



## WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016 PREVIEW:

Our Coverage Includes the  
US National Games List and a Calendar of Events

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### East, West Winners to Rumble

Top teams in the East battled to represent their region in Raleigh, while their counterparts in the West vied for regional honors in Sacramento.

The winners of the Eastern Nationals will play the winners of the Western Nationals in a one game winner-take-all National Championship Game during the World Masters Championships in Las Vegas.

Teams winning the US National Game and the World Masters win the coveted Triple Grand Slam.



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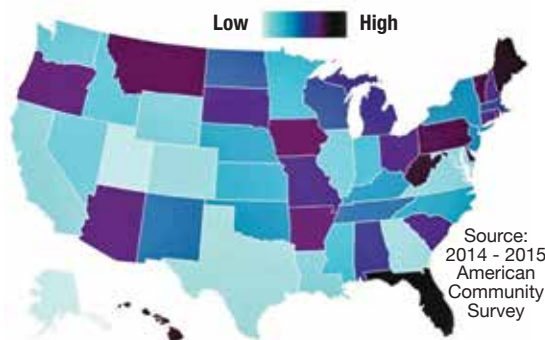
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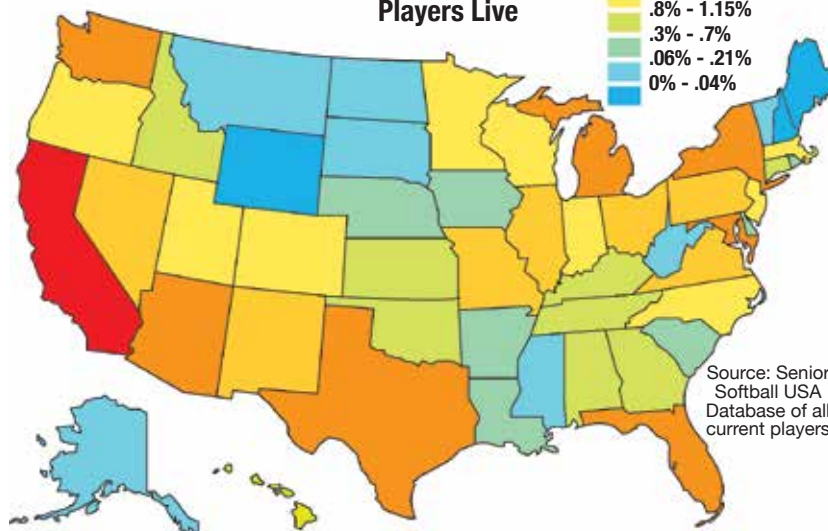
People are living longer, but many also are suffering from chronic health problems. Some lucky people – like those playing softball at age 85 -- are not only living longer, but much more importantly, they are liv-

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# News Briefing

## CARL'S CORNER

By Carl Gustafson

### A Life Lesson

Writing about wives is like tip-toeing through a mine field. A long tail cat in a room full of rocking chairs has nothing on me.

But this story is just too tempting a subject. At the first tournament I organized and ran, I had a team with at least half a dozen wives drinking cognac in the stands screaming obscenities in this order: first at the poor umpire, then at the other team who hadn't brought any wives to defend them; next at their own oblivious husbands who seemed to be quite used to it, and then finally they turned on each other because one of them held her pet cat in her lap, and another one had a dog on a dropped leash that chased the cat onto the field.

When the umpire tried to grab the dog, it bit him on the thigh.

As tournament director, it was my job to do something. I'd rather face down Clint Eastwood than six drunk wives. But I took a breath and marched over to the biggest one. I thought I saw a tattoo of Attila the Hun on her bicep.

I knew that if I said the wrong thing, fire would ignite the alcohol in her throat and she would spew flames at me with medieval intentions. So I swallowed hard and said with all the courage I could muster:

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## 10 To Be Inducted Into HOF

### Softball News Report

The National Senior Softball Hall of Fame class of 2016 has been announced and those to be inducted in Las Vegas during the World Masters Championships include some of the most well-known participants in the sport.

Included in the class are the founder of the first 85 team in the sport (Hugh Brotherton), one of the key Las Vegas Senior Softball Association organizers of the World Masters Championships (Bob Gregorich), and one of the leading players in the Northeast and a SSUSA National director (Michael Boone).

In total, five players, one manager and four pioneers in the sport will be inducted at the WMC this year.

Those honored include:



Photos Courtesy of NSSHOF

### Hugh Brotherton Pioneer Player

Senior Softball USA chief executive officer Terry Hennessy calls Brotherton "a true pioneer in our sport, an excellent player and manager – and a wonderful ambassador for all of us." Here's what many

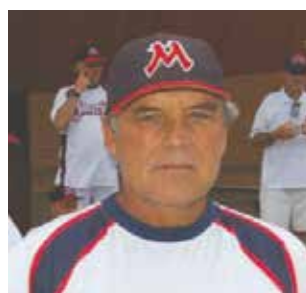
others said of Brotherton:

"When Hugh comes to the ballpark, he comes with unbridled enthusiasm, a positive attitude, and ready to give 100 percent to the team." – Jack Hudson

"Hugh has been an outstanding member of The Center for Sight team for years – on and off the field." – Norman Ellis

"Hugh has the most amazing spirit and a pure love of the game. His career in softball speaks for itself, winning multiple national and world championships." – Fran Dowell

"He hits a long ball, runs well, and plays his defensive position well. In addition, he does a super job of pitching." – Hal Olver



### Mike Trusty Manager

The Riverside, Calif., resident has been in senior softball for 12 years and has won 19 world or national championships. He manages Summy's 55, a Major Plus team that won the SSUSA Triple Crown. It was his second Triple Crown.

Ken Lipinski said that

"Mike's on field managerial abilities start with his eye for recognizing talent. His success has been proven by bringing together such talent, mixed personalities and coaching them to act like a team, play like a team and win like a team. Mike is known and respected not only by his team but throughout the country as a class act and standup guy who loves this sport."



### Michael P. Boone Player

The Middlesex, N.J., resident has played senior softball for 10 years starting with Promotion Sportswear before creating Sweet Construction Co. out of New Jersey at the Major level.

H.P. "Dutch" Detwiler Jr., 2010 NSSHOF Inductee, says "Mike's performance in Senior Softball has been exceptional in all areas and he is one of the most recognized players on and off the field."

David Barnes, NSSHOF Class of 2013 goes on to say, Michael is an outstanding hitter and gifted middle infielder which contributes to his team's success.

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## Pre-Swing Motion Creates Added Bat Speed

By Art Eversole

Here's a quick tip for improving your hitting before you step into the batter's box: Add a pre-swing action so the bat will feel lighter allowing you to swing faster, be able to wait longer, and be quicker to the ball with more power.

So what makes the bat feel heavy and to swing slower? As we know the majority of the bat's weight is in the barrel region. The farther the bat barrel is away from your hands, the heavier the bat will feel.

One way to make the bat feel heavy is to place it straight back behind your head in a level position. Don't let the bat rest on the shoulder when assuming your ready position to hit. Again this heavier feeling is due to the majority of weight being toward the end and particularly if the bat is end-loaded. To swing at the ball from this position requires a large overcoming of inertia of the weight of the bat.

Hitting experts refer to this pre-swing phenomenon as the unweighting of the bat that comes prior to the actual swing. Others may see this action as the proverbial hitch in the swing or a timing mechanism which sometimes carries a bad connotation.

There are two basic ways to make the

bat feel lighter before you swing:

- 1) Moving your bat to an almost vertical position unweights the bat,
- 2) When striding forward into the ball with a weight transfer; this also unweights the bat as it's in motion moving forward toward the pitcher.

Understand that a batter can start in the flat behind the head bat position as long as when during the pre-swing the bat is tipped up toward a vertical position. This action will make the bat feel lighter during the batter's windup motion. The pre-swing movement makes the bat feel lighter due to the center of mass of the bat being brought closer to your body when it's in the vertical position.

Here's a real life example to help understand how the bat feels heavier when the barrel is held horizontally: Try holding and extending a straw broom out in front of your body while gripping it from the end of the handle. Then ask a friend to place a small brick on the broom's straw area while you're still holding the broom. You'll get a real sense of the extra weightiness than just holding the brick in your hand.

When taking your swing try and create a rhythm by wagging the bat around and moving it to nearly a vertical position.

This action is performed as you wind up and deliver the bat to the incoming ball. Also, don't step away from your hands when you stride, but let your hands travel with your body toward the pitcher. This technique also is putting the bat in motion overcoming stationary inertia.

Remember, a stationary holding position of the bat without the pre-swing activity will make it much more difficult to get the bat up to your maximum bat speed as you're battling the bat's inertia properties. Performing this pre-swing action and technique will allow you to actually swing faster as you free up the dead weight of the bat. Increasing bat speed will add exit speed to your hits making for more base hits and long bombs.

So, if you want to swing faster, you must free up the barrel by wagging it like in golf before address and bringing it to near vertical during the pre-swing. The purpose here is to get your bat moving before you begin your body rotation which begins after the front foot has landed. We don't want to begin the swing to the ball from a complete bat standstill which will result in a slower swing to the ball.

Happy hitting.

# HOF: Littlejohn, McLamb, Nevis, Ahal Elected

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Don Brooks, SSUSA national director, says that Boone “has over the years, not only as a player, but also as a manager, has continually demonstrated a sincere love, knowledge, and above all, the respect for the game.”



## Bob Gregorich Player

The Henderson, Nev., resident began playing Senior Softball with teams such as Venture Bank and Ruth Realty.

In 2005 Bob moved to Las Vegas and began playing with Tharaldsons, Las Vegas Elks, Arizona Heat, Las Vegas Pirates and Stark Street Pizza. Bob also managed from 2007 thru 2014 the Las Vegas Elks, Las Vegas Pirates and the Stark Street Pizza teams winning several national championships.

“Bob was a key member of the LVSSA Board who served on the steering committee that combined the LVSSA and SSUSA for both the very successful WMC and the Southwest Championships,” said Terry Hennessy, SSUSA’s CEO.

Russ Curtis says of Bob, “Bob is the ultimate team player, who can play any position, and will bat anywhere in the lineup without complaint. He is a .700-.750 hitter that runs for other players.”



## Rick Littlejohn Player

The Olympia, Wash., resident has played senior softball for 14 years starting with the Ruth Realty team in 2000.

Jim Hornus, past manager of the Ruth team says of Rick, “I’ve had the opportunity of playing with and against Rick many times. He is the total ballplayer, offense and defense, he can do it all. As a coach, you couldn’t ask for a better team player. He’s always willing to give up playing time so others can get in the game, doesn’t care where he bats in the lineup.”

Joe Franco says of Rick, The Ruth teams he played on were among the best in the Northwest, and several won World Championships.



## James McLamb Player

He has played senior softball for 17 years starting with Dan Smith Softball out of California. He then played with the Florida Crush. He continued his Senior Softball career with the Carolina Cobras.

In 2005 James joined

Countrywide, which evolved into Turn-Two and then Hamel’s Superior Softball.

