

2006 YEARBOOK

The San Antonio Men's Senior Baseball League (SAMSBL) completed its 15th season right on schedule. And as with any season with men who play adult amateur baseball, the many "highs" far outweighed the few "lows". The worst "low" is to lose a friend and comrade. The SAMSBL lost two this season with the premature passing of Dave Curbey and Larry Born. Dave was 44 and Larry was 52. Both had been long time members of the SAMSBL. And, each had made his indelible mark on our League with their special brand character, friendship and leadership. Larry was one of our first left-handed catchers and Dave was a fleet-footed outfielder and served as one of the best field maintenance guys in our League. Both will be sorely missed. These circumstances cause the rest of us to reflect and to thank God for our blessings and the continuing ability to put on a uniform. It is always tragic to lose a valued friend. However, we all (the entire MSBL nation) appreciate the opportunity to play the greatest games there ever was with our friends while we can. Life is way too short, but the memories of buddies are well worth the effort. Thanks Dave and Larry for the wonderful times.

The SAMSBL had a good batch of rookie managers this year. Mike Weaver, 18+ Astros; Allen Maw, 18+ Titans; Javier Guerrero, 18+ Reds; Martin De Leon, 28+ Rangers; Aldo Aguilar, 38+ Nationals; Bob Boudro and Bill Baldwin, 38+ Red Sox; Todd Erickson and Ronnie Cox, 48+ Cubs, and Bill Howard, 58+ Texans. We also had a rookie chief umpire, John Reidy, who doubles as a motorcycle cop. Our League was warned that if you see John in his uniform on his "hog", then hopefully you were not speeding.

We started the season with an excellent banquet at Pedrotti's Northwind Ranch. The setting is "old cowboy rustic" with a baseball flair. Shortstop/pitcher Jeff Warren, 48+ Tejanos, is a professional Elvis. He provided the entertainment for the crowd. Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff (58+ Texans) was the guest speaker. The highlights included two men earning the Tommy Yeates Achievement Award for outstanding performance and support of the SAMSBL. Dick Evans, 58+ Rangers, a previous recipient of the award presented the 2004 Award to Albert Motz, 48+ Astros, and the 2005 Award to Dr. Dan Kellum, 48+ Yankees. In a surprise moment, Gail Bradley, wife of League President Skip Bradley, grabbed the microphone and spoke of Skip's induction in the National MSBL Hall of Fame in 2005. Skip got a long, standing ovation. His first, ever. He may never get another one, but that was special.

Competition was keen in all our age divisions. With very few exceptions, the League has arrived at the level of "on any given day, which team is going to be the winner?" A large percentage of the games were decided very late in the contest. That one fact of competitive baseball is what keeps players coming back year after year. Couple that fact with superb fields and organization and you have huge success. Under these circumstances, when a team like the 18+ Titans accomplished what they did this season, it is particularly special.

Led by lefty pitcher Allen Maw and hard-hitting Shawn Joseph, the 18+ Titans used consistent offense and a stingy defense along with more than a few breaks for a perfect record of 20-0 in league play. Some of the best games resulted as the other teams came close to spoiling their record. Other players included shortstop Clint Sampson, hitter BJ Joseph, pitcher Brandon Palomo, catcher Red Woodlee, Leonard Gates, Jason Rusick, Jeff Blanks, Marc Auguano, and Kelly Skeens. Job Well Done, Gentlemen!

The father/son duo of Mike and Mark Pircher managed the 18+ Pirates. Also, the other father/son duo on the Pirates was Gayland and Brandon Oehlke. Some players included Doug Rosini, Albert Cruz, Chris Arevalo, Donnie Atkins, Ken (KC) Dohmen, Jaime Luna, Jason Cann, and Mike Hernandez. The team brought the 2006 season to a successful conclusion by winning the City Championship. In a thrilling final inning, the Pirates scored 5 times to win the local playoffs. Congratulations!

Captain Davin Dukes managed the 18+ Warhawks. The League thanks him for his tireless efforts to smooth the entry of teams on the military base in times of tighten security. Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, varsity baseball team is a men's team comprised solely of military members. Individual players range in rank from E-2 to O-3 and encompass 15 different military career fields. The Warhawks main objectives are to boost morale of the troops, demonstrate professionalism among the civilians, and display athleticism of the military personnel. Due to worldwide duties, this years team had only 4 players, Ryan

Nichols, Jose Isales, Justin Ailor, and Chuck Zapata who have been on the team over 2 years. Other teammates include Keith Simon (06 MVP), Greg Willett, Kyle Buckles, Nate Zimmerman, and Chawa Pearson along with rookies Kieth Bratton, "Boston" Seely, Joe Sanchez, and Luther Larson. Captain Dukes (DD) led the team to a strong finish in 3 tournaments in Oklahoma City, Birmingham, and the Texas Cup.

