

DAILY NEWS



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Longtime MSBL / MABL Travel Guru, Rich Rosenblum Passes Away at 80!

By Tom Prendergast

On Saturday July 11th, Rich Rosenblum passed away. He was 80 years old, going on 70! He was the founder of MSBL Travel, and was always on the phone (at least one), making airline or hotel reservations for an impatient client. Which was just fine with Rich, because he was the same way. A huge New York Yankee's fan, Rich had a passion for baseball like no other. A pitcher by trade, Rich was always at home on the mound either in a starting or relief role.

30 years ago, Rich started the Puerto Rico Baseball Tournament, which was usually held around the first weekend in February. He insisted that every team play 5 games, the players certainly enjoyed the weather and the competition. Rich was a constant presence in the MSBL for the last 30 plus years. He took great pride in the hotels he had on the website and visited everyone of them before he would recommend them.

On the Saturday morning that Rich had his stroke, he was having lunch at his kitchen table after coming home from the office. He fell off the stool and hit his head, unable to move his right arm. He called to his wife, Judy, who saw him and called 911. True to form, Rich didn't (continued on page 3)

39 Years And Counting for the MSBL in AZ!



Longtime MSBL manager, **Don DeCordova**, with his wife, **Shari** pick up baseballs and bags for his 9 teams from World Series staffer, **Sam Kayea**. Don's been attending since 1992.

50+ / 70+ Divisions Take Center Stage As the 2026 WS Gets Underway

By Tom Prendergast

Our 50+ and 70+ divisions begin play today with multiple games in and around the greater Phoenix metropolitan area. Thanks to last week's Tropical Storm, Rachel, that really helped to cool the temperatures off in the Valley of the Sun. As a result, this has made our playing Conditions this week even better. In fact, you might need a sweater once the sun goes down.

Last year in our 70+ divisions there was a lot of discussions regarding the type of lead off a base runner could take before the pitch was delivered. And of course, this became a huge distraction both on and off the field. The National Office has solved this issue with a new rule regarding base runners. It reads as follows: NO STEALING IS ALLOWED

A. Runners may still take a lead / B. Base runners cannot break for the next base until either the batter hits the ball, a walk or a wild pitch / C. If a pitcher or catcher attempts a pickoff, the runner MUST return to the previously occupied base before attempting to advance. So this should resolve the issue of base runners taking the huge leads off of first base. The old rule allowed the runner to advance if a pickoff attempt was made. But now, that runner will have to retouch the bag before advancing to the next base, if a pickoff attempt is made. This certainly changes the equation on this issue. / D. If a wild pitch / passed ball goes out of the imaginary home plate circle, runners can advance (including to home) one base only without the catcher chasing the ball. If a runner advances a base and the ball does NOT go out of the imaginary home plate circle, the runner, or runners will be returned to their original base. And with runners on base, the pitcher must pitch from the stretch. If he pitches from the windup, it will be called a balk. No hit and run plays allowed. This is probably a subject that should be included in the home plate discussion with the umpires before the game, with both managers understanding the new rule. This way it won't be an issue once the game begins.



Rich Rosenblum (right) with son, **Michael** and grandson, **Jordan** at a Yankees game.

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Grounds Fields Heads up - if your team has a game on one of the fields at AZ Athletic Grounds No metal spikes can be worn on the turf.

	50+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	Chicago North TSP's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
2	OC Sox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
3	San Antonio Bombers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
4	Yonder Travelers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%

	50+ Mountain Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	Arizona Cubs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
2	Mustangs Baseball Club	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
3	Phoenix Padres	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
4	Rhode Island Salty Dogs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
5	Sacramento Capitals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%

	50+ Cactus Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	Coast to Coast Phillies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
2	Col Springs Thunder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
3	Fresno Hardcor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
4	Hudson Valley Bears	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
5	Nor Cal Pirates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
6	NSEW Connection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
7	Saskatchewan Sportsman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
8	So Cal Indians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
9	Spokane Cubs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
10	Ventura Dodgers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%

	50+ Desert Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	50+ Vets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
2	Silverton Red Sox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%

	70+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	Chicago Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
2	LA Athletics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
3	MBI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
4	Minnesota Bandits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
5	Sacramento Tribe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%

	70+ Cactus Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	Arkansas Diamonds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
2	Berry's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
3	Cal Bears	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
4	Colorado Stars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
5	Long Island Yankees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
6	Pacific Reds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
7	Paladin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
8	Puget Sound Mariners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
9	So Cal Dodgers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
10	US Athletics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%

	70+ Desert Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA	W%
1	70 Vets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
2	71 Vets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
3	Sacramento Pirates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
4	Seattle Mariners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%

HardBall Magazine Introduces the MSBL / MABL to the Country

By Tom Prendergast

In 1986, Steve Sigler was looking for some guys his age to play baseball with. He placed a small advertisement in his local Long Island Newspaper, hoping to form a league with 4 teams. He was pleasantly surprised when more than sixty players responded to his add. The Long Island MSBL was born.

