

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League's

Extra Innings



Come join our 'Softball Day at The K'

As league members Gene Webb and Dave Barragan watched a Royals baseball game last year, they came up with the idea for the KCMSSL to have a fun night at the ballpark.

Webb approached Chuck Bua, a founding member of the league with a background in advertising and marketing, for help. They went to Kauffman Stadium to talk to Royals ticketing officials.

The plan was to give players, family and friends a night together at the game, and also give more visibility to the Kan-

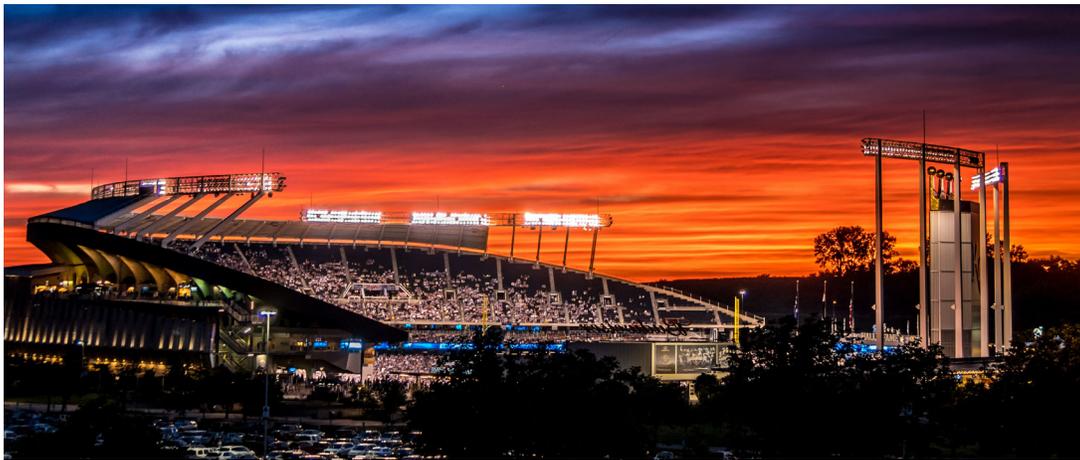


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sas City Metro Senior Softball League by having the league highlighted on the scoreboard. If we could get enough people to purchase tickets, the league also could get a few people the special treat of being on the field to watch pre-game batting practice. In addition, Webb invited Sen. Roy Blunt to attend and learn more about our league and help build momen-

tum for our Fields of Dreams project.

The goal is to have at least 500 people attend the April 19 game against the San Francisco Giants for our Softball Day at The K event. Bring your own food and drink for tailgating before the game. We will have grills set up in the parking lot.

In addition, we will do a drawing in

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Managers' meeting set for March 11

Our winter managers' meeting is set for 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 11, at the Jewish Community Center.

President Randy Rowe and other board members will discuss plans for 2017, including costs, payment deadlines, rules changes, conference locations and our registration process. Also, we plan to provide AED training.

Conference coordinators will pass out rule books and meet with managers.

All managers should attend or send a

team representative. All league members are welcome. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

The Jewish Community Center is at 5801 W. 115th Street in Overland Park, not far from Sprint Headquarters.

From Interstate 435, take Nall Avenue south to 115th Street. Turn west (right) onto 115th. Take the first left into the JCC driveway and wind around to the right. We will be in a meeting room near the theater.