The Manager of the 18+ Reds, Javier Guerrero, molded a strong team during the season. Anchors like Drew Spencer, Ben Sikel, Simon Rodriguez, Jose Cancel, Jerry Chavez, Miquel Jiminez, led the team into the playoffs. In its 2nd yr of existence, the team made solid progress and provided some exciting games during the season. The Reds will move up to the 25+ Division for 2007, hopefully to show that group of teams how to play baseball.

The 18+ Astros, led by Mike Weaver, provided some excellent competition early in the season. Veterans included son, Glenn Weaver, Mario Perez, Matt Molina, Jeff Walls, Willie Martinez, and Nick Davila. Newcomers included Pat Shortridge, Freddie Martin, and Reno Mantalvo. The 2007 Astros will become the new Red Sox. With the addition of Coach Troy Joseph, a veteran baseball encyclopedia and disciplinarian, and new rookies found in fall ball, this team will become a force to be reckoned with. The SAMSBL owes a huge thanks to long-time Astros manager, Joe Molina, for his many years of leadership and service. His elevation to the Board of Directors is an asset to the League. Congratulations!

Leon Aleman, 28+ Braves, had one of the coolest attitudes in MSBL history. His group of players simply enjoyed playing the game. If they win, they have a great time. If they lose, they have a great time. No other team personified the appreciation of "being vertical on this side of the grass playing ball" more than his team. Some of his mates included his brother Sixto, Bob Furmidge, Martin Esquivel, Dale Haines, boisterous Bryan Mylar, Rene Martinez, Xavier Garcia, Randy Diaz, Ben and Johnny Villalobos, Art Nicholls, Jaime Rangel, Raul Richie, Hector Trevino, Ray Guerrero, Joe Garcia, and Chris Amaya.

Brothers Sal and Al Cuevas built the 28+ Red Sox into a formidable team. Tony Miranda, George Kassis, Robert Buentello, Vic Cisneros, Willie Martinez, John Brown, Charles Sanchez, Ken McMullin, Bryan Garcia, Joe Martinez, Dan Fuller, Ulises Rodriguez, and Jason Hild all played various positions, provided timely hitting and defense, and mastered the team concept of collective ability. It is great to see a building process come to past.

Martin De Leon, new at the helm of the 28+ Rangers, had only two returning players from last season, Russ Dickerson and Julius Grullon. Russ was one tough pitcher until he got hit in the arm at the plate and broke the bone. Julius traveled a lot with new title promotion for his company. That left Martin with new comers Chuck Farmer, Patrick Casey, Ben Jacobs, Juan Puig, David Guzman, Charlie Zapata, Carlos Maldonato, Ben Arnold, Pablo Garcia, and Tom Spivey to form a new foundation for the coming seasons. Mid-season rookie, Paige Finley came back to the field of dreams after a 10-year absence. In his first appearance he had a no-hitter going until the game started. He finished by allowing only 4 hits, total. He's hooked.

David Martinez and Rick Hernandez kept a veteran squad of talented players, everyone over the age of 40 to play on the 28+ Missions. Jesse Herrera, Jimmy Garcia, Sam Pacheco, Gene De La Santos, Robb Swain, Roland Virella, Art Vega, George Freeman, Donato Lopez, Pat Hernandez, Manny Sosa, Tony Perez, Louis Velasquez, Mike Vilerrel, and Albert Molina have played together for several seasons. This team provided some exciting moments this year, capped by bottom of the 9th rally in the playoff round to win by a run. As a result, they swept through the city championship series crushing their opponents. The Missions are going to participate in the 38+ Mountain Division in the 2006 World Series.

Mike Dees, 28+ Warhawks, kept his team competitive despite losing his long time teammate and good friend, Dave Curbey. The team held a memorial game at the Air Force Base in August. During the season, Mr. "Backbone of the team" Jack Garner continued his high-energy as a team leader. Newcomers included Ryan Ellis, Himia Lowery, Juan Cosme, Bill Clark, Elias Contreras, Leslie Dalmyda, and Sam McCory. Veterans included Robb Adams, Jon Cordova, Lupe Briseno, Sean Jarimillo, Walt Hildago, Jamie Potter, and Darin Howard.

