



SOFTBALL PLAYER PROFILE: TIM STOCK

By Larry Wolfe

Born in Torrance and raised in Fullerton, Tim Stock is a true Californian. He graduated from Sunny Hills High where he was an All-League goalie for the Lancers' water polo team and a varsity tennis player. (Sunny Hills has one of the top water polo programs in the nation, at one point winning their league championship for 22 consecutive years.)

Tim then earned a business degree in economics and marketing at the College of Idaho, a liberal arts school, before returning to California and obtaining his MBA at Pepperdine in Malibu. Tim met his beautiful bride-to-be, Karen, while they were both students at the College of Idaho. While there, Tim was a varsity cheerleader for the Coyotes' football and basketball teams, which allowed him to travel with the teams throughout the Great Northwest.

His professional career began at Idaho Power in Boise, but he soon returned to California where he spent over twenty years at Hughes Aircraft in Fullerton. When Hughes was acquired by Boeing, he transferred to a subsidiary in El Segundo that worked on DirecTV and XM satellites. From there it was on to Anaheim, where he managed Boeing's Orbital Sciences Corporation subcontract that was involved in the manufacturing and launching of missile defense system satellites.

Tim “commuted” from Anaheim to Chandler for awhile before Boeing transferred him here to work on-site as their project manager at the Orbital Sciences facility in Chandler. It seems as if Tim spent a good part of his professional life working on things that are “out of this world,” which may help explain some of Tim’s personality traits!!

Tim and Karen lived in Ahwatukee before retiring and relocating to Sun Lakes in 2007. It was then that Tim began his senior softball career at the Field of Dreams. He’s just completed his second season, hitting a robust .586 and playing solid defense as an outfielder for the State Farm Insurance team. He also plays in the new Saturday League.

Although Karen excels at golf and Tim enjoys scuba diving with his son, Brandon, snow skiing is their first love. Each winter, the Stocks leave the relative warmth of Arizona to ski for a month or so in the McCall, Idaho area where they own a cabin. They’ve also taken skiing trips to Europe and have enjoyed the slopes of Zermatt, Switzerland near the Matterhorn, Val d’Isere in the French Alps (where they skied with the father of the great Jean-Claude Killy), and various areas in Austria. Tim and Karen are not your ordinary “ski resort skiers;” they ski off-piste, which means they ski in sparsely-inhabited rural regions over unmarked slopes (or pistes) in pursuit of the unspoiled scenery and fresh powder. Sounds exciting, but a little scary!

If that isn’t enough for a full retirement life, add couples golf and membership in the Rotary, Sun Lakes Shrine and Camera Clubs. Do I hear three cheers for the old cheerleader?!