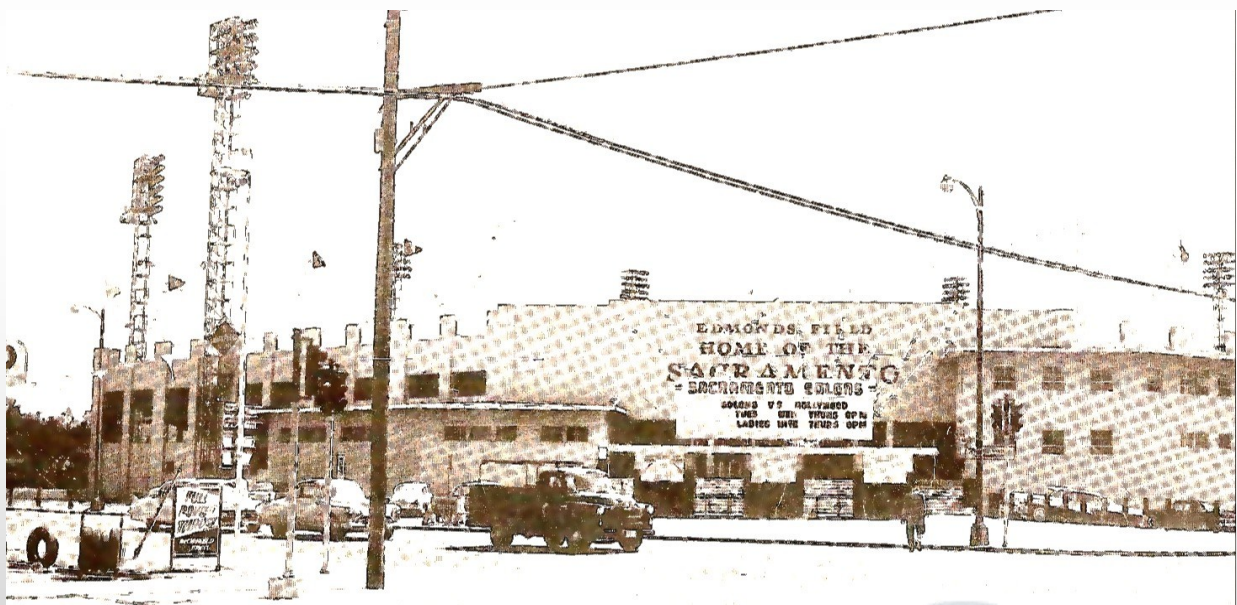
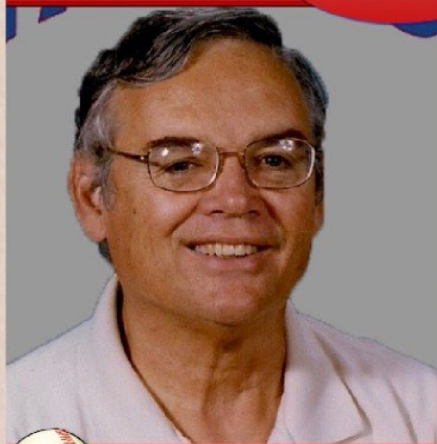


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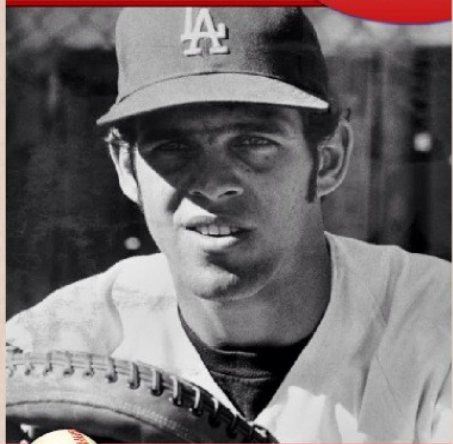
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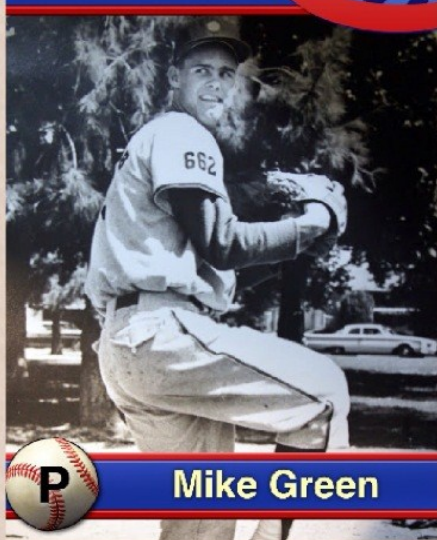
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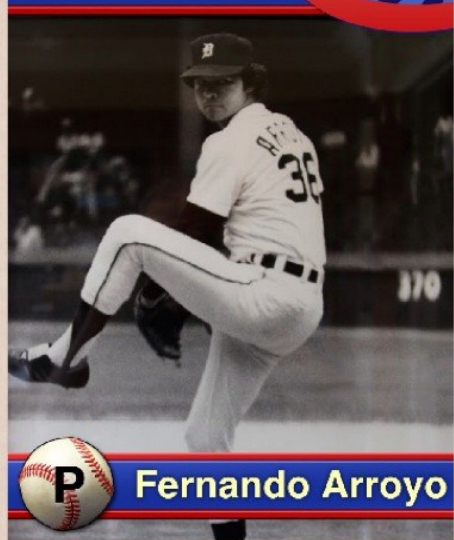
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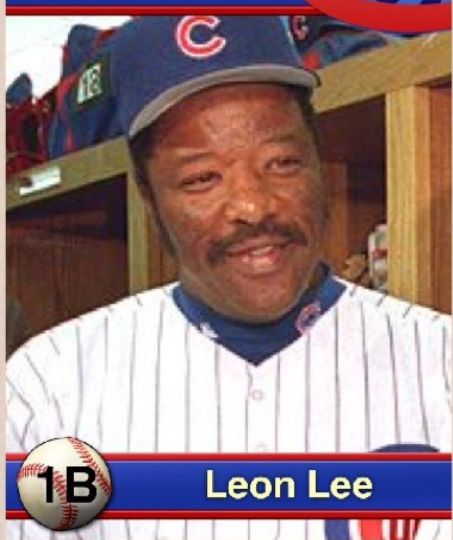
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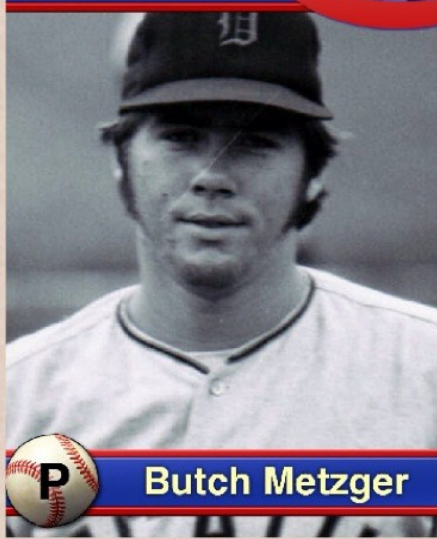
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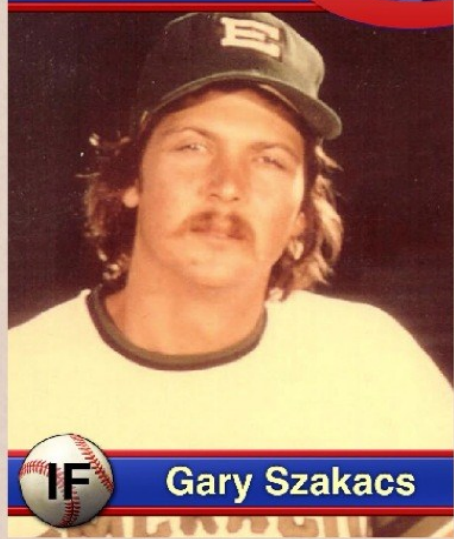
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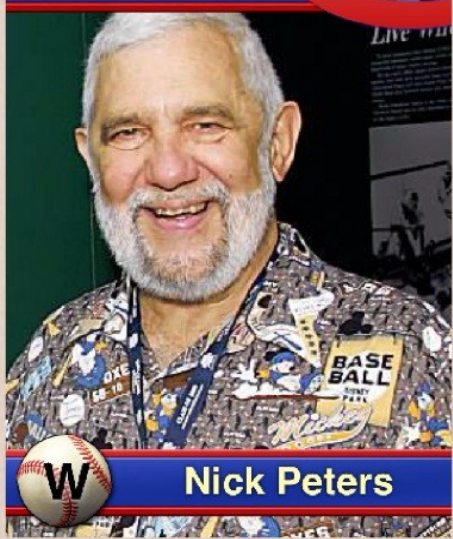
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**The 59th Annual La Salle Club Baseball  
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**The La Salle Club**  
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Welcome:  
Joe McNamara

