

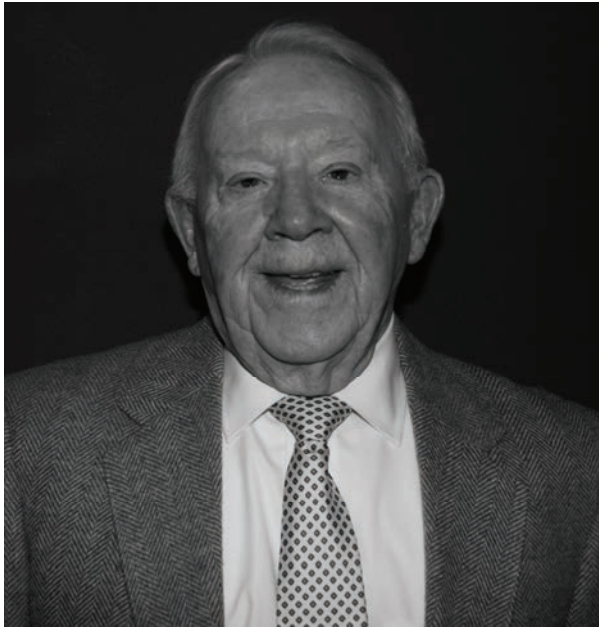


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BIRMINGHAM Wins Newbury Award



Bill Birmingham

The 2011 winner of the Bill Newbury Award was Bill Birmingham. He was cited for his accomplishments on the softball field as one who plays, manages and leads with passion. He inspires everyone to play up to their potential with focus and intensity.

Bill was the Vice President of MCSSA in 1994.

Bill was recognized as a founding father of our most popular league, originally called "The Rocking Chair" league in 1994 and is now known as the Ross Emerson League which is played on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Over the years he has played and coached and he continues to do so.

He was also the trail-blazer for the Indoor Winter Softball Program which began in 1995 and continues to this day. Bill found different venues when the need arose and these Tuesday and Thursday morning workouts is currently conducted at Champions Field House in Rockville.

Shirley and Bill live in Rockville.

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Dates to Remember

- **Jan 3** Indoor Softball drills begin.
- **Jan 20** Registration for Spring Leagues begin.
- **April 16** Action begins in spring softball leagues.
- **July 14** MCSSA Picnic and League All Star games.
- **July 15** Seventeenth Annual "Bill Tait" Invitational Tournament.

Term Limits for MCSSA Officers?

At the last Annual MCSSA meeting a proposal was presented to the Board. The present officers of the organization have been elected and re elected for many years. They are to be commended for their fine work. However, there is need for an infusion of new blood in the organization. This is not a reflection on those who are presently serving, but rather an effort to involve others in a leadership capacity. Therefore, it is suggested that the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer be limited to a three year term. The present officers could serve as "buddies" during the first year, if necessary, to assist those who were elected. Some actions would be required:

1. The by-laws of the association would have to be changed or amended.
2. There should be a rotation of the four officers in to this process. For example, a new President elected one year, Treasurer the next, Secretary the next. The Vice President should move up to the presidency.
3. The Executive Committee would act as an Advisory Committee
4. Many other ideas and suggestions were presented.
5. An ad hoc committee will be appointed to work on this suggestion.





Basketball 2011-12
(As of December 18, 2011)

Men 55+ Wednesday Night League

Team	Won	Lost	Points
Terps	0	0	Play begins on Jan 4.
Road Runners	0	0	
Baby Boomers	0	0	
Jade East Motel	0	0	

Commissioner: David Schardt

Men 65+ Sunday Morning League

Team	Won	Lost	Points
Red Manny Aviles	2	0	4
Brown Hal Reuben	1	1	2
Green Marshall Kramer	1	1	2
Blue John Medford	0	2	0

Commissioner: John Medford

Men 60+ Monday Night League

Team	Won	Lost	Points
Black Shirts	0	0	Play begins on Jan 9
Jade East	0	0	
Over the Hill Gang	0	0	
Trojans	0	0	

Commissioner: David Schardt

Men 70+ Friday Afternoon League

White Frank Mallgrave	2	0	4
Red Domenic Cetrone	1	1	2
Gold John Medford	1	1	2
Blue Bill Tait	0	2	0

Commissioner: John Medford

From the Editor's Desk:

This just a friendly reminder that dues renewal time is approaching. On the address label you will find the year that your dues expire. If your dues expire on March 31, 2012, then that will be your last issue of *The Senior Athlete*. So please be prompt and send in your MCSSA dues.