The 28+ Grays started the year off with high hopes after recruiting during the off-season. However, injuries occurred way too soon for Andrew Denny and his team. They had some excellent games, early on. The teammates included Roy Alcoser, Jason Merck, JD Denny, Brian Meyer, Wayne Robinson, Tony Wilson, Charles Smith, Mike Pruske, Mike Jones, Juan Guerra, Chester Dominguez, Ray Menendez, Philip Delgado, and Rick Guerrera.

Brian Trevino, 28+ Devils, had one of the best pitching staff in the division including Chad Johnson, Will Havens, Chris Colon, and Gilbert Rodriguez. Couple this with excellent defense lead by Mark Tawil, Ray Medrano, Rick Hill, Lavish Frias, Bob Arguello, Xavier Guerrero, Joel Merino, Bill Fenci, Lloyd Norris, and rookie Mark Sloat. The team was very consistent and solid any time on the field. When Brian had all his players, he was unbeatable, except once. Most everyone focused on Tawil as the cause of the loss.

The 28+ Storm dedicated this season to the memory of relatives Mary Garanbuay, Daniel Guiterriz, Lynn Ann Prince, Gregorio Flores, and Benny Guiterriz. Manager Paul Luna (120 –15 in 6 years) along with brothers, Mike and Rey fielded yet another powerhouse of a team going 19-1 for the League Championship, again. Team player and 2006 MVP Chris Lewis, Gonzalo Castro, David Moreno, Jaime Cardenas, TJ Rodriguez, Raul Salazar, Charlie Flores, Ceasar Juarez, Leonard Gates (W15-L1) , Tony Moreno, and Kirk Sipila all added timely hitting, pitching, and fielding when and where needed. The team is taking their considerable talent to the 2006 Fall Classic in November. They should win their division.

Manager Edward Leos, Brad Larsen, Alex Rodriguez, and Sean Miller anchored a very competitive 28+ Clippers team. Paul Greco, Jay Hudson, Aaron Owens, Eric Fredmunsky, Mark Murphy, Fred Araiza, Erik Patchen, Bruce Elam, Mike and Adam Flores combined timely plays and excellent strategy to make nearly every game exciting. Their best effort showed up one night, when only 8 teammates were available to participate. Brad pitched a beautiful 9 inning game by keeping the hitters from finding the vacant spot on the field.

The 28+ Bombers, managed by Jerry Spencer and Glenn Grossenbacher, were talented individuals of upper age who opted to play down. The average age of the team was 48+, especially when you took away the ages of the two young guys, Ben Sikel and Jerry's son, Drew. Bill Von Behren, Bryan Wyatt, Jack Held, John Lerette, Cougar Caldwell, David Oliver, Jim Glodich, Bill Downing, Dan Creedon, Louie Mendez, Lee Bunton, Freddie Douglas, Derrick Hardaman, Danny Mills, JR Broils, and Randy Mendoza gave the group some superb experience in every aspect of the game. They finished second in a very tough 28+ Division. This group will compete in the 45+ National Division in 2006 World Series.

Joe Guiterriz and Allen Green held the reins of the 28+ Tejanos. Each player made impact on the team with everyone shining at some time during the season. The team decided on new florescent green jerseys for the new, sharp look. Clifton Hunter, Ray Oasarez, Mike Elizondo, Phillip Hernandez, David White, Jose Espinosa, Rick Felan, Steve Chapa, Creighton Sneklebery, and David Hernandez were the mainstays of the squad. Latecomer Manny Rivas added some speed in the outfield.

The 38+ Nationals, managed by Aldo Aguilar, was the newest team in the division. His teammates included Jim Foster, Mike Tristan, Tony Rodriguez, David Fletcher, Ken Wilson, Jesse Hernandez, Mike Davila, Emilio Vaez, John Champion, Mike Henley, Xavier Olivarez, and Roy Alcoser. The team played some fine baseball, especially at the end of the season when they began to gel. They were on a role late in the season when they met up with the Crusaders who needed to move out of last place for a while. It was a good ball game.