KC teams shine on national stages

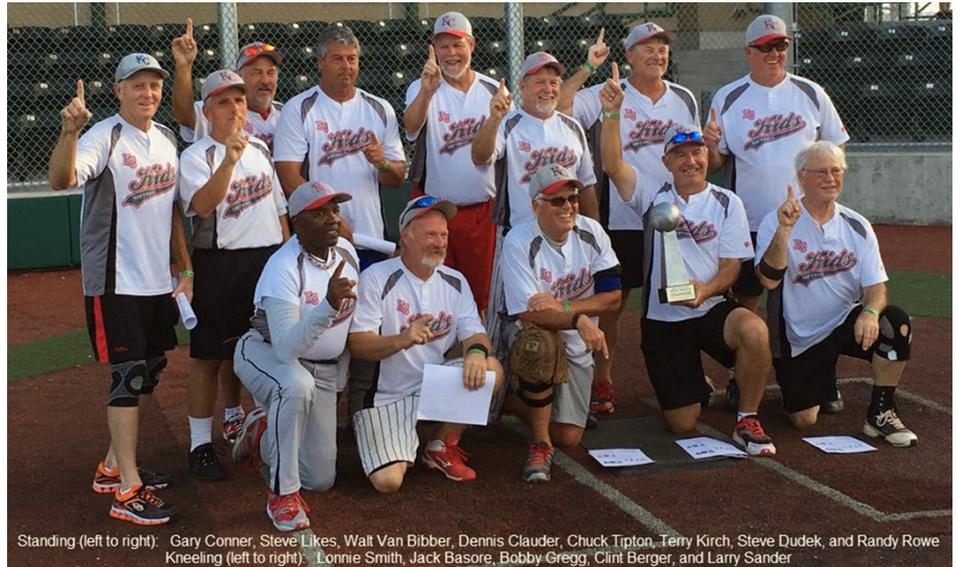
Congrats to 2016 world champs!

Once again, a team from the Kansas City area has earned free rings and a SSUSA/LVSSA World Masters championship.

This time, the title went to the KC Kids in the 34-team Men's 65+ AAA division. The stars were aligned as the Kids went undefeated (8-0) for the tournament.

Other teams from our area that participated in the largest senior slowpitch softball tournament in the world:

B&B Drywall/World Gym (KS) in the 40+ Major+ Men's division (finishing 1-4); Above The Law (MO) in the Women's 40+ AAA division (finished second with 6-2 record); Not Done Yet Ladies (MO) in the 40+ AAA division (finished 3-3); World Gym (KS) also in the women's 40+ AAA division (finished fourth with 6-2 record); KC Classics (MO) 50+



Standing (left to right): Gary Conner, Steve Likes, Walt Van Bibber, Dennis Clauder, Chuck Tipton, Terry Kirch, Steve Dudek, and Randy Rowe
Kneeling (left to right): Lonnie Smith, Jack Basore, Bobby Gregg, Clint Berger, and Larry Sander

Men's Major (finished 2-4); KC Monarchs 50 (MO) in the 50+ Men's AAA division (finished 1-4); Midwest Driving School (KS) in the Men's 55+ Major division (finished 3-4); Big Daddy's Donuts (MO) in the Men's 55+ AAA division (finished 1-5); KC Renegades 55's (MO) in the Men's 55+ AAA (finished 3-3); KC Renegades 60's (MO) in the Men's 60+ Major division (finished 3-3); KC Monarchs 60 (MO) in the Men's 60+ AAA

(finished 2-4); Kansas City Fire (MO) in the Men's 65+ AAA division (finished 2-4); R & D Leverage (MO) in the Men's 65+ AAA division (finished 1-4); KC Renegades 70's (MO) in the Men's 70+ AAA division (finished 3-2); Mid-America Patriots (MO) in the Men's 70's AA division (finished 1-4); MW Driving School 75 (KS) in the Men's 75+ AAA division (finished third with 4-3 record).

-- submitted by Clint Berger

And congrats to TOC champs!



The KC Classics 50+ Major team won its division of the Tournament of Champions in Lakeland, Florida, on Feb. 12. Only winners of SSUSA TOC qualifiers compete in the showcase event.

Tournament MVP honors went to Doug Ewert. All-tournament players were Alan Abrahamson, Craig Ewert, Sid Adamson, Scott Hubbard and Allen Neal.

Front row, from left: Doug Ewert, Sid Adamson, Allen Neal, David Van-Becelaere, Tim Hubert. **Standing:** Craig Ewert, Alan Abrahamson, Jimmy Bolles, Jeff O'Donnell, Scott Hubbard, Jeff Henning.

Wes Weddle, rookie awards handed out

The Board of Directors re-launched a league awards program in 2016 by forming an awards committee and taking nominations for Rookie of the Year awards and the Wes Weddle Spirit Awards, named in honor of the league's founder.

