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Jerry Cohen Wins Newbury Award



those who have done that job can attest to how much effort it takes. Among other things, you do not get the opportunity to sit down every half inning.

Jerry's playing and umpiring pale in comparison to what he did to develop and maintain the Newbury Award. As the original Chair of the Committee, Jerry led the development of the criteria for the award, determining how winners would be identified and by whom, determining the wording for the plaques, finding and instructing the engraver, and, contacting Bill's widow, Sally Newbury, to invite her to attend our banquet and to present the award to the winner.

Jerry Cohen is one of the unsung heroes of MCSSA. His contributions have really been under the radar.

As a player, Jerry was an accomplished hitter and fielder. His strong left-handed hitting, his speed both on the bases and in the outfield made him a valuable member of the teams he played for.

His contributions to MCSSA team play did not stop with just playing. He also took on the job of umpiring games. Many of

He chaired the committee for thirteen years. When he stepped down he provided detailed instructions on what needed to be done. John Elsbee confirms how easy it made his job chairing the committee.

As player, umpire and leader Jerry certainly is well deserving of this award.

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Dates to Remember

- **Jan3** Indoor Softball drills begin.
- **Jan 3** Registration for Spring Leagues begins.
- **April 17** Action begins in spring softball leagues.
- **July 13** League All Star games.
- **July 14** 23rd Annual "Bill Tait" Invitational Tournament.



Sally Newbury announcing the winner.



Jim Spencer accepting the award for Jerry in his absence.





From the editor's desk:

Unusual events:

Rain and more rain. The Maryland Senior Olympics softball tournament got rained out twice. The first time was in early September and the last time was the end of October. This has been a terrible summer and fall for softball.

There were no nominees for the "Spike" Comeback Award this year. Instead, Richie Sherman, the chair of the committee, spoke of his health and the treatment he received. He vows that next year there will be candidates.

Likewise, there was no Ross Emerson League Legend Award. Jacky says there will be two next year.

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John Supinski passed away during October this year. John was one of the founding fathers of MCSSA and he sponsored, managed and played on teams for many years. He also participated in Maryland Senior Olympics events as well. Recently I was contacted by his granddaughter Colleen Roux, who said the family wanted to do something for a worthy cause in memory of John. As we were discussing this I mentioned that we were considering renaming the Super Senior League the John X Supinski Jr Memorial League. She and her family were really appreciative of this and they created a "GofundMe" campaign to raise some money to donate to MCSSA. We invited the family to our annual awards banquet and Colleen presented us with a check for over \$3,000 dollars. They are planning to keep the campaign open until the end of the year and will turn over the funds to us. So the league is being renamed and the family is looking forward to attending the opening games in April. We would like to thank the family for their generosity.

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INDOOR SOFTBALL STARTS THURSDAY JANUARY 3

Indoor softball drills begin on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at the Rockville Sportsplex on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and run through the end of March. Jim Ganz will run the drills on the field on the left and Spike Barothwill handle the field on the right. The fee is \$10 per person, per session.

SPRING SOFTBALL STARTS WEEK OF APRIL 16

This spring softball season will begin the week of April 8, 2019. MCSSA will be managing eight leagues: three daytime and five nighttime. On Monday mornings there is the John X Supinski Jr Memorial league for men 70+ and women 40+. The Ross Emerson league on Tuesday and Thursday mornings is the men's 60+ league. The Co-Rec league for men 60+ and women 40+ plays its games on Wednesdays..

On Monday nights, the Women's Masters 40+ league play. Tuesday night we see the men's 50+ league. On Wednesday night it's the men's 60+ league. Thursday nights it is the men's 55+ league. Finally, on Friday nights, we have the men's Ron Schell 50+ draft league. More information on these leagues appears on page 8 of this issue of *The Senior Athlete*.

Bat standards for the night leagues follow the Amateur Softball Association guidelines. Bat standards for morning leagues vary—consult with league commissioner.

In Memorium

John Supinski
Dec 1924—October 2018

Tony Santini
April 1938—October 2018

Eileen Burroughs
(Wife of Buzz)

Joan Bedell
(Wife of Jay)



MCSSA Personality Profile STAN WAY



My personality profile in terms of athletics really starts as a teenage boy in Chevy Chase, Maryland and were supported by neighborhood families who recognized the value of sports in the lives of growing boys. A neighbor family who owned a plot of land turned it into a softball field complete with a backstop. This was during the closing years of World War II. We had many pickup softball games for several years with boys from our neighborhood and in the fall we had touch football games.

