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SENIOR BASKETBALL



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Dates to Remember

- Week of April 15 Action begins in spring softball leagues.
- July 14 League All-Star games.
- **July 15 Twenty third Annual "Bill Tait" Invitational Softball Tournament**

Senior basketball transitioned this year from a 5 on 5 full court competition to a half court 3 on 3 format. Using rules from both USA Basketball and FIBA, the 15 minute games, where the clock stops on every basket and all whistles, proved to create more exercise and a better workout than its predecessor. As one player, who initially wanted the time to be expanded to 20 minutes, stated, "I am exhausted after 2 games, we need additional timeouts, forget about expanding the time." Each of the 5 teams played 2 games each Friday, with a season ending double elimination tourney scheduled for the first Friday in April. The teams are very competitive with very few lopsided scores. The managers of the 4 member teams have done an excellent job in giving substitutes equal time on the court. Players of equal ability are more easily matched up using the 3 on 3 concept. The white team, captained by Tom Gessel is leading the league, followed closely by the gold team managed by Doug Squires. The teams were selected by committee and not by the customary draft process. An attempt was made to form teams of equal ability using age and level of play as the basic criteria in creating a numerical total for each team. An initial balance between the teams was achieved until injury influenced the ability of one of the teams. Attempts were made to recruit replacements for the injured players, with weekly substitutes recruited to fill the void. Unlike years past, there have been no blowouts, with the majority of games having a margin of victory of 4 points or less.

Thank you to our officials, Spike Bauroth, Dave Hyder, and scorekeeper/timer Alan and Melanie Shevitz, for making the program a professional event. A special thanks to Bruce Dearbaugh for recruiting substitutes and assisting the Commissioner each Friday.



From the Editor's Desk:

Notes from Members:

"Gentlemen, I cannot commit to play softball this year and haven't played for the past couple of years. I have enjoyed playing in the Ross Emerson League for a number of years and I am enclosing a contribution to help iwhtj this fine organization. Best wishes for a great season and please keep my name on the newsletter list. Mike Audet"

"Dear Jim, I'm having lumbar back surgery on February 21. Therefore I will not be able to play in this spring's softball season. I hope to be able to play again in the fall. But I would like to donate my registration fee to MCSSA to continue the good work that you do. Sincerely, Charles Stopak"

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Congratulations to Frank Carlman for being selected as "Manager of the Year" for the Hamel family of softball teams.

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Congratulations and many, many thanks to Jacky Loube for stepping up and organizing the 3-on-3 basketball program.

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Speaking about basketball, we are looking for someone to take over as commissioner of the program. John Medford has stepped down after many years at the helm and Jadky Loube has been filling in the past two years. If we want to keep this basketball program running then someone needs to step up and take on the job of commissioner.

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In Memoriam

Ted Lawson
June 1935—January 2018

Ephraim Salins
February 1935—March 2018

All Star Weekend

All Star Weekend Festivities will begin on Saturday, July 14 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.

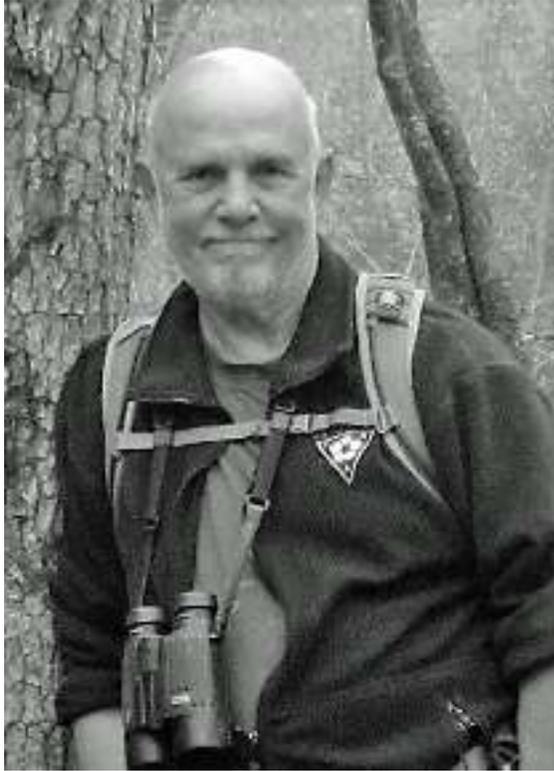
On Sunday, July 15, the Twenty Third Annual MCSSA Bill Tait Invitational Senior Softball Tournament will be held on Fields #3, #4 and #5. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 9:45 a.m. on Field #4.

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MCSSA Personality Profile Bill Wilkinson



For me, it all began in December, 1946, in Trenton, NJ. A couple of years later, we moved into a pre-Revolutionary War house on US #1, just outside Princeton: that's where I learned to catch and throw a ball. And, that's where I caught a ball in the mouth (didn't get the glove up). I've still got the twisted tooth.

