

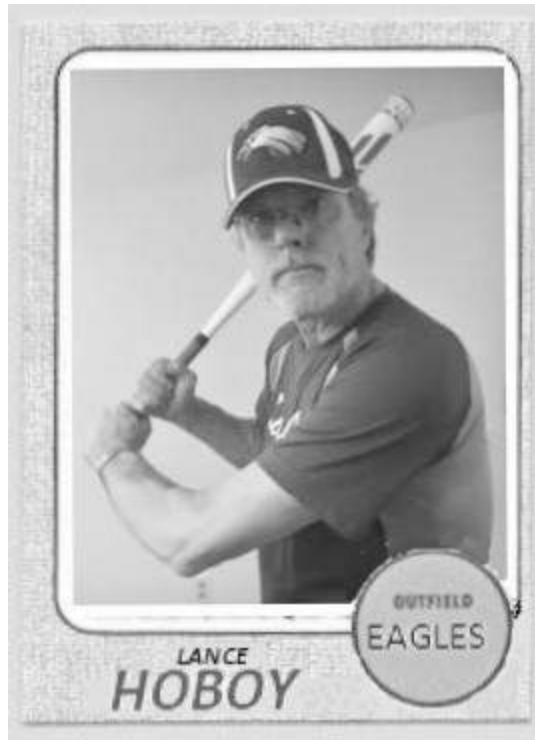


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Meet the new MCSSA Treasurer Lance Hoboy



Immediately after the completion of the MCSSA Fiscal Year which was March 31, 2017, John Rice, our treasurer for the past 26 years tendered his resignation. We were fortunate to find Lance Hoboy (actually, he found us) who was interested in be-

coming treasurer. Here is what he has to say.

When Jim Ganz asked me for a short bio to introduce myself as the new MCSSA Treasurer, it occurred to me that there is no such thing as a short typical bio spanning a 40 year career, so I am

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Tait Tournament and All Star Weekend

The twenty-second annual MCSSA Bill Tait Invitational tournament will be held on Sunday, July 16, beginning at 8:30 a.m. If all goes as planned, opening ceremony will take place on Field 4 at Olney Manor Park at 9:30 a.m.

It is unfortunate but there will be no MCSSA picnic this year.

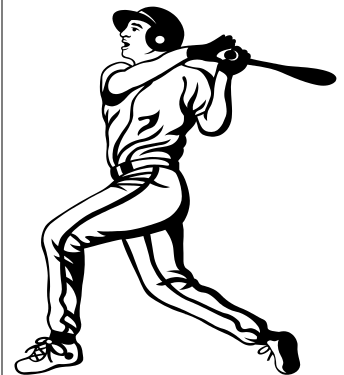
All-Star games will be played on Saturday, July 15 starting at 9:30 a.m. The Ross Emerson League All-Stars will play against Joe Fry's Wednesday night league All-Stars. At 11:30 p.m. the Ron Schell League All-Stars will play against the "B" and "C" Divisions' All-Stars from Paul Jarosinski's Tuesday night league.

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Dates to Remember

- * **July 15** MCSSA league All-Star games.
- * **July 16** Twenty-second annual Bill Tait Invitational softball tournament.
- * **Sep 1** Fall softball begins.
- * **Sep 7-10** Maryland Senior Olympic softball tournament at Olney Manor Park
- * **Nov 3** MCSSA annual party at a location to be determined





From the Editor's Desk:

The softball tournament for the Maryland Senior Olympics will be held from 7-10 September 2017. Men's teams in the 65, 70 and 75 category will play on the 7th and possibly on the 8th. Teams in the 50, 55 and 60 categories and women will play on the 9th and possibly on the 10th.

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Parks and Planning Commission has posted notice that softball fields will be closed for maintenance from 16 to 31 August. 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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MCSSA's annual dinner will be held at a venue to be determined on Friday, November 3, 2017. Nomination Forms for the Newbury Award and the "Spike" Comeback Kid Award are available on Page 7.