Rick Shasteen, 38+ Astros, proved to be a very tough opponent every game. He had experienced players including Charlie Griffin, Ron Gray, Allen Bussell, Steve Pillet, Mike York, Larry Anderson, Glen Donnelly, Ron Shorr, Greg Williams, Bob Furmidge, Rene Martinez, Leon Aleman, Dale Haines, and Brian Mylar. Most of the same guys are going to the 2006 World Series.

38+ Crusaders were a team of "much older" guys who wanted to participate in this division because they could. They had several games that were excitingly close the whole way, a few where a come-from-behind effort was needed, and one or two where it was over after the first inning. Dr. Billy Jacobs and Tom

Keyser held the reins. Dennis Iker, Adam Reyes, Dick Newton, Gil Cortez, Dick Evans, Emerson Hayes, Jesus Muniz, Dr. Earl Smith, Skip Bradley, Pete Vega, Rufus Miller, Bob Bepko, Bob Janzen once or twice, and rookie, John Bevil were teammates during the whole season. The team finished last in 38+ Division. However, look at the 58+ Crusaders, below. Notice similarities and one big difference?

Robert Stull and Randy Jackson looked after the 38+ Giants. As a squad they started off slow, but really came alive after mid-season. Several members of the team have played for years including Chuck Farmer, Steve Temple, Tom Turk, Gene Snider, Ray Talamentes, Warren Mays, Daivd Juarez, Randy Jackson, Scott Rohloff, Bret Simon, and Lee Mann. The group welcomed back Phil Calloway after a triple by-pass procedure and several years of not playing.

The 38+ Cubs, managed by son Roland and Mr. Oscar Banda, Sr. continued their ways of dominance. The team was a powerhouse of talent with the ability to substitute just about anywhere in any position without skipping a beat. David Hernandez, Red Hemphill and his favorite player, Reggie Smith, Cougar Caldwell, Brian Dawson, Sean Nolan, Mark McConnell, Pablo Garcia, Jose Luis Gomes, Oscar Banda, Jr., Ralph Banda, Herman Gonzales, Eddie Hernandez, Macario Rosas, Herman Gonzales, and Rene Hernandez all played excellent baseball. Playing as a group all season, this team should do very well in Phoenix this year. However, the MVP of the group goes to Mr. Oscar Banda, Sr., who suffered a stroke, is confined to a wheelchair, and made every one of the games to keep the score each inning. He has dedicated his entire life to the greatest game that ever was. Mr. Banda is Mr. Baseball in South Texas. He is such a fine gentlemen. He was formally recognized with his own spot light at the League Banquet. It was a most poignant and memorial moment for those of us present. Thank you, Sir, for your support of the SAMSBL.

Robert Thompson (RT) was an anchor member of the 38+ Red Sox managed by Bob Boudro and Bill Baldwin. RT is a fine gentleman both on and off the field. He was a member of our League for a long time and recently moved to another MSBL area in another state. Thanks for all your support RT. Other fine men on that stout team includes David Schultz, Tim Pundt, Scott Barry, Steve Lambert, Dr. John Leland, Steve Warnock, John Mendez, Richard Granado, Mike Bakersville, Manny Lucio, Steve Valadez, Curtis Eaton, Buster Jones, and Tom Woods. This team produced some superb games with stellar play. Just about in tact, this squad will be traveling to the 2006 World Series. They should do very well.

The 48+ Division of the SAMSBL is one of the largest groups from a single league in the MSBL nation. All the players are at least 48 with many in their 60's, a surprising number in their 70's and our eldest is 83, Adolph Hoffman of Texans. Unique to the SAMSBL, two of the teams in the 48+ Division are 58+ teams, the Texans and the Crusaders. The Texans, managed by Bill Howard includes Rodney Griffin of Port Aransas, TX. Rodney drives 6 hours to play on the team. Other team members are Sam De Los Santos, Bill Burgess, Clarence McCarty, Nelson Wolff, Val Cass, Don Johnson, Tom Hansis, Leonard Kajs, and Jose Zuniga. Rookies include John Miller, David Sweeten, Pete Martinez, Zeke Contreras, Roy Dwyer, and Richard Sammartin. Pete was voted the team MVP due to his triples and catching duties all season. Nelson was a close 3rd in the MVP voting since there was no 2nd place finisher.

