



# The Senior Athlete

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## The Tait's say Goodbye



### To All MCSSA MEMBERS

Goodbye, Goodbye – O, why must we say goodbye?

I've heard that word in every land.

"Ke ora te tura" The Polynesians say

Farewell, dear friends, we'll meet another day

From far Japan "Sayonara" they cry

I wish they didn't mean Goodbye

I hear "au revoir" and long for Gay Paree

In Rome "Arividerci," They fondly say to me

As I sail from fair Hawaii I hear "Aloha Oe"

Oh, I wish they didn't mean Goodbye.

The lyrics from this Hawaiian song say it for us. It is very difficult and emotional for Bill and Me to say Goodbye. MCSSA folk are our best friends and to leave you all "here" while we go "there" is hard. However, we plan to pack all of our wonderful memories of these past years into a suitcase and carry them with us. We will take them out often and remember and treasure them.

"Aloha oe," I hear them sigh

But I wish they didn't mean Goodbye.

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### Dates to Remember

\* **July 12** MCSSA Picnic at Olney Manor Park plus league All-Star games.

\* **July 13** Nineteenth Annual "Bill Tait" Invitational Softball Tournament.

\* **Aug 15** Fall Softball begins.

\* **Sep 4-7** Maryland Senior Olympic Softball Tournament at Olney Manor Park

\* **Nov 8** MCSSA Annual Party at Golden Bull Restaurant in Gaithersburg.





**From the Editor's Desk:**

Just a reminder that the Softball Tournament for the Maryland Senior Olympics will be held during the period of 4—7 September 2014. Teams in the 65, 70 and 75 category will play on the 4th and possibly on the 5th. Teams in the 50, 55 and 60 category and Women will play on the 6th and possibly on the 7th.

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Parks and Planning Commission have posted notice that softball fields will not be available during the period 15 August to September 1 for maintenance. 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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Just a reminder, MCSSA's Annual Dinner will be held at the Golden Bull Restaurant in Gaithersburg on Friday, November 7, 2014. Nomination Forms for the Newbury Award and the "Spike" Comeback Kid Award are available on Page 8.

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I would like to invite all commissioners to offer news items on their league for publication in the newsletter. Something like a summary of events or unusual events that occur during the season. This is important from a historical perspective as well.

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Here's a word from Gary Houseknecht who maintains our broadcast email directory: "Some of you are using email 'snares' that require the sender to verify by an exchange of emails the he/she is not a spammer. Responding to these individually is more work than this softball messenger is willing to do. If you want to receive broadcast emails of MCSSA events, deaths, parties, etc. you will have to put garywh@verizon.net on your email program's white list." Thanks.

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On Page 4 you will find a Save the Date notice for a baseball game at Cabin John Park. There are three MCSSA members that read for the blind with the Metropolitan Washington Ear, a non-profit organization with over 300 volunteers. This game on Wednesday, July 9 is a form of fundraiser for non-profits. It would be appreciated if as many of us that can attend the game. Those readers are Joe Schechter, Karl Krchma and Jim Ganz.

**FALL BALL**

The Fall Softball season gets underway approximately on September 2, 2014.

As usual, we will have Ron Schell Draft League on Friday Nights, Super Senior League on Monday and Friday Mornings and the Ross Emerson 60+ League on Tuesday and Thursday Mornings. Play will begin on August 18, 2014

The Super Senior League and the Ross Emerson League will play games in Gaithersburg for the last two weeks in August and will move to Olney Manor for the remainder of the season in September.

In addition to these leagues, there will be the Women's Masters on Monday Night, a Two-division 50+ Men's league on Tuesday Nights and a league for 55+ Men on Thursday Nights.

Registration forms for the Draft Leagues can be found on Page 9 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:  
  
**Frank Mallgrave**  
Sep 1933—May 2014

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## MCSSA Personality Profile Phil Morales



My hometown, McAllen, is situated in the Texas Gulf Coast's South Padre Island Resort area. Latitude and climate are typical of South Florida; long hot summers, short mild winters, great beaches, palm trees, and citrus fruit. Soccer was not yet popular back then. As such, we played baseball, softball, and basketball.