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About Prepaid Dues:

Recently (about ten days ago) I sent email messages to approximately 200 members who made up the bulk of those that have paid their MCSSA dues in advance, indicating when their respective dues would expire. This list included everyone with a date of 2020 or later. Some people are paid up into the 2030s. This happens when a person signs up for the spring league and the fall league and they pay their dues each time.

The message that I am trying to convey is that when you register for any of our leagues, you do not need to send money for dues if you have been notified as indicated above. Some of you may not have been notified because you do not have email capability, or if there was a problem with your email address, or you fall into the 2018 or 2019 expiration period.

FALL BALL

The fall softball season begins September 1, 2017 for both Super Senior (Monday and Friday mornings) and Ross Emerson 60+ (Tuesday and Thursday Mornings) draft leagues. Games in the Ross Emerson League will not be played in Gaithersburg during August as we have done in past years.

Evening leagues will begin on September 1, 2017. These are Women's Masters (Monday Night); 50+ men (Tuesday night, two divisions); 55+ men (Thursday night); and the Ron Schell men's 50+ draft league (Friday Night).

Registration forms for the Draft Leagues can be found on Page 8 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:

Todd Virts
(Son of Ted Virts)

Jim Ehrstein
July 1942—May 2017

Joe Rostkowski
Nov 1927—June 2017

Avoid popularity; it has many snares, and no real benefit.

William Penn

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MCSSA Personality Profile Charles Murkey



“Charles,” “Chuck,” “Little Murk,” “and “Murk” were all names for Charles Murkey growing up in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Charles Murkey was born September 3, 1941 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to James and Juanita Murkey. My mother later moved to Benton Harbor where I was raised. I was the middle child of nine siblings, four boys and five girls. My mother died at the young age of 42, when I was 14 years old. My oldest sister raised her siblings and took charge of them even when she had a husband and children of her own.

I was raised in an athletic family. My three oldest brothers and I played sports in school. One of my brothers was a Golden Glove Champion. He fought Cassius M. Clay in 1960 to represent the U.S.A. in the Olympic Games. He later turned professional and was ranked in the top ten in his division. I started playing organized sports on teams in the Pony League when I was 10 years old. I continued playing on elementary, junior and senior high school teams. I was an avid athlete in high school: I played football, basketball, and baseball throughout my high school years; I participated in the county's track and field meet my senior year and received a medal for finishing 3rd in the broad jump event (now called the running long jump) I jumped 20'2" during the meet; I was co-captain of the football and basketball teams my senior year; and, was selected the defensive player of the year in football.

I was a 6'0" center on the basketball team and averaged 19.7 points per game. I thought I could out-jump any center under 6'5" using my quickness and skills. I received Honorable Mention in the State of Michigan playing basketball. I received several athletic scholarships to play basketball or football in college. I had an unfortunate incident during the summer in Chicago where I lost all my personal possessions. During the fall, I enrolled in Benton Harbor Community College and played basketball for two years. That fall, I received a grant and financial aid to play basketball at Anderson College in Anderson, Indiana. I transferred to Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology and a minor in Physical Education. I taught math, civics and coached basketball at the junior high school level in my home town. The next three years I worked as a Community School Coordinator in the School District. I interviewed and was hired by Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Michigan as a Financial Aid Counselor. During my time at CMU, I received my Master's Degree in Educational Administration.

I moved to Maryland in August of 1973 after being hired by Montgomery County Public Schools as a Community School Director. A few years later I became an administrator for the school system. The most challenging situation I faced as an administrator occurred when the school's demographics changed because of a school boundary change. The school, in its transitional stages, only enrolled a few African American students in honor level classes, and had a high rate of suspensions for African American students. The lack of support groups and little parental involvement in the school wide activities were also evident.

I met with some of our African American parents and teachers to address these issues. I garnered the support of the Principal, Resource Counselor and Department Resource Teachers who helped to identify potential candidates for the honor level courses in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. After many meetings with the stakeholders, we increased the number of African American students in honor level classes, started an African American Awareness Club, held parenting classes and celebrated Black History Month in February with a school assembly. The following year the Hispanic Heritage Show and the International and Breakfast Clubs emerged along with mentoring and tutoring programs.