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It was nice to have Robin Riley of the Recreation Department and Mary King from Park & Planning attend the MCSSA Annual Banquet. We hope they will come every year.

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Beginning in 2012, the City of Baltimore's Department of Recreation will become the sponsor of the Maryland Senior Olympics. Several of the venues used this year will continue to be used in 2012, including Softball at Olney Manor Park during the period 6-9 September.

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Indoor Softball Drills begin on January 3, 2012 at Champions's Field House on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

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Many thanks to Bill Tair who authored the booklet, *History of Senior Sports in Montgomery County, Maryland*. Not only did bill do the research and write it, he financed the entire project. Thanks Bill.

In Memoriam

Keith Lentner

October 1932—December 2011

Bob Stroup

December 1929—December 2011

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MCSSA Personality Profile



Dave Hyder

April 2, 1989 was like any other early April Sunday afternoon for most of Dave Hyder's life – he was at softball practice. His wife, Eddie, had come out to watch, as had several other wives, as pizza afterward was planned. Pizza was not to be, however. You see, Eddie was 9 months pregnant at the time, and Dave's heart skipped a beat when she said, "I think it is time!" After some panic-filled and exciting hours, their first child, Alex, was born in the early morning of April 3rd.

For sports, especially softball, to have a role in that story was actually fitting. Eddie and Dave had also played together on co-rec teams for years, and it was not unheard of for their May anniversary celebration to include having pizza after a game! Dave fell in love with sports early in life, and the love affair is still going strong.

David was born in 1953 in Kingsport, Tennessee. His family moved to San Bernardino, California in 1956, when his father got a job there with the Social Security Administration. Like most preschool-age boys of the time, Dave was a huge Davy Crockett fan

– after all Dave, too, was "born on a mountaintop in Tennessee." But when the Dodgers announced they were moving from Brooklyn to Los Angeles, Dave, and millions of other boys in Southern California, traded in his coon-skin cap for a bat and a ball, and contracted baseball fever. He was completely hooked on the game by the time his Dad was transferred to Maryland in 1959, and he has been ever since.

Dave grew up in Baltimore County and Carroll County, Maryland, and graduated from South Carroll High School in 1971, where he played basketball and soccer.

He went to Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he played intramural football, basketball, bowling, and softball. In fact, Dave's fraternity softball team made it to Northwestern's IM championship game 2 years in a row. Lost both times- to 2 different teams- but they felt pretty good about making it to the game both years. We won't talk about basketball, where Dave fouled out of nearly every game as an under-sized center. Dave isn't too sure how they did in bowling, since the Skokie Lanes served beer. Dave also served on his fraternity's championship 4-man beer chugging team, which won the annual beer-chugging contest that was put on for charity every year by a rival fraternity.

Eddie also went to Northwestern, and they met at a mixer party with his fraternity and her sorority. Dave and Eddie were married in 1974, and stayed in Evanston after school. Dave worked at UPS, and Eddie worked for National School Board Association, which decided to move its national headquarters to Washington, DC, in 1976. Dave and Eddie decided to move with her company, and Dave was hired by Household Finance Corporation, where he worked for ten years, managing several offices for them. Dave moved on to Carteret Savings Bank in 1986, where he was District Manager of retail banks for Virginia and DC, as well as the Loan Production Office Manager. Dave decided to leave Carteret and establish his own mortgage company in 1990. Things went very well for quite a while, but we all know what has happened to the mortgage industry in recent years. Dave closed his business in 2000, when he started up Mid-Atlantic sales operations for Factual Data, an information technology provider for the mortgage industry. He was offered a Vice Presidency for Arrow Mortgage, a commercial loan broker, in 2004 and remained there until the business closed its doors in December, 2010. He has been sending out resumes and officiating as many games as he can since then.