Invocation:  
Monsignor Jim Church

In Remembrance:  
Joe McNamara

Special Award to Rich Henning

Dinner

Induction and remarks:  
Bernie Church, La Salle Club President

# The La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame

Since its inception in 1939, the La Salle Club has provided continuous financial assistance to all athletic programs at Christian Brothers High School. Our membership is comprised of alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends of Christian Brothers who generously give their time and resources to meet our goals.

In addition to membership dues and donations, our funds are generated through proceeds from the Hall of Fame Dinner and the Coaches Night held each year.

Tonight is the 59th Annual La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame and we are adding nine new members: Fernando Arroyo, Tom Dicktakes, Joe Gill, Mike Green, Leon Lee, Butch Metzger, Nick Peters, Gene Sackett and Gary Szakacs.

Nominations and selection to the Baseball Hall of Fame is based a combination of the following crit

eria:

- 60 years or older;
- Must have distinguished themselves by participating significantly in the game of baseball as a player, manager, scout, umpire, or writer;
- Level of participation may be high school, college, semi-pro or professional;
- Must be from the greater Sacramento area, Northern California, or performed locally;
- Inductees are chosen by the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame Committee.

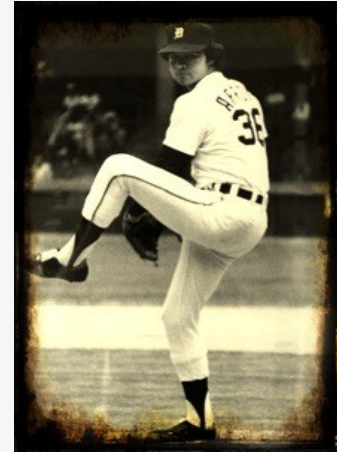
In addition to recognizing and honoring our new inductees, our purpose tonight is to provide you with an opportunity to renew old acquaintances, relive memories and keep alive the rich history of baseball in the greater Sacramento area. We sincerely appreciate your presence and support.

**Special thanks to Rick Cabral for his informative and entertaining bios of this year's inductees.**

## Fernando "Fred" Arroyo

Fernando "Fred" Arroyo may have more passport stamps than any previous ballplayer in the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame. Arroyo went from the Sacramento sandlots and Burbank High School to pitch eight seasons in the American League and had a long coaching career.

He was a standout athlete at the south Sacramento campus, playing football (quarterback), basketball (forward) and baseball (pitcher/infielder), while earning MVP in baseball and Athlete of the Year honors at Burbank High in 1970. Fernando also was named Metro League Co-Pitcher of the Year along with fellow inductee, Butch Metzger. In his junior season, the Titans took the Metro League title.



Taken in the 10<sup>th</sup> Round of the 1970 Amateur Draft by Detroit and signed by scout Bernie De Viveros, Fernando debuted in a Tigers uniform in 1975. He pitched three more seasons for Detroit and split five years between Minnesota and Oakland. He also pitched 13 seasons in the Mexican Winter League.

During his career, Arroyo played on six championship teams, including the 1975 Evansville Triplets (Detroit) and 1983 Denver Bears (Chicago White Sox), both in the Triple-A level American Association, plus three times in the Mexican League in the 1980s. Over 121 major league appearances, Fernando compiled a 24-37 career mark.

Highlights from his playing career include pitching a perfect game for the Lakeland Tigers in the 1971 Florida State League; making the 1983 All-Star team in the American Association while posting a 14-4 mark; and being named to the 1983 Rawlings Silver Glove Team. He also holds the Mexican Winter League mark of pitching the longest single game: 17-innings on November 2, 1975.

In 1990, the Tigers asked Arroyo to join their minor league staff as a pitching coach where he worked two years. He coached in the Florida Marlins organization from 1992 to '94, including a stint with their Edmonton Trappers club in the Pacific Coast League.

Fernando moved overseas and coached two seasons in the Taiwan Major League before joining the Oakland Athletics minor league staff from 1998-2001 and 2003-2004. Staying busy over the winter, Fred also coached in Venezuela, Mexico, the Dominican Republic and South Korea. He also worked for the Red Sox and Dodgers organizations before closing out a 15-year coaching career in 2006.

As he was coming up, Fred played for South Sacramento American Legion, plus several Sacramento semi-pro teams, including Culjis, La Fiesta, Country Maid and Cannery Union.

In retirement, Arroyo has started a new company called ARMTRAK that is developing a new teaching aid to show young baseball and softball players the proper throwing angle to improve command and avoid arm injuries. Fred lives in Florida with his wife Susan.

## Tom Dicktakes

Tom Dicktakes played high school ball at Sacramento High (1954) and for Manhart American Legion (1950-1953) where he patrolled right field.

Like many from the local area at the time, following high school, Tom played junior college baseball for the Sacramento City Panthers. There he held down the second base position.

Over the next three decades, Tom went on to play for several winter and county league teams. In 1955, he played for Kramers in the National Division of the Sacramento Winter League as well as Burgies the following year. In 1958 he joined up with the Smokies in Elk Grove in the County League.

In 1959, he played on two championship teams: Julius in the National Division of the Sacramento Winter League and Rio Vista, which took the County League crown. In 1960, he played for the 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Army Area baseball team based in Virginia.

The longtime Land Park groundskeeper was honored for 43 years of service by the city of Sacramento which named "Tom A. Dicktakes Field" in Land Park after him.

Dicktakes was still playing well into his mid-forties, when the Sacramento Smokeys claimed the Night League crown in 1981.