As we grew into older teens and found our ways to college we continued our love of sports and found more opportunities for sports.

After graduating from college I found work at NASA (Goddard Space Flight Center) and soon realized that many of the young employees shared a common interest in sports. NASA's management learned of that interest and it wasn't long before a large area that NASA had dedicated to Antennas (to communicate with satellites) was ideal to use for softball and they formed five fields and built a shed which they used for equipment storage and also a place where they could dispense food and drink. They organized separate leagues and had as many as 20 or more teams formed. I played in one softball league once a week for many years.

Eventually my work schedule interfered with my ability to play enough and I dropped to a league where the team had a sufficient number of players to allow me to play when work allowed.

The government employees were offered an opportunity to use an exercise facility during lunch hours. I used that for several years (mainly during lunch times) and after a few months began running along with many others. In 1985 I ran my first Marine Corps Marathon. I continued my running along with softball for many years. When I retired I continued running along with my two sons, often with races organized and run by the MCRRC (Montgomery County Road Runners Club). My sons continue running today while my own running is on hold pending the status of my Parkinson's disease.

As retirement approached I dropped out of the NASA softball league and I found myself with no sports activity. One of my daughters mentioned the need for me to find something to keep me active. I did that and found the MCSSA softball league off Georgia Avenue that still is active today. I went up to the fields and watched. One of the teams was short of players and asked me if I would play. Of course I did, and continued for many years.

I discovered senior volleyball and after learning a sport that I had never played before, I played for years and coordinated drop-in senior play at three Community Centers and also played in a volleyball league in the evenings one night a week. I also played senior volleyball in the yearly Maryland Senior Olympics.

Currently I participate in five weekly sessions of exercise aimed at slowing the progression of my Parkinson's disease. The Parkinson's disease Foundation local organization PFNCA.com provides many activities and I would recommend it to anyone with Parkinson's disease.

My family is the real joy in my life with wife Laurie, children Tom, John, Melinda and Julie. We lost Laurie five years ago to breast cancer. The accomplishments of our children have been amazing.

FINAL FALL SOFTBALL STANDINGS

WOMEN'S MASTERS LEAGUE

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
TST	7	1		14
Sparks, Stein & Sterling	5	3		10
Tornados	2	4		4
Like a Fine Wine	0	6		0

Commissioner: Carmen Campbell

ROSS EMERSON 60+ LEAGUE

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Senators	21	2	1	43
Good Sports	20	3	1	41
Rebels	9	14	1	19
Bombers	9	15		18
Patriots	7	17		14
Warriors	4	19	1	9

Commissioner: Jacky Loube

TUESDAY NIGHT 50+ LEAGUE

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Spicers	9	3		18
Pirtek	8	4		16
Gaithersburg Rentals	5	7		10
Marauders	5	7		10
Stylers	4	8		8
Raiders	3	9		6

Commissioner: Paul Jarosinski

RON SCHELL 50+ DRAFT LEAGUE

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Homestead Grey	5	3		10
Midnight Special	5	3		10
Big Red	3	5		6
Green Machine	3	5		6

Commissioner: Dave Hyder

SUPER SENIOR LEAGUE

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Jaguars	15	2	1	31
Lynx	13	4	1	27
Lions	9	7	2	20
Cougars	8	8	2	18
Tigers	4	13	1	9
Panthers	1	16	1	3

Commissioner: Ed Guillette

THURSDAY NIGHT 55+ LEAGUE

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Unwanted Guns	7	1		14
Gaithersburg Rentals	7	3		14
Hamel	6	4		12
Marauders	0	10		0

Commissioner: Bill Madert

More Banquet Photos



Bob and Ann Taylor



John and Larissa Cymerman



Claire Kevill and Frank Carlman

The Tournament Column

By Janet Mitchell

The Maryland Roadrunners women's 60+ team played its 20th season of travel tournaments in 2018. This year, the team competed in 5 tournaments.

May – SPA Twitty NIT in Hendersonville, TN. This was our first tournament of the year and without much opportunity to practice, we considered this a warm up competition. We had some good games, but finished in 4th place.

July – SPA Rocky Top in Knoxville, TN. This tournament was cut short due to rain, however we did get to play several competitive games, including 2 against the talented Hamel Lady 60's team. We were not able to beat them, but getting closer!

July – Sho-Me Tournament in St Louis, MO. This NSA tournament is hosted by one of the women's teams, Sho-Me. We had excellent weather (it's usually incredibly hot!) and finished the tournament in 2nd place.

September – SPA Women's World Championship in Dalton, GA. We had several competitive games in this tournament and finished 3rd behind Hamel Lady 60's and Jolico Seniors (MI).