Dave and Eddie have two sons – Alex and Andrew. Alex is a senior at the University of Maryland (Fear the
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FINAL FALL SOFTBALL STANDINGS 2011

WOMEN'S MASTERS LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
URGENT	9	1		18
Stein, Sterling & Bennett	5	5		10
Tornados	4	6		8
Like a Fine Wine	4	6		8
Judy's	3	7		6

Commissioner: Carmen Campbell

ROSS EMERSON 60+ LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
Senators	16	3	25	37
Upstarts	13	1	8	32
Nice Dogs	13	8	3	29
Bird Men	8	10	6	22
Patriots	6	12	6	18
Good Guys	5	15	4	14
Centurions	3	13	8	14

Commissioner: Marshall Kramer

TUESDAY NIGHT 50+ LEAGUE

Division A

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
Spicer	7	1	2	16
Armands	5	4	1	11
Gaithersburg Rentals	5	4	1	11
Motley Crew	2	5	2	6
Hamel	1	6	2	4

Division B

Marauders	8	2		16
Ron's AC	8	2		16
Silverado	6	4		12
Meyers Meighan	3	7		6
Stylers	2	7	1	5
NATS	2	7	1	5

Commissioner: Bud Marshall

RON SCHELL 50+ DRAFT LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
Midnight Special	9	1		18
Holdems	6	3	1	13
Gray Matters	3	7		6
Blue and Gold	1	8	1	3

Commissioner: Jeff Bender

SUPER SENIOR LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
BobCats	16	4		32
Jaguars	11	9		22
Cougars	10	9	1	21
Panthers	9	11		18
Tigers	7	12	1	15
Lions	6	14		12

Commissioner: Ed Guillette

THURSDAY NIGHT 55+ LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
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Division A

Hamel Commercial	7	1		14
ReMax	6	2		12
* Spicers Properties	5	3		10

Division B

* Marauders	4	4		8
Rapid Permit Service	2	6		4
Meyers Meighan	0	8		0

Commissioner: Bud Marshall

FRIDAY MORNING SELECT LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
NW Mutual	9	1		18
Maryland Oldliners	7	3		14
Olney Tavern	3	7		6
Montgomery Sages	2	8		4

Commissioner: Jacky Loube



Bill Hickey on Friday nights



Pete Pinkham displays his skills on Friday nights



(Hyder Continued from Page 3)

Turtle!) and Andrew is a sophomore at the University of Alabama (Roll Tide!). Dave coached both boys growing up, and they had "Bad News Bears" experiences with each of them. Both Alex and Andrew had the experience of being on teams that were kind of thrown together in the Takoma Park Babe Ruth League and started out very poorly, only to come on at the end of the season and in the playoffs to win the League Championship. What a great time for those kids! There were games over the years where the umpire didn't show and Dave found himself umpiring. One thing led to another, and Dave was asked to become a regular baseball umpire after he was done coaching his sons. He also filled in as an umpire at one of Andrew's Middle School Softball games when the umpire was late due to being in a car accident. Both coaches said Dave ought to do it regularly and put him in touch with the right person to do that. Before he knew it, Dave was officiating in several associations for baseball, softball, basketball, and football.

Dave has played softball in Montgomery County since 1976. His ego prevented him from moving to the over-35 league when first eligible, as he felt he hadn't slowed down so much that he had to play with the "old men." Finally, at age 40, he relented and tried out the over-35 league on Friday nights and immediately wished he had done it when he was 35. When the time came to play over-50, Dave wasn't going to make the same mistake again and he has had the time of his life playing senior ball. He has been playing both Tuesday and Friday nights since first eligible in 2003, and coaching both since 2005. Dave also played with Ron Schell's Conlons team in the Howard County Monday night league up until a couple years ago, when Ron stopped putting a team in. Dave also plays in the Thursday Night 55+ league with Bill Madert's Marauders. Dave hooked up with Joe B's tournament team, and has enjoyed playing in tournaments both locally and as far away as Las Vegas. The playing is great, but the friendship and camaraderie is really special. It is fun to get know your teammates, as well as those you compete against. Dave has formed friendships with guys as far away as Hawaii that he has gotten to know through softball.