The 2016 winners, by conference day of the week and location of play:

Sunday at Black Bob: Wes Weddle, Dave Pattison.

Monday at the Jewish Community Center: Wes Weddle, Doug Bennett; Rookie, Fred Preusch.

Monday at Hartman: Wes Weddle, Denise Cordell.



Tuesday at Independence: Wes Weddle, Clyde Jones; Rookie, Steve Jones.

Tuesday at Black Bob, 55+: Wes Weddle, Donnie Morris.

Tuesday at Black Bob, 60+: Wes Weddle, J.J. Jones

Wednesday at Hartman: Wes Weddle, Brent Pate; Rookie, Gary Stucker

Thursday at Heritage: Wes Weddle, Don Brown (gold), Dave Byler (silver), Richard Baldwin (bronze); Rookie, Monte Johnson (gold), George Callas (silver), Dean Cassidy (bronze).

Thursday at JCC: Wes Weddle, Charlie Kearney; Rookie, Lee Acciacca.

Saturday competitive: Wes Weddle, Cleo Washington.

Saturday draft: Wes Weddle, Bruce Rodgers.

-- submitted by Jody Myers

Field of Dreams

Closer and closer but still too far away

Our committee has had several meetings since the annual meeting in December, including with U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt (endorsement and promise to help with funding) on our project to build a KC Metro Veterans Sports Complex, previously known as our Field of Dreams.

We have endorsements from U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, and Missouri state Rep. Bill Kidd (helping to pilot our way to the mayor and supporting our development of the softball fields and a veteran's support center at the complex). We have also received the support of Jackson County Legislator Dan Tarwater, who has helped us on our path through political red tape.

Plans have been approved by all and we have support to move forward. One of our speed bumps has been the KC Parks and Recreation's Department's desire to build two regulation softball fields and two all-abilities fields with the support of the Cal Ripken Foundation near Noland Road. After a meeting with Tarwater and Kidd, that project has been put on hold. Our supporters feel that the city would be better served if those energies were shifted to our project. For that we are extremely grateful. I have also been contacted by Rodney Riffle (Project Manager, Engineering, Planning, & Design Division for KC Parks and Recreation). He shared with me that the Ripken support for the Noland Road project has been suspended. This is good news for us as it could be the start of financial support for our project.

Our initial grant application, submitted in December, was turned down by the Economic Development Committee. We are resubmitting the grant to the veteran's committee of the EDC.



The project is at a standstill until financing can be obtained. Gene Webb is going through training to write grant applications. We have a meeting scheduled with two companies to ask for their financial support. I have sent our project and proposal to Jay Glazer (The Team – MVP). His preliminary comments were positive and he wants to hear more.

I have also contacted a sports agent to see if he can put us in touch with professionals who may be willing to support our project. He will get back to me by late February or early March.

The long-range planning committee has been working hard and my executive committee (myself, Clint Berger and Gene Webb) has gone well beyond what I have asked of them. They spend seven to 10 hours per week in meetings both internal and external trying to insure the success of this project.

-- submitted by Tim Burkindine

Annual meeting news: We are No. 1 in U.S.!

Kansas City has the nation's largest senior softball league.

That was the biggest news announced at the KCMSSL's annual membership meeting in December, which also doubles as our forum for electing four candidates each year to our Board of Directors.

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League grew to 857 members last year, up slightly from 2015. It is possible that we were the largest senior league in the country that year, as well. But Senior Softball USA had not considered the fact that we are a league operation and that the other large senior softball organizations -- based in Florida and California -- run tournaments only, not leagues.

At the SSUSA winter meetings in early December, our President Randy Rowe

The KCMSSL Board of Directors (Year denotes when term expires)

Bobby Gregg	(2017)
Jody Myers	(2017)
Susan Scholler	(2017)
Mark Spletstaszer	(2017)
Tim Burkindine	(2018)
Donna McGuire	(2018)
Bill Nees	(2018)
Steve Krull	(2018)
Clint Berger	(2019)
Bob Reynolds	(2019)
Randy Rowe	(2019)
Larry Hightower	(2019)

asked for an update on where we stood nationally. We previously had been called the fourth largest senior softball organization in the nation.