October – Huntsman World Senior Games, St. George, UT. This was, by far, our best tournament of the season. The Huntsman Games are always very competitive due to the large number of teams and the number of teams from CA and AZ, where they play year-round. There were 20 teams in the 60's age group. We finished 3-0 in pool play. All 5 3-0 teams from pool play advanced to the majors division of the medal round. We played extremely well and finished 2nd place to win the silver medal, majors division. We scored 107 runs in our 7 games, and this was a fantastic note on which to end the season. We always use the tournaments throughout the season as practice and preparation for this end-of-season tournament.

All in all, our season provided many opportunities to play some excellent teams and therefore, improve our own game as a result of this competition.

Hamel Senior Softball 2018 Tournament Appearances

Team	Played	Won	RunnerUp
Hamel 55s (League)	1	1	0
Hamel 60s (League)	2	2	0
Hamel Lady 60s	7	5	2
Hamel 60s	3	2	1
Hamel 65s	6	1	5
Hamel 70s	4	3	1
Hamel 75s	5	5	0
Hamel 80s	2	2	0
Total	30	21	9

These are the results of a successful 2018 campaign by Hamel Senior Softball. We're setting the bar pretty high for 2019 but we are ready for the challenge.



Margaret and Roger Pratt

MCSSA Annual Banquet Photos



The John X Supinski Jr Family



John Supinski's granddaughter Colleen Roux



Richie Myers



Billy Clark



Carmen Campbell and Janet Mitchell with their alter selves

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REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE SPRING DRAFT LEAGUES

Please indicate which league(s) you wish to play in and enclose the proper amount as indicated below. Make check payable to MCSSA. **Please note: Your Annual MCSSA Dues are included in the registration fee for whichever league you in which you want to play. So if you sign up for multiple leagues you only pay the dues once.**

I want to play in the John X Supinski Jr League on Monday Mornings (\$40.00*) \$ _____

I want to play in the 60 and over Ross Emerson Morning League (\$125.00) \$ _____

I want to play in the 50 and over Draft League on Friday Nights (\$80.00) \$ _____

Annual MCSSA membership (\$5.00 until March 31 2019 then \$10 after this date) \$ _____

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

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

* One time only reduced rate gift from Supinski family

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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

E-mail address _____

Emergency contact (required): _____ Phone: _____

It is vitally important that you provide an emergency contact and phone number

Would you like to be considered to manage a team in one of the leagues? YES NO

What positions do you play? _____ What playing dates will you miss? _____

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

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

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 _____



SOFTBALL REGISTRATION BEGINS IN JANUARY

NIGHT LEAGUE FORMATS

The following night leagues play a 10 week 20 game doubleheader schedule on regional fields. Early games are at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. with late games at 8:00 and 9:00 p.m.

Monday Nights—Women’s 40 and over league
Commissioner: Carmen Campbell—443-864-4179

Tuesday Nights—Men’s 50 and over league
Commissioner: Paul Jarocinski 301-774-5841

Wednesday Nights – Men’s 60 and over league
Commissioner: Stu Levy

Thursday Nights—Men’s 55 and over league
Commissioner: Bill Madert 301-775-8364

Friday Nights—Ron Schell League Men’s 50 and over DRAFT league
Teams play 2 seven inning games at Wheaton
Commissioner: Dave Hyder—240-393-3516
This is a draft league and the cost is \$90 per person. Those interested in playing in this league, please fill out the form on page 7 of this newsletter.

DAYTIME LEAGUE FORMATS

Monday and some Friday Mornings John Supinski Memorial League 70 and over for men, 40 and over for women.
Teams play 2 seven inning games at Olney Manor Park. Every player in attendance is entitled to be in the batting order. Cost is \$40.00 per person this season only. Please fill out the form on page 7
Commissioner: Ed Guillette 301-438-2060

Tuesday and Thursday Mornings Ross Emerson League Men 60+ play doubleheaders at Olney Manor and Wheaton. Every player in attendance is entitled to be in the batting order. Cost is \$125.00 per person. Please fill out the form on page 7.
Commissioner: Jacky Loubé 240-731-9477

Wednesday Mornings Co-Rec League 60 and over for men, 40 and over for women. Players are entitled to 7 innings of playing time
Registration fee is \$725
Contact the commissioner to enter teams.
Commissioner: Don Juran 301-231-8622

Note: Estimated Franchise fee of \$1,150 per team is expected for the night leagues (Except Fridays).

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Your membership dues expire on March 31, of the year shown here:

