	3	0	6	62	500

45+ Cactus Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 So Cal Monarchs	6	0	0	12	16	1000
2 Des Moines Bruins	4	2	0	8	44	667
3 Spokane Cubs	1	5	0	3	64	167
4 Minnesota Bruins	1	5	0	3	91	167
5 East Coast Phillies	0	6	0	1	90	0

45+ Cactus Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Colt 45's	5	1	0	10	39	1000
2 Arizona Giants	3	3	0	7	38	400
3 Sonoma REBL	3	3	0	7	45	500
4 Bakersfield Heat	3	3	0	7	58	500
5 Tucson Nationals	2	4	0	5	64	400
6 OC Dodgers	1	5	0	3	48	167

60+ National / Mountain	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 San Antonio Lonestars	4	2	0	8	29	667
2 Tri Valley Tribute	4	2	0	8	29	667
3 Envision NW Emeralds	4	2	0	8	32	667
4 Boston Wolfpack	4	2	0	8	44	667
5 Team Victory	2	4	0	4	49	333
6 Chicago MAXX Cubs	2	4	0	4	79	333
7 Sacramento Royals	1	5	0	2	57	167

60+ Cactus Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Mustangs Baseball Club	6	0	0	12	25	1000
2 North County Waves	4	2	0	8	36	667
3 Sonoma County Cardinals	4	2	0	8	53	667
4 Arizona Stallions	3	3	0	6	45	500
5 Las Vegas 60's	1	5	0	2	111	167
6 St Louis Pirates	0	6	0	0	101	0

60+ Cactus Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Motor City Firebirds	6	0	0	12	43	1000
2 Vancouver Angels	4	2	0	8	62	667
3 AAHS Saints Circumstance	3	3	0	6	55	500
4 South Bay Zephyrs	3	3	0	6	37	500
5 Inland Angels	2	3	1	5	69	400
6 Sacramento Rays	1	4	1	3	56	250
7 AZ/ CT United	1	5	0	2	89	167

60+ Desert Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Red Deer Legends	5	1	0	10	41	833
2 Racine Blues	4	1	1	9	53	750
3 Seattle Rainiers	4	1	1	9	74	750
4 Aussie Aces	4	2	0	8	50	667
5 SP Orioles	3	3	0	6	65	500
6 Cal Vets	3	3	0	6	65	500
7 Colorado Fossils	3	3	0	6	77	500
8 LA Sharks	2	4	0	4	66	333
9 OKC Classics	1	5	0	2	112	167
10 Bonedogs	0	6	0	0	135	0

45+ American Semi-finals

Chicago North TSP's	5
Utah Rockies	7

45+ Cactus Playoffs

Bakersfield Heat	8
Des Moines Bruins	17
Sonoma REBL	5
Arizona Giants	6
So Cal Monarchs	14
Arizona Giants	2
Colt 45's	11
Des Moines Bruins	4

60+ Cactus Playoffs

South Bay Zephyrs	5
Mustang Baseball Club	8
Arizona Stallions	8
Motor City Firebirds	6
Saints of Circumstance	6
North County Waves	12
Sonoma County Cardinals	18
Vancouver Angels	6
Mustangs Baseball Club	14
Arizona Stallions	2
Sonoma County Cardinals	15
North County Waves	3

60+ Desert Playoffs

Cal Vets	11
Seattle Rainiers	9
SP Orioles	14
Aussie Aces	4
Red Deer Legends	21
Cal Vets	6
Racine Blues	14
SP Orioles	8

60+ National Semi-finals

Boston Wolfpack	15
San Antonio Lonestars	5
Envision NW Emeralds	5
Tri Valley Tribute	1

75+ National semi-finals

Tri Valley Antiques	2
USA Volkers	11

75+ American semi-finals

Arizona Scorpions	1
Team Cambria	15
San Antonio Sox	7
Mudville 9	12

75+ Consolation

Red Deer Legends	22
Canton Captains	4

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World Series team profile Lehigh Valley Moondogs*By Steve LaMontia, Director of Communications*