Dave has also become an MCSSA official, and enjoys umpiring softball and refereeing basketball for our association. Great times.

Dave feels very fortunate that he has gotten to know so many great people through MCSSA, and looks forward to many more years with the association.

SPRING SOFTBALL STARTS WEEK OF APRIL 16

The week of April 16, 2012, will see the beginning of the Spring Softball Season. MCSSA will be managing nine leagues: four daytime and five nighttime. On Monday mornings there is the Super Senior league for men 70+ and women 50+. Tuesday and Thursday mornings it's the men's 60+ league. The Co-Rec league for men 60+ and women 40+ plays its games on Wednesdays, and the Select League plays on Fridays

On Monday nights, the Women 40+ 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 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 follows the Amateur Softball Association guidelines. Day leagues are limited to single-walled bats only.

Baseball players are smarter than football players. How often do you see a team penalized for too many men on the field?

Jim Bouton

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Previous winners of the Bill Newbury Award are pictured with Sally Newbury and her daughter Jacqui; Front L to R: John Rice, Bill Birmingham, Al Beard. Rear: Bob Gessert, Dick Rothenberg, George Schlapo, Bill Tair and Spike Bauroth.



Jerry Cohen describing the criteria for the award.



Sally Newbury announcing the winner.



Sally and Bill displaying the Plaque



Bill Birmingham, this year's winner



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

I want to play in the Super Senior Draft League on Monday Mornings (\$55.00) \$ _____

I want to play in the 60 and over Ross Emerson Morning League (\$80.00) \$ _____

Signup deadline for this league is April 1, 2012

I want to play in the 50 and over Draft League on Friday Nights (\$75.00) \$ _____

Signup deadline for this league, March 31, 2012

I would like to enter a team in the Wednesday Morning CoRec League (\$360) \$ _____

I would like to enter a team in the Friday Morning Select League (\$350.00) \$ _____

Include \$5.00 for 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 _____ **Emer contact:** _____ **Phone:** _____

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.



SOFTBALL REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 20th

Registration for the 2012 Night Leagues senior softball season will begin on Friday, January 20th, and continues until Friday, March 9th, or until leagues are filled. Daytime and Friday Night leagues can register immediately.

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: Bud Marshall 443-632-6957

Wednesday Nights— Men's 60 and over league
Commissioner: Joe Fry 301-460-6096

Thursday Nights—Men's 55 and over league
Commissioner: Bud Marshall 443-632-6957

Friday Nights—Men's 50 and over DRAFT league
Teams play 2 seven inning games at Wheaton
Commissioner: Jeff Bender—240-631-6865

Work Phone: 301-731-5116
This is a draft league and the cost is \$75 per person. Those interested in playing in this league, please fill out the form on page 7 of this newsletter.

DAYTIME LEAGUE FORMATS

Monday Mornings **Super Senior Draft League**
70 and over for men 50 and over for women.

Teams play 2 six inning games at Olney Manor Park. Every player in attendance is entitled to be in the batting order. Cost is \$55.00 per person. 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 \$80.00 per person. Please fill out the form on page 7. Commissioner: Marshall Kramer 301-929-1935

Wednesday Mornings **Co-Rec League**

60 and over for men 40 and over for women. All players are entitled to 7 innings of playing time. Registration fee is \$360 per team with checks payable to MCSSA at the address shown below.

Commissioner: Don Juran 301-231-8622

Friday Mornings **Select League**

60 and over for men. Teams enter as one entity. Registration fee is \$350 per team
Commissioner: Jacky Loube 240-731-9477

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

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