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SENIOR BASKETBALL



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Dates to Remember

- Week of April 18 Action begins in spring softball leagues.
- July 15 League All-Star games.
- **July 16 Twentieth Annual "Bill Tait" Invitational Softball Tournament**

Senior basketball went through a few changes this year as the teams were selected by committee and not by the customary draft process. With the 65's and 70's playing in the same league it was more than challenging to create an accurate mix of players to create a degree of parity. A balance between the teams was achieved as there were only two games of the twenty played, where the point differential was greater than ten points. To be even more precise, in over half of the games, the margin of victory was four points or less.

The gold team, captained by their leading scorer with 166 points, Doug Squires, finished the regular season in first place with an 8-1 record, closely followed by the red team, with a 7-2 record. The red team was managed by senior basketball legend, Jack Staines, and led by the league high scorer, Ralph Finney, with 191 points. The gold and red team advanced to the final in the playoffs with the Gold team taking the championship.

A special thank you to our team managers, Doug Squires, Jack Staines, Steve Einhorn, Mark Berman, and David Sund. An added thank you to those who assisted us at the last minute and served as substitute players: Bruce Dearbaugh, Rick Chapp, Dana Terman, Artie Lavalley, and Mike Ellis.

From the Editor's Desk:

Correction: In the article about Don Juran receiving the Newbury Award, I misquoted Don. He said that he had heard that the award was probably a popularity award, it was not his opinion.

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Regarding MCSSA fees, we have tried lately to include your dues in the posted price for your league fees. We are not going to do that in the future. League fees will be a separate item from annual dues as they were in the past.

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Congratulations and many, many thanks to Jacky Loube for stepping up and becoming the Acting Commissioner for the combined 65 and 70 Basketball League in John Medford's absence.

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Speaking about basketball, we are looking for someone to take over as commissioner of the program. John Medford is stepping down after many years at the helm

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In addition, I am looking for some people to taking on some of the tasks that I have been doing for the last fifteen years. Those tasks include:

Publisher of the newsletter "*The Senior Athlete*" There are four editions a year.

Photographer for pictures used in our newsletter. Need photos for each of the seasons.

Registrar for each of our leagues. Receive Registration Forms and checks, update both databases and transfer finances to the Treasurer by sending checks via Letters of Transmittal.

Run the Indoor Softball Program

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In Memoriam

Thurlow Carey (TC)
Dec 1937—Dec 2016

Mitzi Likar
Apr 1949—Jan 2017

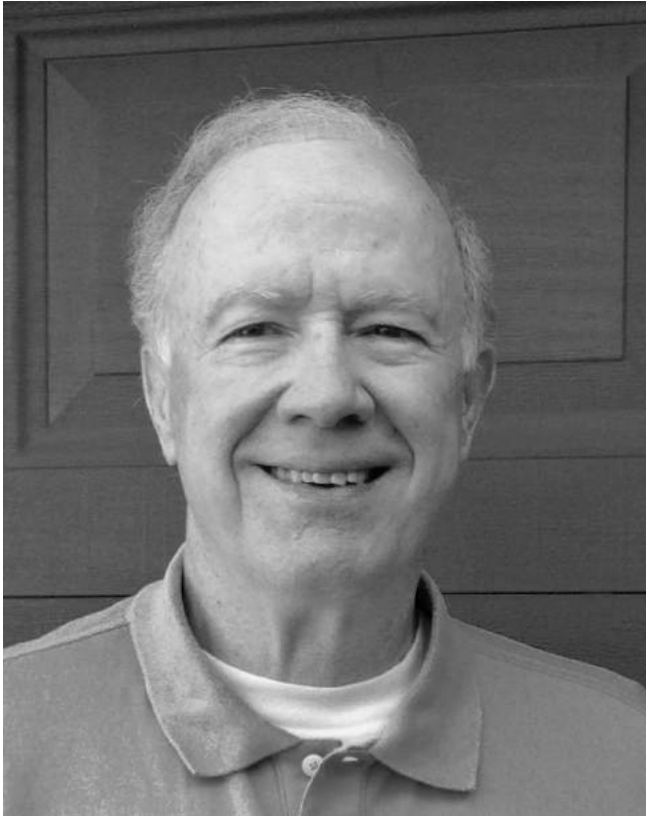
Barry Gross
Nov 1942—Jan 2017

Bob Koubek
Sep 1937—Feb 2017





MCSSA Personality Profile Bob Krum



I was born in 1947 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. I grew up in a small town called East Ridge (population around 11,000). Our neighborhood did not have a lot of level land but we managed to find enough to support playing touch football and basketball with three to five kids on a team. Baseball was a challenge as we could only manage playing a street game called "flies and skimmers". Once you caught three fly balls or nine grounders or what we referred to as skimmers, you replaced the current batter. We used tennis balls and wooden bats and tried to keep all balls on the narrow street and out of neighbors' yards while giving all vehicles the right of way. However, we soon found a field as they dug out four flat lots out of the last hill in our neighborhood. The lots were 100 feet deep then twelve feet straight up and final grading at 60 degrees to the top of the hill (another 120 feet). We got permission to use the last building lot and soon had our own hillbilly version of a baseball field. Unfortunately, the entire lot that we used for two years consisted of red clay and lots of rocks and our baseballs, softballs, tennis balls, etc. did not last more than three games because the balls were soon shredded by the rocks. We did learn to hit line drives and long balls and created an early version of Ron Schell's "line ball".

