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Alan Van Ness MSBL Lifetime Achievement

Alan Van Ness (Sacramento MSBL)
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The Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball League is the poster child of how to successfully lead an adult baseball organization. They have been an integral part of the MSBL family since the late 80s and currently boast 18+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 60+, 68+, and Father/Son league divisions with enough teams to require a calculator. They are also home to 72 MSBL World Series and 3 Fall Classic national championships, with their first one coming in 1989 in Arizona at the then recently launched MSBL World Series. They haven't stopped yet. 63-year-old Alan Van Ness, along with his stable of helpers, including his wife, Teena, is at the helm of this league, a position he has embraced since 2014. He has helped negotiate their own baseball facility, their own umpire association, and multiple charity-driven tournaments throughout the year, including $1,000 donated to the MSBL-sponsored charity, Tunnels to Towers. Alan was previously honored in 2015 as MSBL Man of the Year, in 2023 as being inducted into the MSBL National Hall of Fame, and was also honored by his own league by being inducted into the SMSBL Hall of Fame in 2018. Fast forward to 2026, and MSBL Founder and President Steve Sigler is now honoring Alan with the prestigious MSBL Lifetime Achievement Award. "This award means I am being recognized for the lifetime of supporting and giving to others," expressed Alan. "It's a recognition of how much support I have received over the three decades of involvement. I have not accomplished anything by myself. As I have always conveyed, my wife, Teena, is the biggest supporter, and this is our reward. The league has recognized her unwavering commitment by inducting her into the SMSBL Hall of Fame. She puts on such wonderful raffles to raise money for the charity we pick each tournament." We have written much about Alan and the Sacramento MSBL over the past 40 years, so it's time for Alan to fill in a few blanks for us. We sent him a questionnaire to learn more about what is important to him and how he makes it work. His responses are laid out below. On a personal note, I have a drawer full of runner-up T-shirts from the MSBL World Series in Arizona, because a Sacramento team showed up in the other dugout. That statement is intended with extreme *(continued on page 2)*



*Sacramento MSBL president, **Alan Van Ness**, receives his Lifetime Achievement award from President and Founder, **Steve Sigler**, before his teams game yesterday at Tempe Diablo.*

Playoff Rounds Start Tomorrow, Several Teams In A Must Win Situation

Participation Divisions Must Bat A Minimum of 14, Unless It's A Make Up Game
By Tom Prendergast

Our playoff rounds start tomorrow in all three divisions. The number of teams that qualify vary in each division. In our 45+ Cactus division a total of 10 teams qualify. The top two teams in each division will advance to the semi-final round in the Upper Cactus playoffs. The next 6 teams will include the third and forth place teams in each division, along with 2 wildcards (the next best records). In the 60+ National division the top two teams will play in the championship game on Friday morning. 60+ Upper Cactus, will include the top four teams from the division. 60+ Lower Cactus will include the next four teams, (5th place thru 8th place). In our 60+ Desert division the top 6 teams will advance, with the Division Winner and the 2nd place team receiving a bye in the first round. In our 75+ division the top 6 teams advance, with the Division Winner and 2nd place finisher, each receiving a bye into the semi0-finals. The 7th and 8th place teams will square off in the 75+ consolation championship game. All week long we've been playing make up games and today is no exception. Eight make up games are scheduled for tonight after 4:00pm, so that will no doubt result in a late night before we can determine which teams advance in 60+ Cactus along with 45+ Cactus divisions. Once these games are completed all of the playoff teams will be posted on the Team Snap App. As well as the WS staff will notify all of the teams.