Ron Sandy, a former coach, said “James is an outstanding pitcher who has complete command of the game when he is on the mound. He is an extremely skilled defensive pitcher.” Bruce Springstead, having played with him and against him said that James has a way of making the game look simple and always has an encouraging word of advice to make to improve the play of his teammates.

Don Clatterbough points out that James is a devoted player and team leader. James exhibits sportsmanship, character, and class in all aspects of his life that he leads by his Christian example.



## Bill Nevis Player

The Elk Grove, Calif., resident has played senior softball for 21 years, starting with the Sacramento Golden Seniors.

He played his first World Championship in Salt Lake City in 1997, where he was voted best Offensive and Defensive Player.

Over the years Bill has played on numerous teams and has won All Tournament awards and championships. In 2014 and 2015, while playing with the Omen 70 team, Bill won back to back Senior

Softball Triple Crowns.

Tom Avery, manager of the Omen 70 team, says of Bill, “Not only does he have a great glove, but also is one of our leading hitters. He is the player you build a team around and wish you had a whole bunch more of Nevis’s on your team.”

Tom Best says of Bill, “Bill is considered one of the best, if not the best, shortstop in 70 senior play. He has great range and a powerful throwing arm.”



## Bob Ahal Pioneer Player

“Bob Ahal has been a great example of some of the very best aspects of senior ball, sportsmanship and dedication to developing the sport. He has been a driving force for our sport in Arizona,” says Terry Hennessy, National Senior Softball Hall of Fame delegate.

“Bob’s commitment to the sport is evident in his contributions to senior softball over a 25+ year career as a player and team manager. Many players participate solely for the enjoyment of the sport. Few, however, enjoy a 25-years career and fewer yet take on the responsibility and commitment that Bob has during this time,” says delegate Greg Maas.

“I have had the oppor-

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# HOF: Schiebel, Williams Named

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tunity to play as a teammate with Bob on several National Championship teams and he always delivered including the 2009 Triple Crown in the 70 Major Plus Division, said Harry Heller, a member of the 2014 Hall of Fame Class.



## Mel Schiebel Pioneer Player

Schiebel has played senior softball for 18 years and currently is with the Sun City Sidewinders.

He was a softball ambassador to Germany in 2002 and has been recognized in various tournaments with 31 medals, five World Series

rings and two watches. He has played for several teams in Arizona and helped raise \$252,000 to build a club house and scorers booth, helped acquire building materials recruited sponsors to raise money for league operations.

His manager said Mel is a consistent .650 - .750 hitter and "most of his hits are for extra bases. He has an uncanny ability to find the gaps. He is a clutch player and has won more games for us than any other player."



## Roger Williams Pioneer Player

He has played Senior Softball since 1988 and his

fellow players and managers note that he "has dedicated his entire senior life to excellence in senior softball. He has played with teams from Oregon, Nevada and California.

Here's what his fellow players and managers have to say:

"His level of perfection on the field is not obtained by chance or assumption. Roger has earned it by the way he plays the game.

As an opponent, I marveled at Roger's skills on the diamond. He was consistently on-base, generally after extra-base hits earned through his speed and heads-up alertness. Now as a teammate, I agree he falls in the category of a "five-tool" player. He has no weaknesses.

More than anything else, Roger is a team player, always positive, and fun to be around. He will bring even more class to the NSSHoF."

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# Financial Choices Change With Age

By Jack Sirard

If there's one thing that becomes abundantly clear as we get older, time just seems to fly by. And while we're still in September, it won't be long before the holidays are here. And then we'll be rapidly rolling into 2017.

The first of the year is usually the time when people start thinking about their finances ... and all the changes they'll be making. But as often as not, they lose their momentum as they recuperate from the holidays.

For that reason, I think now is a good time to take a

look at your investments and to have a plan of action ready once the new year arrives.

The first thing I'd look at is your 401(k) investment plan. Whether you're still working or not, your 401(k) needs annual attention. I don't know how many people I've talked to over the years that opened a 401(k) at work, made some thoughtful investment decisions and have never made another change.

Some of these people have several hundred thousand dollars in their plans, but haven't made any change whatsoever in 20 years or

more. The danger here, investment advisers say, is that while those investment choices you made way back when were good for you at the time, you're a LOT older now and likely don't want to be in the same investments today. If, for instance, you decided to allocate 60 to 80 percent of your 401(k) to stock funds when you were 45, you most likely want to take a far more conservative approach now that you're 65.

So what you need to do is to look at your last statement and see exactly where you

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# Opinions & Letters

## Why We Do It

This month the largest senior single-sport tournament in America begins in Las Vegas.

The LVSSA/SSUSA World Masters Championships will attract 15,000 players and their friends and families from almost every state in The Union.

This production has taken the better part of the year to plan and will take thousands of hours of labor to implement.

Why do we do it?

The first response from teams paying \$745 entry fees is usually, "It's all about the money."

Wrong. Very wrong.

Certainly there is a return of monetary investment for both LVSSA and SSUSA, but it not the driving force behind this event.

The driving force is the determination of each association – LVSSA and SSUSA – to produce the biggest and best tournament in the sport.

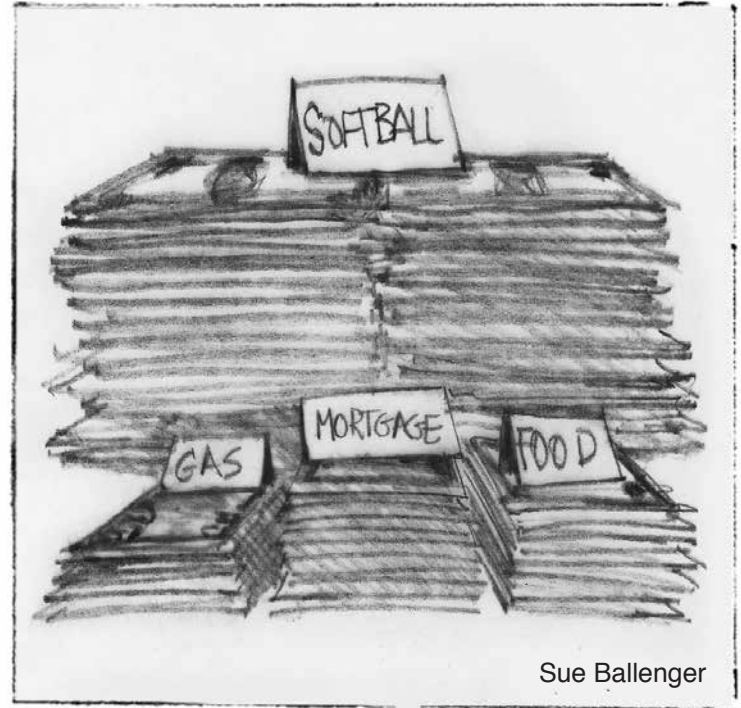
Why?

It's not simple pride, although we are very proud of the World Masters Championships.

A tournament of this size attracts national and international attention for the sport, which helps grow the sport throughout America and the world.

We love this game and want to see it expand so that every senior has the opportunity to play.

So it boils down to love of the game.



Sue Ballenger

### Keeping Life in Perspective

And we would like to thank every player and fan who participates in this event and helps spread the word about the sport we love.

- - Terry Hennessy

## Awareness + Prevention = CAN-Sirs Team

As we begin the fall season, CAN-Sirs had only moderate success in promoting our team and expanding our message. We partnered with SSUSA for the CAL-Cup and entered the Western Open. That was pretty much our season.

My illness during this year was part of the reason for the lack of pursuing our mission. I was rushed to the hospital during the 2015 Western Open, but after several hospitalizations and tests, nothing was discovered. I was experiencing loss of balance and sudden paralysis from the



### CAN-SIRS CORNER

By Pete Davignon

waist down.

Doctors thought I was having seizures and I was prescribed four different medications which as it turns out only caused me further

problems. After being taken off the meds I have not had any further physical problems.

The legacy of the drugs put me in a state of apathy that along with depression, I was unable to function. Since we are a small organization run by my wife Vicki and I we were unable to pursue our mission very well.

I want to thank Gil Correa for taking on the task of managing the team. Greg Leur-gans was helpful in recruiting players and Denny Weisgerber took care of the jerseys and equipment. I especially want to thank Terry Hennessy who

quarterbacked the whole season for the CAN-Sirs.

I wish to thank our friends for their continued support and to apologize that I was unable to move forward with the CAN-Sirs awareness and prevention programs.

It is still our intention to proceed with the CA-Sirs mission and with your continued help, we can succeed.

If anyone has any stories or information that you would like to share, email us at can-sirs@att.

It would be great if some of your local senior softball

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## CAN-Sirs: Be the Change

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teams chose the CAN-Sirs as their team name. It would keep our awareness program as a reminder for the whole league. We would be happy to do what we could to help sponsor the team. Several unsponsored teams have taken CAN-Sirs as their jerseys.

We encourage you to keep exercise and diet as part of your off season. You can find excellent conditioning exercises and helpful health hints on our website.

And finally, it is becoming difficult to raise funds to support our activities. We encourage you to make a donation to our cause.

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## Carl: Wives Right

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"Would you mind if I had a drink of your cognac?" Hey I'm not stupid, if you can't whip 'em, join 'em.

But it worked. Everyone started laughing and they offered me the bottle. I begged off the alcohol, but we got through the game in subsequent good humor.

Although I used a smidge of poetic license, this actually happened. And the drunken wives' team won the game. The moral of the story is — whatever your wife tells you, it is.

## Softball News Report

RALEIGH, N.C. — Fifty-nine teams from 14 states competed in the 2016 Eastern National Championships at Walnut Creek Softball Complex. Winners of each division began the first leg of the Triple Grand Slam, which includes winning either the Eastern or Western National Championship, the USA National Championship game and the World Masters Championship.

### Here are the Winners:

MidAtlantic Elite 40's (VA) (TOC/USA Men's 40 Major), Superior 40's/Potomac Sports (MD) (USA Men's 40AAA).

Team USA (MD) (TOC/USA Men's 50-Major Plus), Ohio Elite (TOC/USA Men's 50-Major), Mizuno RB Lawncare (NC) (TOC/USA Men's 50AAA)

Combat Next Level (NC) (TOC/USA Men's 55 Major-Plus), Triangle Masters (NC)



(TOC/USA Men's 55 Major), Old Stars (IL) (USA Men's 55AAA), Longshoremen 55 (VA) (TOC/USA Men's 55AA).

Hollis Appraisals (FL) (TOC/USA Men's 60 Major-Plus), Carolina Cobras 60 (NC) (TOC/USA Men's 60 Major), Northern Virginia Force (TOC/USA Men's 60AAA), Syracuse Cyclones 60 (NY) (TOC/USA Men's 60AA).

Hamel Builders (VA) (TOC/USA Men's 65 Major-Plus), HermTech (MA) (TOC/USA Men's 65 Major), Northern Virginia Force 65 (TOC/USA Men's 65AAA), Code Electric/Oaks Cobras (USA Men's 65AA).