Word started spreading about this new baseball league for adults, 30+ players. Steve started receiving calls from other guys, wanting to know how they could get on an adult baseball team. It wasn't unusual for Steve to spend hours on the phone, at his kitchen table after work, talking to guys about how to start their own league.

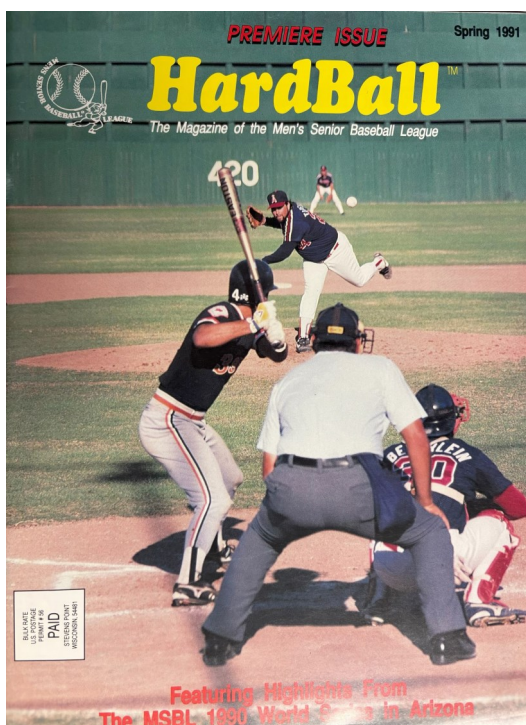
After the 1987 season, Steve turned his attention to expanding the league to a National organization. The first step he took was to create the MSBL World Series. This began modestly enough in the Fall of 1988, with one division for 30+ players and one division for 40+ players. Thirty eight teams participated that first year and the players went home raving about their experience. Word of mouth was good, but it was somewhat limited.

Dan Piro was the President of the North County San Diego MSBL. He and his wife, Jackie had been in the publishing business and he suggested to Steve that he felt like a magazine, devoted to amateur adult baseball players, might be good for the MSBL. After multiple discussions, Dan and Steve agreed on the concept and decided to publish four issues per year. And so, HardBall Magazine was born!

Originally the magazine reported on tournament results, local league stories and championships. Each issue included a message from the Steve Sigler, letters to the editor, a section relating to umpires (Call Em Like You See Em) and a photo contest winner. And each issue had plenty of color picture actions shots from all over the country.

This was long before the internet, and the magazine was mailed out to our members nationwide. This was a huge undertaking, very labor intensive and expensive. But the response from the membership was overwhelmingly positive. It was a hit and guys couldn't wait for the next issue. No expense was spared on the magazine and it showed!

HardBall Magazine took the MSBL to the next level on a nationwide basis. This was a landmark time for our league and the magazine help elevate our league way above any competitor.

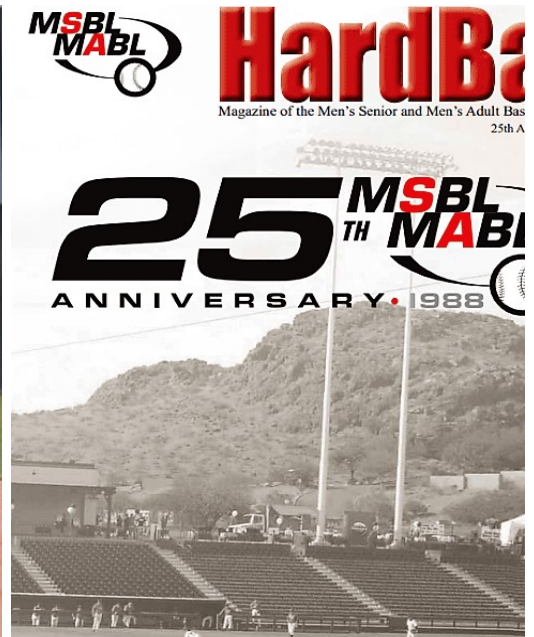
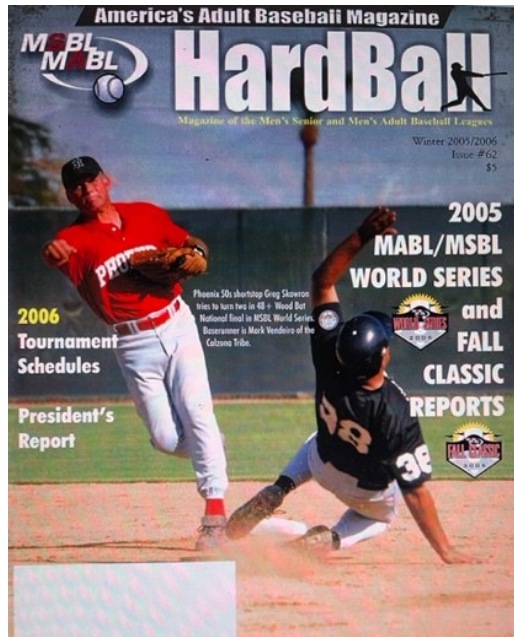


The first issue of the magazine was sent out in the Spring of 1991. Every magazine that the league sent out to the membership looked very professional and included in depth and well written articles of interest to the players in the MSBL all over the country. This was a national publication that included segments from MSBL leagues across the country. In addition to being sent to every player in the league, you could also find copies of the most current HardBall magazines at some of the local book stores and airport magazine stands in NY & CA.

