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What we (MCSSA) are all about

This is just a reminder to everyone of what the Montgomery County Senior Sports Association is trying to achieve with all of its programs for seniors.

First, our mission statement from our basic by-laws:

“The purpose of the Montgomery County Senior Sports Association is to provide opportunities and encouraging senior citizens to exercise and improve their quality of life through participation in organized sports programs. For the purpose of this document, Senior Citizens are defined to be people fifty years of age and older.” The exception is that women over 40 may participate in these programs.

Next is how our membership is defined from our by-laws:

“MCSSA membership shall be open to all who subscribe to the MCSSA Newsletter. Subscribing to the MCSSA Newsletter also entitles members to receive other MCSSA mailings throughout the Association year and permits participation in social functions such as the annual picnic and winter banquet. Although the program is centered in Montgomery County, membership is extended to citizens of other counties of Maryland as well as Northern Virginia, the District of Columbia and other states. Honorary memberships may be conferred to representatives of organizations or individuals at the discretion of the President with approval of the Board of Directors. Subscription rates will be set by the Board of Directors and announced at the Annual Meeting.” We do not turn anybody away. [We also interface with the Montgomery County Recreation Department and provide commissioners for the night leagues. In addition, we conduct the softball tournament for Maryland Senior Olympics each year.]

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Tait Tournament and All Star Weekend

The twenty-second annual MCSSA Bill Tait Invitational tournament will be held on Sunday, July 15, beginning at 8:30 a.m. If all goes as planned, opening ceremony will take place on Field 4 at Olney Manor Park at 9:30 a.m.

All-Star games will be played on Saturday, July 14 starting at 9:30 a.m. The Ross Emerson League All-Stars will play against Stu Levy Wednesday night league All-Stars. At 11:30 p.m. the Ron Schell League All-Stars will play against the “B” and “C” Divisions’ All-Stars from Paul Jarosinski’s Tuesday night league.

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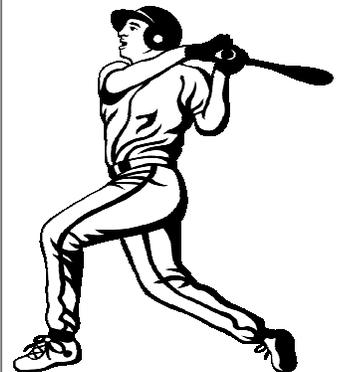
* **July 14** MCSSA league All-Star games.

* **July 15** Twenty-second annual Bill Tait Invitational softball tournament.

* **Sep 1** Fall softball begins.

* **Sep 6-9** Maryland Senior Olympic softball tournament at Olney Manor Park

* **Nov 2** MCSSA annual party at a location to be determined





From the Editor's Desk:

The softball tournament for the Maryland Senior Olympics will be held from 6-9 September 2018. Men's teams in the 65, 70 and 75 category will play on the 6th and possibly on the 7th. Teams in the 50, 55 and 60 categories and women will play on the 8th and possibly on the 9th.

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Parks and Planning Commission has posted notice that softball fields will be closed for maintenance from 16 to 31 August. As a result, the Recreation Department may be forced to compress the season for nighttime leagues once again to just five weeks (ten games) instead of the usual seven weeks (fourteen games).

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MCSSA's annual awards banquet will be held at Clubhouse at Leisure World on Friday, November 2, 2018. Nomination Forms for the Newbury Award and the "Spike" Comeback Kid Award are available on Page 7.

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CALL for Ten Pin Bowlers

The Club 55 bowling league is slowly fading away. They need some new blood. They bowl on Monday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. at Bowl America in Gaithersburg on Clopper Road just around the corner from DMV.

The league is not sanctioned, but they kind of follow ABC rules. They bowl for fun and companionship and they use 100 percent handicap to even things out.

Even if you have not bowled for many years, or consider yourself "not so good," you will fit in without any problems.

The fall season begins on September 10, 2018 and runs for 32 weeks with time off for the holidays. They also have drop-in practice sessions during the summer on Monday afternoons.

If you are interested in joining them, call George Schlapo at 301-929-1081.