Venom (FL) (USA Men's 70 Major-Plus), Syracuse Cyclones 70 (NY) (TOC/USA Men's 70AAA).

Carolina Blue Sky's (NC) (TOC/USA Men's 75AAA).

Florida Investment Properties (USA Men's 80 Major).

Kryptonite (FL) (TOC/USA Women's 40 Major), Northern Construction Fireballs (MA) (USA Women's 40AAA).

Dreamgirlz (VA) (TOC/USA Women's 50).

These teams will be representing the East at the US National Championship Games during the World Masters Championships if they choose to participate and continue their journey towards the Triple Grand Slam.

For complete division wrap-ups, please [CLICK HERE](#)

## Eastern Nationals All Tourney Players Named

### 2016 Eastern National Championships All Tournament Players:

Men's 40 Masters Gold: MidAtlantic Elite 40's: Butch Cummings, Bob Fair, Tony Liberto, Travis White;

Men's 50 Major-Plus: Team USA: Verdell Blackston, John Casner, Mike Dill, Ernie Donaldson, Ron Wenrich Jr.; TSC Miken Reloaded: Calvin Butcher, Harold Kelley, Calvin McCrary, Myron Usher;

Men's 50 Major: Ohio Elite: Joe Ausec, Gary Lecker, Tim Linson, Mike Negray, Kelly Ratcliff;

Men's 55/60 Major-Plus: Hollis Appraisals: Chip Cregar, Jeff Frey, Horace Jefferson, Lawrence Reedus Jr., Dave Royalty;

Men's 55 Major: Florida Automated Shade 55: Dennis Birgstahler, Mike Hart, Dave Howells, Brett Porche;

Men's 55 Silver: Precision Ford: Pete Creech, Johnny Dixon, Rodney Farlow

Men's 60 Major: Carolina Cobras 60: Billy Cameron, Don Clatterbough, Gary Ellison, Ron Sandy, John Scruggs; Hanning-ton's 60's: Joseph D'Abreu, Tom Hagist, Curt Snow, Tony Vodola

Men's 60AAA: Reality Check: Kim Dolphin, Haywood Edmonds, Larry Long

Men's 60AA: Syracuse Cyclones: Ralph Bondi, Jim Daniels, Mark Girolamo, John Maxwell, Mark Merrell;

Men's 65 Major-Plus: Hamel Builders: Danny Ballard, Billy Cameron, Ronnie Collins, Andrew Pete Smith, Tommy Tudor; Team Florida: Ed Carrington, Harold Jones, Rocky Scott, Tony Vodola

Men's 65AAA: Spicer Properties 65: Joe Fry, JR Knott, Pat Murphy

Men's 65/70 Silver: Syracuse Cyclones 70's: Ed Bergamini, Dan Dillon, Rich Faia, Milo Richmond, Bob Wood; Code Electric/Oaks Cobras: Dannie Deans, Sherwood Driver, Buddy Gore, Rick Royals; Bailey Talent Cavaliers: Ralph Conlin, Wayne Glass, Chuck Winchester

Men's 75/80 Gold: Carolina Blue Sky's: Al Avant, Al DiMillio, Ken Hagan, Donald Morton, Olive Yates Jr.; Florida Investment Properties: Al DeWerth, Robert Johnson, Frank Murth, James Duffie Stone

Women's 40 Masters Major: Sweet Ladies Softball: Laura Grunert, Cathy Nico-demus, Cary Outland, Nikki Palakovic



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# Western Nationals Light up Sacramento Area

## Softball News Report

SACRAMENTO – The 2016 Western National Championships attracted 112 teams playing in four facilities (Sacramento Softball Complex, Maidu Regional Park – Roseville, Hal Bartholomew Sports Park – Elk Grove and Fosskett Regional Park – Lincoln).

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### Here are the winners:

Prestige/Elite Orange (CA) (TOC/USA Men's 40 Major-Plus), Damaged Goods (CA) (TOC/USA Men's 40 Major).

Sommerville Softball (CA) (TOC/USA Men's 50 Major-Plus), L.A.F. 50/DeMarini (CA) (TOC/USA Men's 50 Major), Dead Sailors (WA) (TOC/USA Men's 50AAA), Horn Softball (CA) (USA Men's 50AA).

Summy's 55 (CA) (TOC/USA Men's 55 Major-Plus), D&K Tradition (CA) (TOC/



USA Men's 55 Major), So Cal Guys 55's (CA) (TOC/USA Men's 55AAA), Pastimers (WA) (TOC/USA Men's 55AA).

Old Dawgs 60 (CA) (TOC/USA Men's 60 Major-Plus), Tri-C-Machine (CA) (TOC/USA Men's 60 Major), Lincoln Hills Coyotes 60 (CA) (TOC/USA Men's 60AAA), Scrap Iron 60's Rockies (CO) (TOC/USA Men's 60AA).

Timberworks Construction (CA) (TOC/USA Men's 65 Major-Plus), Animals (CA) (TOC/USA Men's 65 Major), Over the Edge (CA) (TOC/USA Men's 65AAA), Sacramento Buds (CA) (USA Men's 65AA).

Scrap Iron Legacy (CO) (TOC/USA

Men's 70 Major-Plus), California Wrecking Crew (TOC/USA Men's 70 Major), Game On (CA) (TOC/USA Men's 70AAA).

San Francisco Seals (CA) (TOC/USA Men's 75 Major-Plus), Scrap Iron Beams (CO) (TOC/USA Men's 75 Major), Kokopelli Eye Scorpions (AZ) (TOC/USA Men's 75AAA).

Fairway Ford (CA) (TOC/USA Men's 80 Major), Sacramento Gold (CA) (USA Men's 80AAA).

Old School 40's (CA) (TOC/USA Women's 40 Major), Smack That (CA) (TOC/USA Women's 40AAA).

Arizona Dream Team (TOC/USA Women's 50).

These teams will be representing the East at the US National Championship Games during the World Masters Championships if they choose to participate and continue their journey towards the Triple Grand Slam.

For complete division wrap-ups, please [CLICK HERE](#)

## Western National Championships All Tourney Players Named

### 2016 Western National Championships All Tournament Players:

Women's 40 Major: **Kiss Our Stix:** Patti Albrecht, Cynthia Dominguez, Laura Rider, Becky Robertson

Women's 40AAA: **Smack That:** Stefanie Acton, Patricia Doty, Jonnie Reeves, Rona Stanley, Trina Valencia

Men's 50 Major-Plus: **Doerflinger/DeMarini:** Lamon Bradshaw, Todd Deck, Brett Kreuger

Men's 50 Major: **L.A.F. 50/DeMarini:** Chip Brakeville, Matt Dobyns, Donnie Hudson, John Patterson, Dave Thompson; **Nor Cal Warriors:** Mark Carmichael, John Gibbs, Anthony Maze

Men's 50AAA: **Dead Sailors:** John Clasey, Jeff Colwell, Lorin Dalesky, John Feters, Jeff Small; **Pacific Coast Alliance:** Doug Cherry, William Heriford, Kenny Levey, Lawson Williams

Men's 55 Major-Plus: **MTC 55's/Dudley:** Dan Arevalos, Scott Becker, Darin Idler, Gary Robertson; **Northwest Legends:** Steve Buettner, Ken Childress, Steve Leighton, Mike Reeder

Men's 55 Major: **D&K Tradition:** Bert Cochran, Tim Deering, James McCaffrey, Elecio Rosales Jr., Jack Zoani

Men's 55AAA: **So Cal Guys 55's:** Den-

nis Cabana, John Evans, John Steve Grassbaugh, Charles Hopkins, David Rodriguez; **Southern California Braves:** Art Estrada, Ron Larriau, Dave Martinez, Matt Palmer; **Senior Bend Elks:** Ray O'Rear, Greg Shaddix, Dan Thompson

Men's 60 Major-Plus: **Old Dawgs 60:** Ron Beck, Chris Dayak, Brad Drennan, Elwin Jobe, Bryan Lowry; **Top Gun Elite:** Joel Hawk, Steve Vincurek, James Walker III, Scott Wolters

Men's 60 Major: **TRI-C-Machine:** Frank Catomerisios, David Gonzales, Emilio Lobato, Rogers Sanders, Mel Tennyson; **Goodman Racing:** Reggie Bonn, Steve Evert, Gary Kearney, Marc Stock; **Elite/SCS:** Bob Bainbridge, Larry Giese, Tim Ryan

Men's 60AAA: **Lincoln Hills Coyotes:** Mike Hilton, Hal Kastner, Steve Lambert, Henry Mutz, Jim Stapleton

Men's 60AA: **Fresno Mayhem:** Sammie Ayers III, Gary Hains, Bruce Neiman, Darryl Steagall

Men's 65 Major-Plus: **Enviro-Vac Marauders:** Ed Andrews, Ron Beck, Ross Evison, Jim Klassen; **Omen 65:** Rick Mansker, Billy Steele, Dan Walsworth

Men's 65 Major: **Animals:** Tom Clarke, Dave Conley, Gary Garcia, Jim Martin, Larry Starkey; **NorCal STIXX:** Joe Daniel, Gopher

Gold, Fred Lowndes, Tom Westrup; **Scrap Iron/Phiten:** Randy Huls, Sebastian Muzio, Bruce Stricklett

Men's 65AAA: **Scrap Iron Diamonds:** Jesus Bencomo, Mike Boulter, Hal Meyer

Men's 65/70 Silver: **Sacramento Buds:** Jim Luttrell, Tim Sutherland, John Yoshikawa

Men's 70 Major-Plus: **Scrap Iron Legacy:** Rick Buckland, Mike Hoffberg, Bob Hough, Stan Suichta, Skip Walker; **Omen 70:** Tom Avery, Ed Carey, Rich Schmidt, Dave Sells

Men's 75 Major-Plus: **San Francisco Seals:** Bob Hannah, John Chacon, Bobby Davis, Gus Niklas, Tom Palma; **PDR Fastsigns:** Del Helzer, Tom Imming, Mark Rueck, Mike Sisavic

Men's 75 Major: **Scrap Iron Beams:** Dave Boone, Dick County, Joe DeCristofaro, "J.C." Moore, Roger Taylor; **State Roofing Systems:** John Dyer, Bob Eddie, Gary Handsher, Dennis Logie

Men's 75AAA: **Triple Play 75:** Gene Conn, Gary Nobriga, Jay Quimby, Ernie Strauman

Men's 80 Gold: **Fairway Ford:** John Fisher, Jesus Gadoy, Lew Herndon, Ken Lockman, Al Kumm; **Sacramento Gold:** Norman Blackwell, Dave Fairchild, Ray Newman, Bob Taylor



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# Youth: Brain Is Key

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ing healthier, happier lives.

What is the secret?

The elixir appears to contain large measures of exercise, good diet and a dash of just the right genes.

Surprisingly, the genes associated with longer life have less to do with bodily functions than with human thought, according to the Wellderly Study by the Scripps Translational Science Institute (STSI) in San Diego.