Tom also contributed his time by coaching East Sacramento Babe Ruth League from 1991-92.

Dicktakes is better known for building a high-powered overhead cam nitro dragster (it took him 43 years), which he has raced at the Sacramento Raceway and topped out at 240 miles per hour. Within the drag racing community he earned the nickname "Twin Cam" Tommy.

Tom lives by the credo "If you feel like you want to do something—even if you feel like it is impossible—just do it!"



## Joe Gill

Joe Gill was a key cog in the success of Bishop Armstrong High School and Southside American Legion two of the top teams in the Sacramento area in the early 1960s.

When Joe transferred from Christian Brothers (the lower division school) to Bishop Armstrong as a junior in 1962 he joined a lineup that would dominate high school baseball in the Central Valley. The Falcons that season defeated four conference champions en route to a 22-2 record. They were named State Team of the Year by Cal-Hi Sports retroactively. The core of that group led Southside to the American Legion state finals.

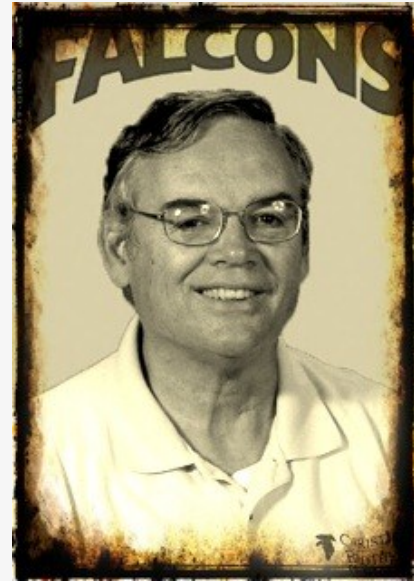
In Gill's senior season, Bishop Armstrong again fielded a strong club, and he was the lone selection to the Sacramento Bee's All-City team. That summer, Southside posted another strong showing in the state tournament, and the following year Joe led Southside in hitting.

University of San Francisco gave Gill a scholarship and he played four years of college ball with the Dons. Following his senior season, Gill was drafted in the 25th Round of the 1967 Amateur Draft by the New York Yankees. He was signed by Dolph Camilli, a longtime Solon and member of the Brooklyn Dodgers (and the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1941). Joe played the summer of 1967 for the Yankees Single-A Fort Lauderdale team in the Florida State League.

From 1966 through 1972, Gill kept his cleats sharp by playing for teams in the County League, Mexican-American League and Night League.

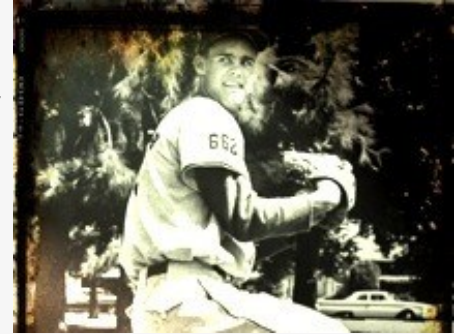
In the late 1960s, Joe coached local youth league teams in the East Sacramento area. Then in 1973 he took over Southside Legion and managed the club until 1998, taking several teams to the playoffs. In 1993, he became head coach at Christian Brothers. He led his teams—which usually featured one of Joe's four sons—to many playoff tournaments until his retirement in 2006, including: CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Runner-up titles in Division II (2002 & 2004), Sierra Valley Conference championships 2002-2004 and Metro League champions in 1994.

Prior to his passing on February 20<sup>th</sup> this year, Joe said as a coach he never worried about his team's records. He also added "I would not have been able to coach for the many years I did without the support of my wife, Janet."



## Mike Green

Mike Green, the wunderkind southpaw, led Bishop Armstrong and Southside Legion to more victories than any rival in the Valley from 1961 to 1962. At 6' 0", 150 pounds, Green didn't scare competitors with his physique. But he terrorized defenses with his bat, speed and pitching prowess.



In his junior year, Green posted a .446 batting average, second highest in the Sacramento area. He also sported one of the best pitching records in the area, going 6-1 with a 1.12 earned run average, tops among leading pitchers.

Along with three other Falcons teammates, he was selected to both Sacramento Union and Sacramento Bee All-City teams (Of those teammates, Larry Marietti and Bert Bonomi are recent inductees to this Hall of Fame).

Mike played basketball all four years in high school, earning All-City honors in 1962 after leading his team in points and rebounds per game.

That spring, Green again led the Flying Falcons in baseball, this time to the Valley's top record at 22-2. Bishop Armstrong, playing as an independent, defeated four future conference champions. Mike batted .416, good for fifth in the area. But no one was better on the mound than Green, who went 9-0 with a 0.28 ERA and 127 strikeouts in 75 innings—all area best stats.

Six players from the Falcons roster including Green made All-City at both papers. Years later, Cal-Hi Sports tabbed the '62 Falcons as State Team of the Year (one of only five local teams to be so honored). Mike capped off the incredible season when the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce selected him Player of the Year in Baseball—the second year he received the award.

Unlike his Falcons teammates, Mike lived as a boarder on the Christian Brothers campus at 24th and Broadway (Brothers was the lower division all-boys school, while Armstrong served as the upper division co-educational Catholic high school). The Redding resident remembers his parents made a big sacrifice for their son's future. "They mortgaged everything they had to send me to CB with the hope that I was good enough to get an athletic scholarship to go on to college." Mike capped off the '62 summer with an outstanding season for Southside American Legion which posted an 18-2 mark and represented District 6 in the Area 1 Tournament. In the championship game held at Edmonds Field, Green faced off against future major leaguer Tug McGraw and shut out Vallejo 2-0 (the second time he had defeated McGraw in a pitching duel). Mike was selected to the Area 1 Legion All Star Team, while Marietti took MVP honors.

Green fulfilled his parents' hopes when he accepted a scholarship to play baseball at University of San Francisco. In his sophomore season at USF, however, he injured his throwing arm, ending a once-promising collegiate career.



## Leon Lee

One of Sacramento's top preps in the 1960-70s, Leon Lee played at Grant High School from 1969 to 1971. He naturally drew much attention coming up as the younger brother of Leron Lee, who in 1966 was the city's first-ever first round pick (7<sup>th</sup> overall by St. Louis).

Leon made All-City his last two varsity seasons, batting over .400 his junior year and over .500 his senior season (replicated by Grant teammate Taylor Duncan). In 1969, Grant High went 30-1 and was voted State Team of the Year retroactively by Cal-Hi Sports. That core group led Haggin-Grant American Legion team to the state finals in Yountville.

As a 16-year-old, Leon began playing in the Sacramento Night League, and also competed in the Winter League each offseason, saying in hindsight "Winter League was more competitive than playing in the minor leagues."

In the summer of 1971, Lee was picked to the prestigious California North-South All-Star game in Anaheim around the time the St. Louis Cardinals selected him in the ninth round of the Amateur Draft.

He played seven seasons in the Cardinals farm chain, including three productive seasons at the Triple-A level, where he batted .293. In 1978, his contract was sold to a team from Japan, where Leon would join up with Leron and form one of the most productive hitting combinations in the history of the Nippon Professional Baseball (NPB—also known as the Japanese League).