Terry Hennessy, the CEO of SSUSA,

responded that we certainly have become the largest league operation.

Also at our membership meeting, board members Randy Rowe, Clint Berger and Bob Reynolds won re-election. Larry Hightower earned his first term.

Treasurer Clint Berger announced the KCMSSL's donations to charity for the year: \$500 each to the Dream Factory, Special Olympics, Salvation Army and Veterans Community Project.

The league also announced winner of spirit and rookie of the year awards. (See article on Page 3.)

The league gave away dozens of door prizes, with the most valuable being bats and a field glove. Lee Acciaca, Marc Graham and Gene Webb won the bats. Billy Boos won the fielder's glove.

-- submitted by Donna McGuire



Pre-season tournament set for April 8-9; three more to be offered



The pre-season league tournament has been set for April 8 and 9 at Black Bob Park in Olathe. In case of rain, the tournament will be rescheduled for the following weekend.

The cost is \$275 per team for a three-game guarantee event. To enter, contact Randy Rowe at rrr5850@aol.com or call 816-718-3221.

In addition, several teams have asked the league to schedule additional tournaments for league teams (no outside teams). Those will cost \$175 to play in a double-elimination bracket.

The dates are May 21-22, June 17-18 and Sept. 16-17. Locations will be set later. Please contact Rowe for details.

Attention!

Rules changes include trial of new speed-up-game rule

Some interesting rules changes will take affect this year in league play.

Perhaps the biggest involves a “double up” rule that will be tested as a pilot project in a few conferences. It involves an attempt to speed up the game, which could give teams a greater chance of playing seven innings and also (hopefully) getting games done closer to the hour time frame allowed. The idea comes from an out-of-area tournament player who expained it on the Senior Softball-USA message board.

Here's how it will work:

The visitors will bat twice to start the



game, followed by the home team batting twice. This will repeat for innings 3 and 4, with visitors batting twice followed by the home team batting twice. (Normal rules apply; three outs per inning, maximum of five runs.) At the conclusion of the fourth inning, the game will revert to switching defense and offense every half inning. The goal is to reduce by four the number of times teams have to trade between batting and defense, thus saving 10 to 15 minutes a game.

After getting feedback from the teams, the board could decide to end the “double up” rule or expand it to other conferences.

Other changes for 2017:

1. Men's conferences, excluding draft conferences, will follow the borrowed players rule the women's gold division has used

for several years. A team still may borrow up to two conference members from the same or lower division. Borrowed players still must be declared to the umpire and opposing manager prior to the game's start. Borrowed players still must bat last in the line up. But this part of the rule is new: **If the borrowed players play any positions other than catcher or right field, the team will give two runs per borrowed player to the opposing team at the start of the game (unless the opposing manager waves the runs).** As previously stated in the rule, once the game starts, the decision to wave the runs is irrevocable. When roster players arrive, they will replace borrowed players in the lineup.

For teams that use 11 on defense, this sentence has been added to the rule: **If a third borrowed player plays any position other than right center field, the team will give two runs to the opposing team at the start of the game.**

2. Adding players to rosters: **Teams may NOT add players to rosters once**

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On-line registration an important tool

We're heading into our third season of utilizing Leaguesheets.com for players' on-line registration and the payment of membership dues. The system has provided us with an accurate method of validating several requirements of our members' records, and is almost foolproof in verifying everyone's dues' payments. For the 2016 season, our “active” membership count climbed to 857 members.

Our active membership counts over the past 5 years:

2012: Men – 536, Women - 123 = Total of 659

2013: Men – 574, Women - 135 = Total of 709 (8% increase over 2012)

2014: Men – 628, Women - 131 = Total of 759 (7% increase over 2013)

2015: Men – 696, Women - 158 = Total of 854 (13% increase over 2014)

2016: Men – 715, Women - 142 = Total of **857** (.01% increase over 2015)

New member registration, and the 2017 annual dues payment process, opened as of Jan. 1, 2017. More than 230 already had registered as of Feb. 13. We encourage on-line payment if you have the ability to do so. The Leaguesheets.com website – where our membership database is housed, and the Stripe.com site – through which dues payment transactions are authorized, are both https (secure) sites.