"We looked at entire genome, trying to find sites that are statistically different. The sites that showed big difference were linked to cognitive functions," said Ali Torkamani, a STSI researcher.

"The brain-body connection could be a direct biological link, or it could be the case that because the brain is functioning well, you take better care of yourself," said Torkamani.

The Scripps research into aging well has become increasingly important as the population as a whole lives longer.

The average American is living almost 30 years longer than a century ago. In 1912, the average life expectancy was 51.5 years. In 2012, the most recent study, the average American lived to be 78.8 years old.

But living longer in itself has created misery for many elderly Americans suffering from chronic diseases as they age, which has been the impetus for a raft of research similar to the Wellderly study.

And those studies are increasingly trying to find the secret of a rare breed – like



**Rawlings playing for Southwest Stars in the 2014 WMC.**

91-year-old John Rawlings.

Rawlings pitches and plays second base three days a week in San Diego, including Saturdays with "the youngsters in their early 60s."

"I come from a family of old people," said Rawlings. "My aunt lived to be 110, another lived to be 109, and my brother is 99."

Rawlings, who was part of the Scripps Wellderly study, plays rover and shortstop for the 85 Southwest Stars 85+ team.

"The genetics are there, but keeping yourself in shape is very important," he said. To Rawlings, that means playing ball on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Diet is a different story.

"I'm an old farmer, I like corn on the cob and steak," said Rawlings, who was inducted into the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame in 2009. "Stay away from sugar, but salt is OK...really it is just important to have a rounded diet."

Rawlings has earned the respect of both researchers and the many in San Diego for his positive attitude and senior softball playing ability. Fittingly, he will be throwing out the first pitch for the Padres when they play the Diamondbacks on Sept. 20.

# The Best and Worst Cities to Retire

## Softball News Report

As researchers study the reasons behind long, healthy lives, it is interesting to look at where seniors retire.

Some states are not surprising: Florida not only has one of the highest densities, but three of the top four "Best Cities to Retire" are in Florida.

Orlando is at the top of WalletHub's list, which judged cities based on affordability, quality of life, health

care and availability of recreational opportunities.

Tampa rated the Number 2 spot and Miami was Number 4. (Scottsdale, Ariz., rated Number 3).

The American Community Survey which ranked where the overall 65+ population in America lived, contained some surprises. Seniors were not all flocking to the South. In addition to Florida, the highest densities of seniors were in West Virginia and Maine.

The American Community Survey showed where most seniors lived, but most studies have not rated where the most healthy seniors live.

One indication of where the population of healthy, active seniors live can be found by studying where most senior softball players live (See Charts on Page 1).

Using that measurement, California is – by far – the Eden of senior softball, with almost three times more senior softball players than the next state, Florida.

Florida, Arizona and Texas come in second, third and fourth and have nearly the same number of senior players.

At the other end of the spectrum, with the fewest players, are Germanay, Maine and the Yukon Territory.



## Best Cities to Retire

1. Orlando, FL
2. Tampa, FL
3. Scottsdale, AZ
4. Miami, FL
5. Sioux Falls, SD
6. Las Vegas, NV
7. Cape Coral, FL
8. Atlanta, GA
9. Minneapolis, MN
10. Los Angeles, CA

## Worst Cities to Retire

1. Fontana, CA
2. Rancho Cucamonga, CA
3. Bakersfield, CA
4. Wichita, KS
5. Detroit, MI
6. Aurora, IL
7. Chula Vista, CA
8. Newark, NJ
9. Worcester, MA
10. Providence, RI

## Heard in the Dugout

**"Wisdom is knowing what to do next, skill is knowing how to do it, and virtue is doing it"**  
--David Starr Jordan



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# Sirard: It's Time for Study

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are putting your money, both new funds going in and your old funds that you've had for some time. For seniors, it's important to know just how much risk you are willing to take and if you're 50 percent or more in equities, you might want to move some of your money to fixed-income investments that should have less risk and less market fluctuation.

It's important to make such changes...if needed...when you want to do it and

not when the stock market suddenly moves sharply in one direction or the other.

And while you are looking over your 401(k), you should also be looking at any other investment funds that you own. You want to make your investment decisions in correlation with each other and not treat them as totally isolated from each other.

For instance, if you have \$250,000 in your 401(k) and it's all invested in stocks, you might be OK if you have the same amount of money invested in fixed-income securities in your regular investment account. If you truly want a 50-50 mix of the two investment strategies. However, I would think most investors would feel safer having each account in the balance they want just in case something

goes wrong.

If you decide that your old investment strategy no longer works for you, it's a nice quiet time of year when you can carefully go over your investment options. You have plenty of time to make an appointment with your financial adviser to let them know that you want to make some changes and to see what they recommend.

Moving money around quickly is never a good strategy. You want to take your time to see exactly what you might want to do and to be able to study any new investment options as well as to take a careful look at how your current investments have done.

One additional thing to consider is what retirees can expect from Social Security for 2017. The experts are warning that if inflation continues to be low, there may be little or no automatic increase in monthly retirement and disability payments.

The Social Security Act provides for an automatic boost in benefits if inflation as measured by what's called the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners increases.

If you'll recall, last year the Social Security Administration didn't give an annual cost of living increase due to low inflation rates for the first time since 2010. While Social Security benefits have increased by 3.9 percent a year since 1975, they've only gone up 2.3 percent since 2000.

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# 40 Teams Compete at ISA Senior Worlds



## Softball News Report

COLUMBUS, IND. - The 2016 ISA Senior World Series was once again held here in an effort to attract a wide range of teams to earn a world title on some of the best fields the state has to offer.

This year, 40 teams from eight different states gathered here to battle it out for the crown and ten teams would be awarded TOC berth.

### Here are the winners:

Big Ten Softball/DLB (Men's 50 Major), Team Illinois (Men's 50AAA).

Doug & Don's Auto Care (Men's 55 Major), Antique Roadshow (Men's 55AAA).

Kinnco Services 60 (Men's 60 Major-Plus), Kentuckiana Legends (Men's 60 Major), Cincinnati 60's (Men's 60AAA), Indy Fog (Men's 60AA).

Minnesota Masters/Ancell (Men's 65 Major) and Kentuckiana 65's (Men's 65AA).

For complete division wrap-ups, please [CLICK HERE](#)

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For ISA Senior World  
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# SoCal State Championships Host 86 Teams

## Softball News Report

PERRIS / HEMET – Eighty-six teams competed in the 2016 Southern California State Championships, sponsored by Adidas, at Big League Dreams (Perris) and Diamond Valley Lake Sports Complex (Hemet).

The first session featured the Men's 65 and over divisions July 5-7, while the Men's 50, 55 and 60 age groups played July 8-10 and the Men's and Women's 40's groups were held July 9-10.

In total, 16 teams booked their invites to the TOC.

### Here are the winners:

TKP/Hunters (Women's 40 Major), So-



Cal Toxic (Women's 40AAA).

Team Braves (Men's 40 Major-Plus),  
Layer Cake/Dudley/Elite (Men's 40 Major).

L.A.F. 50/DeMarini (Men's 50 Major),  
Kamikaze (Men's 50AAA).

So Cal 55's (Men's 55 Major), So Cal  
Guys 55 (Men's 55AAA).

Elite/SCS (Men's 60 Major), Scrap Iron  
High Octane (Men's 60AAA).

Top Gun 65 Mavericks (Men's 65 Major),  
No Guts, No Glory (Men's 65AAA),  
Tequila All-Stars (Men's 65AA)

Top Gun SWAT (Men's 70 Major),  
Son's of Pitches (Men's 70AAA)

California Connection (Men's 75 Major).

For complete division wrap-ups,  
please [CLICK HERE](#)

## SoCal Championships All Tourney Players Named

### 2016 Southern California State Championships All Tournament Players:

Women's 40 Major: **TKP Hunters:**  
Deb Dimeglio, Kelli Handy, Kathryn Held,  
Jennifer Stewart, Kristi Whitcomb, Davette  
Williams; **Kiss Our Stix:** Patricia Affriseo,  
Lori Alexander,

Women's 40AAA: **Punisher Sports:**  
Betty Atkinson, Cathy Lowas, Staci Mosher

Men's 40 Major-Plus: **Braves:** Kevin  
Bourgeois, Todd Chiappini, John Garcia,  
Ronnie Hayes, Drew Lineberger;

Men's 50 Major: **L.A.F. 50/DiMarini:** John Birtcher, Matt Dobbins, Michael  
O'Donnell, John Patterson, Al Shelley; **Team  
Rawlings:** Jerry Dunn, Steve Pierce, Ronnie  
Rudolph, Tony Sawyer

Men's 50AAA: **Kamikaze:** Rodney  
Bodart, Blaine Curry, Scott Guthrie, Dave  
Maxwell, Tommy Salinas; **Top Gun 50's:**  
Matthew Kraemer, Eric Mahler, Daniel  
Silvas, Richard Weaver; **No Excuses:** Robert  
Alba, Danny Gutierrez, Scott Robertson

Men's 55 Major: **So Cal 55:** Robert  
Ames, Jeff Iannone, Nelson Kracke, Reggie  
Stanton, Eddy Wong; **Tucson Bandits:** Reyes  
Gonzales, James Michael Lee, Dave Niles,  
Jarvis Quenga

Men's 55 Silver: **So Cal Guys 55's:**  
Dennis Cabana, Billy Delia, William  
Hawkins, Charles Hopkins, Terry Williams;  
**Hard Tens/Oxnard Rookies:** Michael  
Leighty, Fred Macias, Kico Zaragoza

Men's 60 Platinum: **Elite/SCS:** Mike  
Flanery, Larry Giese, Gary Gosz, Felix  
Mendiola, Dale Palmer; **Top Gun Elite:** Dan  
Nunnelee, Jim Palecek, Mark Purdy, Stephen  
VinCurek

Men's 60 Silver: **Scrap Iron High Octane:** Mark Gembrowski, Gary Jones, Terry  
Liverant, Nick Longo, Michael Whitlow;

Men's 65 Major: **Top Gun 65 Mavericks:** Arnold Carlos, Steve Collo, Larry Lay,  
Jim Teeter, John Woolsey; **R & R 65's:** Dick  
Markota, Hank Ornelaz, Phil Stevens, Mike  
Young

Men's 65AAA: **So Cal Warriors:** Ron  
Danoski, Joe Ruvolo, John Schmidt, Ray  
Tyndall

Men's 65AA: **Tequila All-Stars:** Jesse  
Atkins, Paul Oishi, Al Ramos, John Suniga,  
Willie Thomas; **Franklin Loan Center:**  
Dave Kallok, Bill Krueger, Gabe Salas, Rod  
Thomas; **Git-R-Done:** Bob Belcher, Tommy  
DeRocher, William Jones

Men's 70 Silver: **Sons of Pitches:** Carl  
Craft, Art Gelb, Tom Imming, Bob Jackson,  
Dave Taylor; **Git-R-Done 70:** Greg Krebs,  
Jon Newell, Ed Nilsen, Bryan Wilkins