**Leon and Leron Lee**

From 1978-1987, Leon played with the Lotte Orions, Yokohama Taiyo Whales and Yakult Swallows. Three times he was voted to the "Best Nine," or league All-Star teams. His had his best season in 1980 batting .340 with 41 home runs and 116 RBI. In Japan, Lee posted a lifetime average of .308 with 268 HR and 884 RBI over 10 seasons.

Following retirement, Leon served as the Montreal Expos Roving Hitting Instructor for two years. In 1990 he became a consultant for Major League Baseball Players Association in Japan, including promotions for the Major League All-Star tour to Japan. The following year he worked as technical advisor on the motion picture *Mr. Baseball*, starring Tom Selleck and Dennis Haysbert. From 1997 to 2002 he was Pacific Rim Coordinator for the Chicago Cubs. (continued)



In 2003, Lee became the first African American to hold a managerial post in Japan when he managed the Orix Blue Wave.

A well-known instructor in Sacramento when he wasn't occupied overseas, Lee has established a baseball academy in Sacramento and is still active in developing international relations in baseball.

He is the father of Derrek Lee, who was drafted in 1993 out of El Camino High in the first round by the San Diego Padres, led the Florida Marlins to the 2003 World Series victory and retired last year after 15 MLB seasons.

## Butch Metzger

As a hard throwing right-hander from Kennedy High and Southside Legion, "Butch" Metzger twice made All-City (1969 and 1970) in both the *Sacramento Bee* and *Sacramento Union*. In his senior season, Kennedy tied McClatchy for the Metro League crown. Metzger also played football in high school, but baseball was always his main sport.

In 1970, Butch was drafted in the second round by San Francisco and signed by Ed Montague Sr. He played in the Giants farm system four years before making his major league debut. On September 21, 1974 Metzger was brought in to relieve against the Reds in the 10<sup>th</sup> inning (Jim Barr started the game). Butch allowed no hits or runs, getting Ken Griffey Sr. to end the inning. In the bottom half of the 10<sup>th</sup>, the Giants won the contest on a home run, giving Metzger his first major league victory.

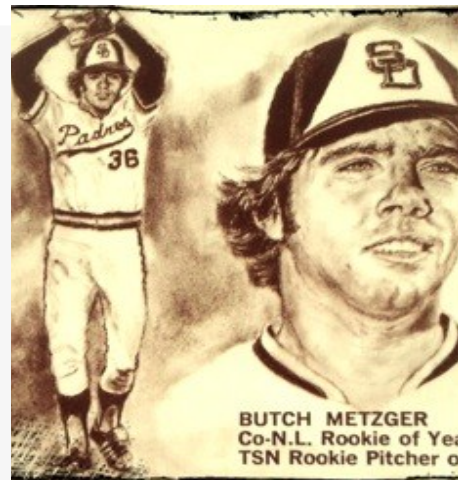


The following fall San Francisco traded Metzger to San Diego. In 1975, they sent him to their Triple-A Hawaii Islanders club, where he went 15-7 with a 3.62 ERA as a starter, and the Islanders took the Pacific Coast League crown. He earned a late season call-up and won one game for the Padres. The following season the Padres promoted Metzger to the parent club, where he went 11-4 with a 2.92 ERA and 16 saves as reliever/closer.

Pitching against Atlanta must have felt like a Metro League reunion, as he faced Rowland Office (McClatchy) and Jerry Royster (Sacramento High) in the Braves lineup. Metzger tied a major league record by winning 12 consecutive games without a loss (continuing from 1975). In 1976 he made more appearances (77) than any National League rookie pitcher previously. For his work that season, Butch won the National League (continued) Co-Rookie of the Year award (along with Pat Zachry of Cincinnati). Also, *The Sporting News* tabbed him 1976 Rookie Pitcher of the Year.

Metzger pitched three more major league seasons for the Padres, Cardinals and Mets. In 1979, he played for Caracas in the Inter-American league, and in 1980 concluded his professional career with the Richmond Braves, Atlanta's Triple-A affiliate.

Active in the local semi-pro leagues since high school, Butch played in the Sacramento Night League for Culjis, Paragary's, the Stars and Sacramento Cardinals, and in the Winter League for Pepsi and Culjis. He pitched in the Men's Senior League for the Giants (along with Barr) and was still throwing smoke for the Sacramento Smokeys when he hung up his spikes at age 43.



A West Sacramento firefighter for 23 years, in 2006 Metzger became a full-time scout for the Texas Rangers where he has responsibility for the Northern California and Northern Nevada territory.



**The 1976 San Diego Padres**

**Butch Metzger (class of 2013), back row, second from right.**

**John McNamara (class of 1998), front row, third from right**

## Nick Peters

*(condensed from Spotlight feature by Rick Cabral, BaseballSacramento.com 1/21/12)*

As a native San Franciscan who grew up in "Greek town" and covered sports his entire life, Nick Peters has seen just about every athletic milestone or hero involving Bay Area baseball, basketball or football.

Not many Northern California sports writers of the past fifty years could lay claim to covering the San Francisco Giants in the 1962 **and** 2002 World Series, the first Super Bowl, the Warriors NBA championship, the Raiders two Super Bowl victories, and then cap off such a career with the penultimate achievement: induction in the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2009.



Peters, who worked most of his sports career for Bay Area newspapers, also covered the Giants for the *Sacramento Bee* from 1988 to 2007 during which time he and his wife Lise made Elk Grove their home.

Starting in 1958, Peters saw the Giants play their first home game on the West Coast at Seals Stadium and never missed a home opener for five decades.

In baseball, as a rookie reporter he covered San Francisco's first World Series against the Yankees in 1962 and vividly recalls the dramatic ending to Game Seven when New York second baseman Bobby Richardson snagged Willie McCovey's line drive. "There wasn't much heartache," Peters offers in hindsight, "because we thought the Giants would win (the pennant) every year."

He was present in '65 for the Dodgers game when Juan Marichal instigated one of the worst brawls in major league history. He watched all the greats of the Golden Era of Baseball from the press box, but he was too late to catch the career of his favorite player, Ted Williams.

But in 1969, Williams, then the first-year manager of the Washington Senators, spoke with Peters for a half hour. "That was the best interview I ever had," Peters remembers, saying it topped those with coaching legends Alabama football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant and UCLA basketball coach, John Wooden.

Nick Peters covered 5,000 San Francisco Giants games, more than any other sportswriter; one of the few with the unique vantage of watching Mays and his godson Barry Bonds on a daily basis. Asked to compare the all-time home run career leader, Peters rates him "Below the best of those sixties' guys (Mays, Clemente, Robinson). But he was damn good." Peters also maintains that Bonds deserves a spot in Cooperstown.