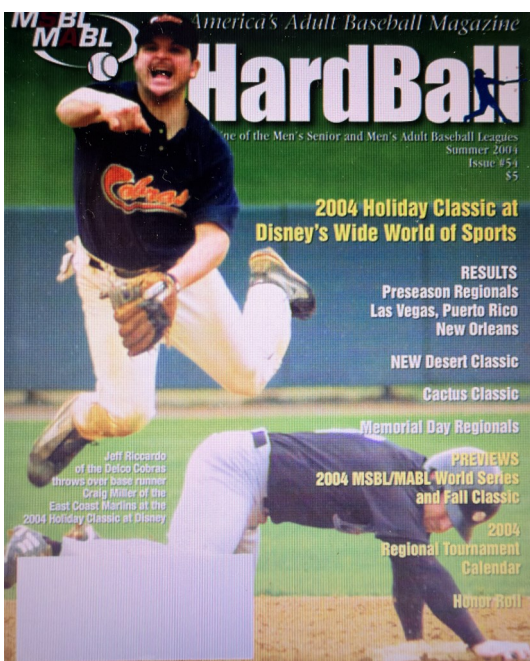
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think the ambulance was necessary and told her they could just drive there. When the paramedics arrived they knew right away that this was serious. Even though Rich was aware of what was going on, his body wasn't responding and the outlook wasn't good. When they arrived at the hospital, the attending doctor told Rich his situation was critical and his only option was surgery. He told him it was 50 - 50 for a complete recovery. As a typical New Yorker, he didn't hesitate for a moment. "Lets do it"! He went out his way and on his terms. He didn't want to live a life in which he couldn't do the things he enjoyed. And at the top of that list was his, wife Judy (of 51 years), his sons Michael and Brian and of course, his grandchildren. The MSBL community will miss him the most, and so will I.

Jackie Piro took over as publisher of HardBall Magazine after her husband and publisher, Dan Piro died of pancreatic cancer in January 2010. In October 2012, she was recognized by the MSBL, for decades of service with *Hardball Magazine's* creation and then later as the Managing Editor along with her enduring legacy in MSBL's national community. Every magazine that Jackie and Dan created was incredibly professional with a Madison Avenue look. Jackie spent countless hours formatting content and painstakingly placing the articles into place, so that the when it was finished, the magazine was flawless. All the while she showed incredible patience and did this with a smile on her face and a song in her heart. She was truly wonderful at her job!

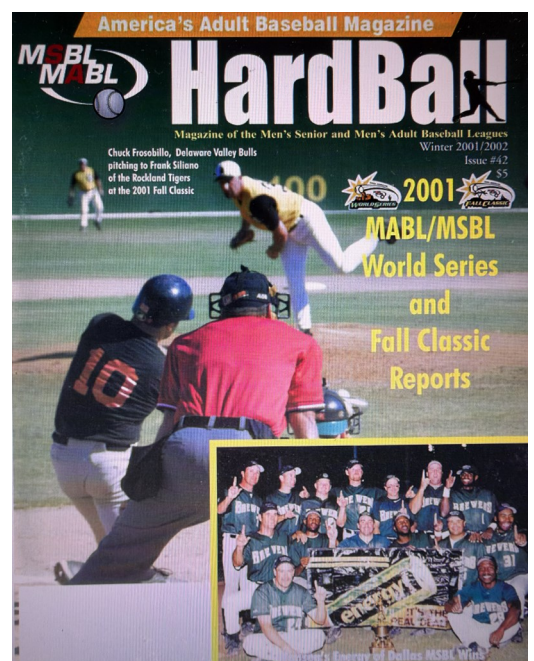
**HardBall Magazine Kept the MSBL Nation Up On What Was Happening**

Since it's first issue in the Spring of 1991, publisher, Dan Piro and editor, David Krival reported on all kinds of topics and issues that were shaping our league across the country. The league was growing at a tremendous pace and Dan and David were on a mission to let the rest of the MSBL community know what was going on. From the 3 generations of DiMaria's (in Chicago), to a player who died on the field during a game, Dennis Viegas (Sacramento) to a player who donated his kidney to a player from another team. Before the internet, the latest issue of HardBall Magazine was a highly anticipated event and guys would be talking about what they read with their buddies before every game.



Jackie Piro Huyck received her MSBL National Hall of Fame award from President and founder, **Steve Sigler**. Without a doubt, HardBall Magazine, under Jackie's guidance, maintained the high standards that was present from the very first issue in the Spring of 1991.

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