While living in Michigan I played in a 16-inch softball league, where only the 1st baseman had a glove.

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Super Senior League Action 2017



SSL 93-YEAR-OLD Mauro Biondo at bat. Note the direction of the ball. The ball stopped dead one foot in front of home plate. Mauro made it to first and the two runners in front of him advanced as well.



SSL Charles Troshinsky delivers the ball



SSL Phil Morales punches out a base hit.



SSL Earl Hearst makes the play at third base.



SSL Heidi Weir belts out a base hit



SSL Paul Welsh goes for the long ball



Softball Standings (As of June 19, 2016)

Women's Monday Night League

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Rainouts	13	0		XX
Sparks, Stein & Sperling	5	0		10
TST	4	1		8
Tornados	1	2		2
Like a Fine Wine	0	3		0
Old Bats	0	4		0

Commissioner: Carmen Campbell

Super Senior League Monday Mornings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Lynx	12	3		24
Jaguars	12	4		24
Cougars	6	8		12
Panthers	6	10		12
Lions	5	10		10
Tigers	4	10		8

Commissioner: Ed Guillette

Wednesday Night Men's 60+ League

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Ledo Pizza Wheaton	10	1		20
Hamel	9	1		18
Mustangs PJ's Sports	3	6		6
MemberCar Stars	3	9		6
Blue & Gold	1	9		2

Commissioner: Joe Fry

CoRec Wednesday Morning League

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Athletic House	10	4		20
HSFCU Hawks	8	6		16
PJ's Sports	8	6		16
CoStars	6	8		12
Eagles	6	8		12
Senior Moments	4	10		8

Commissioner: Don Juran

Tuesday Night Men's 50+ League

<u>Division "A"</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Spicer	8	4		16
Gaithersburg Rentals	8	4		16
Maryland Cougars	6	5	1	13
JLC Construction	1	10	1	3

Division "B"

Grim Reapers	10	0		20
Pirtek	6	4		12
MoJo's	3	8	1	7
Marauders	2	9	1	5

Division "C"

Stylers	8	3	2	17
Raiders	8	5		16
Meyers & Meighan	4	6	2	9
Silverado	2	6	2	5

Commissioner: Paul Jarosinski

Ross Emerson Men's 60+ League (2nd Half)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Senators	21	5		42
Good Sports	20	8		40
Dust Busters	13	13		26
Rebels	12	12		24
Patriots	11	12	1	23
Fire Balls	7	15		14
A-Team	2	21	1	3

Commissioner: Jacky Loube

Ron Schell Draft League 50+

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Legends	5	1		10
Green Machine	4	3	1	9
Midnight Special	3	2	1	7
Blue Man Group	1	7		2

Commissioner: Dave Hyder

Thursday Night Men's 55+ League

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Points</u>
Hamel	7	3		14
Gaithersburg Rentals	6	1	1	13
Chartwell Builders	6	3	1	13
Los Borrachos	3	4	1	7
Meyers Meighan	2	2		4
Marauders	1	4	1	3
Blue and Gold	1	9		2

Commissioner: Bill Madert

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When I moved to Maryland in 1973, I continued to play softball. I have played in various leagues in Rockville, Gaithersburg, Frederick, and Montgomery County, as well as Virginia and Glen Burnie leagues. I have turned down vacations and a trip to Europe, just to play in softball tournaments. I have played on tournament teams traveling up and down the East Coast from Pennsylvania to Florida, including Ohio, Georgia, and Kansas. The teams I played on won a few tournament championships. I had knee replacements in 2007 and 2012, respectively. In addition, I had cataract surgery done in 2014, and therapy on my right arm and shoulder. All of this was done so I could continue to play softball. I play softball three times a week on Montgomery County teams, plus Hamel's 75-year-old traveling tournament team. I have met some wonderful players during my forty-two years of playing the game I love.