The 58+ Crusaders were the same guys as the 38+ Crusaders. Only giving up 10 years in age difference made a big difference. Billy Jacobs and Tom Keyser led the 58+ Crusaders to a league-leading position most of the season. This group of guys proved to be one tough bunch of grandpas who could play some ball against those kids on the other teams. Rookie John Bevil came back to the mound after a nearly 40 years absence and did well. Playing at least two games per weekend, the teammates will finally test their skills against their own ages in the 58+ American Division at the National World Series in Phoenix, AZ. They are very confident in reaching their ring goal in PHX.

The 48+ Cubs won the League Championship led by Todd Erickson and Ronnie Cox. Larry Cheatwood, brothers Bruce and Bob Rathburn, Mark Tieken, Henry Esparza, Bernie Pieniazek, Danny Lambrecht, Bill Frampton, John Lerette, Jerry Spencer, and Robert Stefanic provided offense and defense when needed, almost on call. Effervescent Wayne Hand kept the dugout atmosphere loose the entire season. Those guys just had fun.

Manager Bill Sirakos, 48+ Pirates, led another team who really enjoyed the camaraderie that baseball uniquely brings forth. They, too, had fun. Veteran Pete Padron led the team in hitting with a .500 average according to someone's stats. Other veterans include Gary Griffin, Keith Wilcox, Johnny Guzman, and Bob Getz. Rookies included Richard Finnegan, a transfer from the Houston MSBL, Bobby Cox and Randy Young. It was known that Bobby Cox was famous for something, though none know what it is. It could be that only his name is famous. Randy is the only rookie to tear two rotator cuffs and have surgery on both shoulders so he can come back again, nicely repaired for 2007.

David Hernandez created the 48+ Tejanos and directed them to become a "force to be dealt with". With veterans Jeff (ELVIS) Warren, John Pugl, Joe Guiteriz, Pat Bonney, Mike Hausig, Clarence McCarty, Shane Mitchell, Roger Reef, Ollie Stambaugh, rookies Pete Mora, Henry Arocha, Trinidad Aguirre, Luis Carnales, Vernon Diego, Jaime Santian, Mark Mitchell, and Vic Williams. The team started slow, then gelled, and finished very strong. 2007 should see them in the playoffs.

Interim Manager Davis Jackson stepped up to calm turmoil among the 48+ Mets late in the season. He managed to keep the continuity of the group in tact to finish the season. The team had only one rookie, Glenn Lane, who became solid pitcher for the team. Veterans included Bill Ehrhardt, Rich Garcia, Dr. Joe Gonzales, Juan Ahmuda, Dr. Jack Ferrell, Rocky Self, and Bobby Hoeffner.

David Kellum managed the 48+ Yankees. After a slow start, they got their act together and won the 2006 City Championship. Congratulations! Pitchers Emerson Hayes, Javier Hindjosa, Carl Alsobrooks, Roy Najera, Rob Moore, and Mario Reyes led the charge. Hitters Tomas Munoz, Reggie Perez, Jose Martinez, Dan Kellum, Pedro Espinosa, Jose Gomez, Jeff Newman, Bobby Pena, Adam Reyes, Mingo Garcia, Jim Hartman, Bob Chabot, and Richard Safrin gave all the runs the Yankees needed when needed. This team is going to the 2006 World Series.

Jim Parker led the 48+ Astros. His brother, Dave, anchored the catching duties most of the season. Joel Morley, Gary Griffith, David Juarez, Hal Butler, Val Cass, Armando Basaldua, Bob Freeman, Kirk Green, Jason Hild, Bill Howard, Kevin Beach, Mike Surls, Albert Motz, Gary Griffith, Sid Dukes, Kevin Kline, John McCaleb, Tom Hearn, Dicky Vaughn, and Ed Oswald all played well for the determined 'Stros. Their chemistry was great.

The 48+ A's, had a solid year on the field. Leadoff hitter, Sam Sarrizan stole 21 bases in 18 games, Tony Davis pitched 85% of the games, Carl Johnson played everywhere, and rookie Jeff Bullpen stabilized the team with his catching chores. Other teammates include Bob Crotty, Dave Mellot, Tom Flornoy, Dave Bentley, Rueben Cevallos, Dr. Oren Rennick, and Scott Tellekamp. Bob Crotty has been a long time member of the team. He decided to "hang 'em up" after this season because it is time. Thanks Bob for your support and energy put forth for the SAMSBL. Doug McLaughlin has been the manager of this squad for several years. He put together a great team that meshed on the field and in the dugout. The guys all looked forward to being together every game day. Doug leadership style was one by example including show the "boys" how to hit, usually when the situation demanded a hit. Doug produced. He also set the example of being a gentleman of class and distinction both on and off the field. He is stepping down from his title as manager. He is leaving very big shoes to fill. Thanks you Doug and his wife Jackie for all you have done for your team, the SAMSBL. And thank you both for ratcheting our Image and Reputation up a notch by raising the bar for all of us to follow. Job well done, Doug!