If anyone requires assistance in navigating through the registration process, or dues payment, please get in touch with Clint Berger (913-481-7937), or clintberger@hotmail.com for assistance.

-- submitted by Clint Berger

Plenty of SSUSA tournaments offered throughout Midwest

March 30-April 1: Cowtown Classic, Mid-America Sports Complex, Shawnee.

May 4-7: Oil City Classic, Tulsa.

June 1-4: Missouri Open, Columbia.

July 11-16: Midwest Championships, Rogers, Ark.

July 27-30: Monarchs qualifier, Frank White Complex, Kansas City.

Aug. 10-13: KC Classic, Fountain Bluff, Liberty.

Aug. 24-27: Wes Weddle Fall Classic, Mid-America Sports Complex, Shawnee.

In addition, there are tournaments in Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, Colorado and other Midwestern states. Check the seniorsoftball.com website for details.



All-star games and picnic set for July

The league has planned its annual all-star games and picnic for July 22 at Hartman Park in Lee's Summit. Mark your calendars now so that you don't miss out on the fun, fellowship and free food. All-stars represent teams from all the KCMSSL conferences. It's a blast!



Scenes from 2016's fun-filled morning.

Some rules tweaked

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the season reaches the final two weeks of the conference's original schedule. (In addition, no roster additions are allowed for rescheduled games added to the end of the original schedule.)

3. Several years ago, we amended the "Re-entry and extra players" rule to allow players to leave the game (not counting ejections) without the team taking an out the first time the player missed his at-bat.

Because this rule has been misused, we are reverting to the SSUSA rule, which says **teams must take an out the first time the batter misses his at-bat.** (In the case of an ejection with no available substitute, an out will be taken every time through the order.)

4. We have clarified the screen rule because of confusion on whether a batter can lose his/her courtesy foul by hitting the screen with a batted ball. These sentences have been added to the rule book: **A batter can use up his courtesy foul by hitting the screen. However, a batter cannot foul out by continuing to hit the screen with batted balls.**

Finally, SSUSA changed wording in its rule book to clarify, but not change two rules. Since our rule book falls back on SSUSA for rules not in our book, here is a summary of those:

On the double safety bag at first base, batter-runners must hit at least some portion of the orange bag (in foul territory) when a play is being made on a runner headed to first from home. If the runner hits only the white base, the runner is to be called out by the umpire.

On a play being made on a runner coming home from third, once the runner passes the commitment line he cannot be tagged out. If the defense applies a tag past the line, the runner automatically is safe and has scored. The runner does not need to continue to the scoring plate (or scoring line).

-- submitted by Donna McGuire

Distinguished service honored

Last year, a committee pulled together a list of all current and former board members using historical data in order to honor these volunteers for their work making KCMSSL what it is today, the largest senior softball league in the country. This list is posted on our website. (If you feel there's been any omissions, or feel a correction is justified, please contact a current board member.)

LEGACY MEMBERS

(Organization's founding members)

Brown, Bob	1990, 2001 – 2003
Bua, Chuck	1999 - 2000, 2007
Hinton, Jerry	2002 – 2005
Ishower, Gerald	1999 – 2005
Steen, Bob	1997
Weddle, Wes	1990 - 2004, 2006



Wes Weddle

GOLD MEMBERS

(Served more than three terms)

Gerstle, John	2004 – 2013
Hampton, Henry	1990 – 2002
Hiller, Charlie	2002 – 2014

SILVER MEMBERS

(Served two to three terms, or parts of three separate terms)

Cunningham, Jim	2000 – 2006
Dehan, John	2005 – 2010
Hooper, Mike	2005 – 2012
Klinkenberg, Bill	2009 – 2015
Neil, Belle	2006 – 2014
Stine, Dick	2002 - 2006, 2008 – 2010

BRONZE MEMBERS

(Served less than two terms, or parts of two terms)

