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2024 MSBL WS Hall of Fame

Dan Gooris
Chicago North

By Steve LaMontia,
Director of Communications



Daniel Gooris is a familiar face in Arizona during the MSBL World Series and someone I am thrilled to have called a teammate and a manager during my various stints with the Chicago Fire. A true gentleman and a baseball mind, this 74-year-old, who resides in Mettawa, Illinois, has been a staple in the Chicago North MSBL since 1991, where he currently plays for the 65-over Athletics, and has been playing in the MSBL World Series since 1992. Because of his dedication and attention to baseball detail, MSBL Founder and President Steve Sigler has inducted Dan into the 2024 class of the MSBL World Series Hall of Fame.

"This award validates all of my work during the off season, getting money from players, purchasing uniforms, and more importantly, recruiting the right player/s for our Fire teams," stated Gooris. "I was fortunate enough to take over the Chicago Fire team from Bart Zeller and continue to retain and recruit players who adhere to Bart's simple baseball principles." Dan isn't just a guy who likes being in charge and filling out lineup cards. His baseball skills are well-honed. "I played high school, legion, and semi pro (Skokie Indians and Chicago Hornets) while I was in college and for two years after, before I started my police career. In college I was a NAIA All American in 1971, while leading the conference in hitting. I was inducted into the North Park University Hall of Fame in 1997 for Football and Baseball. I never played pro ball, but had tryouts with the Cubs and Pirates." We asked Dan specifically about his World Series resume.

"My first World Series was in 1992 and I have played every year since. My first ring was in 2009 with the National Pastime, and have won five additional rings since, with the Windy City and Fire teams. I have been with the same great group of guys since 2008, but different team names. I also played in two (continued on page 2)

Joe O'Brien Inducted Into the MSBL Hall of Fame!



Members of the 50+ Arizona Giants were on hand at the Salt River Diamondback fields yesterday as **Steve Sigler**, presented their league president, **Joe O'Brien** with his HOF plaque.

Joe O'Brien Arizona MSBL President - National MSBL Hall of Fame Member

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Joe O'Brien is the 48-year-old envy of every league president in the MSBL family. Most of us look forward to competing on the beautiful MLB facilities and pristine area parks while traveling to Arizona for the MSBL World Series every year. Joe lives there and plays on them all year long! As we toil on high school fields with six-inch holes in front of the rubber on the pitcher's mound, his players are playing on the fields where the Diamondbacks and Rockies do battle. I am gently kidding Joe because the condition of the fields has nothing to do with all of the hard work necessary to maintain one of the largest, oldest, and most successful leagues in the country. Joe has been the man in charge since 2018. Joe's work ethic has not gone unnoticed by MSBL Founder and President Steve Sigler, as he has inducted Joe into the 2024 edition of the MSBL National Hall of Fame. "This reward doesn't just represent me," explained Joe. "It is an award for all the players, families, facility staff, umpires, and my AZMSBL Board Members. I want to thank Steve Sigler for the continued support and vision of the MSBL national to allow so many players from around the country and of every age to continue to play the best game on earth." Joe lives in Scottsdale with Kathleen, his wife of 18 years. They met in college back in Buffalo, New York, where I'm sure they left their parkas! Their two daughters, Brianna and Chiara, are 16 and 14 and both attend the Arizona School for the Arts in Phoenix. Joe is not just the architect of the league. He is also a very active player, in both the league and in tournaments. "I play first base and some outfield for the Royals in our 35+ Division and the Giants in the 45s. I began playing in the league in 2007 and immediately pulled both hamstrings! It wasn't a very positive beginning in getting back in the game." His baseball roots began in a very normal way, as did most of ours, except he was one step away from all of our Little League dreams.

"I have played baseball my whole life, Little League through (continued on page 3)

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2024 MSBL WS Hall of Fame**Dan Gooris** *(continued from page 1)*

Memorial Tournaments in Las Vegas and two Father/Son Tournaments. This year I'll be playing with the Chicago Fire in the 70s and 73s."

What is the toughest part of running a team in the World Series? "One of the hardest things about running a team is having to talk to one of your players who is crying on the phone when he has to tell you he just can't play anymore because of an injury or the pain is just too much. Or the player who can't find someone to care for his wife for the week he is in Arizona. It just wears you down sometimes."

Dan was the Chief of Police in Lincolnwood, Illinois and after he retired, he became the Director of Campus Safety at his alma mater, North Park University. Like most police and firefighters, his side job was coaching. He coached baseball and football at the local high school for four years and then was the head softball coach at North Park University for 18 years. As Dan said, "It took a lot of midnight shifts in order to make the games!"