Local TV personality Barry Davis, (rookie, 48+ Cardinals) thoroughly enjoyed getting back into baseball. His manager, Pete Powell, batting him last in the line-up for some reason but declared that Barry got some timely hits, especially late in the season. And, all this press about Barry probably will not get the Cardinals team on TV at all, but it is worth a try. Other teammates included Hector Gonzales, Robert Gamboa, Darryl Acker (4 home runs), David Smith, Bruce Weldy, Don Marcot, Ed Guerrero, Bernie Pena, Charlie Hammond and the other rookie, Gary Mathis. The team played very well all season long with timely defense and hitting. The pitching staff was excellent. Of all the noteworthy plays and moments on the team all season long, the most impressive standout came at the start of the year in the form of Mr. Don Smith. He decided to lose 35 pounds over the off-season so he could play better ball. And he did play better. Congratulations, Don!

Danny Flores stepped down as chief umpire for the SAMSBL at the beginning of the season. He had served as chief for 5 years. He built a solid corps of dedicated people who wanted to “call ball” for us. Danny was recognized and formally presented a plaque commemorating his many years of service to our League. He even had his own moments in the spotlight at the League banquet. One true story surfaced at the banquet about Danny when he was calling a game one night. When a manager object to one of his called strikes, Danny told the manager to go where he could not see him. The manager promptly jumped on home plate declaring that Danny had not seen this area all night. John Reidy, a veteran umpire and police officer, stepped up to be the Chief Umpire of the SAMSBL. The transition went very well. Danny stayed to just call ball, and John assumed all the headaches that Danny did not tell him about. Thanks John for taking the helm. His squad of umpires includes Mel Carter, brothers David and John Paul Boone, Mike Sanchez, Robert Lopez, James Baum, David Evans, Jason Lavasseur, James Landin, John Martinez, Marinella Murillo, Tino Hernandez, Dan Martinez, Dr. Gil Gomez, Chad Johnson, and Doug Reavis. John invited two national umpires to call with him in the 2006 Texas Cup hosted by the SAMSBL, Red Thompson of the Las Vegas MSBL and Ken Van Der Pool, Atlanta MSBL. We all thank these two guys for traveling so far to call in our tournament.

President’s Message: Over the period of one year, so many things happen that no one can predict. Thanks goodness that a lot of them are positive and motivating events. Other times these items can test one’s character. So it is in the life of an MSBL League President or Commissioner. When adversity occurs during a season, the league presidents have a tremendous responsibility to make the right choices, as some can be precedent setting. Some of those choices will make the decision makers very unpopular at times. I have had my share of those events over the years of my tenure. But, early on, I learned the secret to helping make the right one. And, I pass it along to my colleagues out there who will face something similar, sooner or later. I have always strongly believed that adult males should play this game with class. I believe that the teams should look sharp, be ready to go, and to begin the game on time, promptly. I also believe they should be play the games on the best fields that are available. The way to get the fields is to act and play with class. Hence the circle of league activity becomes apparent. Decisions on tough issues should be based on continually raising the bar of League Image and Reputation. Equate it to turning a rather large boat around in a small river. It takes time, but when done right, you are finally going in the right direction. Once going right, accentuate the positives at all times. Those decisions on tough issues become obvious even through the pain of making them. We in the SAMSBL are very proud of our accomplishments over the past years and of those accolades that are to come. We believe that our Image and Reputation is of the highest caliber. We want those who join us to benefit from all that we have gained over the years. However, for those few who intentionally leave us, then we say goodbye. You will experience the phenomena known as “on the outside looking in” for a long time.

As always, we in the SAMSBL publicly express our sincere appreciation to Steve Siglar for creating the MSBL. His vision has helped thousands of us to grab hold of a passion and hang on. From the Thrill of Victory to the Agony of Defeat and all the aches and pains in between, Steve’s foresight has caused an avalanche of accomplishments for all of us who so dearly love the best game that ever was. He has also caused mountains of ibuprofen to be consumed. But, personally, he helped me learn the secret to making a successful league by setting the example for me to follow. Thanks, Steve.

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