The Lehigh Valley Moondogs are a staple at the MSBL World Series and have been since 1991. Some of you out there paying attention have kids younger than their 32 years of participation! Turk Starniri and Dick Prue are the guys behind the wheel of this success machine and have steered them to multiple World Series championships and relevance in every division they have played in. Dick is a member of the 2017 class of the MSBL World Series Hall of Fame and Turk is a 2021 inductee into the MSBL National Hall of Fame. Turk founded the Moondogs back in 1991 and Dick has been his capable partner on the journey. They remain continually in the playoffs and are a threat every time they take the field. We had a chat with Dick to find out a little history about these Moondogs from Pennsylvania. "One thing that we are very proud of is that the team is primarily made up of our league players," said Prue. "It's been the same group of guys for many years. We really enjoy being around the guys. Roughly three-fourths of the guys are from the league." Dick has been playing at the WS since 1991 and Turk has been coming since 1988. Dick then helped manage the Moondogs with Turk in 1998 and has attended every World Series since his first in 1991. "It's a little harder logistically to be at everyone when you live on the East Coast so it is special knowing I have never missed once I got started. They all say you never attend just once. That is very true." There may be logistics involved, but that doesn't seem to bother their ability once they make it to the desert. "To the best of my memory, we won rings while I was managing in 2003, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2013, and 2015.

Turk won the first Moondog's ring in the mid-90s in the 40-over division. Our 2003 championship was with our 55-over team. We haven't won since then but this year we are in the 65+ and 70+ divisions and hope to make a comeback. Turk and I will be playing together in the 70s, which will be fun." I remember as a reporter at the World Series in 2012, I was covering a Moondogs playoff game and caught up with Turk and Dick for a few words and they were quite shaken because Hurricane Sandy was heading to their area while they were in Arizona and they wanted to get back home and were torn at what to do.

"Our families back there said to stay in Arizona and they will handle things. That was a tough year. We were ready to hop on a plane and get back. I hope to never go through that again." Dick is a pitcher by trade but has had some injuries lately that have curbed his ability to get back on the bump. "I'm not pitching anymore, not for a couple of years now. I have unfortunately had three shoulder operations. Now I primarily manage and might bat once in a while. I had rotator cuff surgery in 1997 and then pitched for another 20 years but then I had a bicep tear and also some additional surgery to clean up some spurs and scar tissue. They say I now need replacement surgery but I'm not ready for that. I turn 74 in November and have to think if I want to go through all of that because I'll never play again if I do it. There's a lot to think about." Dick is a semi-retired roofing contractor and has backed off to two or three days a week in his non-baseball world. But pitching has created many memories of Arizona. Dick's pitching resume stands tall in Arizona, as he has amassed 19 wins throughout the years. Some guys were just better, but I can still look at the ring!" It took the Moondogs 12 years to win their first championship, while many teams have toiled for decades and never made it to the winner's circle. Five additional rings followed, as described previously. But in their first two trips to Arizona, they went 0-6 each year but kept banging away and improving. I asked Dick if there was a special moment in his three decades with the Moondogs. The answer came swiftly, as if rehearsed. "The 2003 championship, which was in the 55-over division. There are many wonderful memories but the first championship has to be the highlight."