Amateur (Ham) Radio has been a hobby of mine since I was a teenager and the Army saw to it that I serve as a communications specialist. I asked to go to Germany, but was sent to Korea. The assignment proved highly propitious, however, for I played short-stop for the HQ baseball team that year and extended my tour of duty to play a second year.

After my three year military enlistment I attended Penn Technical Institute in Pittsburgh, PA, where I studied electronic maintenance, physics, and an enigmatic subject called calculus with its esoteric runic-like symbols.

The jungle in South America now - I had always wanted to go there and it was by happenstance that I hired on with Honeywell and went to Ecuador in 1966 to work at a NASA Satellite Tracking Station. Quito, the capital city, is situated on the equator at 9,300 feet above sea level. The tracking facility? At a mere 12,000 feet on the base of Cotopaxi, a majestic snow covered volcano. Try running at 12,000 feet.

### The jungle? Awesome!

There is no beisbol in Ecuador. Thus we formed a 4-team slow-pitch softball league and played year round on a bumpy soccer field in Quito. Our NASA facility had two teams. The U.S. Embassy people and Marines formed a third team, and the fourth team? - an eclectic collection of Peace Corps people, Texaco oil-drilling workers, and several university students from the Dominican Republic. A batted triple at that elevation resulted in reaching 2nd base, panting, due to the thin air.

Judith was an accountant for an airline company. We met in Quito. Good woman, her. We have been married 47 years. I spent ten years in Quito, riding my motorcycle high in the Andes mountains when not at work experiencing exhilarating rides and incredible scenery.

Ascension Island is located on the equator in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean between Brazil and Africa. I spent the next two years on a single assignment there at the NASA tracking facility. I did some serious deep sea fishing. I played slow-pitch softball year round there, too.

I returned to the States (home: Olney, MD) to work at the Goddard Space Flight Center. My next assignment was at the Johns-Hopkins Applied Physics Labs near Baltimore. We installed our portable mini-computers in small boats, supporting scientists who put their experimental sensors in the water while chasing U.S. Navy submarines in the Caribbean. Our field office was in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and we sailed to remote places - The Bahamas, Bermuda, St. Croix, Virgin Islands - terrible duty. Yes, I know.

My next job was a family assignment in Saudi Arabia in the 80's and 90's. We lived in an American style compound. Our two kids, daughter Harper and son Shane, went to boarding school in Switzerland. Both also graduated from college. Honeywell had the maintenance contract to repair the on-board computers, radar system, navigation system, and the cockpit head-up display unit in the U.S. Air Force F-15 Eagle jet fighter aircraft. It was a great job. I spent twelve years in Saudi Arabia. We played softball year round in three leagues; regular 12-foot high pitch league, an unlimited arc pitch league (pitches up to 15-18 feet high), and a fast-pitch league.

While in Saudi Arabia our family vacationed in every Western European country from Scotland, to  
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## SAVE THE DATE

**WHAT:** The Metropolitan Washington Ear is being honored by the **Bethesda Big Train Baseball Team**, in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, as part of their Nonprofits of the Night program.

**WHEN:** **Wednesday July 9, 2014 - Game 7:30 p.m.**

**Bring your own picnic or purchase refreshments from the snack bar to enjoy before the game and socialize with other Washington Ear Supporters** at the Davis Family Picnic Pavilion.

**WHERE:** **Shirley Povich Field, 10600 Westlake Drive, Bethesda, MD 20852**, in the Cabin John Regional Park near Westfield Montgomery Mall.

**COST:** **Adults \$15.00**  
**Children \$7.00 (under 12 years old)**

**All proceeds benefit the Metropolitan Washington Ear.**

**To purchase tickets**, please contact Rene Schecker, the Ear's Volunteer Manager, at 301-681-6636 or [Volunteermanager@washear.org](mailto:Volunteermanager@washear.org).