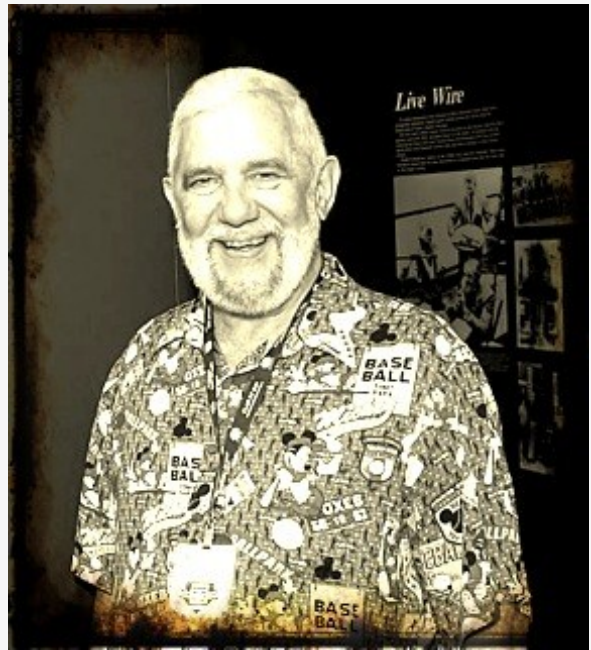
Although baseball was his first love, Peters covered most of the major sports. In 1966, he wrote about the first NFL-AFL Championship game (before it was called the "Super Bowl")

in Los Angeles between the Green Bay Packers and Kansas City Chiefs. He covered the Oakland A's three World Series championships in the early 1970s. And he wrote about the Golden State Warriors 1975 NBA championship.

Peters was rewarded for his nearly five decades of excellent baseball coverage when he received the J.G. Taylor Spink Award for "meritorious contributions to baseball writing." Peters was the sixth West Coast recipient and just the second from northern California to win the award (the Chronicle's Bob Stevens being the first) and enter the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Peters is battling a rare disease, cortical-basal ganglionic degeneration (CBGD), a member of the Parkinson's family of neurological disorders. Lise, his wife of 40 years, says in hindsight the early signs were present when Nick made his Hall of Fame acceptance speech in Cooperstown.

Nick Peters looks back with great fondness and appreciation for having grown up and worked in the Bay Area during what he calls the "Glory Years" of sports. Given the opportunity to report on some of the greatest athletes of all time, including Mays, Koufax, Clemente, McCovey, Juan Marichal, Rick Barry, Joe Montana, Jerry Rice and Bonds among the elite stars of his time gives him great pride and satisfaction.



**Nick Peters, center back, behind Juan Marichal and the 1962 celebration.**

## Gene Sackett

Gene Sackett is one of those who grew up on the sandlots of William Land Park playing in local youth leagues, high school and Sacramento City College.

From 1967 to 1969 Gene was the backstop for McClatchy, a local powerhouse among Sacramento high schools. In his senior season, he was voted the Lions Most Valuable Player and that summer captured the same award for Post 61 American Legion. During those years, Gene also caught for the Sacramento Cardinals in the Night League.

In summer '69, at the recommendation of Pirates' scout Ron King, Pittsburgh drafted Sackett. Instead, Gene opted to play for Sacramento City College in 1970 which earned him a contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers.



In 1971, Gene caught for Daytona Beach, the Dodgers Single-A team in the Florida State League.

From 1971 through 1975, Sackett caught for the Sacramento Smokeys, which then played in the Mexican-American League. During the 1970s, he caught in the Night League, first for Johnny's Time Out (1972-75), and for Klumps (1976 to '79). In 1972, Gene won the Winter League batting championship when he hit .483 for the Plumbers.

From 1982 through '89 when Sackett was the Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach under Ron Limeberger, Christian Brothers earned a trip to the playoffs each of the eight seasons. Sackett handled the pitching and hitting. In 1986, he was given the Metro League Assistant Varsity Coach of the Year award. Christian Brothers took the Metro League championship in 1988 and 1989, and secured its only North Section championship in '88.

In 1990, Sackett took over as head coach from Limeberger and led the Falcons the next three seasons. He coached once more at the high school level at Sheldon High, where he was the Assistant Varsity Coach in 1998.

Gene coached youth baseball leagues locally from 1993 to 2007.

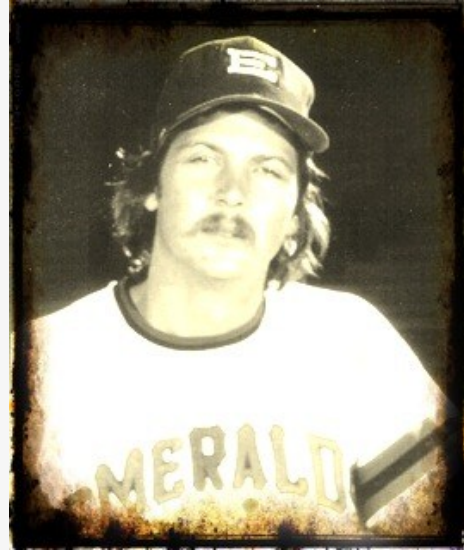
## Gary Szakacs

One of the top prepsters to come along in the late 1960s, Gary Szakacs made All-City as a senior infielder at Mira Loma in 1969. He also pitched during his three years on the Matadors varsity, which took the Capital Valley Conference crown in his senior year. He was selected to play in the first annual California North-South All-Star Game held in 1969 at Candlestick Park.

During summers he played for North Sacramento Post 447 American Legion, where he was tabbed Most Valuable Player each year (1967-69).

Szakacs was selected in the 13<sup>th</sup> round by Baltimore in the 1969 Amateur Draft. In 1970, while in the Air Force Reserve, he was twice drafted by Philadelphia (January and June supplemental drafts) and signed and played that summer.

He played two minor league seasons in the Phillies system. The Sporting News/Topps selected Szakacs as their minor league player of the month for July 1971.



In 1974, he returned to pro ball and his Eugene Emeralds took the Northwest League championship. During that time he also played in the Sacramento Winter League, Mexican-American League and Night League for Culjis, Cal Loan, Solons and Klumps.

"I was very fortunate to play on many championship teams," Szakacs said. "It was always nice to be surrounded by so many good teammates."

From 1973 through the early 1990s he was a mainstay on the Sacramento Smokeys team which competed in the Western Baseball Association and was coached by the legendary Larry Manuiian.

Gary remained in the Sacramento area and has stayed active in baseball by coaching his son's Little League and Big League teams in Roseville.



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### 1953

John "Buddy" Ryan\*

### 1955

The Knevovich Brothers:  
Al, Mel, Paul\*, Ray\* & Don\*

### 1957

Al Heist\*

### 1958

Brick Eldred\*  
Living Members of the  
Rooney/O'Neil Family

### 1959

Earl McNeely\*

### 1960

Joe Marty\*

### 1961

Elwood "Kettle" Woods\*

### 1962

Cliff Darringer\*  
Mel French\*  
Fred Pearl\*  
Joe Williams\*

### 1963

Julius Anapolsky\*  
Julius Style Shop  
Baseball Club 1934-35  
Harry Lilly\*  
Horace Smith\*  
Ralph Stroud\*

### 1964

Henry Clark\*  
Dan Donovan\*  
Walter Mails\*  
Fred Murphy\*

### 1965

"Big" Bill James\*  
James Lane\*  
Manuel Petrali\*  
Captain Bill Ryan\*

### 1966

Dewey Elliot\*  
Vern Hodge\*  
Eddie Manger\*  
Bob Schang\*

### 1967

Frank Bacon\*  
Jack Dooley\*  
Tommy Dunk\*  
Arthur Luddy\*  
Frank Osborne\*

### 1968

Fred Bottaro\*  
Edwin Grove\*  
Francis Hall\*  
Frank Rooney\*  
Llyod Snook\*

### 1969

Jim Gorman\*  
Pete Hepting\*  
Steve Marietta\*  
Ray Rohwer\*  
Bill Shick\*

### 1970

Albert Felix\*  
Tony Freitas\*  
Morvin Nevis\*  
Albert Westlake\*  
Ted Zackney\*

