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AZ Athletic Complex Fields Save The Day!



*60+ National Division Boston Wolfpacks pitcher, **Mike Smith** was on the mound again (third week in a row) facing the Tributes in played at the Arizona Athletic Grounds on Monday.*

Week 3 Games Get Under Way With A Little Help From The Turf Fields

75+ Teams Along With Our 60+ Divisions Start The Pool Play Rounds On Monday
By Tom Prendergast

Maybe you can't fool Mother Nature, so while most of our grass fields needed a day to dry out, the synthetic fields at the Arizona Athletic Grounds complex filled in nicely. Since this complex opened in January 2022, the MSBL has been a mainstay tenant from day one. The facility contains 158 fields and courts across more than 475,000 square feet of indoor fieldhouse space, supporting basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, beach volleyball, soccer, pickleball, cheer, and dance. Outdoor venues include a 2,200-seat championship field, 24 multi-purpose fields (20 turf and four natural grass), 41 pickleball courts with a 1,800-seat shaded championship court, 12 beach volleyball courts, eight baseball and softball diamonds, and a 2.7-acre outdoor event yard. Indoor venues include 50 volleyball courts, 16 basketball courts, six futsal courts, a gymnastics center, a dance studio, a cheer gym and a sports performance center. In 2025, its second full year under new ownership, Arizona Athletic Grounds reported more than 2.8 million visitors, a 16% year-over-year increase, with visitors from all 50 states. Nearly one million visits occurred in the first quarter, driven by tournaments in all sports and ages, including the MSBL World Series. It's located in Mesa, close to the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport. In fact, it's not unusual to see military aircraft flying over the complex. We are incredibly thankful to the AZ staff.

Bob Schiotis MSBL National Hall of Fame
Steve LaMontia-Carlentini
Director of Communications

Bob Schiotis is the president of the Fresno Men's Baseball League. After the league's four team inauguration in 1991 the Fresno MSBL has been built by Bob throughout the years to their current complexion of ten 18+ teams, five 30+ teams and eight in a 50+ division. Fresno is also very active at the MSBL World Series and other national tournaments, as Bob has headed up teams in Arizona and Las Vegas in 50+, 60+ and 65+ divisions throughout the years. Bob is a retired law enforcement professional whose passion is baseball and family and for his attention to duty and attention to detail MSBL Founder and President Steve Sigler has inducted Bob into the 2018 class of the MSBL National Hall of Fame. Below are Bob's comments on receiving this award. "I am greatly honored and thrilled. It has been my pleasure and enjoyment with my participation in the men's baseball league, so I find it hard to believe I am being recognized. The real honor should go to my wife Janet. She is the one that has made the sacrifices while I am doing what I enjoy doing. She has supported me 100% with time and energy as I became an FMBL board member and now president. She has always given me positive encouragement and advice when I know she preferred me to be home instead of managing local and tournament teams that took me out of town. I would like to thank Steve Sigler for all he has done for armature baseball and it is because of him I am blessed with many lasting friendships made while playing in men's baseball. I would also like to thank the following friends: Joe Nichols, who talked me into playing in the FMBL in 1994. The late Bill Beckman. He was my fellow player and roommate at tournaments. He was also the FMBL Treasurer who talked me into being League President and then unexpectedly passed away from cancer a year and a half after I became president. I miss him greatly. The late Jake Klassen talked me into playing for the Grizzlies when I turned 50 and got me involved in tournament play. He managed many tournament teams as well as the Grizzlies team in Fresno. After retiring from baseball he passed away a short time later in a traffic accident. Ralph Andrade is my managing mentor, one of the best hitters our league has seen, (continued on page 2)

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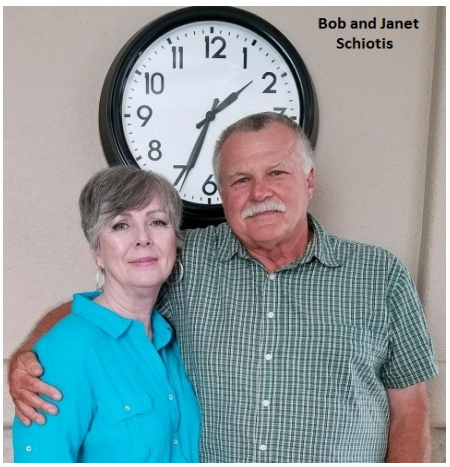
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Bob Schiotis MSBL National Hall of Fame *(continued from page 1)*
and the manager who talked me into managing the Grizzlies locally and in tournaments when he was unable to continue due to Vietnam related Parkinson disease. By watching him manage I learned you must manage with compassion, keeping the players feelings in mind, while always doing your best to win but having fun is more important. Manny Pacheco is the FMBL vice president and assistant manager of the Grizzlies. Without Manny's hard work and support as the league's vice president and assisting with the tournament teams I would have stopped running for league president many years ago. Frankie Fagundes has been one of the commissioners of FMBL 18+ Division for many years. He manages to keep that division going strong. I have never told him, but I know he has the hardest commissioner's job. He runs that division well and has handled many problems, while minimizing the amount of time I had to spend dealing with them. Brothers Doug and Don Plaster are truly an inspiration to every baseball player the way they manage and play. Their work ethics are what every league needs and are always there to help. They open and close several varsity baseball fields, leaving them in excellent condition and ready to play on. Varsity coaches have praised their hard work in taking care of their fields. I could go on but there are just too many to mention, including all the managers that devote their time and efforts to have a team in our league. My life priorities right now after retirement are God, my family, volunteering at the Fresno Police Department, president of the Fresno Men's Baseball League, managing local and tournament baseball teams and then fitting in playing a little bit of bad golf too. I have to mention, I spend a lot of time with my little Yorkie dog, Henry."