Being the tallest kid in my neighborhood I focused on play-

ing basketball in junior high and high school. I played forward and center due to my height of 6 feet 2 inches. This is the height of a typical guard today. I was co captain my senior year and we had a record of 15 wins and 6 losses.

After high school graduation in 1965, I told my parents I wanted to go into accounting/business in college. My Dad offered to pay for college with the two stipulations: (1) choosing a business degree I would attend the University of Chattanooga, or (2) selecting Electrical Engineering as my degree I could attend University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Needless to say, I chose to attend UT in Knoxville. I graduated from University of Tennessee in the summer of 1969 with an Electrical Engineering Degree.

I accepted a job as a Field Service Engineer with General Electric Ordnance Systems. The job came with a draft deferment which was quite significant since my draft number was 14. The deferment was a result of my working in the Department of the Navy's SSBN Fleet Ballistic Missile Program. Once trained and in the field, the job paid an additional \$9.00 per day tax free to help cover living expenses which was big money in 1969. The GE plant is located in the Berkshire Mountains in Pittsfield, Massachusetts and has long brutal winters of four to five feet of snowfall and 0 to 10 degrees F temperatures. I will never forget my first, and also my last, winter in Pittsfield where southern style food is only available in the summer months. I did start playing softball early on in Pittsfield. Our field engineering team finished 12-0 to win the fall league.

My first field assignment was in March 1970 in Vallejo, California at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard. My job was to install, test and fix/maintain the new Fire Control System on the SSBN and also to assist/train the ship crew and shipyard workers on the new system. I married my college sweetheart, Karen, in September 1970, and enjoyed an extended honeymoon for the next nine months in California.

Over the next six years, we moved six times. Our moves consisted of Newport News, Virginia (three separate assignments), Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Charleston, South Carolina and Holy Loch,

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2017 BASKETBALL FINAL STANDINGS

<u>LEAGUE STANDINGS</u>		<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
<u>Team</u>	<u>Coach</u>		
GOLD	Doug Squires	8	1
RED	Jack Staines	7	2
WHITE	Steve Einhorn	2	5
BLUE	David Sund	1	8

LEADING SCORERS

RALPH FINNEY	Red	213
DOUG SQUIRES	Gold	188
FRED BYERS	Red	136
BOB WASELEWSKI	Gold	134
HERB BALLARD	Gold	128
TOM ESSEL	Blue	124
MEHMET TAMAY	Red	124
JAMES MARTINEZ	White	110

All Star Weekend

All Star Weekend Festivities will begin on Saturday, July 15 with the MCSSA All Star Softball games.

There will be two All Star Games played on Field #4. The first beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the Morning and Evening 60+ leagues facing off and at 11:30 the game between the Tuesday evening and Friday evening 50+ leagues.

On Sunday, July 16, the Twenty First Annual MCSSA Bill Tait Invitational Senior Softball Tournament will be held on Fields #3, #4 and #5. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 9:45 a.m. on Field #4.





2016-17 Final Basketball Stats

<u>WHITE TEAM</u>	FG	3PT	FTA	FT	FOULS	POINTS
MARK BERMAN						
MIKE DOYLE	13		1	0	4	26
GARY LAKE	26	12	38	24	6	115
RAY McCLELLAN	5		19	5	8	15
JAMES MARTINEZ	48	2	15	6	14	110
STEVE EINHORN	9				7	18
JOHN WELLS	20	1	16	8	15	51
ROBERT KUNTZ	1		2	1	4	3
<u>BLUE TEAM</u>						
TOM GESSEL	14	31	13	8	11	124
DAVID SUND	22	13	22	9	30	95
RUSSELL	2		5	4	1	8
ED HOWARD	2					4
HERB PARCOVER	1				6	2
FRANK NICE	46		34	6	15	98
MIKE THOMPSON	18		4	2	21	38
ART HIBAN	1				5	2
DAVE MORLEY	19		11	4	11	42
<u>GOLD TEAM</u>						
DOUG SQUIRES	75	2	56	32	16	188
HERB BALLARD	16	21	35	19	12	114
PHIL OCHS	9		15	4	19	22
LEE MAY	1		2	1	8	3
NICK FLEISHER	3		2	1	7	7
BOB WASELEWSKI	52	9	14	7	4	134
AL HUNTER	10	3			1	29
NEIL HOFFMAN	8		13	3	10	19
<u>RED TEAM</u>						
JACK STAINES	6				5	12
FRED BYERS	51	7	24	13	21	136
BILL CORNWALL	23	0	2	0	22	46
RALPH FINNEY	66	4	38	27	15	213
SEAN TURNER	5	1	1		5	13
ROBERT STROUD	8		2		7	16
KIP HOWELL						
MEHMET TAMAY	58		23	8	18	124