### 1971

Dick Deterding\*  
Harry Hooper\*  
George Lial\*  
Frank Ratoni\*  
Eggert Rohwer\*

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### 1972

Lenny Backer\*  
John Corato\*  
Clyde "Tub" Perry\*  
Joe Rooney\*  
John Silvey\*  
Ralph Young\*

### 1973

John B. Costa\*  
Paul Genshlea\*  
G.W. "Mick" Hall, Jr.\*  
Frank Judy\*  
James R. Kelly\*  
Tom Pendergast\*

### 1974

Allan Bryne\*  
John "Chick" Casali\*  
Elmer Congdon\*  
Jack Hoagland\*  
Roscoe Kimble\*  
Joe Lima\*  
Clarence Murphy\*  
Hank Ness\*

### 1975

Fred Belluomini\*  
Wallace Canfield\*  
Ralph Downs\*  
James "Lefty" Cooke  
Dick Lamb\*  
Mike Visintainer\*  
Larry Williams\*  
Tony Zupo\*

### 1976

Frank Armstrong\*  
George "Butter" Cole  
Elmer Enos\*  
Steve George\*  
Larry Gillick\*  
Elwwod J. Keema\*  
Phil McGee\*  
Mike Separovich\*

### 1977

Bill Avila\*  
Earl Eberlain\*  
Alex Kampouris\*  
Peter Mitchell\*  
Dr. Alfred Oliver\*  
Mike Page\*  
Dave Roderick\*  
Joe Smith\*

### 1978

Clement "Boo" Coyle\*  
Herb Forsch\*  
Gus Kortstein\*  
William Peccole\*  
Manual Salvo\*  
Harold "Sam" Sperbeck\*  
Jack Stassi\*  
Earl Wagner\*  
Llyod Wagner\*

### 1979

Mike Bakarich\*  
Lou Bordisso\*  
Ned Carbone\*  
N.G. Culjis\*  
Joe Duarte\*  
Percy Gassoway\*  
Karl Reimer\*  
Llyod Toomey\*

### 1980

Robert Duggan\*  
Tony Dutra\*  
Lou Heinzer\*  
Victor Pitts\*



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### (class of 80 cont)

Elton Rogers\*  
Bill Svilich\*  
George Terra\*  
Lou Vezilich\*

### 1981

Clarence Azevedo\*  
Ken Brock\*  
Manuel Joseph\*  
Bill Kenealy\*  
John Pintar\*  
Mark Separovich\*  
Glenn Smith\*  
Vincent F. Stanich\*  
Vito Virga\*

### 1982

Eddie Cervantes\*  
Syl DeGregorio\*  
Jimmy Flynn\*  
Joe Frates\*  
Fir Galli\*  
Ed Hughes\*  
Tom Parodi\*  
Tony Separovich\*  
Pete Tomasini\*  
Johnny Vergez\*

### 1983

Joe Anderson\*  
Dooley Bertolani\*  
Jim Cluff\*  
Horace Dunning\*  
Howard Jan\*  
Joe Orengo\*  
Bob Peccole\*  
Ernie Perry\*  
Bobby Schang\*  
Orval Tregallas\*

### 1984

Ponce Alvarado\*  
Wilbert Azevedo\*  
Bill Gianatasio\*  
Scotty Mackay\*  
Frank Nelson\*  
Elmer Newman\*  
Art Quadros\*  
Woodrow Scott\*  
Yubi G. Separovich\*  
Ray Silva\*  
Soto Trillo\*

### 1985

Babe Bertolani\*  
Paul Bowa\*  
Jack Dark\*  
Eddie Katsulis\*  
Ed Keenan\*  
Fred Keinle\*

### (Class of 85 cont)

Joe Faraci\*  
Eddie Fitz Gerald  
Bill Hallauer\*  
Jim "Tiny" Hansen  
Hank Lema  
Charles Luchini\*  
Pete Pitalo  
Fred Schroeder\*  
Izzy Smith\*  
Italo Vesci\*  
Connie Weisker\*  
Carl Younglove\*  
Steve Zupan\*

### 1986

Jack Andrews\*  
Joe Borich\*  
Harry Bright\*  
William Conlin\*  
Curtis Coppin  
Glen Dufour\*  
James Herrera\*  
Les Lollis\*  
Charles Schanz\*  
Curt Schmidt\*  
Manuel "Babe" Thomas  
Wally Westlake



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## Baseball Hall of Fame

### **1987**

Gene Bocker\*  
Norman Coad\*  
Virgil Farnsworth\*  
Wayne Hanscom\*  
Larry Manuian\*  
Joe Masi\*  
Buddy Petterson\*  
Milton P. Thomas\*  
George Valine\*  
John Vukovich\*  
Bill Wright\*

### **1988**

Ernie Bertolotti\*  
Dan Bianchini\*  
Bert Bonomi\*  
Steve Cuckovich\*  
Orval Grove\*  
Henry "Bud" Hanna\*  
Carl Lauchert\*  
Martin Slavich\*  
Wally Turpen  
Joe Valine\*  
Emerson Wallace\*

### **1989**

Julian Elorduy\*  
Tommy Glaviano\*  
"Nippy" Jones

### **(class of 89 cont)**

Al Lee\*  
Hank Paschane\*  
William Rico  
Allen Simas, Sr.\*  
Sam Stassi, Jr. \*  
Tommy Torchia  
Chick Verdina\*  
Chick Wardlaw\*

### **1990**

George Androvich\*  
Bill Balakin\*  
Bill Christie\*  
Clay Dalrymple  
Tony Koester\*  
John Parino\*  
Sam Powell\*  
Al Saccani\*  
Eddie Samcoff  
Ned Sheehan\*

### **1991**

George Babich\*  
Dr. "Bud" Lewis Beasley\*  
Eddie Booth\*  
Tony Ferrara\*  
Monte Latino\*  
Sam Latino\*  
Al Lazzarone  
Ed Reeder

### **1992**

Julian Cisneros  
Bob De La Vergne\*  
John Eres  
Gene Harris\*  
Leonard Keene\*  
Ron King  
Chuck Lotta  
William Robertson\*  
Bob Stassi  
George Vernatchi  
Leroy Winter

### **1993**

Ellis Daugherty\*  
Joe Felipe\*  
Ray Gallagher\*  
Sal Gomez\*  
Lilio Marcucci\*  
Jim McCarthy\*  
Ned Pedisich\*  
Gabe Sady  
Edmond Silvey\*  
Frank Silvey\*  
Mike Sypnicki\*  
Gus Stathos



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### 1994

Tony Alvarado\*  
Dick Bartell\*  
Carroll Canfield\*  
Bill Fleming  
Bob Linck\*  
Dale Miline\*  
Mike Radan\*  
Bob Rodness\*  
Nick Smyrmi\*  
Dick Warner\*