	45+ Cactus Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	Baseball BBQ Forkballers	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
2	Connecticut Navigators	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
3	Des Moines Bruins	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
4	Sacramento Sox	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
5	UK / Ireland Buccaneers	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
6	Utah Rockies	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%

	45+ Cactus Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	Canadian Angels	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
2	Colt 45's	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
3	Houston Cyclones	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
4	So Cal Monarchs	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
5	Sonoma Rebels	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
6	The Tribe	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
7	Utah Pelicans	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%

	60+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	Boston Wolfpack	1	0	0	2	10	5	1000%
2	Tulsa Liners	0	0	0	0	00	0	0%
3	Tribute 60's	0	1	0	0	5	10	0%

	60+ Cactus Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	Yonder Travelers	1	0	0	2	14	1	1000%
2	Arizona Red Sox	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
3	Arizona Stallions	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
4	Chicago MAXX Cubs	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
5	Houston Old Stars	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
6	Waikiki Beach Boys	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
7	Tri Valley Braves	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
8	Sonoma County Cardinals	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
9	Mustangs Baseball Club Red	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
10	Mustangs Baseball Club Blue	0	0	0	0	00	0	1000%
11	Kansas City	0	1	0	0	1	14	0%

	60+ Desert Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	Saskatchewan Sportsmen	2	0	0	4	18	4	1000%
2	Seattle Pilots	2	0	0	4	30	10	1000%
3	Colorado Falcons	2	0	0	4	49	21	1000%
4	Vegas Blues	1	0	0	2	18	16	1000%
5	Sacramento Rockets	1	1	0	2	13	5	500%
6	Westchester Mets	1	1	0	2	18	13	500%
7	Connecticut Navigators	0	1	0	0	17	24	0%
8	OKC Classics	0	2	0	0	1	23	0%
9	60 Vets	0	2	0	0	8	38	0%
10	LA Sharks	0	2	0	0	21	39	0%

	75+ Over Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	Sacramento Tribe	2	0	0	4	11	7	1000%
2	Arizona Storm	2	0	0	4	23	8	1000%
3	PSSBL Aqua Sox	1	0	1	3	13	6	750%
4	Tri Valley Antiques	1	0	0	2	7	4	500%
5	Chicago Fire	1	0	0	2	13	11	500%
6	MBI	1	0	0	2	11	13	500%
7	OKC Dodgers	1	0	0	5	16	13	500%
8	RI / Puerto Rico Cardinals	0	1	1	1	9	15	250%
9	Rhode Island Salty Dogs	0	2	0	0	9	15	0%
10	75 Vets	0	2	0	0	9	29	0%

Special Thanks To A Couple MSBL WS Guest Photographers
By Tom Prendergast
Since 1998, I've been producing the WS Daily News. I've taken many action photos. Early on we had Denevi & Jones (they were fantastic) who sent me lots of great pictures. For the last couple of years, Miles Williams has been on the field taking terrific photos. Last year, Dianne Kilmer-Rovner started sending pictures and new this year, Erin Poppe sent some in. I can't thank them enough!