Bakian, Greg	2011 – 2013
Bennett, Doug	2014
Brown, Mike	2013
Carter, Tom	2007
Chastain, Jim	2012 – 2015
Grabb, Debbie	2005
Gramly, Roger	1999 – 2000
Green, Larry	2013 – 2015
Grimes, Wayne	2001 – 2005
Hicks, Don	1999 – 2000
Jefferson, Freeman	2008 – 2010
Jones, Bob	2007 – 2009
Laddish, Chris	2014 – 2015
Lane, Ed	1999 – 2000
McGee, Jake	1999, 2004 – 2006
Osborn, Rocky	2015 – 2016
Rice, Les	2001
Uphoff, Bob	2007 – 2009
Whisler, Ken	1999 – 2000

CURRENT BOARD

Berger, Clint	2012 –	Myers, Jody	2016 –
Burkindine, Tim	2009 –	Nees, Bill	2006 -2011, 2016 –
Gregg, Bobby	2015 –	Reynolds, Bob	2016 –
Hightower, Larry	2016 –	Rowe, Randy	2006 –
Krull, Steve	2016 –	Scholler, Susan	2015 –
McGuire, Donna	2008 –	Spletstaszer, Mark	2012 –

Draft conferences gearing up for 2017 season

Saturday at Roe Park

Both the Saturday competitive 60+ conference and 60+ draft conference will be played at Roe Park, 104th and Roe Boulevard in Overland Park.

The leagues play one 15-week schedule from mid-April to September. We don't play on holiday weekends, all-star Saturday or a couple of tournament weekends.

Competitive teams play one nine-inning game starting at 9 a.m. Draft teams play one seven-inning game starting at 10:30 a.m. We will have six teams in the competitive conference again this year. Most players then change teams and play in the draft conference, which should have four teams again this year. We'll have players from 60 years old to players in their 70s and early 80s. If you haven't played softball in awhile, come on out and give the draft conference a try.

-- submitted by Bob Reynolds



Monday at Black Bob

The Monday evening 50 + draft conference will start April 10. Because of conflicts at the Jewish Community Center fields, we expect to play at Black Bob Park in Olathe with a 6:30 p.m. start for the first double-header set.

The cost for the first 10-week session (20 games) is \$55 per player. Jody Myers, the conference coordinator, can be reached @ 913-814-7298.

-- submitted by Jody Myers

Tuesday at Independence

The Independence +50 draft league will again be on Tuesday nights at 7 and 8 p.m. The draft leagues are for players to get started in the Senior League and for other players who just like playing softball. The Independence Draft League has players in their 50s up to

players in their 70s and early 80s. We usually enjoy two hard-fought games followed by hotdogs and peanuts. Long-time manager Kenny Stinson is retiring from playing and managing this year. Kenny has managed a team in Independence since the league started in 2010. Thanks Kenny, we'll miss you.

-- submitted by Bob Reynolds

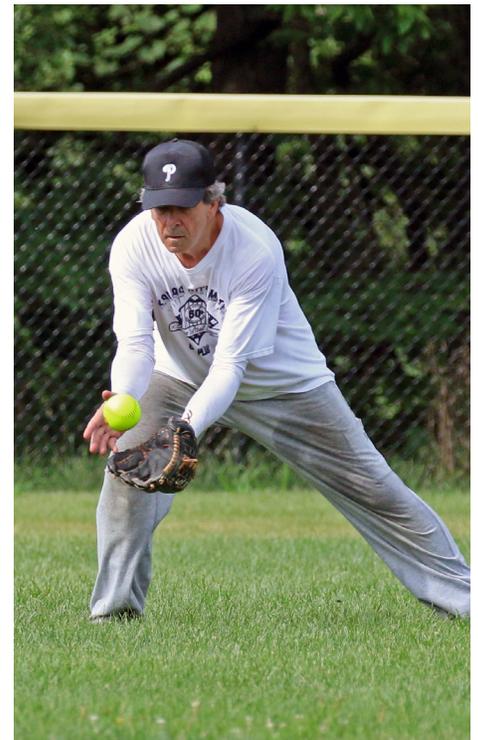
Thursday at Roe Park

60+ draft conference players are invited to join us on Thursday mornings beginning April 13.

Games will be played at Roe Park starting at 9:30 a.m. The cost will be \$40 per player for a 10-game session. Two sessions will be held this year.