*Washingtonian* magazine has named Big Train Baseball as one of "Washington's Best," and Marc Fisher of *The Washington Post* called Big Train Baseball at Povich Field "the ultimate small-town fantasy." *Bethesda* magazine listed Big Train Baseball as one of the "67 Things We Love About Bethesda."



## Softball Standings (As of June 13, 2014)

### Women's Monday Night League

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Sparks, Stein & Sperling	9	0		18
TST	4	1		8
Tornados	2	4		4
Like a Fine Wine	2	6		4
Old Bats	0	6		0

Commissioner: Carmen Campbell

### Wednesday Night Men's 60+ League

<u>Division A</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
MemberCar Stars	4	1	1	9
Spicers	2	1	1	5

  

<u>Division B</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Mustangs PJ's Sports	4	0		8
Ledo Pizza Wheaton	0	4	2	1
Blue & Gold	0	4		0

Commissioner: Joe Fry

### Tuesday Night Men's 50+ League

<u>Division "A"</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Spicer	8	2		16
Gaithersburg Rentals	7	3		14
Maryland Cougars	1	9		2

  

<u>Division "B"</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Michael & Sons	5	2		10
Armands	4	3		8
Marauders	3	5		6
Stylers	1	7		2

  

<u>Division "C"</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Nats	5	2		10
Hamel	4	2		8
Silverado	4	3		8
Meyers & Meighan	3	3		6
Raiders	1	5		2

Commissioner: Paul Jarocinski

### Ron Schell Draft League 50+

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Midnight Special	4	0		8
Blue Knights	3	1		6
Green Machine	1	3		2
Legends	0	4		0

Commissioner: Dave Hyder

### Super Senior League Monday Mornings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Lions	11	2	1	23
Jaguars	10	6		20
Bobcats	9	3		18
Tigers	7	6		14
Lynx	4	8		8
Panthers	4	10		8
Cougars	2	2	1	5

Commissioner: Ed Guillette

### CoRec Wednesday Morning League

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
PJ's Sports	9	1		18
The Tavern	8	4		16
Senior Moments	6	4		12
Eagles	3	6		6
CoStars	3	9		6
Clippers	2	7		4

Commissioner: Don Juran

### Ross Emerson Men's 60+ League

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Good Sports	23	3		46
Dust Busters	17	9		34
Senators	15	11		30
Fire Balls	12	14		24
Centurions	6	20		12
Patriots	5	21		10

Commissioner: jacky Loube

### Thursday Night Men's 55+ League

<u>Division "A"</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Hamel	7	1		14
Senior Ballers	5	3		10
Chartwell Builders	4	2		8
Marauders	0	4		0

  

<u>Division "B"</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Meyers Meighan	4	2		8
Barrachos	3	3		6
Blue and Gold	0	8		0

Commissioner: Don Juran (Interim)

## All Star Weekend and the Tait Tournament

Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13, 2013 is All Star Weekend.

On Saturday, at 9:30 a.m., the All Star game between the 60+ teams from the Wednesday Night League versus the Ross Emerson League will take place.

At 11:30 a.m. there will be time for some of the players to enjoy the MCSSA Picnic before softball gets underway again.

At 1:00 p.m. you will see the All Star game between the 50+ Tuesday night league versus the Ron Schell 50+ Draft league.

All games will be played on Olney Manor Field #4. The games will be a single nine-inning affair. The prizes here are the bragging rights for the coming year over the conquered opponents. It is a lot of fun and teams are encouraged to bring out their fan clubs to see the games.

The Annual MCSSA Picnic will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the picnic grounds just beyond the fence of Field #4. As usual, there is a small fee (\$5) for food and each person is required to bring their own beverages, dessert and folding chairs, although there will be tables available at the park. See the flyer on Page 12 of this issue of *The Senior Athlete*.