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admiration. *Congratulations, Alan! Where do you live?* Lincoln, California. *What do you do for a living?* I'm a retired Rocket Technician from Aerojet/Rocketdyne. *When did you begin playing for MSBL and where?* In 1996 for the Sacramento MSBL. *What league are you currently affiliated with?* All 31 Years with the SMSBL. *What age division do you play in and for whom in the league?* On Sunday for the 50+ Cavern Bats & Golden League Giants. *What position(s) do you play?* I mostly pitch and play third base. *What are your family details?* My wife Teena, stepson Levi, stepdaughters Heather and Shelbee, son Justin, and daughter Stacy. We also enjoy 10 grandkids. *Describe your baseball resume, please: (high school, college, pro?)* 1974 Little League State Section 2 Champion - Horseheads, N.Y., 1980 LL Big League Champion, Roseville, CA., 1984-87 Mexican League, Whittier, CA. USMC All-Star. *What is your MSBL World Series, Fall Classic, or other MSBL tournament experience and achievements?* My MSBL World Series involvement started in 1998, and I remain involved. Even through eight surgeries and 2 knee replacements, I have not missed a year. I have been the bridesmaid too many times to list. I finally won a ring in 2015 with the Sacramento Royals. *Whom do you play with in tournaments, and what age division are you in?* I currently manage and play with the 55 Sacramento Rockets, and this year I moved them up to the 60+ age division. In years past, I have been involved with many SMSBL teams, from the 18+ Sac Yankees to the 60+ Sac Royals. *What is the biggest highlight of your MSBL league or tournament play?* My biggest tournament game was a 5-4 loss. I pitched all 10 innings for the SMSBL Auburn Braves in the final 45 Aluminum bat championship versus the Rochester Red Wings. They dominated throughout the pool play. Their coach told me after the 8th inning, "I don't know who will win this game, but those five guys I have from your hometown area in Southern Tier, NY can't believe their own homeboy is shoving it where the sun doesn't shine!" I just laughed and nodded to him. A special league highlight was creating the Sacramento Rockets in 2009 and winning the very first year, knocking off the legendary Sacramento Rivercats/Royals. The Rockets went on to win the next 4 of 5 years. *Are there any individuals you would like to thank for helping your baseball career?* There are many, but none are more important than my wife Teena. I could write a book on how many accomplishments SMSBL has achieved. All of them during my time as President include her involvement. Every award I have ever received is, to me, OUR reward. The baseball person at the top of the list is Steve Sigler. Without his support and his vision, we would not have this baseball league that we are all blessed to enjoy. We wouldn't be a part of this "America's Pastime" in the way we are in MSBL. The Sacramento baseball people who have guided me and advised me are Jim Tyrgrett-DeNuzzi, Lanny Ropke, and Chuck Loseth. I'd like to thank all of the past and current SMSBL Board members, who have supported my vision. *Are there any personal comments you wish to share or any MSBL thoughts?* I have a vision of SMSBL Baseball being self-sustaining. So, I created my own SMSBL Umpire Organization. I don't want to ever feel SMSBL umpire support is out of our control. I'd like to thank Mike Egan and Eric Ferrari for helping create and stabilize this umpiring. We have four leagues and three tournaments with 140 teams. A special thank you goes out to Jason Morris, who has scheduled them all. *Any final thoughts?* I feel God had plans for me after my USMC life. I was in the Long Beach, VA Hospital in October of 1983, and missed my deployment to Japan. I was in Crew Chief training and the 1st mechanic on a CH46 Helicopter. That CH46 crashed November 7th, 1983, in Korea. Master SGT Thomas J O'Halloran filled in my place that day and was one of the four Marines who died. *(continued on page 3)*

	45+ Cactus Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	Sacramento Sox	3	1	0	4	38	35	750%
2	Utah Rockies	3	2	0	2	43	43	600%
3	Baseball BBQ Forkballers	2	1	0	2	44	17	667%
4	Connecticut Navigators	2	2	0	2	47	28	500%
5	Des Moines Bruins	2	2	0	2	36	39	500%
6	UK / Ireland Buccaneers	0	4	0	0	21	67	0%

	45+ Cactus Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	So Cal Monarchs	4	0	0	8	50	15	1000%
2	Utah Pelicans	1	0	0	2	55	29	750%
3	Canadian Angels	1	0	0	2	35	24	667%
4	Sonoma REBL	1	1	0	2	38	42	400%
5	The Tribe	0	1	1	1	36	31	500%
6	Houston Cyclones	0	1	1	1	36	31	125%
7	Colt 45's	0	3	1	1	31	69	200%

	60+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	Boston Wolfpack	4	0	0	8	66	6	1000%
2	Tribute 60's	2	2	0	4	40	30	500%
3	Tulsa Liners	1	3	0	2	18	40	250%