### 1995

Bob Barbeau\*  
Bill De Fazio\*  
Bob Gallagher  
Harry Knight\*  
John Latino\*  
Jim McNamara\*  
Alex Muirhead  
Richie Myers\*  
Jim Tsukamoto\*  
Bill Zanze\*

### 1996

John Ceccarelli  
John Hathaway\*  
John "Spider" Jorgensen\*

### 1996 (cont)

Ray Lujan  
Joe Nevis\*  
Vince Pisani  
Leroy Stevens  
Bud Watkins\*  
Jim Westlake\*  
Mel White\*

### 1997

Augie Amorena  
Al Anicich\*  
Del Bandy  
John Briggs  
Msgr. James Church  
Sam Kanelos  
Don McKenzie  
Bill Monohan\*  
Bob Palmer  
Gilbert Urbano

### 1998

Cuno Barragan  
Daryl Cook  
Woodie Held\*  
Al Jacinto\*  
Joe Kirrene  
George Masi  
John McNamara  
Rudy Rodoni  
Earl Rose

### 1998 (cont)

Ralph Rose\*  
Park Schuler\*  
Carl Tomei

### 1999

Tom Agosta  
Buzz Berriesford  
Tom Galli  
Frank Mascaro\*  
Tony Plescia\*  
Gene Roenspie  
Tony Stathos\*  
Mike Virga  
Manny Williams\*  
Ken Wollenberg

### 2000

Chris Christian\*  
Pete Gonsalves  
Norm Greenslate  
Frank McNamara  
Clyde Perry  
Jack Picart\*  
Stan Priebe  
Frank Rios  
Don Saner\*  
Ray Sisslar  
Nino Spatafore\*  
Sam Vartanian



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### **2001**

Norm Blackwell  
Vic Buccola\*  
Joe Duarte  
Jim Fellos  
Bobby Gonsalves\*  
Pete Mikacich  
Roger Osenbaugh  
Notch Parino  
Trusten Scotten\*  
Dick Sperbeck

### **2002**

Fred Besana  
Buddy Boyer\*  
Harry Dunlop  
Jim Frasinetti  
Dan Mooradian\*  
Bob Nelson  
Ken Orvick  
Joe Stanka  
Pete Stathos  
Pete Vartanian

### **2003**

Jim Knight  
Ernie Maskovich\*  
J.C. Masters  
Paul Palermo  
B.J. Rice\*  
Frank Sanchez  
George Stanich  
Neill Sheridan

### **2003 (cont)**

Ralph Silva\*  
Jack Slaven  
Victor Vesci\*  
Fred Wristen\*

### **2004**

Dave Borges  
Nick Capachi  
Mel Dalrymple  
Hank de Lotty, Jr.\*  
Russ Grove  
Bob Hanlon  
Jerry Kaesar  
Paul Kereazis\*  
Larry Kelley  
John Stanich  
Walt Swedman\*  
Ray Webster

### **2005**

Dick Alejo  
Bob Ayres  
Pete Campos  
Herb Marshall  
Ray Newman  
Wally Predovich  
George Radovich  
Jerry Streeter  
Bob Willis  
John Zanzee

### **2006**

Bob Caselli  
Angelo Dal Porto  
Bill Enos  
Larry Hampshire  
Jerry Higdon  
Johnny Lopes  
Gus Niklas  
Hal Perry  
Doug Sale  
Chuck Stevens  
Bill Werry

### **2007**

Dick Bach  
Al Dunlop  
Gene Hurych  
George Pickett  
Bill Raimondi\*  
Bob Roselli\*  
John Strohmayr  
Dick Traversi  
Sal "Chado" Vasquez  
John Virga  
Jim Westlake

### **2008**

Eddie Bockman\*  
Bill Bican  
Arden Golke  
Doc Haskell



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### **2008 (cont)**

Vern Kemp  
Jim Long  
John Rice  
Rip Robinett  
Al Scott  
Bruce Wood

### **2009**

Mike Bakarich  
Jim Barudoni  
Pete Daley  
Mike Elorduy  
Jim Fox\*  
Lou LeDuc  
Larry Marietti  
Bill McNulty  
Bob Michael  
Ted Williams

### **2010**

Bert Bonomi  
Ernie Cervantes, Jr.  
Jim Graf  
Don Nannini  
Bob Oliver  
Brian Ross  
Al Simas Jr.  
Jim "Thomas" Thomas  
Dave Torgerson

### **2011**

Tony De Cristoforo  
John Firenza  
Johnny Gonzales  
Bobby Mathews  
Gary Nolan  
Dick Nunes  
Byron Randolph  
Gary Rushing  
Joe Soto

### **2012**

Jim Barr  
Pat Fall  
Mike Furtado  
Ken Hottman  
Leron Lee  
Don Murphy  
Bob Puccinelli  
Rich Separovich

### **2013**

Fred Arroyo  
Tom Dicktakes  
Joe Gill\*  
Mike Green  
Leon Lee  
Butch Metzger  
Nick Peters  
Gene Sackett  
Gary Szakacs

### **Editor's Note:**

**If you know of any Hall of Fame members who have passed away, please contact Joe McNamara so that the program can be updated.**

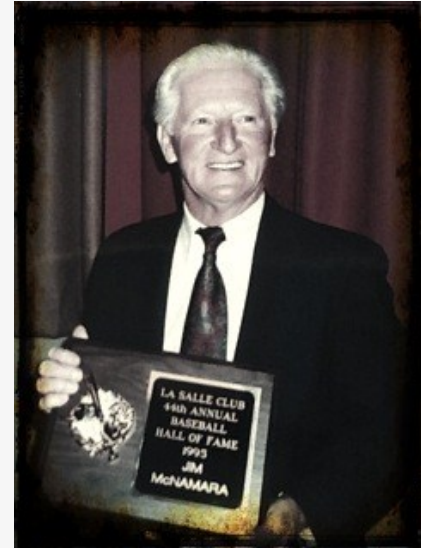
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## Jimmy McNamara

*By Joe McNamara*

As one of the finest fielding shortstops to ever don a Christian Brothers uniform, to one of the most prolific fund raisers in the long history of the La Salle Club, Jim McNamara was truly one of a kind.

Sadly, tonight's dinner marks the beginning of the post Jim McNamara La Salle Club, an organization that he had been a part of for decades. He was the chairman of the Hall of Fame Dinner for 13 years and under his watch the event became the premier baseball event in Sacramento. As a longtime board member, he helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the athletic department at Christian Brothers.



Jim's encyclopedic knowledge of local baseball, from the professional to the bush player, was instrumental in guiding the selection committee in their pursuit of possible inductees. He often found candidates that were ignored or forgotten, and brought their past back for all to celebrate.

After signing with the New York Giants in 1948, Jim played in the minor leagues for five years, gracing the ballparks of Anaheim, San Bernadino, Idaho Falls, and Yakima. He augmented his professional career with many successful seasons in the various bush leagues, leading Julius, most notably, to three Winter League Championships.

When his baseball career ended, he took up Golden Seniors softball where he once again excelled, leading his teams to several Senior World Series titles. He was even voted to the All World team. He played at a high level into his early 80's.