Men's 70/75 Platinum: **Top Gun 75  
Classics:** Bob Kapeller, Bob McCormick,  
Red Simmons

Men's 75/80 Gold: **California Connection:** Gene Adams, Bill Emery, Jim George,  
Ken Stillwell, Tom Weaver; **Top Gun Silver  
75's:** Bill Hughes, John Ihrig, Robert Miller

## ISA Senior World Series All Tourney Players Named

### 2016 ISA Senior World Series All Tournament Players:

Men's 50 Platinum: **Brickyard Classics:**  
Morgan Hughes, Mark Thompson

Men's 50AAA: **Team Illinois:** Chuck  
Burns, Jeff Lauchner, Kevin Lawrence, Barry  
Roman, Troy Walker; **Team O50:** Gregg  
Stevens, Jesse Stevenson, Scott Whitworth;  
**Legacy:** Steve Greenert, Paul Hickerson

Men's 55 Major: **Doug & Don's Auto  
Care:** Gary Greskowiak, Ed Lehnertz, Tod  
Moorhead, Tony Noto, Billy Simmonds

Men's 50/55 Silver: **Antique Roadshow:**  
Willie Baylor, Kendall France, Joe Kutcher,  
Mike Morris, Kirk Stierwalt; **Dayton Legends  
55:** John Grabeman, Tim Stansell

Men's 60 Major-Plus: **Kinnco Services  
60:** John Gridley, Terry Lee, Leo Osterday,  
George Roberts, William Scales

Men's 60 Major: **Tubby's Pub & Grub:**  
Gary Crews, Jerry Maschger

Men's 60AAA:

Men's 60AA: **Indy Fog:** John Hair,  
Rusty Huston, Robert Oakley, Raymond Rodriguez,  
Gary Shireman; **Dayton Legends/  
Diamond Dawgs:** Bob Ewald, Mike Popich,  
Mike Wehkamp

Men's 65 Major: **Minnesota Masters/  
Ancell:** Larry Nelson, Lud Nordahl, Randy  
Simonson, Lon Stole, Gene Thompson

Men's 65/70 Silver: **Kentuckiana 65's:**  
Damien Abell, Gary Gaus, Rick Heil, Gary  
Pawlick, Terry Stallard



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Our final stop is Vienna, where we will be immersed in the culture of one of the most memorable cities in Europe before taking a cruise on the Danube River. Our farewell dinner, fittingly, will be in the historic wine village of Grinzing. And, of course, the main feature of the Tour is softball. In Munich, we'll play the Bavarian Champion-



ships against some spirited German teams sponsored by the Freising Grizzlies and have a chance to meet them during a players party on Saturday afternoon.

The last weekend of the Tour, we will compete in the Vienna Classic,



sponsored by the largest softball/baseball club in Austria called the Home Runners. A special event Saturday night will include music provided by the Austrian club's own excellent band.

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2016 WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS: LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Largest Senior Tournament to Grow

**Softball News Report**

**L**AS VEGAS – The largest senior softball tournament in the world returns here for the fifth straight year – the Las Vegas Senior Softball Association and Senior Softball-USA World Masters Championships.

Last year, teams from 42 states (including Alaska and Hawaii), from four Canadian provinces and Guam competed in Senior Softball’s largest tournament ever.

This year, WMC officials are estimating that about 550 teams again will flock to this gambling mecca.

The 550 teams in the World Masters Championships translate into 15,000 people who will infuse \$22 million into the local economy.

The numbers are remarkable: 1,800 games over the 13-day event, with 90 umpires, 30 directors, and more than 200 other volunteers and vendors

“It is our pleasure to welcome the more than 550 teams that will make the trip to Las Vegas to compete in the Senior Softball World Masters Championships,” said Pat Christenson, president of Las Vegas Events. “We hope that all of the participants and fans have a great experience at the ballparks and enjoy everything that Las Vegas has to offer.”

Las Vegas Events, the Title Sponsor of the 2016 World Masters Championships, has been instrumental in providing the necessary support to create the largest senior softball tournament in the world.

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Team Guam traveled the farthest of any team playing in the 2015 World Masters Championships.



The West Coast All-Stars celebrate a Championship win at the 2015 World Masters at Big League Dreams Park. Photos by Jack Eberhard



Senior Softball World Masters Championships 2016 Calendar of Events

**Thursday, Sept. 15:**  
**5 - 7 pm at the Boulder Station Casino and Hotel**  
**Manager’s Registration**  
Managers for the Men’s 40 and all Women’s Divisions register and receive their programs and schedules anytime between 5pm and 7pm at the Headquarters Boulder Station Casino and Hotel. Several vendors will be at registration and the meeting displaying new softball gear and products.

**7 pm at the Boulder Station Casino and Hotel**  
**Manager’s Meeting**  
Managers for the Men’s 40 and all

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85 Year Old Manager Al Murray takes a swing at 2014 WMC

US National Games

The Eastern National Champions will play the Western National Champions in a single game for the United States National Championships in Las Vegas during the 2016 World Masters Championships. These games are the second leg of the Triple Grand Slam. Teams winning the U.S. National Game are seeded first in their division bracket and teams losing the U.S. National Game are placed second in their bracket.

This year there are 21 U.S. National Games. The Eastern Nationals were played in Raleigh, N.C., and the Western Nationals were played in Sacramento and Placer counties in California. For scores and results of those games, please go to the tournament page at [www.seniorsoftball.com](http://www.seniorsoftball.com).

AGE	DIVISION	WESTERN CHAMPION	EASTERN CHAMPION
WOMEN			
40	Major AAA	Summy’s Old School (CA) Smack That (CA)	Kryptonite (FL) Northern Construction Fireballs (MA)
50	Seniors	Arizona Dream Team	Dreamgirlz (VA)
MEN			
40	Major+ Major AAA	Prestige/Elite Orange (CA) Damaged Goods (CA) None	None MidAtlantic Elite (VA) Superior 40’s/Potomac Sports (MD)
50	Major+ Major AAA AA	Sommerville Softball (CA) L.A.F. 50/DiMarini (CA) Dead Sailors (WA) Horn Softball (CA)	Team USA (MD) Ohio Elite (OH) Mizuno RB Lawncare (NC) None
55	Major+ Major AAA AA	Summy’s (CA) D&K Tradition (CA) So Cal Guys 55’s (CA) Pastimers (WA)	Combat/Next Level (NC) Triangle Masters (NC) Old Stars (IL) Longshoreman (VA)
60	Major+ Major AAA AA	Old Dawgs (CA) TRI-C-Machine (CA) Bulldogs 60’s (OR) Scrap Iron Rockies (CO)	Hollis Appraisals (FL) Hannington’s 60’s (MA) Pill & Pill 60’s (VA) Syracuse Cyclones (NY)
65	Major+ Major AAA AA	Timberworks Construction (CA) Animals (CA) Over the Edge (CA) Sacramento Buds (CA)	Hamel Builders/Superior Senior Softball (VA) HermTech (MA) Ohio Silverados None
70	Major+ Major AAA	Scrap Iron Legacy (CO) California Wrecking Crew (CA) Game On (CA)	Venom (FL) None Syracuse Cyclones (NY)
75	Major+ Major AAA	San Francisco Seals (CA) Scrap Iron Beams (CO) Kokopelli Eye Scorpions (AZ)	None None None
80	Major AAA	Fairway Ford (CA) Sacramento Gold (CA)	Florida Investment Properties None



# 2016 WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS: LAS VEGAS, NEVADA



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Women's Divisions meet at the Boulder Station Casino and Hotel. Managers will meet the directors of fields, review changes in schedules, hear details of awards, special events of the tournament and will be eligible to win prizes during drawings. PLEASE NOTE THAT ROS-TERS ARE FROZEN AT THE MANAGER'S MEETING.

### Friday, Sept. 16:

#### 8 am at all fields: The Games Begin

Seeding games for the World Championships begin at all fields. Players check-in before the first game and receive wristbands. Bracket games will be played in some divisions. U.S. National Games are scheduled to be played.

#### Noon at Big League Dreams Opening Ceremonies

Kat Ray, Ms. Senior USA, will

perform the National Anthem and the Nellis Air Force Base Color Guard will present the colors.

### Saturday, Sept. 17:

#### 8 am at all fields: The Games Begin

Elimination games played at all fields throughout the day.

### Sunday, Sept. 18:

#### 8 am at all fields: Awards Presented

Today is the culmination of play for the Men's 40 and all Women's Divisions. Awards will be presented on the field after each of the Championship Games. Winners receive rings.

### Thursday, Sept. 22:

#### 5 - 7 pm at the Boulder Station Casino and Hotel

#### Manager's Registration

Managers for the Men's 55 and 60 Divisions receive their programs and schedules any-time between 5 and 7 pm at the Headquarters Boulder Station



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## 2016 WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS: LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Casino and Hotel. Several vendors will be at the registration and meeting displaying new softball gear.

### 7 pm at the Boulder Station Casino and Hotel

#### Manager's Meeting

Managers for the Men's 55 and 60 Divisions meet at the Boulder Station Casino and Hotel. Managers will meet the directors of fields, review changes in schedules, hear details of awards, special events of the tournament and will be eligible to win prizes during drawings. PLEASE NOTE THAT ROSTERS ARE FROZEN AT THE MANAGER'S MEETING.

### Friday, Sept. 23:

#### 7:30/8 am at all fields: The Games Begin

Seeding games for the World Championships begin at all fields. Players check-in before the first game and receive wristbands. Bracket games will be played in some divisions. U.S. National Games are scheduled to be played in Men's 55 & 60 Divisions.

### 12:30 pm at Big League Dreams

Opening Ceremonies for WMC

Kat Ray, Ms. Senior USA, will perform the National Anthem and the Nellis Air Force Base Color Guard will present the colors. Two players will be inducted into the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame.

### Saturday, Sept. 24:

#### 7:30/8 am at all fields: The Games Begin

Elimination games played at all fields throughout the day.

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## Sunday, Sept. 25:

### 7:30/8 am at all fields: Awards Presented

Today is the culmination of play for the Men's 55 and 60 Divisions. Awards will be presented in ceremonies on the field after each of the Championship Games. Winners receive Rings.

## Sunday, Sept. 25:

### 5 - 7 pm at the Boulder Station Casino and Hotel

#### Manager's Registration

Managers for the Men's 65, 70, 75, 80 and 85 Divisions register and receive their programs and schedules anytime between 5 pm and 7 pm at the Headquarters Boulder Station Casino and Hotel. Several vendors will be at the Registration and Meeting displaying new softball gear.

### 7 pm at the Boulder Station Casino and Hotel

#### Manager's Meeting

Managers for the Men's 65, 70, 75, 80 and 85 Divisions meet at the Boulder Station Casino and Hotel. Managers will meet the directors of fields, review changes in schedules, hear details of awards, special events of the tournament and will be eligible to win prizes during drawings. PLEASE NOTE THAT ROSTERS ARE FROZEN AT THE MANAGER'S MEETING.