"Just like in the movies, Dan married his college sweetheart, who played volleyball at North Park. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have two children and six grandchildren.

45+ American

Aurora Tigers	2
Detroit Dodgers	11
San Antonio Titans	16
Utah Rockies	1
Montebello Angels	2
So Cal Snappers	12
EC Cardinals	6
San Antonio Titans	2

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70+ Cactus 1

Cal Bears	7
So Cal Dodgers	2
Sacramento Pirates	2
Tucson Old Timers	13
Pacific Reds	23
Cal Vets (2)	3
Red Deer Legends	10
Colorado Stars	11

70+ Cactus 2

Cal Vets (1)	7
Paladin	18
MBI	15
Seattle Mariners	0
Florida Yankees	11
Tucson Rucos	7
Lehigh Valley Prospects	26
Milwaukee Rattlers	5

70+ National / Central

Berrys	8
Sacramento Tribe	3
LA Athletics	5
Rhode Island Salty Dogs	10
Minnesota Bandits	5
Chicago No TSP Fire	8

45+ Cactus

Arizona Giants	0
The Tribe	4
Bakersfield Heat	7
Wine Country Blue Jays	8
Colt 45's	13
UK & Ireland Buccaneers	13
Connecticut Navigators	6
Tucson Nationals	7
Des Moines Bruins	0
Sonoma - REBL	5
Inland NW Cubs	14
Santa Barbara Black Sheep	8
The Tribe	4
Colt 45's	8
Wine Country Blue Jays	10
Connecticut Navigators	3
UK & Ireland Buccaneers	9
Bakersfield Heat	10
Tucson Nationals	0
Arizona Giants	3
Sonoma - REBL	11
Inland NW Cubs	5
Santa Barbara Black Sheep	9
Des Moines Bruins	6

50+ Cactus 1

Colorado Springs Thunder	6
Fresno Hardcor	7
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Sacramento Nationals	13
Austin Express	14
NSEW Connection	6
Phoenix Padres	13
Austin Express	14
Hudson Valley Bears	13
Sacramento Nationals	8
Hudson Valley Bears	7
Phoenix Padres	15
50+ Cactus 2	
So Cal Indians	7
Indiana Blue Jays	3
Chicago Pinch Hitters	34
Silverton Red Sox	1
Sacramento Capitals	10
So Cal Indians	3
Dallas Sultanes	8
Chicago Pinch Hitters	11
Ventura Dodgers	6
Dallas Sultanes	9
Indiana Blue Jays	4
Sacramento Capitals	17
Arizona Cubs	23
Ventura Dodgers	5

50+ Desert

Saskatchewan Sportsman	22
Cal Vets	11
East Coast Phillies	3
Red Deer Legends	12
Wid Things	1
Carolina Cobras	21
Cal Vets	5
East Coast Phillies	20
Red Deer Legends	25
Wid Things	6
Saskatchewan Sportsman	0
Carolina Cobras	17

50+ National

San Antonio Bombers	12
Chicago North TSP's	13
Midwest Angels	6
Yonder Travelers	9
OC Sox	12
Mustangs Baseball Club	13
Chicago North TSP's	4
OC Sox	12
Yonder Travelers	10
San Antonio Bombers	6
Mustangs Baseball Club	1
Midwest Angels	14

All MSBL players must have a government issued ID - with a photo to participate in the 2024 MSBL WS. And they must have it with them during all games. Failure to produce this ID on demand, will result in an immediate forfeit!

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

70+ Rules

While there's no stealing allowed in our 70+ /73+ divisions, runners may still take a lead off the base.

Note: 70+ only: If a pitcher fails to go in a stretch position, with a runner or runners on base & pitches with a full wind up, the runners can advance by stealing a base.

No hit and run!

For any hits that reach the outfield grass, the batter cannot be thrown out at first base. But runners can be thrown out if they are running to second, third or home plate.

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
50+ National Division						
1 Yonder Travelers	3	0	0	6	28	1000
2 Midwest Angels	2	1	0	4	17	667
3 San Antonio Bombers	1	2	0	2	24	333
4 Mustangs Baseball Club	1	2	0	2	35	333
5 Chicago North TSP's	1	2	0	2	34	333
6 OC Sox	1	2	0	2	34	333

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
50+ Cactus Division 1						
1 Colorado Springs Thunder	2	1	0	4	10	667
2 Austin Express	2	1	0	4	30	667
3 Phoenix Padres	2	1	0	4	23	667
4 Fresno Hardcor	2	1	0	4	26	667
5 Hudson Valley Bears	1	2	0	2	36	333
6 Sacramento Nationals	1	2	0	2	36	333
7 NSEW Connection	0	2	0	0	24	0