FALL BALL

The fall softball season begins September 4, 2018 for both Super Senior (Monday and Friday mornings) and Ross Emerson 60+ (Tuesday and Thursday Mornings) draft leagues.

Evening leagues will begin on September 4, 2018. These are Women's Masters (Monday Night); 50+ men (Tuesday night, two divisions); 55+ men (Thursday night); and the Ron Schell men's 50+ draft league (Friday Night).

Registration forms for the Draft Leagues can be found on Page 8 of this publication. Other leagues register through the county recreation offices.

The entire MCSSA family would like to express our condolences to the families of our recently departed:

Shirley Birmingham
1935—2018
(Wife of Bill)

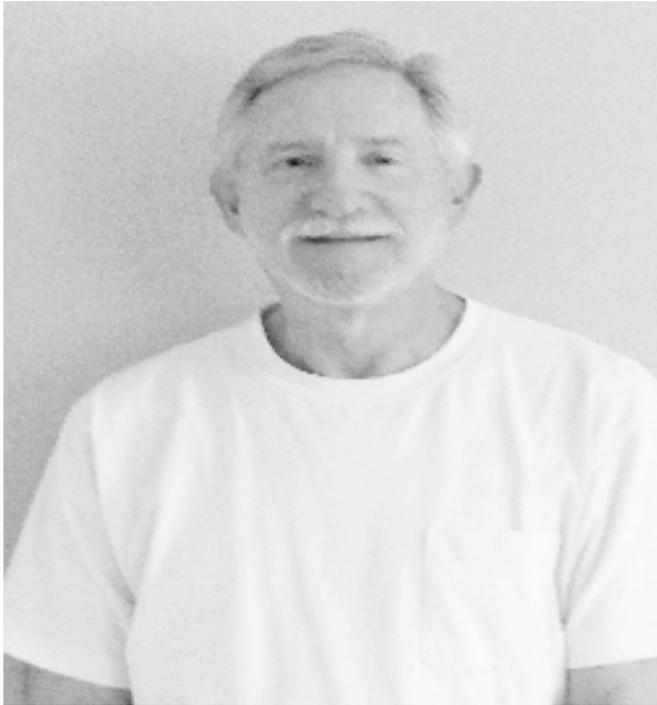
Al Easley
Nov 1952—June 2018

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MCSSA Personality Profile David Winter



I was born in New York and grew up in Long Island. My father was a lifelong NY Giants baseball fan, and I inherited that trait. My idol when I was a child was Willie Mays. More on him later.

I was very small in my youth and high school sports were not in the cards for me, although I played baseball during my freshman year. I began playing Little League baseball at age 8, played through age 16, then switched to softball at 17.

I attended The Ohio State University from 1966 to 1970. It was fortunate timing, as we won the National Championship in 1968, defeating OJ Simpson's USC in the Rose Bowl. Whenever Woody Hayes saw me on campus, he begged me to come out for the team as soon as I passed 150 pounds. (It is possible that this is fiction). I was on campus during the tumultuous spring of 1970, when riots, demonstrations and all sorts of interesting things were going on. Although I was a member of the Ohio National Guard at the time, my unit was not activated.

I majored in Sociology and, upon graduation, through the Placement Office at OSU, I found a job as a counselor at the Ohio Penitentiary. I was 21 years old, naïve, and unaware of what I would find at the prison. It was a great learning experience, and I made some memorable relationships. Although I began law school at University of Cincinnati, I decided to return to Criminal Justice, left law school,

and applied to graduate school at American University and moved to the DC area in 1972.

Classes were at night, and I obtained a job with DC Superior Court Probation. I got my Master's Degree in 1975. My job at Probation was interesting, but I eventually suffered from "burn out" and decided to get into business. In 1982, I began my business career with a retail T-shirt store in L'Enfant Plaza in DC. Two years later I had a store in Manassas Mall in Virginia, and in 1986, a Maryland store in Beltway Plaza in Greenbelt. Fortunately, the Redskins were in Super Bowls in the 1982, 1983, and 1987 seasons. It was a good time to be in the T-shirt business. Eventually, the type of stores I had went out of fashion in this area, and they disappeared from our local malls. I decided to return to Criminal Justice.