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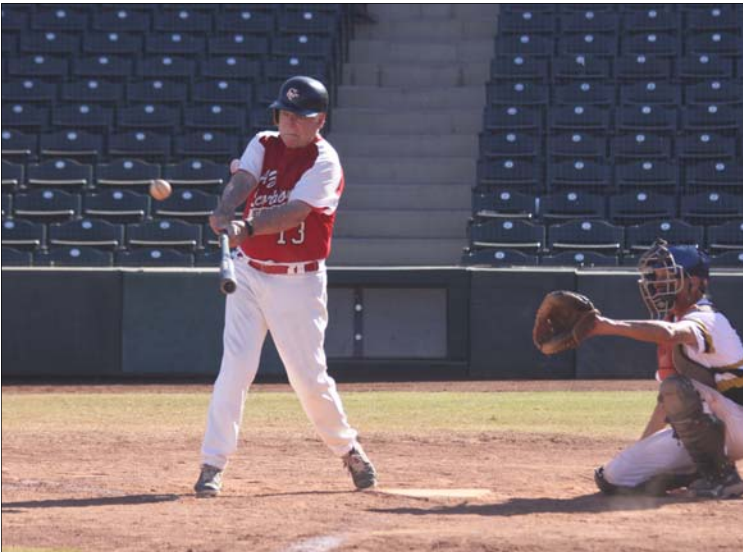
community college to become a vet tech as a means of becoming more qualified to become a vet but I loved it so much, I decided 'this is good enough' as I am still able to follow my passion. I love what I have been doing for over 35 years." How on earth did you become involved in baseball and what's your role with the Solons, in the Sacramento league and at the World Series? "I view myself as a consultant and a sort of bench coach. Irv Scott is the on-field manager and my job is to make his life easier. I keep the players informed and keep things organized, before, during, and after the game. In 2003 I saw an ad in the paper for players and tried out. Jim Hill was the manager of the team I ended up on and he asked me to help him with his duties, like keeping score, and it just took off from there. The team was phenomenal, so I wasn't looking at much playing time anyway so it made sense." Tina can be found in her familiar folding chair by the dugout or on the end of the bench, scorebook in hand, shouting out instructions. "You're the 'B' hitter this inning so be ready; You're running for Joe if he gets on; You are OK to hit in this slot because you're between two sons!" You get my drift. The manager is free to concentrate on game time coaching while Tina keeps things organized. She is also the one who keeps track of assembling and notifying all of the players of any requirements or changes. Tina is associated with two teams in the Sacramento MSBL during the summer; the 60+ Red Sox and the 68+ Rays. "For my teams I wear many hats. Team mom, trainer, cheerleader, rules guru, whatever needs to be done. The same goes for Arizona. They come to me for specific details and also for rules interpretation. I can pretty much keep everyone within the rules and make sure they don't stray too far," laughed Tina. This year you'll find Tina keeping the Solons in line in the 73+ and 75+ divisions at the World Series, of course in the top division. Their history of success keeps them battling the toughest teams you can throw at them. When they aren't competing as a group for the Solons, the Arizona landscape is littered with their players while assisting other teams in becoming champions. "We are the Solons now, but started as the Cardinals, River Rats, Patriots, and Silverbacks. We became the Solons in 2010. I personally have five rings from 2003 through 2013, though you can't count all of the rings our players have won while playing in other divisions or with other teams in off-weeks in Arizona." You said you got a start in the baseball world while playing alongside and helping Jim Hill. Tell me more about him. "I met Jim Hill back in 2003, when I became his scorekeeper. We became great friends, talking and watching baseball, and participating in our local SMSBL league and in Arizona, with occasional other MSBL tournaments. We won our first tournament together (*2003 Father/Son*), and won many more together. He was a baseball genius, so much so I used to call him 'Sparky' (as in Sparky Anderson). What an adventure! Jim was tragically killed in 2021 on his Harley. He is sorely missed by all of us Solons." Tina explained that the nucleus of the Solons stays pretty close to home all year and don't venture to many other tournaments. They spend the summer getting ready for Arizona and the MSBL World Series. "The Solons are made up primarily of league players, though we have imported a few to help specific needs. But we are getting a little older and traveling isn't quite as big a deal as when they were younger. We get in plenty of baseball during the year to be ready to go in October." What are your personal highlights? "One game that stands out is the 2003 Father/Son championship in our first year. We were playing the New England Red Sox at Tempe Diablo Stadium. It was a tie game and we were playing against three ex-major leaguers, including Bill Lee. In the seventh or eighth inning they had the bases loaded. Mike Lee, Bill's son, was at second and there was a fly to center. Our center fielder, Mike Thatcher, caught it and threw a pea to Steve Welch at home plate who tagged out Mike Lee when he was running from second. The father was also tagging at third as Steve tagged them both out 'bang, bang', and Tom Prendergast caught the whole thing in a photo that made his 'Daily News' cover!" (below) "My final comments is that even though I am not a player, the team realizes my contributions and sometimes vote for me to have a ring, which they have to pay for. That is very touching and appreciated. The Solons are a great bunch of guys and like family. I love them all."