I was in the third grade ('53) when I started collecting baseball cards. The '52 Topps series was always my favorite. By the time I got to high school, I started trading away my 25,000+ cards for almost anything. All but about 1,500 went; I kept the '52 Topps (until 1980). The high-point for me, baseball-wise, was going with my grandfather to Yankee Stadium for the Old Timers Day games ('55 and '56).

As a kid, my organized baseball was limited to four years of what my town called, "Midget League!" I played second base and got one hit my first season. I had a bigger role (and career) as an organizer: I'd phone a bunch of the lads, name a local field and time, and ride there on my bike bringing bats and balls. There were always fields (of a sort) available. I spent a lot of time on my bike as a kid, and that likely helped set a course for the focus of my career (i.e., almost 50 years working on transportation policy and planning, mostly focused on bicycling and walking). I did a fair amount of cycling over the years; in Ireland, England, The Netherlands, Denmark, Japan, China, Australia, and all

over the U.S. Beginning in 1970, I commuted to work by bike year-round until I started to work from home in 2008.

I came to the DC area in 1964, to attend George Washington University. Two years later, I was married and the father of the first of what would be two children. The college degree finally came in 1978 (from George Mason University), after the marriage had ended, and after I'd gone from a GS-2 Library Aid at the Department of the Interior, to a GS-12 Environmental Policy Analyst at USDOT. Between those two positions, I worked as a cartographer, computer systems analyst, park ranger, and planner. In 1980, I left government and went to work in the non-profit sector. This included 25 years as executive director of the National Center for Bicycling & Walking. Along the way, I became a Certified Planner and a Member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. I "retired" from full-time work in 2008. Today, I still manage a small non-profit (Surface Transportation Policy Project), and consult with the National Park Service on transportation policy and legislation.

In the fall on 1982, I went on a week-long bicycle tour in Vermont ... and met Jan Dale; we've been married for 35 years! We share five grandchildren (18 – 23 years old), one of whom (Arik) lives with us when not at college. All five are accomplished athletes, although none of them has ever played baseball or softball?! For the past 35 years, Jan has worked at the National Institutes of Health (Staff Scientist). I expect we will both fully retire by the end of 2019. We enjoy hiking, birding, cooking, and the two weeks every summer when "Pa and GranJan" rent the big house at Holden Beach, NC, and invite family and friends to join us for either Week #1 or Week #2. Last year, the 35th for this tradition, we hosted more than 45 different folks, ages 1-70.

Over the years, I've enjoyed various hobbies. I've collected books (First edition mysteries [550] and science-fiction paper backs [2500+]), and bicycle history materials (e.g., magazines and photos from the 1800s), which I recently donated to the University of Massachusetts archives. And, I was active in amateur radio (WE3Z) for a couple of

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decades. Now, I'm working on getting rid of all the "stuff" I collected so that my son won't have to deal with it! In addition, since my father died in 2008, I've



More Volleyball Action

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2017-18 Basketball



Hey Ref, look at his feet, that is not a 3 he is shooting



Hoping for a three pointer



George Pruden under a lot pressure.



Mike Mucci for the stop.



Everybody wants some of the action.



A wide open shot



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The Teams



Yellow Team: L to R Front Row Art Hiban and Sean Turner. Back Row Phil Ochs, Doug Squires and Ralph Finney



Red Team: L to R Mike Thompson, Steve Lawrence, Billy Cornwell, Jim Martin and Stuart Weisberg



White Team: L to R Bruce Dearbaugh, George Pruden, Tom Gessel and Bob Stroud



Green Team: L to R Mike Haggerty, Fred Byers, John Wells and Mehmet Tamay



Blue Team L to R: Ray McClellan, Herb Ballard, Mike Mucci, Don Mac and Jack Gaergler

continued his work on our family history or genealogy. I created a web site (www.billwilkinson.org) to both preserve and make available his research and my own.

In 2009, someone at Montgomery County Recreation Dept. gave me Jim Ganz's name and number. That led me to Champions Field House in January, 2010: indoor softball practice ... and the start of the most fun I could have ever hoped to have at this stage in my life. What a joy it's been to get to play again, to make new friends, and for a few hours, two or three times a week, to set aside all of the responsibilities of life and ... be a kid again.

Life is good.

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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. 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 (\$60.00) \$ _____

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

Signup deadline for this league is April 10, 2018

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

Signup deadline for this league, April 10, 2018

I would like to enter a team in the Wednesday Morning CoRec League (\$600) \$ _____

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:
MCSSA - 14320 Fairdale Road - Silver Spring MD 20905**

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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