	60+ Cactus Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	Mustangs Baseball Club Red	4	0	0	8	54	19	1000%
2	Mustangs Baseball Club Blue	4	0	0	8	55	23	1000%
3	Yonder Travelers	3	1	0	6	40	28	750%
4	Sonoma County Cardinals	2	2	0	4	42	40	667%
5	Chicago MAXX Cubs	2	2	0	4	25	42	500%
6	Houston Old Stars	2	2	0	4	32	42	500%
7	Waikiki Beach Boys	1	2	0	2	24	20	333%
8	Arizona Stallions	1	4	0	2	35	46	200%
9	Tri Valley Braves	1	3	0	2	40	50	250%
10	Kansas City	1	4	0	2	43	73	200%
11	Arizona Red Sox	0	4	0	0	21	77	0%

	60+ Desert Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	Seattle Pilots	5	0	0	10	94	30	1000%
2	Saskatchewan Sportsmen	3	1	1	7	45	37	700%
3	Sacramento Rockets	3	2	0	6	53	22	600%
4	Colorado Falcons	3	2	0	6	92	66	600%
5	Vegas Blues	2	1	1	5	54	70	625%
6	OKC Classics	2	2	0	4	30	43	500%
7	Connecticut Navigators	2	2	0	4	53	57	500%
8	Westchester Mets	1	2	1	3	33	32	375%
9	60 Vets	0	4	1	1	37	81	100%
10	LA Sharks	0	5	0	0	46	99	0%

	75+ Over Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	Sacramento Tribe	4	0	0	8	34	18	1000%
2	Tri Valley Antiques	3	1	0	6	41	7	750%
3	MBI	3	1	0	6	34	12	750%
4	Chicago Fire	3	1	0	6	23	15	750%
5	OKC Dodgers	2	2	0	4	38	31	500%
6	Arizona Storm	2	2	0	4	29	34	500%
7	PSSBL Aqua Sox	1	2	1	3	16	46	375%
8	Rhode Island Salty Dogs	1	3	0	2	30	28	250%
9	RI / Puerto Rico Cardinals	0	3	1	1	16	42	125%
10	75 Vets	0	4	0	0	11	64	0%



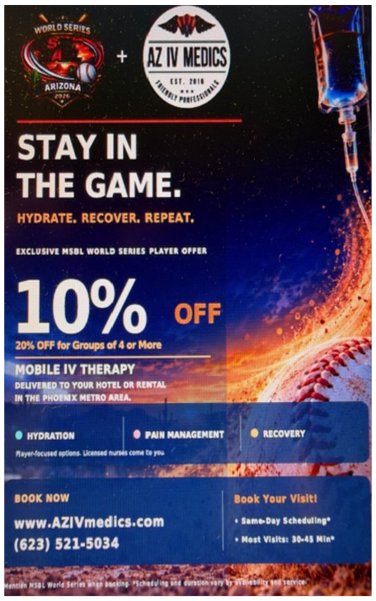
60+ National Division Tribute 60's pitcher, Mike Pankow was on the mound against the Yonder Travelers in his teams 19-7 win yesterday.



*60+ Cactus Division Yonder Travelers batter, **Rob Kluba** clobbered this ball during his teams game yesterday afternoon at the AZ fields.*

2027 MSBL World Series Dates

	Week #1		
75+ Divisions	Sun – Sat	Oct 10th - 16th	5 games
40+ Divisions	Mon – Sat	Oct 11th - 16th	6 games
60+ Divisions	Mon – Sat	Oct 11th – 16th	6 games
25+ Divisions	Wed – Sun	Oct 13th – 17th	5 games
18+ Open Division	Fri – Sun	Oct 15th – 17th	4 games
	Week #2		
55+ Divisions	Sat – Thur	Oct 16th – 21st	6 games
65+ Divisions	Sat – Fri	Oct 16th – 22nd	5 games
73+ Division	Sat – Fri	Oct 16th – 22nd	5 games
35+ Division	Mon – Sat	Oct 18th – 23rd	6 games
Father / Son	Thur – Sun	Oct 21st – 24th	4 games
	Week #3		
70+ Division	Sun – Sat	Oct 24th – 30th	5 games
80+ Division	Mon – Fri	Oct 25th – 29th	5 games
45+ Divisions	Mon – Sat	Oct 25th – 30th	6 games
50+ Divisions	Mon – Sat	Oct 25th – 30th	6 games



