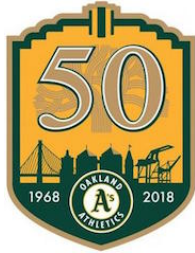
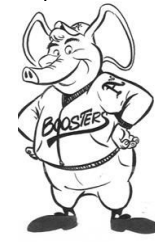
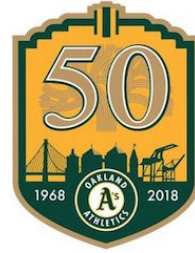


Oakland A's Boosters Newsletter



NOVEMBER 2018

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE OAKLAND
ATHLETICS AND THE OAKLAND A'S BOOSTER CLUB!**



**Congratulations to the Boston Red Sox for winning
the 2018 World Series**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: In This Issue...

- Boosters are going to **Spring Training** the week of **March 7 – 13, 2019**. See flyer.
- The Booster Club is now accepting deposits (\$125 per person) for the **2019 Sunday Game Ticket Package**. Deposits must be received by Nov 30th to hold your spot. See attached flyer. A's have agreed to allow the Sunday Ticket package holders to receive A's All Access privileges (50% off food, 25% off merchandise, \$10 pre-paid parking).

You must be a Booster member for 2019 to take advantage of these offers.

President's Message By Shannon Starr

What an incredible season. Our boys showed their heart and determination going from being at the bottom to making the playoffs. We didn't go all the way for 2018, but I have faith in our boys and look forward to winning it all in 2019!!

A lot of exciting things are happening with the Booster Club and with the A's. Be sure to read further in this newsletter to get the dates for our 2019 luncheons at the Coliseum. We had a great lineup in 2018 and I am looking forward to our 2019 speakers. In this newsletter you will also find out more about the AAA move to Las Vegas area, our Spring Training Trip, our Sunday package program, our February Kick-off and so much more. Booster Club is also planning on having a booth again at FanFest in January, so be sure to look for us and say hello.

As many of you know my goals as your president are to expand our scholarship fundraising, expand our membership and provide fun and activities for our members. I would love to hear from you, the members, with suggestions and ideas on what we can do to achieve these goals. Feel free to email me at boosterstarr@gmail.com or call me at 916-934-9443. (I am a graveyard worker answering 911 so between 3-6pm is best time to reach me.) I truly hope you enjoy your off season and I look forward to seeing each of you in 2019.

I look forward to serving as your president for the 2019 season.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:



New Triple-A location! The A's have moved their Triple-A team to Las Vegas, Nevada from Nashville! The team's new name: **The Las Vegas 51s**.

The new Las Vegas Ballpark is located in Summerlin, which is north Las Vegas, about 11 miles from The Strip. The home opener in Las Vegas is slated for **Tuesday, April 9th** vs. the

Sacramento River Cats.

The \$150-million ballpark will hold 10,000 spectators. (The map to the right was published in 2017 before the stadium was finished.)



Or, if you prefer to wait for the 51s to play closer to home at Raley Field in Sacramento, 51s vs. the River Cats, the two teams face off in Sac several times during the season. First series is **April 16 – 18, 2019**.

Spring Training News! Our Booster **Spring Training trip** is scheduled for the week of **March 7 – 13th**. We'll be staying at the Holiday Inn North Airport in Phoenix. We have negotiated a great room rate, which includes breakfast. Tickets for the three home games at Hohokam during that week will be available for purchase through the Booster Club. If you want to get on the interest list, contact Sue Fowler at (925) 829-3722, oakasbooster@gmail.com, or Kris Burgett at (510) 967-2888, burgettkristen@aol.com. The flyer is attached.

The A's are going to Japan! The A's and the Seattle Mariners will open their season with a **trip to Japan**. They will play a two-game series on March 20 and 21, 2019. The teams will also play two exhibition games each against Japanese teams on March 17 and 18 at the Tokyo Dome. If we hear that the Oakland A's are offering trip packages to Japan for these games, we'll let our members know through our Facebook page.

The Oakland A's Booster Club is offering its **2019 Season Sunday Game Tickets Package**. The package offers tickets at a group rate and includes tickets to 14 Sunday home games. **A deposit of \$125 per seat is due by November 30th**, and the final payment is due at our Kick-Off event in February. (As of this date, the final price has yet to be determined by the A's.) The flyer is attached. The A's have told us that participants in the Booster Sunday ticket package can take advantage of All-Access membership, including 50% off concessions.

We are already planning our **Booster Kick-Off** to the 2019 season on **February 10th**. Make your plans to join us!

And for the **A's FanFest**, which we expect to occur in January again, we hope to have the same arrangement as last year – a Capitol Corridor train, decorated in A's colors, taking fans from Sacramento to Oakland. And, if we're lucky, a player will be onboard!