On Sunday we will be conducting the Nineteenth Annual MCSSA Bill Tait Invitational Softball Tournament at Olney Manor Park. There will be four 65+ teams (Delaware, Montgomery County and Emerson Select and Hamels 65s) along with four 70+ teams (Hamel 70s, Delaware 70s, Montgomery County 70s and Cloverly Cannons) as well as four 75+ teams (Senior Moments, Maryland Baysox, Delaware 75s and Hamel 75s) participating.

The first round of games are played at 8:30 a.m. amongst all three groups. Then at 9:45 a.m. we have the "Opening Ceremonies" on Field #4. The ceremony consists of teams lining the softball diamond while a Color Guard presents the U.S. Colors for the singing of the National Anthem. This is followed by brief remarks by a guest speaker and then the team managers are introduced. To officially get the tournament underway there will be a ceremonial "first-pitch" from an invited guest.

A team trophy as well as individual "desk trophies" will be presented to the winners in each age bracket. A First Aid Unit will be present all day and refreshments will be available too.

Some assistance is required at the tournament. We need three people to take on the role of Field Marshall. Duties would include supervising games on your assigned field, handling problems and complaints, and assisting the officiating staff.

## Action in the 2014 CoRec League (Courtesy of Joe Schechter)





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**Revelers at the 2013 MCSSA Pic-**



**Nomination Form  
2nd 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.

**Abbreviated Nomination Form  
9th 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 14, 2014***

To submit a nomination, simply send by e-mail to \_\_\_\_\_ Or, send through the U.S. Postal Service to:  
one (or all) of the following committee members:

Carmen Campbell—carmen9000@comcast.net  
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### New MCSSA Website coming

As of this writing, the new MCSSA Website is under construction. The address will be *montgomerycountyseniorsports.org*.

Most people do not know what MCSSA means (except for those of us that are members) so a new name and address is appropriate. Standby for late breaking developments.

### MCSSA Board of Directors

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbents</u>
President	Jim Ganz
Vice-President	Don Juran
Secretary	Dan Mann
Treasurer	John Rice

#### Other Board Members

#### League Commissioners

Women's Masters	Carmen Campbell
Super Senior League	Ed Guillette
60+ Ross Emerson League	Jacky Loube
Co-Rec Wednesday Morning	Don Juran
50+ Tuesday Night	Paul Jarocinski
55+ Thursday Night	Don Juran (Interim)
60+ Wednesday Night	Joe Fry
50+ Ron Schell Draft League	Dave Hyder

## REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE FALL DRAFT LEAGUES

Please indicate which 2013 Fall League(s) you wish to play in and enclose the proper amount as indicated below. Make check payable to MCSSA. **Deadline: August 3, 2013**

I want to play in the Super Senior Draft League on Monday and Wednesday Mornings	(\$50.00)	\$ _____
I want to play in the 60+ Ross Emerson Morning League	(\$95.00)	\$ _____
I want to play in the 50+ Ron Schell Draft League on Friday Nights	(\$70.00)	\$ _____
Include \$5.00 for Annual MCSSA membership if not already paid	(\$5.00)	\$ _____
Optional: Donation to MCSSA to further the goals of MCSSA		\$ _____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

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:

(From Page 3 **Morales**)

Stonehenge, and down to the Greek islands. In Scandinavia we saw the Viking ships in Norway and Sweden, and old kings' stone sarcophaguses in Denmark. We took the 12-hour overnight ferry from Stockholm to Helsinki, Finland. We also went to Prague and Budapest. In Egypt we climbed to the burial chamber inside the great pyramid Khufu (Kheops) in Giza. And yes, we rode camels around the Sphinx. Camels are ornery beasts. I took our family to Bangkok, Thailand, to Hong Kong, and Beijing, China where we walked on the Great Wall. I also took our family to India to see the Taj Mahal...and to Kathmandu, Nepal to see Mt. Everest. Judi and I flew around the world once; Saudi Arabia to Europe, to New York City, to L.A. to Japan, to Singapore, and back to Saudi Arabia.

1994 - I retired from Honeywell after almost 30 years (24 years living abroad), but got another job in Rockville setting up and maintaining a database on the company's computer network.