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+ Cactus Division Yonder Travelers batter, **Dave Carter** watches this ball drop for a hit between two Kansas City outfielders Monday*

Photo of the fighter jet flying over the AZ Athletic Grounds fields during our games Monday. Photo courtesy of Diane Klimek-Rovner



*75+ Division OKC Dodgers relief pitcher, **Neil Nadler** came into the game against the Chicago Fire throwing strikes Monday afternoon.*

(Following is an excerpt from a story published on the MSBL website in 2026 following their annual trip)

MSBL Nicaragua Trip Update

Steve LaMontia-Carlentini, MSBL Director of Communications

This is Pat Kelly from the Sacramento MSBL. I'm letting all of my baseball friends know we are making another trip down to Nicaragua in January 2027 to put on baseball clinics and give out baseball gear. We are once again collecting used baseball equipment (gloves, aluminum bats, catcher's gear, helmets, turf shoes, and baseballs) for ages 8-16. *First and foremost, I want to give a shout-out to Hal Young and his late wife, Denise, who are responsible for developing the Worldwide Child Relief Foundation. They developed the Community Center in La Calle Real, where they teach English, computer skills, cooking, health education, special needs, and business development. Some of our proceeds from the trip go to help maintain and support the Community Center. Hal makes numerous trips per year to Nicaragua and is responsible for organizing our annual Goodwill Tour. Our first clinic was about four hours away from the airport, up in a little town called Somoto. They had the mayor come out and welcome us, and said how appreciative they were for us to make the effort to come up there.* *(continued on the next column)*

60+ Desert Division

Colorado Falcons	25
60 Vets	4
Vegas Blues	18
LA Sharks	16
Sacramento Rockets	3
Saskatchewan Sportsmen	5
Seattle Pilots	9
Westchester Mets	5
Colorado Falcons	24
Connecticut Navigators	17
LA Sharks	5
Seattle Pilots	21
OKC Classics	0
Sacramento Rockets	10
Westchester Mets	13
60 Vets	4
Saskatchewan Sportsmen	13
OKC Classics	1

60+ National Division

Boston Wolfpack	10
Tribute 60's	5

60+ Cactus Division

Kansas City	1
Yonder Travelers	14

75+ Division

Arizona Storm	21
75 Vets	8
PSSBL Aqua Sox	5
RI/Puerto Rico Cardinals	5
Tri Valley Antiques	7
MBI	2
Chicago Fire	9
OKC Dodgers	6
Rhode Island Salty Dogs	3
Sacramento Tribe	6
MBI	9
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PSSBL Aqua Sox	8
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75 Vets	8



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Our second clinic was in a stadium in Esteli, where they just finished the winter league playoffs with Leon. These kids were probably the most skilled out of all the places we went. We were honored to have Pedro Ramos, who played for the Yankees and the Senators, come out and watch our clinics. Pedro is 90, and it was fun to have him around at our clinics. Our third clinic was in Telica, where they had a parade for us and took us through the town playing music, and many people came out to welcome us on our way to the baseball field. The highlight of our trip was to spend a day with Dusty Baker and his staff at Roberto Clemente Stadium in Managua. Dusty was the coach for the Nicaragua team, who were going to play in the WBC. We traveled out to Ometepe Island for our final clinic. The kids out there do not get off the Island. It is located between two volcanoes on Lake Nicaragua. The principal of the school was responsible for getting the 34 kids there for our clinic. We took over 800 pounds of used, donated baseball gear down there, which we give away to the kids after our clinics. If the kids were not so respectful and appreciative, this would not have been my fifth trip on our Goodwill Baseball Tour. This year, we will be helping build a baseball field on Ometepe Island. If anyone has any gear to donate or can help with a monetary donation, if they can drop it off at Tempe Diablo, Hal Young or I can pick it up. As many of you know, our group of SMSBL players has held baseball clinics and donated much-needed equipment to children in various cities across Nicaragua for the past five years. Baseball is the national pastime in Nicaragua. Although the country faces significant poverty, the kids share an extraordinary love for the game. We have continued this service thanks to the generosity of players in our league, who have donated equipment and provided financial support. Next January, we plan to return—this time with a slightly different goal. Our goal for next January is to construct that field and conduct an in-depth baseball camp lasting several days. We deeply appreciate your past support and hope you will help us again—both with youth equipment and financial contributions - to make this project a reality. You can contact **Hal Young** at **530-903-5153** for donation details, or email me, **Pat Kelly**, at pkcoach@surewest.net or call me at 916-906-2397.



*60+ Cactus Division Kansas City catcher, **Jessie Aguire** mows down a would be base stealer in his teams game Monday afternoon.*



*75+ Division Chicago Fire pitcher, **Joel Polakoff** was literally "on fire" yesterday against the OKC Dodgers. He picked up the 9-6 win*



*75+ Division OKC Dodgers batter, **Sergio Quintonilla** lines up this pitch and singles to right field against the Chicago Fire on Monday.*



*75+ Division PSSBL Aqua Sox batter, **Gary Toothaker** gets a good look at this high fastball during his teams game against the Vets.*



75+ Division PSSBL Aqua Sox batter, Bob O'Connor puts a charge into this ball and send it over the left fielders head for 2 rbi double.



*60+ Cactus Division Kansas City starting pitcher, **Curtis Press** came into the game throwing BB's in his teams game with the Travelers.*