## Monday, Sept. 26

### 8 am at all fields: The Games Begin

Games begin at all fields. Players register before the first game, receive wristbands. U.S. National Games are scheduled to be played in Men's 65-80 Divisions.

### Noon at Big League Dreams Opening Ceremonies

Kat Ray, Ms. Senior USA, will perform the National Anthem and the Nellis Air Force Base Color Guard will present the colors. Several players will be inducted into the

National Senior Softball Hall of Fame. In addition, there will be a special presentation of the Steve Simmons Sportsmanship Award to the San Antonio Silver Streaks, chosen as the best sportsmen of 2016.

## Tuesday, Sept. 27

### 8 am at all fields - Games

Seeding games played at all fields throughout the day.

## Wednesday, Sept. 28

### 8 am at all fields: Games

Seeding and elimination games played at all fields throughout the day.

## Thursday, Sept. 29

### 8 am at all fields: Games & Awards Presented

Today is the culmination of play for the 65, 70, 75, 80 and 85 Men's Divisions. Awards will be presented in ceremonies on the field after each of the Championship Games. Win-



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### Manager's Registration

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## 7 pm at the Boulder Station Casino and Hotel

### Manager's Meeting

Managers for the Men's 50 Division meet at the Boulder Station Casino and Hotel. Managers will meet the directors of fields, review changes in schedules, hear details of awards, special events of the tournament and will be eligible to win prizes during drawings. PLEASE NOTE THAT ROSTERS ARE FROZEN AT THE MANAGER'S MEETING.

## Friday, Sept. 30:

### 8 am at all fields: The Games Begin

Seeding games for the World Championships begin at all fields. Players check-in before the first game and receive wristbands. Bracket games will be played in some divisions. U.S. National Games are scheduled to be played in the Men's 50 Division.

## Noon at Big League Dreams

### Opening Ceremonies for WMC

The Nellis Air force Base Color Guard will present the colors and there will be playing of the National Anthem.

## Saturday, Oct. 1:

### 8 am at all fields: The Games Begin

Elimination games played at all fields throughout the day.

## Sunday, Oct. 2:

### 8 am at all fields: Awards Presented

Today is the culmination of play for the Men's 50 Division. Awards will be presented in ceremonies on the field after each of the Championship Games. Winners receive Rings.

# Worlds: Hall of Fame Ceremonies Featured

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The WMC will feature several National Hall of Fame inductions – See story on Page 3 – as well as several USA National Games and a chance for teams in 35 divisions to win the largest senior tournament ever.

In addition, the top award given by SSUSA annually, the Steve Simmons Memorial Team Sportsmanship Award, will be presented to the San Antonio Silver Streaks during Opening Ceremonies

at Big League Dreams.

Teams qualified for the WMC by playing in one of the 70 SSUSA qualifiers and regional championships. The tournament is a joint venture, administered by SSUSA, with LVSSA supplying many of the field directors and helping secure and maintain the 12 softball facilities and 37 fields used in the tournament throughout Las Vegas, Henderson and Clark County.

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# Rogers Welcomes Midwest Championships



## Softball News Report

ROGERS, Ark. – The 2016 Midwest Championships, previously held in Kansas and Illinois, moved to Arkansas for the first time at Rogers Regional Sports Park.

Forty-six teams competed, with the 65 and over divisions starting on July 12-14, and the 50-60 age divisions concluding the championships, July 15-17.

Mother Nature reared its ugly head in Rogers causing delays and postponements; however, hard work by the grounds crew allowed the tournament to continue without a hitch.

Ten teams would go on to earn a TOC invitation.

### Here are the winners:

KC Classics (Men's 50 Major), Iowa Demons 50 (Men's 50AAA).

MW Driving School (Men's

55 Major), Mayhem (Men's 55AAA)

KC Renegades 60 (Men's 60 Major), Carriage Homes (Men's 60AAA), Bags Softball 60 (Men's 60AA).

Minnesota Masters (Men's 65AAA)

Bank of Rison (Men's 70AAA)

Harris Auction (Men's 75 Major).

For complete division wrap-ups, please [CLICK HERE](#)

## Midwest All Tourney Players Named

### 2016 Midwest Championships All Tournament Players:

Men's 50 Major: **KC Classics:** Alan Abrahamson, Gary Anderson, Doug Ewert, Scott Hubbard, Brian Taylor;

Men's 50AAA: **Iowa Demons 50:** Matt Baish, Tony Bergloff, Larry Blom, Brad Fisher, Ed Witt; **Texas Elite:** Bob Burke, Brent Burris, Alejandro Cantu Jr., Paul Dorwaldt; **Midwest Connection:** Jay Christians, Paul Hamel, Pat Stessman

Men's 55 Major: **Iowa Demons 55:** Harold McFadden, Joe McGee, Dennis Voshell

Men's 55AAA: **Mayhem:** Charlie Moore, Rick Perry, Gayland Richardson, Bob Sandlin, Bob Spaciel; **KC Renegades 55's:** Rick Bryan, Jim Helsper, Glenn Rice

Men's 60 Major: **KC Renegades 60's:** Dave Cook, Jim Honsinger, Dean Joerling, Dave Taylor, Mike Woolery; **Integrity Builders:** Roger Hein, John Salerno, Dennis Steinhauser, Gil Stephens; **Tubby's Pub & Grub:** Dave Beckering, Ted Creech, Joe Scaturro

Men's 60AAA: **Carriage Homes:** Doug Blochm, Frankie Hopper, Mike Jacobs, Rock

McLaughlin, Randy Wilson; **Oklahoma Mud Cats:** Rob Beck, Steve Byard, Gregg Diebold

Men's 60AA: **Bags Softball 60:** Stan Huntrods, Richard Klein, Mark Leamen, Mike Madison, Jeff Robinson; **Minnesota Blizzard:** Randy Eckhoff, Ray Glynn, Ed Skurka

Men's 65AAA: **Minnesota Masters 65:** Dennis Bartholomew, Steve Strusinski, Paul Trewick, Rudy Wicklander; **R & D Leverage:** Bill Connell, Gerry Gibson, Gary Johnson

Men's 70/75 Gold: **Harris Auction:** Frank Armajo, Ed Hardy, Ed Petlak, Marlyn Schroepfer, Tim Torrence; **Mid-American Patriots:** Cletus Linenberger, William Klein, Walt McKenzie, Charlie Workman; **Midwest Driving School:** Fred Fleming, Leon Johnson, Larry Krull

Men's 70AAA: **Bank of Rison:** Jim Fulmer, Don Haney, Jim Morgan, Milton Raabe, Gail Russell; **Chicago Gray Sox:** Henry Hall, Jim Handley, Gary Heifner, Wayne Markett

## Birmingham Attracts 20 Teams to Southern

### Softball News Report

BIRMINGHAM, AL –

Twenty teams converged at Liberty Park Sports Complex for the 2016 Southern Championships Aug 9-14.

Two teams from Georgia and Tennessee as well as one winner each from Florida and Alabama took home top billing and earned berths in the Tournament of Champions.

### Here are the winners:

Alabama Brick (Men's 50 Major), Major League Seniors (Men's 50AAA).

David Bowen Sporting



Goods (Men's 55 Major), DT Express (Men's 55AAA)

Atlanta Recycling (Men's 60AAA).

The Firm (Men's 65AAA).

For complete division wrap-ups, please [CLICK HERE](#)

## Southerns All Tourney Players Named

### 2016 Southern Championships All Tournament Players:

Men's 50 Major: **Alabama Brick:** Tim Lee, Richard Kee, Jim Oros, Ronnie Roland, Larry Whitfield; **Montgomery 50's:** Kevin Brinkman, Terry Green, Rayford Lee, Glen Smith; **Monsters:** Rick McKee, Don Patterson, Wendell Todd

Men's 50AAA: **Major League Seniors:** Richard Cope, Danny Davis, Lamar Kolwyck, Stacy Pack, Joe Welch

Men's 55 Major: **TN Connection:** Randy Burgett, Brett

Cooper, Tom Goatley, Louis Price

Men's 55 Silver: **DT Express:** Greg Butts, Tim Dancer, Frankie Fletcher, Randy Hackley, Ronnie Rogers; **By Grace Redeemed:** Mike Butler

Men's 60AAA: **RPR 60's:** James Mitchell, Harb Prince, John Smiley, David Taylor

Men's 65AAA: **The Firm:** Rex Fletcher, Royce Howie, Bill Ramsey, Lomar Turney, Bobby Walker; **Travelers:** Larry Fielder, Kenny Reese, Ken Spann, Jimmy Thompson

# Texas State Championships Draws Record 58 Teams to Austin

## Softball News Report

AUSTIN – For the first time in its nine-year reign, the Texas State Championships was held in the Lone Star State's capital at Bob Havins Fields, Krieg Softball Complex and Southeast Metro Park. A record 58 teams competed, with the 65 and older age divisions playing June 22-24, and the 50-60 age groups playing June 25-26.

In total, 15 teams earned an invitation to the crown jewel of Senior Softball, the Original Tournament of Champions, held in February in Polk County, FL.

**Here are the winners:**

## Texas State Championships



**June 22 - 26, 2016**

Mixed Breek (**Men's 50 Major**), Escobar Body Shop (**Men's 50AAA**), Manifest 50's (**Men's 50AA**).

San Antonio Softball Club (**Men's 55 Major-Plus**), Mayhem (**Men's 55AAA**).

Gonzalez Insulation (**Men's 60 Major**), Team Texas SA (**Men's 60AAA**), Dallas Spurs 60's (**Men's 60AA**).

San Antonio Silver Streaks (**Men's 65 Major**), Texas Legends 65 (**Men's 65AAA**), Dallas Spurs 65 (**Men's 65AA**).

Texas Legends 70 (**Men's 70 Major**), San Antonio Legends (**Men's 70AAA**), Texas Classics 70's (**Men's 70AA**).

The Texas Greyhounds (**Men's 75AAA**).