45+ Cactus Division 1

Des Moines Bruins	2
Sacramento Sox	9
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Baseball BBQ Forkballers	12
Sacramento Sox	12
Utah Rockies	11
UK / Ireland Buccaneers	10
Connecticut Navigators	4
Utah Rockies	11
Baseball BBQ Forkballers	9
Connecticut Navigators	4
Utah Rockies	6

45+ Cactus Division 2

Houston Cyclones	9
Utah Pelicans	24
Canadian Angels	9
So Cal Monarchs	12
The Tribe	2
Sonoma REBL	8
Sonoma REBL	8
Canadian Angels	12
Utah Pelicans	15
Colt 45's	0
The Tribe	2
So Cal Monarchs	10
So Cal Monarchs	20
Houston Cyclones	3
Colt 45's	8
Sonoma REBL	15

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

60+ National Division

Arizona Stallions	1
Tulsa Liners	7
Sonoma County Cardinals	0
Boston Wolfpack	23
Yonder Travelers	8
Tribute 60's	19
Tulsa Liners	5
Tribute	10

60+ Cactus Division

Mustangs Baseball Club-Red	12
Waikiki Beach Boys	5
Kansas City	2
Houston Old Timers	17
Mustangs Baseball Club-Blue	15
Arizona Stallions	11
Tri Valley Braves	16
Arizona Red Sox	1
Houston Old Timers	4
Mustangs Baseball Club-Red	13
Chicago MAXX Cubs	8
Kansas City	6
Chicago MAXX Cubs	3
Mustangs Baseball Club-Blue	10
Tri Valley Braves	9
Chicago MAXX Cubs	14
Mustangs Baseball Club Blue	23
Arizona Red Sox	3
Tulsa Liners	7
Arizona Stallions	1
Boston Wolfpack	23
Sonoma County Cardinals	0
Yonder Travelers	8
Tribute 60's	19
Mustangs Baseball Club Red	11
Arizona Stallions	2

75+ Division

OKC Dodgers	20
75 Vets	1
Arizona Storm	0
MBI	18
Tri Valley Antiques	19
PSSBL Aqua Sox	2
Chicago Fire	11
Rhode Island Salty Dogs	4
RI / Puerto Rico Cardinals	5
Sacramento Tribe	15

60+ Desert Division

Saskatchewan Sportsmen	3
Seattle Pilots	18
Vegas Blues	18
Colorado Falcons	17
Connecticut Navigators	10
Sacramento Rockets	6
60 Vets	8
Saskatchewan Sportsmen	17
OKC Classics	12
Westchester Mets	8
Seattle Pilots	28
Vegas Blues	9
Colorado Falcons	23
LA Sharks	12

Alan Van Ness (Sacramento MSBL) *(continued from page 2)*

Over the years, I realized I need to use my baseball passion as an avenue to help others. I try to do that in my own league. So, every SMSBL Tournament I try to support a Local or National charity. A few to list: Wounded Warriors, Shriners, Make-A-Wish, Tunnel to Towers, and many others. This year is Sacramento Children's Receiving Home.



*60+ National Division Tribute 60's batter, **Lenny Towle** gets a good look at this pitch and drove it into left field against Yonder.*



*60+ Desert Division Seattle Pilots pitcher, **Mike Mirante** was on the mound at Tempe Diablo Stadium against Las Vegas yesterday.*



*60+ Cactus Division Arizona Red Sox pitcher, **Mike Granmaison** delivers a pitch to the plate during his teams game yesterday.*



*60+ Cactus Mustangs Baseball Club batter, **Mike Williams** gets a good look at this pitch during his teams game at the AZ Athletic fields*



*60+ Desert Division Seattle Pilots batter, **Bob Hope** gets good wood on this ball that he drove into right center field at Tempe Diablo.*



*60+ Cactus Division Waikiki Beach Boys batter, **John Sosa** pulls this ball down the line during his teams game against the Mustangs.*