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
50+ Cactus Division 2						
1 Sacramento Capitals	3	0	0	6	12	1000
2 Arizona Cubs	2	0	0	4	12	1000
3 So Cal Indians	2	1	0	4	15	667
4 Chicago Pinch Hitters	2	1	0	4	28	667
5 Dallas Sultanes	1	2	0	2	27	333
6 Ventura Dodgers	1	2	0	2	32	333
7 Silverton Red Sox	0	2	0	0	59	0
8 Indiana Blue Jays	0	3	0	0	36	0

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
50+ Desert Division						
1 Red Deer Legends	2	0	0	9	5	1000
2 Carolina Cobras	3	0	0	10	5	1000
3 Cal Vets	1	1	0	6	30	500
4 East Coast Phillies	1	2	0	5	31	333
5 Wild Things	0	2	0	0	38	0

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
70+ National/Central Division						
1 Berry's	2	0	0	4	4	1000
2 Rhode Island Salty Dogs	2	0	0	4	14	1000
3 LA Athletics	1	1	0	2	14	500
4 Chicago North TSP Fire	1	1	0	2	18	500
5 Sacramento Tribe	0	2	0	0	14	0
6 Minnesota Bandits	0	2	0	0	20	0

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
70+ Cactus Division 1						
1 Cal Bears	2	0	0	4	2	1000
2 Colorado Stars	2	0	0	4	16	1000
3 Tucson Old Timers	1	1	0	2	10	500
4 Red Deer Legends	1	1	0	2	12	500
5 Pacific Reds	1	1	0	2	13	500
6 Sacramento Pirates	1	1	0	2	14	500
7 So Cal Dodgers	0	2	0	0	23	0
8 Cal Vets (2)	0	2	0	0	39	0

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
70+ Cactus Division 2						
1 MBI	2	0	0	4	0	1000
2 Lehigh Valley Prospects	2	0	0	4	7	1000
3 Florida Yankees	2	0	0	4	12	1000
4 Cal Vets (1)	1	1	0	2	22	500
5 Paladin	1	1	0	2	28	500
6 Seattle Mariners	0	2	0	0	26	0
7 Tucson Rucos	0	2	0	0	26	0
8 Milwaukee Rattlers	0	2	0	0	32	0

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
45+ American Division						
1 Detroit Dodgers	1	0	0	2	2	1000
2 EC Cardinals	1	0	0	2	2	1000
3 So Cal Snappers	1	0	0	2	2	1000
4 San Antonio Titans	1	1	0	2	7	500
5 Aurora Tigers	0	1	0	0	11	0
6 Montebello Angels	0	1	0	0	12	0
7 Utah Rockies	0	1	0	0	16	0

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
45+ Cactus Division						
1 Sonoma - REBL	2	0	0	4	5	1000
2 Wine Country Blue Jays	2	0	0	4	10	1000
3 Arizona Giants	1	1	0	2	4	500
4 The Tribe	1	1	0	2	8	500
5 Tucson Nationals	1	1	0	2	9	500
6 Bakersfield Heat	1	1	0	2	17	500
7 Inland NW Cubs	1	1	0	2	19	500
8 Santa Barbara Black Sheep	1	1	0	2	20	500
9 UK & Ireland Buccaneers	0	1	1	1	23	250
10 Des Moines Bruins	0	2	0	0	14	0
11 Connecticut Navigators	0	2	0	0	17	0
12 Colt 45's	1	0	1	0	17	750

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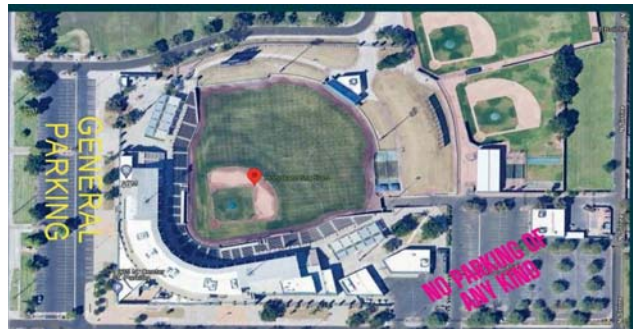
In addition to the A/B batter or the Shared Batter position - each team can use two (2) courtesy runners.

Joe O'Brien Arizona MSBL President - National MSBL Hall of Fame Member *(continued from page 1)*

high school. I did not play in college, as I ventured to physical therapy school. An interesting event was that in 1988 we lost in our Little League finals and finished one short step away from representing New Jersey in the Little League World Series in Williamsport. That was a heartbreaker."