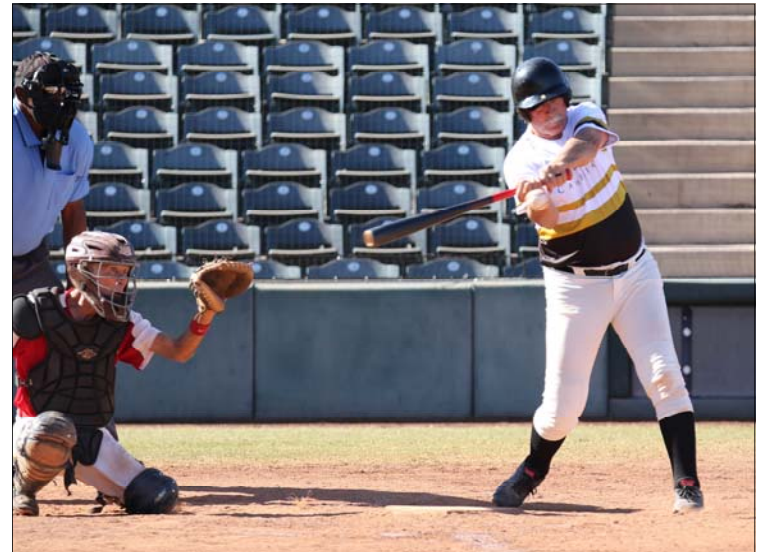
75+ Team Cambria pitcher, **Bernie Pekala** picked up the win against the Arizona Scorpions with an impressive zero ERA outing yesterday.



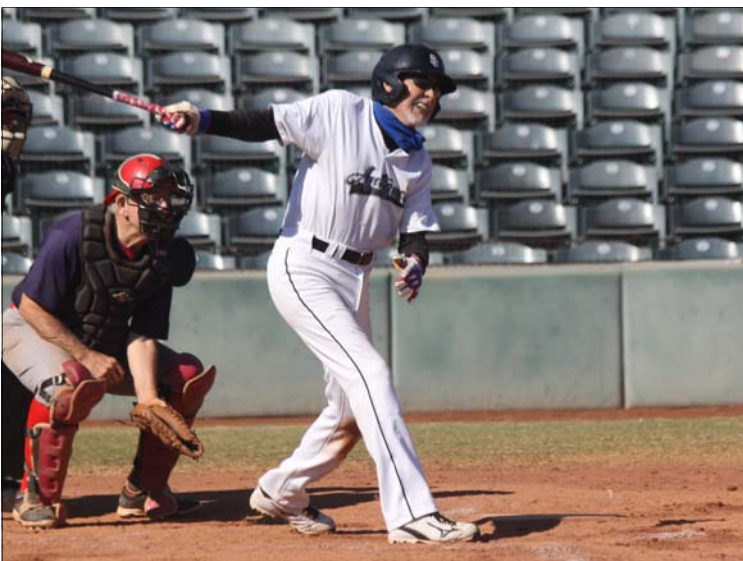
75+ USA Volkers batter, **Bryan Krantz** zeros in on this pitch and singles to left center during his teams win over Tri Valley on Friday



75+ Arizona Scorpions batter, **Dohrman Sinclair** lifts this ball over the short stop for an rbi single at Tempe Diablo Stadium yesterday.



75+ Division Team Cambria batter, **Doug Stormo** smacks this pitch right back up the middle, driving in 2 more runs in an 8 run inning!



75+ Tri Valley Antiques batter, **Gordy Bennett** watches this ball go down the right field line, just foul in his teams game with the Volkers



75+ Division Arizona Scorpions batter, **Charlie Bonfanti** pulls this pitch down the line during his teams game with Team Cambria.