I am married to Sarah Pinkney-Murkey, a retired Principal from Montgomery County Public Schools. We are the proud parents of one daughter Juanita, who is an attorney; three sons, Chef VerLon; VerNell; and Veron (deceased); two grandsons, Jamie; soon to be working on his PHD in Public Health Administration and Cameron (married to Deidra); two great-grandsons, CJ and Charles; and one great-granddaughter, Cassidy. I was a teacher and school administrator for forty-one years and retired from Montgomery County Public Schools in 2007, after 35 years of service.

I am a member of Clinton African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion Church. The church is located in the Lincoln Park community of Rockville, Maryland. It was established in 1867, and we are marking our 150th year as a continuing congregation this year. At Clinton AME Zion Church, I serve as Coordinator of the Sons of Varick (the men's ministry), a member of the Usher Board, a member of the Trustee Board, and was most recently elected as Man of the Year for 2017. I have done many things throughout my life, but my favorite and most rewarding has been playing softball, The Game I Love.

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reverting to an atypical format. Of relevance to the position, I have served most of my career in CEO, CFO, COO and Treasurer positions at small organizations (both for-profit and not-for-profit) in the petrochemical, pharmaceutical, frozen food, telecommunications and education industries. In addition to my duties at MCSSA, I currently serve on the finance committee of the American Society for Engineering Educators, as a Board Member of the Charles Street Development Corporation in Baltimore and as an executive advisor at the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

So much for my method acting experience. Here's the real me: Former racecar builder/driver, pilot, biker, motorcycle customizer and auto restorer. Current cyclist (trail riding), car tuner/modder, and now softballer (when not busted up).

Married to the wonderful and lovely Nancy Chu for almost 4 decades (many of you know the burden I bear).

I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you and I really look forward to meeting the rest of you as well.



Ross Emerson Dave Belford drives the ball

Famous people are deceptive. Deep down, they're just regular people. Like Larry King. We've been friends for forty years. He's one of the few guys I know who's really famous. One minute he's talking to the president on his cell phone, and then the next minute he's saying to me, 'Do you think we ought to give the waiter another dollar?'

Don Rickles



**Nomination Form
6th 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
14th 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 10, 2017

To submit a nomination, simply send by e-mail to one (or all) of the following committee members:

Or, send through the U.S. Postal Service to:

Ed Guillette —gamboa33@verizon.net
Don Juran—drj5@cornell.edu
Jim Ehrenfried—jimpam678@aol.com

John Elsbree
10401 Grosvenor Place #504
North Bethesda MD 20852
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Ross Emerson Jim Colen makes the play at first base.



Ross Emerson Jacky Loube and his Dad at the ballpark

REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE FALL DRAFT LEAGUES

Please indicate which 2017 Fall League (s) you wish to play in and enclose the proper amount as indicated below. Make check payable to MCSSA. **Deadline: August 15, 2017 (If you registered and played in the Spring League, deduct \$5 from the amount shown when you register for the Fall.)**

- I want to play in the Super Senior Draft League on Monday and Wednesday Mornings (\$60.00) \$ _____
- I want to play in the 60+ Ross Emerson Morning League (\$100.00) \$ _____
- I want to play in the 50+ Ron Schell Draft League on Friday Nights (\$75.00) \$ _____
- Include \$5.00 for Annual MCSSA membership if not already paid (\$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: _____

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:
MCSSA - 14320 Fairdale Road - Silver Spring MD 20905

WE NEED HELP

If we are going to have an Awards Banquet this year, we need to find a new venue for that event.

The Golden Bull property was bought out by a grocery firm and they are going to demolish the building and build to suit their purposes.

So, I would like to have small committee of two or three persons scour the area and see if they find a venue to meet our needs. The plan is to stage the event on Friday, November 3, 2017. We will provide the parameters the group can use as they explore our options.

Please, somebody step up and take this on.

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Ross Emerson Alan Simmons gets ready to tag one.



Ross Emerson Wayne Baker shoots the gap



Ross Emerson Out or Safe at first base?



CoRec action Barbara Bitgood smashes a base hit.



CoRec action Pete Ture crushes one.



CoRec action Tom Madden delivers



CoRec action Kathy Reitz gets ready to get on base.

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