In 1990, I started at Probation and Parole in Fairfax, and I retired after 24 years in 2015. Most of the time there was spent preparing Presentence Reports for the court, training newly hired Probation Officers, and monitoring restitution payments to victims.

I remained a bachelor until I was 35 when I married my lovely wife Patty. She was an executive for more than 20 years at MCI and is now an executive for a small company in DC. She loves her job and does not plan to retire for another two years. We have a son, Sam, who is 28 and is a self-employed jewelry designer. He can be found at winterfinejewelry.com, as well as at etsy.com/winterfinejewelry. My 26 year old daughter Danielle teaches Latin in Wilmington, Delaware and is getting married this summer.

Getting back to softball and Willie Mays, in 1973, when Willie retired, I decided that I needed to play multiple times a week. My reasoning was that if Willie was not around to catch all those fly balls, they would drop in for base hits. I wasn't about to let that happen, so I did my best to pick up the slack and catch as many fly balls as I could. I played three and four days a week from that point. I played on teams that won trophies, and I played on teams that rarely won. Mostly, I met great people with wonderful camaraderie. I stopped playing in 2005, as I didn't like how my body felt the next day, and the next day I had to go to work. When I retired, I found the MCSSA, returned to softball, and found my game covered in rust. My legs were also very upset with me for

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making this choice. After my first season, I joined a gym, got my legs in better shape, and shook off the rust. Softball has been a huge part of my retirement. The best

CoRec League Action 2018



Jim Peter strikes a mighty blow.



Dennis Ng on first base with Steve Mueller and Clarissa Cynerman on defense.



Dom Giglio makes the long throw from third while



Vinnie DeVecchio punches out a base hit.



Nancy Chu smashes one for a hit.



Phil Galipo rips one.



Softball Standings (As of June 15, 2018)

Women's Monday Night League

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
TST	7	1		14
Sparks, Stein & Sperling	5	3		10
Like a Fine Wine	4	2		8
Old Bats	3	5		6
Tornados	1	9		2

Commissioner: Carmen Campbell

Super Senior League Monday Mornings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Lions	8	1		16
Cougars	8	2		16
Jaguars	4	6		8
Lynx	3	5	1	7
Panthers	3	7		6
Tigers	2	7	1	5

Commissioner: Ed Guillette

Wednesday Night Men's 60+ League

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Hamel	9	1		18
Ledo Pizza Wheaton	3	7		6
MemberCar Stars	8	2		16
Mustangs PJ's Sports	4	6		8
Blue & Gold	0	8		0

Commissioner: Stu Levy

CoRec Wednesday Morning League

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
PJ's Sports	10	2		20
Hawks	8	4		16
Athletic House	7	3		14
Senior Moments	5	5		10
CoStars	4	8		8
Eagles	0	12		0

Commissioner: Don Juran

Tuesday Night Men's 50+ League

<u>Division "A"</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Spicer	8	3	1	17
Gaithersburg Rentals	7	6	1	15
Grim Reapers	4	7	1	9

Division "B"

Pirtek	6	6		12
Raiders	6	6		12
JLC Construction	3	7		6

Division "C"

Marauders	7	3		14
Stylers	4	3	1	9
Meyers & Meighan	3	7		6

Commissioner: Paul Jarosinski

Ross Emerson Men's 60+ League (2nd Half)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Senators	22	0	2	45
Good Sports	13	13		26
Warriors	12	11	1	25
Patriots	12	13	1	25
Rebels	6	17	1	13
Bombers	5	16	1	11

Commissioner: Jacky Loube

Thursday Night Men's 55+ League

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Hamel	7	1		16
Gaithersburg Rentals	6	2		12
Unwanted Guns	8	4		16
Meyers Meighan	6	3	1	13
Marauders	3	5		6
Blue and Gold	1	9		2
Silverachos	0	7	1	1

Commissioner: Bill Madert

Ron Schell Draft League 50+

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Midnight Special	7	3	1	14
Homestead Greys	5	6		10
Green Machine	4	7	1	9

Commissioner: Dave Hyder

The organization has four officers consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and a Board of Directors made up from the officers and the commissioners of each of our activities. All of these positions are staffed with volunteers.