**For complete division wrap-ups, please [CLICK HERE](#)**

## Texas State Championships All Tourney Players Named

### 2016 Texas State Championships All Tournament Players:

Men's 50 Major: **Mixed Breed**: Ernie Arnold, Theron Chiesa, Glenn Clemons, Perry Gallow, Tony Williams; **Texas Mavericks**: Mark Cerny, Joey Waggonner, Forrest Washington, Jr., Tony Washington; **Texas Bulls 50's**: Tony Dennis, John Martinez, Arnold Villegas

Men's 50AAA: **Escobar Body Shop**: Paul Alvarez, George Govea, Charlie Russell, Paul Verver, Meliton Villarreal Jr.; **Tex Vets**: Roderick Dycus, Scott Fritts, Lawrence Sherrell, Michael Vasquez; **Alumni**: Craig Anthony, Larry Belk, Monte Slaver

Men's 50AA: **Romo's Old School**: Victor Flores, Warner Scott, Johnny Melendez

Men's 55/60 Major-Plus: **San Antonio Softball Club**: Mike Garibay, John Roach, Mickey Rodriguez, Mike Tepera, David Velasquez;

Men's 55AAA: **Mayhem**: Joe Calvery, Gayland Richardson, Gary Tackett, Danny Wick, Mark Williams; **Crossfire**: James Bonar, Rickey Henderson, Ed Tisdell, Tommy Woodard;

Men's 60 Major: **Houston Fire**: Kippy

Carr, Ronnie Orsak, Bob Schulz

Men's 60AAA: **Team Texas (SA)**: Lupe Espinoza, Reyes Estrada, Larry Fiorentino, Rafael Flores, Joe Morin; **Texas Thunder**: Tom Rizzo, Butch Scattergood, Harold Warden, Gordon Walters

Men's 60AA: **Texoma M.B. Flying**: Ray Berry, Ron Christie, Carl Dufner, Rick Powers

Men's 65 Major: **San Antonio Silver Streaks**: Rocky Crews, Mingo Garcia, Larry Lopez, Julian Tamez, Chris Schneider; **Scrap Iron Phiten**: Doc Demarco, Rob Eden, Art Knudson, Mark Soloway

Men's 65AAA: **Texas Legends 65**: Jim Gibbons, Rich Giddens, Leif Guttormsen, Terril Miller, Dewayne Thomas

Men's 65AA: **Texas Lone Stars**: Butch Gonzales, Gary Kirk, Alfred Vampran

Men's 70 Gold: **Texas Legends 70**: Randy Brown, Rick Ciampa, Fred Hunt, Bill Gill, Nick Nicholson; **STILL**: Oscar Johnson, Richard Seals, Dan Washington

Men's 70/75 Gold: **Texas Classics 70's**: Walt Cherry, Lanny Horton, Steve Kent, Doug Klenke, George Wynne

## Late All Tourney Players Named

### All Tournament players selected by the teams for Past Tournaments:

**2016 Spring World Championships**: Men's 65AAA: **Over the Edge**: Nick Basta, Paul Pennington, Gary Scarlet, Mark Simmons, Jerry Smith, Charles Sterling

2016 Tidewater Classic: Men's 55 Major: **The Bank**: Greg Donophan, Gary Lewis Sr., Joe Lucas, Bob Pierce

**2016 Southwest Championships**: Men's 65AAA: **Over the Edge**: Nick Basta, Danny Cotterel, Dan Nava, Rod Schemp, Bob Templeton; Men's 70AA: **Git-R-Done 70's**: Jim Hansen, Greg Krebs, Ed Nilsen, Mike Welch, Bryan Wilkins

**2016 Atlantic Coast Championships**: Men's 60 Major: **High Street Bucs**: Ben Peterson, Steve Pope, Steve Propert, Terry Shiflett; Men's 65AAA: **Athletic Outlet / Travato Association**: Ken Dehn, Leo Harrington, Mike Heaney, Joe Montamaro, Dan Ship

**2016 CAN-Sirs/SSUSA NorCal Championships**: Men's 65 Major: **Animals**: Bob Allendorf, Joe Davis, Jim Martin, Larry Stankey; Men's 65/70 Gold: **Redwood City Blues**: Pat Carman, Dan Snow, John Vanderpool

**2016 Southeast Championships**:

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# Northeast Highlighted by Hometown Winners



## Softball News Report

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Teams from several states in the Northeast, as well as Canada, returned here to compete in the 2016 Northeast Championships at Hopkins Road Park.

The forty-six team tournament began with the 40 through 60 age divisions July 8-10, while the 65 and over divisions

concluded the championships July 11-13.

The ninth annual Northeast Championships awarded eleven TOC bids during the championships, including two won by hometown teams, the Syracuse Merchants (**65 Major**) and the Syracuse Cyclones (**75AAA**).

**Here are the other winners of their divisions:**

Elmwood Sports Center (**Men's 50 Major**), Custom Logo (**Men's 50AAA**).

Tri-State Merchants 55 (**Men's 55 Major**), Building Innovation Group (**Men's 55AAA**).

High Street Bucs 60 (**Men's 60 Major**), Deep Purple (**Men's 60AAA**), Diamond Dogs (**Men's 60AA**).

Doc Martens/Ropes Course (**Men's 65AAA**).

The Bostonian 70's (**Men's 70AAA**).

**For complete division wrap-ups, please [CLICK HERE](#)**

## Northeast All Tourney Players Named

### 2016 Northeast Championships All Tournament Players:

Men's 40/50 Gold: **Elmwood Sports Center**: Ron Charchaffiah, Gardner Hague, Mark Moniz, Robert Putney, Scott Toby;

Men's 50AAA: **Custom Logo**: Brian Banks, Rich Irvine, Dan Kelley, Mike Scanlon, Lou Sportelli;

Men's 55 Major: **Tri-State Merchants 55**: John Fitzgerald, Irvin Hanby, Patrick Kelly, Dick Kohler, Darryl Nielsen, Robert Shaffer; **Olympian Athletics**: Dan Coy, Doug Hartzok, Joe Liguori, Rich McDonald; **Action Auto Parts**: Bill Laflamme, Bill Lee, Tom Sherman

Men's 55AAA: **Building Innovation Group**: Bob Foley, Patrick Howe, Jim Monnat, Vinny Perrone, Gary Rothenberg

Men's 60 Major: **High Street Bucs 60**: Baer Chandler, George Nicholson, Ben Peterson, Steve Pope, Tim Salerno;

Men's 60AA: **Syracuse Cyclones**: Jack Baxter, Rich Iuele, Gary Lasko, Tom Maroney

Men's 65 Platinum: **Syracuse Mer-**

**chants**: Brett Gorham, Donnie Kline, Ron Mitchell, Paul O'Brien, Robert Petrucci; **HermTech**: Jeff Hitt, Roger LePage, Kevin Naylor, Francis O'Neill;

Men's 65AAA: **Doc Martens/Ropes Courses**: Jim Cloud, Chris Collier, Alvin Moss, Joe Orr, Dave Young;

Men's 65/70 Silver: **Bostonian 70's**: Tom Hall, Ray LePage, Tom Nicholson, Mike Russillo, Ted Wess; **Syracuse Cyclones 70's**: Joe Brown, Gary Contri, Andrew Endley, Gary Hoover; **Cozy Grill**: Ron Dussault, Anthony Rozzero

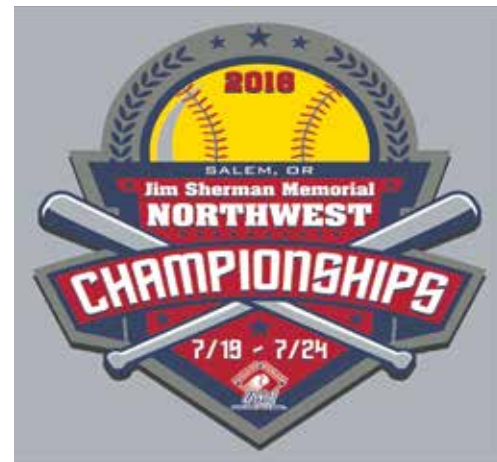
Men's 75AAA: **Syracuse Cyclones 75**: Bob Bartholomew, Len Becchetti, Doug Hammond, Fred Light, Harold White

### Heard in the Dugout

"The best time for you to hold your tongue is the time you feel like you must say something or bust"

-- Josh Billings

# Northwest Championships a Success in Salem



## Softball News Report

SALEM, OR – The Seventh Annual Jim Sherman Memorial Northwest Championships was held at Wallace Marine Park Softball Complex with 40 teams competing in the lone TOC qualifier in the Pacific Northwest. After previously being hosted in Portland and Lacey, WA, Salem played host for the first time in the seven-year run.

The championships began with the Men's 65 and 70 age divisions July 19-21.

Twelve teams would go on to punch their ticket to the TOC.

**Here are the winners:**

Team Haras (**Men's 40 Major-Plus**), NorthWest Legends 40 (**Men's 40 Major**), Enviro-Vac 40's (**Men's 40AAA**).

CornerStone (**50 Major-Plus**), Mc U Sports (**Men's 50AAA**).

Senior Bend Elks (**Men's 55AAA**).

Goodman Racing (**Men's 60 Major**), 2<sup>nd</sup> Wind Resurrected (**Men's 60AAA**).

Timberworks Construction (**Men's 65 Major-Plus**), Auto Accessory Dist (**Men's 65AAA**).

W.E. Ruth 70's (**Men's 70 Major-Plus**).

Masters Marauders (**Men's 70AAA**).

**For complete division wrap-ups, please [CLICK HERE](#)**



# Jim Sherman Memorial Northwest Championships All Tourney Players Named

## 2016 Northwest Championships All Tournament Players:

Men's 40 Masters Platinum:

**NorthWest Legends:** Todd Biddle, Scott Gormanous, Brent Haugen, Jacob Proulx

Men's 50/55 Major-Plus:

**Northwest Legends:** Steve Buettner, Nate (Randy) Lawson, Steve Leighton, Randy Mauk, Mike Reeder; **Doerflinger/De-Marini:** Brett Kreuger, Emory Lunsford, Dwight Orr

Men's 50AAA: **Dead Sailors:** Jeff Colwell, John Fетters, Mike Lerma, Jim Perry

Men's 55AAA: **Senior Bend Elks:** Steve Bruton, Don Friday, Mike Koepf, Klint O'Neal, Ray O'Rear, Russ Wall, John Young; **Gray, Bald & Ugly/Spin Tees:** Grant Brown, Tommy Dorsey, Robert Pluff

Men's 60 Major: **Goodman Racing:** Dan Freund, Marlin Harris, Jimmy Jacques, Linden Larsen, Rick Littlejohn; **North-West Hitmen:** Danny Luhtala, O.J. Moe, Steve Moeller, Henry Musgrove Jr.

Men's 60 Silver: **2nd Wind Resurrected:** Steve Leal, Keith Keesee, Lloyd Kirner, Bob Moore, Ken Slavens; **Bulldogs:** Keith Bressman, Jeff Edwards, Randy Faulkner, Chris Smith

Men's 65/70 Silver: **Masters Marauders:** John Conacher, Ron Hendrickson, Frank Laky, Arnie Linder, Dave Schill; **Northwest Silver 65:** Tom Hinchcliffe, Reed Stedman, Les Young

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# Record 56 Teams Flock to Aurora for the Rocky Mountain Championships



## Softball News Report

AURORA, Colo. – The 2016 Rocky Mountain Championships, held at Aurora Sports Park on Aug 26-28, set a tournament record with 56 teams playing across 11 divisions.

**The following teams were victorious in their respective divisions:**

Jimmy's/Ancell 50's (**Men's 50 Major**), Twisters 50 (**Men's 50AAA**).

DLB (**Men's 55 Major-Plus**), Colorado Home Fitness (**Men's 55AAA**).

Minnesota Masters/White (**Men's 60 Major-Plus**), Mulcahy of Minnesota/Ancell (**Men's 60AAA**), Scrap Iron 60 Rockies (**Men's 60AA**).