For more information, contact Larry Hightower, conference director at 816-442-5103.

-- submitted by Larry Hightower





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**DRAFT CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION**

10 Week Schedule Beginning Mid-April 2017 (Unless Noted Otherwise)

PLEASE CHECK EACH CONFERENCE YOU WILL BE JOINING

<p>Saturday Morning (One 7-Inning Game) 60+ Draft Conference</p> <p>Roe Park 104th & Roe Blvd. Overland Park, KS 66207 Coordinator – Bob Reynolds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00</p>	<p>Monday Evening (Two 7-inning Games) 10 Weeks – Start Date: 4/10/17 50+ Draft Conference</p> <p>Black Bob Park 14500 W. 151st St. Olathe, KS 66062 Coordinator – Jody Myers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00</p>
<p>Tuesday Evening (Two 7-inning Games) 50+ Draft Conference</p> <p>Independence Athletic Complex 17450 E. Salisbury Rd. Independence, MO 64056 Coordinator – Bob Reynolds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00</p>	<p>Thursday Morning (Two 7-inning Games) 60+ Draft Conference</p> <p>Roe Park 104th & Roe Blvd. Overland Park, KS 66207 Coordinator – Larry Hightower</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00</p>

PLUS \$20.00 membership dues (if not already paid on-line or through your team). Total Draft and membership dues: \$ _____. Make check payable to KCMSSL.

Please return this form, and if you are new to us the completed A-1 League Membership form (on our website), as well as your check for all fees to one of the Coordinators listed below by March 15th

PLAYER REGISTRATION	
Name: _____	Age: _____ Birth Date: _____
Telephone(s): Home: _____	Work: _____ Cell: _____
Physical Address: _____	
City: _____	ST: _____ Zip: _____
Email Address: _____	Years in League: _____
T-shirt size (Check one) S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL <input type="checkbox"/> XXXL <input type="checkbox"/>	
I rate myself 1-5 (1 being highest) on offense: _____ defense: _____ running: _____ and overall: _____	
My best position is: 1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____	
Yes or No: I am willing to manage a team: _____ I might consider helping manage: _____	

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Matrix shows fees, deadlines, sites

The matrix that starts on this page shows each conference affiliated with the Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League. It helps managers know when to turn in forms and money and also shows players the opportunities that exist. This year, we are adding a Wednesday men's conference; it will be either 60+ or 65+.

All players must register and pay their annual dues. In addition, all players new to the league must register online or complete form A-1 found on the league website.



Sunday, April 9	Monday, April 10	Monday, April 10	Tuesday, April 11	Tuesday, April 11
Men's 35+, 9-inning games starting at 5:30 p.m.	Men's 50+ silver teams, double-headers, starting 6:30 p.m.	Women's 40+ 7-inning games, starting at 6:45 PM	Men's 50+ draft, double-headers, starting at 7 p.m.	Men's 55+ gold teams, double-headers, 7-inning games, 6:30 p.m. start
Black Bob Park, Olathe	Black Bob Park, Olathe	Hartman Park, Lee's Summit	Independence Athletics Complex	Black Bob Park, Olathe
Cost: \$495 per team for 10-week season.	Registration information in "Extra Innings," page 7.	Cost: \$415 per team for 10-game season.	Registration information in "Extra Innings," page 7.	Cost: \$745 per team for 10-week season.

MARCH 25: Check for \$100 made out to KCMSSL will hold spot for your team.

Membership fees: \$20 per senior player and \$10 per associate member younger than 50.	Membership fees: \$20 per player.	Membership fees: \$15 per player.	Membership fees: \$20 per player.	Membership fees: \$20 per player.
April 6: \$395 balance due to KCMSSL.		April 6: \$315 balance due to KCMSSL		April 6: \$645 balance due to KCMSSL.
Send all forms, checks to: Steve Carroll, 995 E. Charlotte Town Road, Shawnee, KS, 66216, 913-782-8889	Send all forms and checks to: Jody Myers, 2845 W. 143rd Ter., Leawood, KS, 66224, 913-814-7298	Send all forms and checks to: Ann Willkett, 306 Shannon Ave., Smithville, MO, 64089, 816-830-1408	Send all forms and checks to: Bob Reynolds, 12103 W. 56th St., Shawnee, KS, 66216, 913-961-7562	Send all forms and checks to: Rocky Osborn, 12800 El Monte St., Leawood, KS, 66209, 913-681-8410

Antiques join women's silver division for fun year



The Women's 40+ conference enters its 16th season with a new twist: the Antiques, a men's 80+ team with a few players in their 70s, will join our silver division for what should be a fun season. The women also have a gold division.