When calculating the price of our registration fees, the commissioners take into account the following: Rental fees for the venues (ball fields and courts); the number of games to be played during a season; compensation for the officials; the purchase of uniforms; balls; and, estimating the number of teams and persons that will participate. When the algorithm is run the registration fee number comes out. The objective is to at least "break even" when the fees are established. Strict accounting on a league/activity is maintained throughout. If a league produces a profit in one season, then the fees are adjusted downward for the next season. Likewise, if a league produces a loss during a season, then the fees are adjusted upward for the next season. The only other cost is for the quarterly newsletter, *The Senior Athlete*, which the membership fee covers.

Representatives of our board attend county wide meetings as a voice to maintain, and in many cases increase opportunities and programming in county recreational facilities for seniors.

The bottom line is that nobody receives any compensation for their various roles in the organization except for the joy they bring to all participants in each of our activities.

part is getting to play on a number of different teams and meeting so many wonderful people. These relationships mean a lot to me and make my retirement very special.

Annual Meeting Comments

The MCSSA annual meeting took place on April 28, 2018 at Seibels Restaurant in Burtonsville. There were two items needing further discussion, in particular, Membership dues and Newsletter distribution.

MCSSA has been in existence for 27 years and except for a very minor increase in membership dues in the early days, the fee has been \$5 all these years. At the meeting a proposal was passed to raise the membership dues to \$10. This would be effective at the beginning of our next fiscal year which is April 1, 2019. This increase is necessary to help defray the costs of our newsletter. The costs include printing, postage, mailing labels and sealing labels.

Regarding newsletter distribution and the advances made in Information Technology, it is possible for members to receive the newsletter via email in pdf format. On future registration forms there will be a box for you to tell us whether you would rather receive it by email rather than by the U.S. Postal Service. It is also available on the MCSSA website.



Pete Maroulis



Charles Murkey



Nomination Form 7th Annual "Spike" Comeback Kid Award

I would like to nominate _____

List in detail the factors that should be considered for presentation of this award (on a separate sheet of paper).

The award committee will evaluate the nominations, for either man or woman, based on the data submitted justifying your candidate's accomplishments.

Richard Sherman will chair the committee and submissions can be made either by U.S Mail addressed to Richard Sherman, 15403 Wentbridge Court, Silver Spring, MD 20906 or by email to rgsappraising@verizon.net.

Nominations should be submitted by Tuesday, October 14, 2014.

Abbreviated Nomination Form 15th Annual William E. (Bill) Newbury Memorial Award

I would like to Nominate _____

List in detail why your nominee's contributions should be considered for this award (*The more information you can provide, the better*):

All nominations must be received by Tuesday, October 10, 2018

To submit a nomination, simply send by e-mail to one (or all) of the following committee members:

Or, send through the U.S. Postal Service to:

Ed Guillette —gamboa33@verizon.net
Don Juran—drj5@cornell.edu
Jim Ehrenfried—jimpam678@aol.com

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Chuck Spalding



John Medford

REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE FALL DRAFT LEAGUES

Please indicate which 2018 Fall League (s) you wish to play in and enclose the proper amount as indicated below. Make check payable to MCSSA. **Deadline: August 22, 2018 (If you registered and played in the Spring League, deduct \$5 from the amount shown when you register for the Fall.)**

I want to play in the Super Senior Draft League on Monday and Wednesday Mornings (\$60.00) \$ _____

I want to play in the 60+ Ross Emerson Morning League (\$100.00) \$ _____

I want to play in the 50+ Ron Schell Draft League on Friday Nights (\$75.00) \$ _____

Include \$5.00 for Annual MCSSA membership if not already paid (\$5.00) \$ _____

Optional: Donation to MCSSA to further the goals of MCSSA \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

I would prefer to receive my newsletter by email instead of by USPS YES NO

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ Date of Birth: _____

E-mail address _____ Emer contact: _____ Phone: _____

The participant assumes all risks associated with participation in the above activities. MCSSA assumes no liability for injury or damages arising from participation in these activities. Due to the strenuous nature of some activities, MCSSA encourages each participant to consult his or her physician concerning fitness to participate in the program. The participant consents to emergency treatment.

Signature _____

Mail this form with a check for the TOTAL AMOUNT DUE made out to MCSSA to:
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