Montgomery County Adult Co-Rec softball leagues - I played for teams at night (young people in their 20's, 30's, and a few in their 40's). I was in my early 60's and all I could do was pitch. When I couldn't keep up with those jackrabbits, I began playing Senior softball in 2002.

Presently I umpire ASA and NSA Adult League slow-pitch softball games at night in Montgomery County.

I am an amateur lexicologist; id est, I study words and their usage. As such, I have a broad vocabulary, believe it or not. I wrote this piece in the vernacular, but people have oftentimes accused me of being a sesquipedalian.

Judi, like all South American women, dances superbly. We have attended ballroom dance classes with the Montgomery County Rec-Center. We have done Foxtrot, Waltz, Rumba, Swing, Salsa, Merengue, and our favorite - the tango with its long, gliding, difficult steps and sudden dramatic pauses. I love the tango.

I am a jazz person, but I have a respectable collection of classical music. Mozart, he's my man. BTW, I have a hobby woodworking shop in our basement where I tinker.

It's a blessing to play MCSSA Senior softball - thank you, all of you involved in making it possible for us Seniors to participate.

2013 All Stars



Basketball 2013-14 Wrap up



**The Baby Boomers**, led by Gregory Williams' 16 points, beat Horton 44-32 to win the 55+ championship



**The Gray Panthers**, led by coach George Pruden's 12 points, beat the Terps 45-34 to win the 60+ championship and finish the season undefeated.

<u>Regular Season Standings</u>	W-L
Baby Boomers	5-1
Lakers	4-2
Horton	2-4
Terps	1-5

<u>Top Scorers</u>	
Harrison (Lakers)	124
Hunter (Horton)	99
Allen (Baby Boomers)	64
Magid (Lakers)	63

<u>Most 3-Pointers</u>	
Harrison (Lakers)	14
Mercer (Baby Boomers)	12
Magid (Lakers)	11
Hunter (Horton)	10

<u>Most Free Throws</u>	<u>Made/Attempted</u>
Hunter (Horton)	25-30
Harrison (Lakers)	12-24
Reid (Horton)	11-15
Williams (Baby Boomers)	0-18

Commissioner: David Schardt

<u>Regular Season Standings</u>	W-L
Gray Panthers	6-0
Terps	3-3
Black Shirts	2-4
Havoc	1-5

<u>Top Scorers</u>	
Squires (Havoc)	85
Lake (Havoc)	82
Connor (Terps)	81
Kurtz (Black Shirts)	74

<u>Most 3-Pointers</u>	
Ballard (Gray Panthers)	17
Drew (Gray Panthers)	12
Connor (Terps)	12
Lake (Havoc)	8

<u>Most Free Throws</u>	<u>Made/Attempted</u>
Kurtz (Black Shirts)	19-28
Connor (Terps)	15-20
Lake (Havoc)	10-23
Rich Cimmon (Terps)	8-10
Squires (Havoc)	8-11

Commissioner: David Schardt





## MCSSA Annual Picnic, Saturday, July 12, 2014

\* **Open to all MCSSA members, spouses, and guests.** Join your friends for a great day of food, fun, and fellowship. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie-burgers furnished. Play in a Horseshoe Tournament and watch All Star games on Field #4.

\* **Bring** your own beverage (no alcohol allowed), and those of you with an even year of birth, please bring a dessert or fruit to share. Those members with odd year of birth; please bring a salad, vegetable, or other side dish of your choosing to share, i.e., devilled eggs, baked beans, etc.

There are plenty of picnic tables at the park but you might want to bring your own folding chairs.

\* **Sign up:** \$5 per person before July 11.

\* Send check (payable to MCSSA), to: MCSSA, 14320 Fairdale  
Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905

\* Or at softball fields: give check payable to MCSSA) or cash to Susan Lake.

\* **Help needed:** Set up at 10:00 a.m., run a grill at 11:00 a.m., clean up afterwards. Please call Susan at 301-774-4174.

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