The Teams



Yellow Team: Front Row L to R Al Hunter, Nick Fleisher and Neil Hoffman. Back Row L to R Doug Squires, Herb Ballard, Bob Waselewski and Phil Ochs.



Red Team: Front Row L to R Mehmet Tamay, Robert Stroud and Bill Cornwall. Back Row L to R Fred Byers, Jack Staines and Sean Turner.



White Team: Front Row L to R James Martinez, Robert Stroud and John Wells. Back Row L to R Steve Einhorn, Mark Berman, Mike Doyle, Artie Lavallee and Bruce Dearbaugh.



Blue Team: Front Row L to R Tom gessel, David Sund and Mike Thompson. Back Row L to R Art Hiban, Herb Parcover, Dave Morley and Frank Nice.



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Scotland. Our first son was born in July of 1974. In September 1976, we moved to Rockville, Maryland and bought our first house in Aspen Hill as my new assignment was at Vitro Labs as the General Electric Senior FBM Fire Control Tech Representative. My duties were to assist Vitro in designing a new shipyard test program to certify FBM Trident weapon systems for Naval deployment. Vitro also had an outstanding employee basketball, volleyball, bowling and softball intramural league programs that I was allowed to play in. In 1978, I was asked to play on the Aspen Hill Citgo team that consisted of mainly Vitro employees in the Montgomery County "B" league. This began my 39-year career playing softball in Montgomery and Howard counties and on travel teams.

Over those 39 years, we had two more sons and I left GE after 13 years. Going back to Pittsfield to live to further my career was just not an option that I wanted to take. In 1983, I began a 29-year work career with the Navy's Strategic Systems Program in Washington, D.C. that managed SSBN FBM Programs. The last eleven years, I was the SSP Shipboard Senior Executive and Program Manager in charge of SSP Shipboard Systems. I retired from SSP and the Department of the Navy in May 2012. I have spent my entire work career (42 years) in the Navy's FBM Programs and loved every minute. I especially enjoyed all the hardware and software design challenges involving the FBM nuclear weapon control systems, the technology revolutions and all the outstanding people and sailors involved in the FBM Trident Program. Most of all I miss all the good friends and fellowship I have encountered during my career.

Other enjoyments I have other than Karen, our three sons, two granddaughters, and our Tennessee lake home, is playing line ball, league and tournament team softball. I am extremely lucky to have always played in highly competitive leagues and travel teams. I feel very fortunate to have experienced and enjoyed the fellowship and friendship of the many softball players I have played with and against. I am also very thankful to live in a county that has one of the best Senior Softball organizations and highly competitive senior players, teams and leagues.

Stuart Goldberg to compete in Maccabi Games

Stuart Goldberg, 75, has been selected to compete for the USA in the Master's Division in Table Tennis in the games in July.

Goldberg, formally of El Paso, Texas where he won multiple awards for over twenty years. Since moving to Maryland five years ago, he has continued to win more medals in Maryland's Senior Olympics.

In order to compete in the Maccabi Games he must raise close to \$10,000, which does not include personal expenses. Anyone wishing to donate to Goldberg's GOFund page may do so by going to <http://support.maccabiusa.com/goto/sgoldberg>. All contributions are tax deductible. You can reach Stuart at 915-637-7817 or email sharcg5@aol.com if you have any questions.

Goldberg was elected to the El Paso Senior Sports Hall of Fame in 2014.

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Basketball (65/70)	John Medford
Senior Olympics	George Huson
Volleyball	Stan Way



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. You only need to pay Dues once a year. So if you sign up for multiple leagues you only pay the dues once.**

I want to play in the Super Senior Draft League on Monday Mornings (\$70.00) \$ _____

I want to play in the 60 and over Ross Emerson Morning League (\$120.00) \$ _____

Signup deadline for this league is April 10, 2017

I want to play in the 50 and over Draft League on Friday Nights (\$90.00) \$ _____

Signup deadline for this league, April 10, 2017

I would like to enter a team in the Wednesday Morning CoRec League (\$650) \$ _____

Annual MCSSA membership (\$5.00) \$ _____

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

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

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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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 _____



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