CenTex 65's (**Men's 65 Major**), Minnesota Masters 65's (**Men's 65AAA**).

Minnesota Prize 70's (**Men's 70 Major**).

Scrap Iron 70 Red (**Men's 70AAA**).

**For complete division wrap-ups, please [CLICK HERE](#)**



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**A Scrap Iron/Phiten player smacks the pitch against Midwest Express in the Men's 65 Gold division.**



**The Minnesota Prize 70's team took home the 70 Major Division defeating the Tri-State Diamondbacks in the "IF" game**



**A San Antonio Softball Club player goes all out to catch a flyball in the 50/55 Major-Plus division.**



**CJ&S from Arizona fought hard but finished the tough 60AAA division in 3rd place.**

## Rocky Mountain Championships All Tourney Players Named

### 2016 Rocky Mountain Championships All Tournament Players:

Men's 50 Major: **Jimmy's/Ancell 50's**: Dan Degnan, Roy Gruel, Jeff Miller, Dan Sampson, Pat Spangenberg; **Arizona Old School 50**: Gino Fiasche, Randy Mason, Marcel Spaulding, Dave Vandehey

Men's 50/55 Major-Plus: San Antonio Softball Club: Tommy Clark, JJ Schmidt, Mike Tepera, Sam (Bo) Williams

Men's 55AAA: **Colorado Home Fitness**:

Men's 60 Platinum: **Minnesota Masters/**

**White**: Jesus Adamez, Jeff Handevidt, Larry Maki, Jack Martin, Don Tarasewicz; **Scrap Iron High Octane**: Nick Longo, Terry Roberts, Larry Voorhees, Michael Dow Whitlow

Men's 60AAA: **Mulcahy of Minnesota/Ancell**: Bruce Boyer, Don Hoen, Mike Marks, Mark Peterson, John Reagan; **Fierce Firearms**: Kyle Holdaway, Terry Miller, Kim Peterson, Gary Rigby; **CJ & S Express**: Billy Jones, Dale Ulrich, Carry Zeese

Men's 60AA: **Texoma MB Flying**: Ray Berry, Bill Huston, Vic Seidel

Men's 65 Major: **Scrap Iron Phiten 65**:

Ron Hefner, Art Knudson, Dick Schimmels

Men's 65AAA: **Minnesota Masters 65's**: Ray Brown, Tom Engfer, Dick Mumbleau, Gary Palesh, Mike Trewick; **Sacramento Islanders**: Lou Chavez, Dan Horton, Jesse Vasquez, Jack Wabinga

Men's 70 Major: **Minnesota Prize 70's**: Curt Callstrom, Bob Goldstrand, Bob Hartshorn, Bill Meyer, Steve Strommen; **Tri-State Diamondbacks**: Ken Ikeman, Ed Kanda, Les Poland, Ed Sullivan



# Competition in Lansing for Northern Championships Yields 11 TOC Bids

## Softball News Report

EAST LANSING / POTTERVILLE, Mich.— Forty-four teams from around the Rust Belt and Canada vied for a Tournament of Champions berth at the 2016 Northern Championships held at East Lansing Sports Complex and Lake Alliance Softball Complex, Aug 18-21.

In total, 11 TOC bids were awarded.

**The following teams all earned a berth to the 2017 TOC:**

Brickyard Classics (**Men's 50 Major**),  
The Mattress Store (**Men's 50AAA**), Buddies

Sampson Olivet Merchants (**Men's 50AA**).  
Michigan Smash (**Men's 55 Major**),  
Windsor Can Am 55 Chiefs (**Men's 55AAA**).  
Golden Vipers (**Men's 60 Major**), Minutemen/Pepco/SFS (**Men's 60AAA**).  
Handeland Flooring (**Men's 65 Major**), Doc Martens/Ropes Courses (**Men's 65AAA**).  
Windsor Chiefs (**Men's 70 Major**).  
Chicago Strikers (**Men's 70AAA**).  
**For complete division wrap-ups, please [CLICK HERE](#)**



## Northern Championships All Tourney Players Named

### 2016 Northern Championships All Tournament Players:

Men's 50 Platinum: **Motor City Thunder**: Brian Ivy, John Morris, Vince Pizzo, Jon Stoddard; **Pope Transport**: Todd Christianson, Anthony Dimauro, DuWayne Hull

Men's 50AAA: **The Mattress Store**: Rick Berridge, Gary Ferro, Kevin Haarsma, Russ Ortega, Bob Westdrop; **Jackson Merchants**: Jerry Cox, Robert Dingee, Ron Hogan, Robert Johnson; **Milwaukee Magic**: Michael Causey Sr., Derrick Jones, Jimmy Stanley

Men's 50AA: **Buddies Sampson Olivet Merchants**: Kevin Clayton, Joe Hartman, Mike Miller, Doug Ripley, Eddie Salazar

Men's 55 Major: **Michigan Smash**: Doug Edwards, Kenton Hendricks, Michael Kluka, Dennis Terry, Mark Wozniak; **Doug & Don's Auto Care**: Doug Betras, Jeff Kocsis, Jeff Lambright, Tod Moorhead

Men's 55AAA:  
Men's 60 Major: **Golden Vipers**: Bob Burgee, John Johnson, Ed Karas, Mickey Maddy, Paul Maiorana;

Men's 60 Silver: **Minutemen/Pepco/SFS**: Al "Wiz" Attewell, Barry Benjamin, Dave Bodnar, Art Cohen, Pete Miller; **Central Illinois Chiefs**: Rick Brock, Britt Edwards, Don Hittmeier, Randy McElDowney; **MP Components/Bomb Squad**: Jack Griffin, Mike Morin, Rob Reed

Men's 65 Platinum: **Handeland Flooring**: Ron Bruce, Carl Budnik, Paul Cox, Bill Dolphin, Wayne Fiedler;

Men's 65AAA: **Doc Martens/Ropes Course**: Jim Bellinger, Chris Collier, Joe Orr, Jim Vetter, Chuck Woody; **Michigan Lakers**: Rick Bode, Greg Denny, Gary Hopkins, Mike Sankey; **Life Guard Financial/Pepco**: Earry Bothwell, Jim Cecconi, Anthony Newman

Men's 70/75 Gold: **Windsor Chiefs**: Peter Aubrey, Wayne Dupuis, Roger Lentini, John McLaughlin, Ed Sparkman; **Pfeiffer/Doc's Boys**: Fred Cronin, Roy Dye, Norm Mitchell, Ray Perry; **Chicago Strikers**: Bob Darrah, Jack Fitzer, Tom Vancura

## Late All Tourney Players Named

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Men's 60/65 Silver: **Doc Martens/Ropes Courses**: Sam Antinazzo, Tom Beranek, Jim Cloud, Larry Vitalie, Chuck Woody

**2016 Rock 'N Reno Challenge Cup**:  
Women's 60: **California Spirit 60**: Cathy Chavez, Darlene Harrity, Linda Mohrfeld, Cathy Moon, Nancy Ruiz; Men's 50 Major-Plus: **Sommerville Softball**: Chito Alviderez, Darrel Beeler, Greg Bovero, John Heller, Ronni Salcedo; Men's 50 Major: **Washington Legends**: Mike Davis, Shane Davis, Tom Ronk; Men's 50AAA: **Never Say Never/Big Al's Trucking**: Courtney "Skip" Cluff, Jim Hansen, Tim Ryan, Kelly Taylor; **Pacific Coast Alliance**: Steve Fultz, William

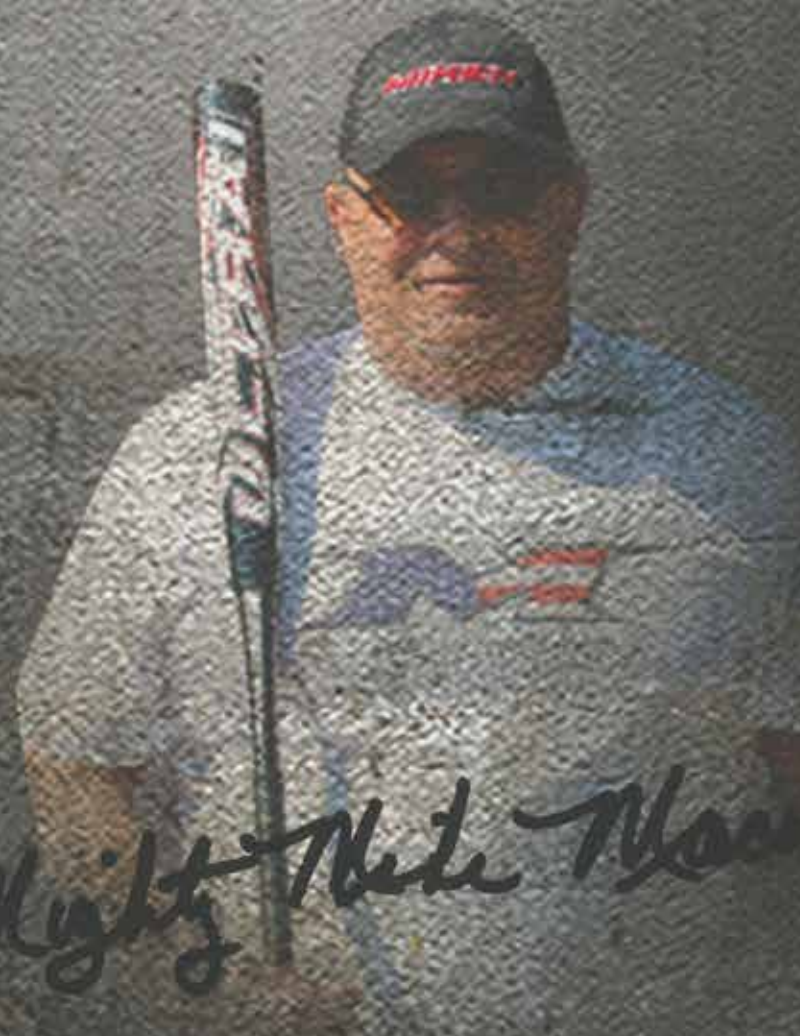
Heriford, Lawson Williams; **MTC 55's/Dudley**: Scott Becker, George Gonzales, Donnie Long, Gary Robertson; Men's 55AAA: **Northern Exposure/Alaska Kings**: Steve Marchand, Rick Miller, Mike Story; Men's 60 Major: **TRI-C-Machine**: David Gonzales, Emilio Labato, Jose Moreno, Scott Wilson; Men's 65 Major-Plus: **Omen 65**: Mike Baldanado, Randy Gomez, Conway Waddy; Men's 65 Major: **Animals**: Dave Conley, Gary Garcia, Bill Labrum, Larry Scotten, Larry Starkey; Men's 65AAA: **Sacramento Islanders**: Lou Chavez, Bruce Gilmore, Dan Horton, Dan Sumpter; Men's 70 Major-Plus: **Omen 70**: Tom Best, Bill Nevis, Dave Sells, Gary Tryhorn; Men's 70 Major: **Tharaldsons**: Jeff Dwyer, Bob

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