The A's have announced that their entire coaching staff will be returning in 2019:

Manager Bob Melvin, hitting coach Darren Bush, assistant hitting coach Mike Aldrete, pitching coach Scott Emerson, base coaches Al Pedrique and Matt Williams, bench coach Ryan Christenson, bullpen coach Marcus Jensen and quality control coach Mark Kotsay.

Want to become a Booster Club member? Go online at www.oaklandathleticsboosterclub.com to join, or give a check/cash at any Booster event to Kristina Varela, our Membership chair. Dues are \$26 annually (minus \$1 for cash or check).

THANKS TO OUR BOOSTER BOARD MEMBERS FOR SERVING IN 2018!

President Shannon Starr
1st Vice-President Joan Riebli
2nd Vice-President Steve Ow-Ling
Treasurer Chris Cypret
Secretary Wendi Montag

Board Members at Large: Tom Fowler, Kris Burgett, Heidi Brevet, Glenn LaFleur, Kristina Varela (Membership), Carlos Soria (Website)
Past Presidents: Linda Burnett, Sue Fowler

And special thanks to the following Booster members...

Mary Meiring for helping at the luncheons and with the Bill King Scholarship Fund,
Brittany Grant for helping to distribute our newsletters,
Steve Davidovich for hanging our championship banners during our luncheons.



The 2018 Luncheon Guests!

April – **COO Chris Giles**
May – **Vida Blue**
June – **Josh Phegley**
August 3 – **Bip Roberts**
August 31 – **Mark Canha**
September – **Lou Trivino**



2019 Booster Luncheon Dates! All Booster luncheons in 2019 will be held in the Shibe Park Tavern (formerly known as the West Side Club).

Friday, April 19, Friday, May 24, Saturday, June 1, Saturday, July 27, Friday, August 16
Friday, September 6

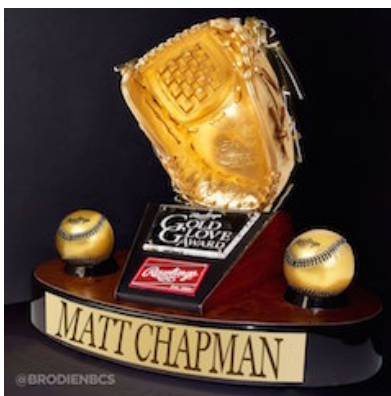
Silent Auction

2nd Vice-President Steve Ow-Ling would like to thank all those who purchased items sold at the Silent Auction for the 2018 season.

The items donated were from Steve's personal collection of memorabilia.

The 13 items sold during our monthly luncheons raised \$514 for the Bill King Scholarship Fund.

Steve and the Boosters thank everyone who participated!



Congratulations to Oakland Athletics players 1B Matt Olson and 3B Matt Chapman for winning their first Gold Glove awards!

The A's will honor their Gold Glove-winning infielders with bobblehead giveaways:
Matt Chapman GG – April 20
Matt Olson GG – June 22



(Thanks to Brodie Brazil for the replica images.)

Oakland Athletics Sports Illustrated Covers

It's interesting to see the subject matter change from 1954, when Sports Illustrated started publishing, to the modern SI. Covers were often drawn in the old days, or lacking in color or, strangely enough, controversy. Women were featured on perhaps two covers a year in the beginning years, often in swimsuits. African-Americans and Latino athletes became more and more prominent starting in the mid-1960's. And, of course, the SI Swimsuit issue started in 1964, which indicated a greater focus by publishers on marketing and sales.

Baseball, curiously enough, wasn't featured that much on the cover. It was mostly football. It's still mostly football.

The A's first cover was featured in a previous newsletter, and covered the "colorful" **Kansas City A's**. The next one featured **Vida Blue** on its cover; that was the week of May 31, 1971. It's safe to say that Vida was one of the first African-Americans to be pictured on a major magazine cover along with Muhammad Ali.



Blue was also featured on a 1972 SI cover.

But, as you can imagine, the Oakland A's became hot in 1972, 1973 and 1974. They won and they won often.

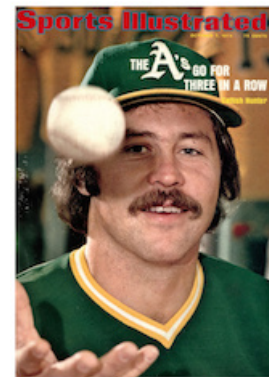
"Red Hot Against the Reds" featured **Rollie Fingers** on October 23, 1972.

Bert Campaneris is shown in an action shot on October 22, 1973.

And here's **Reggie Jackson** on the cover on June 17, 1974, doing what he does best.

Another 1974 cover was **Catfish Hunter** as "The A's go for three in a row."

The only A's SI cover I could find lately is **Dallas Braden**, who threw his perfect game in 2010. What a great pose!



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