***Jim and two grandsons, Alex and John.***

Although he played on many fields and wore hundreds of uniforms, Christian Brothers was always his home team. His daughter Patti was a Christian Brothers Cheerleader at Bishop Manogue, while son Tom played a steady shortstop as a Falcon in the late 1970's.

With his wife Millie, they watched four of their grandkids (Jennifer, Alex, Kelsie, and Jim) graduate from Brothers. Currently, carrying on the tradition --- grandson John, who ran a kick off back for a touchdown at last year's Holy Bowl, and young Joe, who made the varsity baseball team as a

freshman.

Jim's affection for Christian Brothers was showcased not only by his diligent attendance at ball games, but by his willingness to donate his time and energy to various committees often when he had no family member enrolled at CB. He always believed in a greater Christian Brothers Community.

The La Salle Club Baseball Hall Of Fame is now in its 59<sup>th</sup> year. Many of the storied names are gone, and some of the old timers just don't get out anymore. Yet, there is something magical about baseball and its wonderful oral tradition where the stories get passed down to the next generation. And as long as the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame is open and ballplayers gather to share a tale, they will speak of Jim McNamara.

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***The 1946 undefeated Christian Brothers Gaels  
How many players can you name?***



## The La Salle Club Board

The La Salle Club has seen some serious turnover in the last year. Jim Westlake, Anna-Lea Caudwell, and Pat Seitz have all stepped down after years of distinguished service. Filling the ranks are new members David Gau, Eric Edelmayer, Maribeth DaRosa-Niehaus, and Pat Gormley Jr.

As previous generations have done before, this board invests in the future by honoring the past.



**(top row) Bernie Church, Vince Juarez, Sean Stone, Joe McNamara, Ron Bird, Pat Gormley Jr.**  
**(bottom) David Gau, Troy Bird, Jack Clara, Jean Lahey, Jack Witry, Maribeth DaRosa-Niehaus**  
**Camera shy: Mike Elorduy, Bobbi Pires, Rich Poletti, and Eric Edelmayer**

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**Harry Dunlop**

**Mike Elorduy**

**Bill Enos**

**Jim Fellos**

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**Frank McNamara**

**Al Simas, Jr.**



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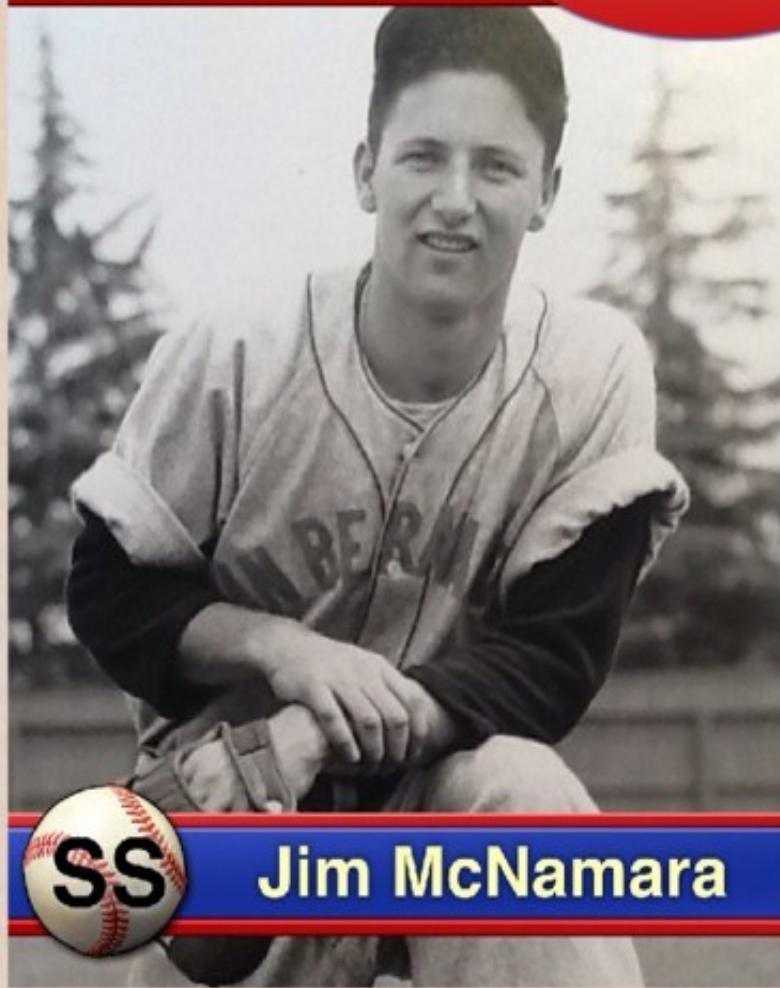
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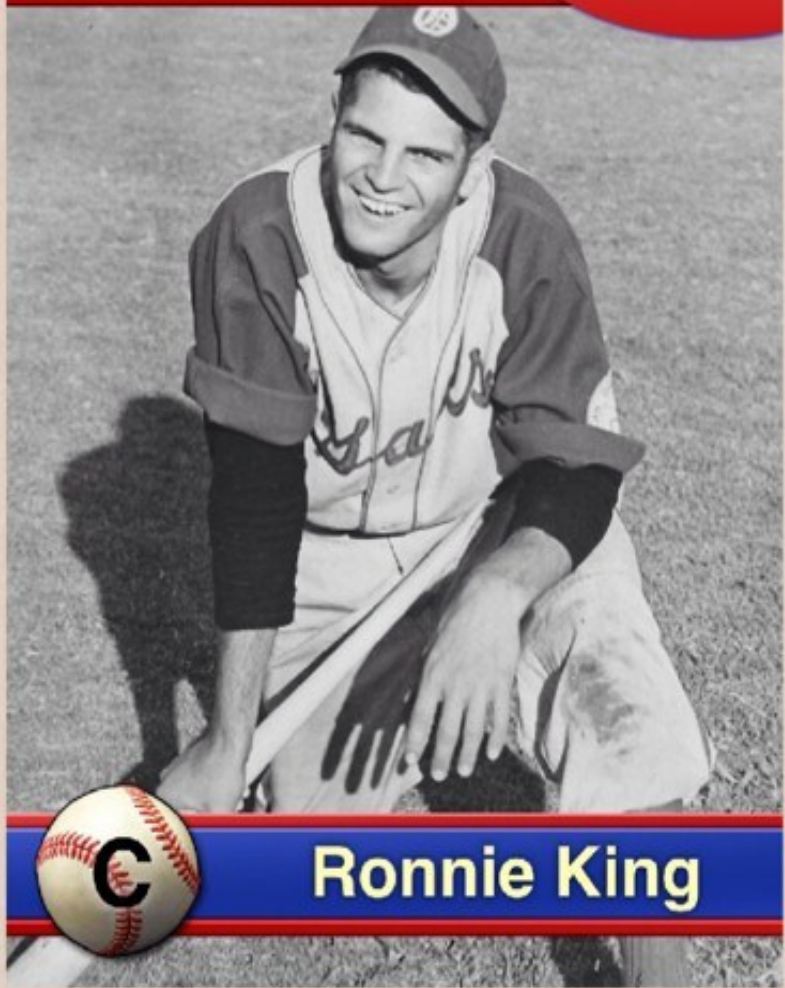
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**Jim McNamara**

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1992



**Ronnie King**

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1977



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