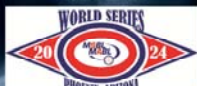
By day, Joe is a Real Estate Investor and Realtor. He consults as a Speaker/Coach in assisting clients to use real estate as a Generational wealth Generator. Getting back to the diamond, we asked Joe about his resume regarding tournament play "I have played in the MSBL World Series since 2008. We won the Father/Son Division in 2014 as the Salt Lake Dodgers.

In the league, I have thankfully been a part of so many great teams." We asked Joe who the people were who were his biggest supporters while becoming entrenched in the baseball world. "My High School coaches, Coach Henry, and Coach Sheenan taught me to be more than just a player. They taught me that beauty lies not only in the power and precision it displays but also in the intricate orchestration of countless subtle movements and decisions that can affect the game. My Grandfather was also very influential. While growing up in Kearney, New Jersey, and Beach Haven, New Jersey he lived next door, so every night we watched either the Yankees or Mets. That is my earliest memory of watching the '78 World Series and the 1986 *Amazing Mets!* My brother Chris and my Dad played wiffle ball, stickball, or Home Run Derby with me every day in the backyard. Dad even made us a home plate and a batter's box. I need to salute my partner in crime, Kevin Wilkison (KDub) for all he does for me and the league." Ed Klemm, Todd Trollope, Ernie Barten, Doug Harmon, Mike Dimino, Tony Burnett, and Alan Gibson.



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Bud Maison National MSBL Hall of Fame

By Steve LaMontia, Director of Communications

57-year-old Herbert 'Bud' Maison is the League President of the MSBL/MABL of So Colorado in Colorado Springs, as well as being the father of four children and six grandchildren, where he began playing in 2005. The league currently consists of 37 teams across six divisions. Bud is an educator by profession at Fountain-Fort Carson High School but still manages to get in plenty of baseball activity. Bud was elected as President of the MSBL/MABL of Southern Colorado in 2014 and has been playing in the MSBL since 2005. He has served as a Manager of the Southern Colorado Pirates, the Southern Colorado Pistols, and the Rocky Mountain Predators. Bud has competed and served as a manager in the MSBL World Series leading the Colorado Springs Thunder to win the 2023 MSBL World Series in the Cactus Division, the first World Series Championship in league history. He continues to host the mid-summer Rocky Mountain Baseball Bash tournament in Colorado Springs. Bud also stepped up during Covid by becoming the creator and mentor of an MSBL-endorsed online Baseball Play Station tournament, hosted and maintained by Bud personally. For all that Bud accomplishes in heading up one of the most successful leagues under the MSBL umbrella and his involvement with the MSBL World Series, MSBL Founder and President Steve Sigler has welcomed Bud into the 2024 class of the MSBL National Hall of Fame.

"I am humbled to be recognized for this award," stated Maison. "I try to provide our league and teams a great opportunity to play ball and enjoy the time we spend together!"

Bud's baseball and athletic resume is quite noteworthy. He started his baseball journey as a traditional high school athlete from 1982 through 1985 at South Lake High School in St Clair Shores, Michigan. He then played in a collegiate league in 1985, ultimately leading him to the CanAm Baseball League as a member of the Watertown Athletics in 1987 and 1988. The multi-sport athlete then expanded to football in 1990, as he suited up for the Watertown Red and Black of the Empire Football League. Bud's World Series experiences began a little frustrating, though ultimately successful. "We made it to the 50+ semi-finals from 2016 through 2019 and finally broke through last year, winning the 50+ Cactus championship with the Predators. I manage the team and try to spend some time at first base and behind the plate. That ring easily tops the list of my personal tournament highlights." Bud's team also plays in local tournaments and travels to the Coley/Elwater/Foster tournament in Rapid City, South Dakota, where they were champs in 2021 and 2023. His educator background has led him to the Fountain-Fort Carson High School in Colorado where he teaches and also readily gives of his time. One example of Bud's volunteer efforts is the Trojan Baseball Club, offering participation and training in age brackets from eight and under to 14 and under.



50+ Colorado Springs Thunder manager, Bud Maison receives his National MSBL Hall of Fame plaque from founder Steve Sigler yesterday at Tempe Diablo Stadium.



70+ National Chicago North TSP Fire manager, Dan Gooris takes a team picture with his players after receiving his WS Hall of Fame award Monday at Legacy Park



50+ Cactus Colorado Springs Thunder pitcher, John Miller, fields a bunt and throws out the runner yesterday morning.



50+ Cactus Fresno Harcor batter, Joe Gonzalez, connects with this pitch right on the sweet spot for an rbi single.