Whether you are an experienced or a recreational player, we have teams in both divisions looking for players.

If you love making friends and enjoy softball, we encourage you to contact us to find a team. Even better, we encourage you to enter a team in our league, which begins April 10 at Hartman Park in Lee's Summit. To be eligible, you must be no younger than 40 by Dec. 31, 2017. We have some players in their 60s



still playing. For more information, please contact conference directors Susan Scholler at 913-579-8568 or Ann Willkett at 816-830-1408.

Tuesday, April 11	Wednesday, April 12	Wednesday, April 26	Thursday, April 13	Thursday, April 13
Men's 65+ silver/bronze, double headers, 6:30 p.m. start. (Previous 60+ participants can stay).	Men's TBD silver/bronze teams, double headers, 6:30 p.m. start. (No games April 19)	Men's 50+ gold/silver, double-headers, 6:30 p.m. start	Men's 50+ gold, silver, bronze double-headers, 6:30 p.m. start	Men's 60+ draft conference, starting at 9:30 a.m.
Black Bob Park, Olathe	Black Bob Park, Olathe	Hartman Park, Lee's Summit	Heritage Park, Olathe	Roe Park, Overland Park
Cost: \$745 per team for 10-week season.	Cost: \$745 per team for 10-week season.	Cost: \$655 per team for 10-week season.	Cost: \$820 per team for 10-week season.	Registration information in "Extra Innings," page 7.

MARCH 25: Check for \$100 made out to KCMSSL will hold spot for your team.

Membership fees: \$20 per player.	Membership fees: \$20 per player.	Membership fees: \$20 per player.	Membership fees: \$20 per player.	Membership fees: \$20 per player.
April 6: \$645 balance due to KCMSSL.	April 6: \$645 balance due to KCMSSL.	April 6: \$555 balance due to KCMSSL.	April 6: \$470 balance due to KCMSSL.	
Send all forms and checks to: Terry Davis, 9805 Sagamore Rd., Leawood, KS 66206, 816-591-7528	Send all forms and checks to: Barry Gordon, 11621 Tomahawk Creek Parkway Condo K, Leawood, KS 66211, 913-827 7722	Send all forms and checks to: Randy Rowe, 420 S.W. Seagull St., Lee's Summit, MO, 64082, 816-718-3221	Send all forms and checks to: Mark Spletstaszer, 23280 W. 124th Place, Olathe, KS, 66061, 913-961-4084	Send all forms and checks to: Larry Hightower, 220 W. 124th, Kansas City, MO, 64145, 816-442-5103

Turning 65 this year? Here's Medicare help

Once again the league is pleased to announce that complementary Medicare classes will be available to league members and their spouses.

The classes are taught by Larry Green, a long-time league member and former board member. The classes address Medicare eligibility, Medicare Parts A and B, the Part D drug benefit, Medicare supplements and Medicare Advantage plans. They are held at the Jewish Community Center.

Not all class dates had been set at press

time but it is anticipated that classes will be held periodically throughout the year starting in February and culminating in November during the Medicare open season. One is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 at the Jewish Community Center.

If you are about to turn 65, these classes will help you make informed choices. Larry is a retired 39-year veteran of the health insurance industry specializing in regulatory compliance. He has professional industry designations of Health

Insurance Associate and Managed Health-care Professional. He has been teaching Medicare classes at the JCC for several years.

These classes are free and open to the public. If you are interested, send Larry an e-mail at alegreen2@sbcglobal.net or call him at 913-221-7475.

Classes will be announced on the league website. You should start the Medicare enrollment process three months in advance of your 65th birthday.

-- submitted by Larry Green

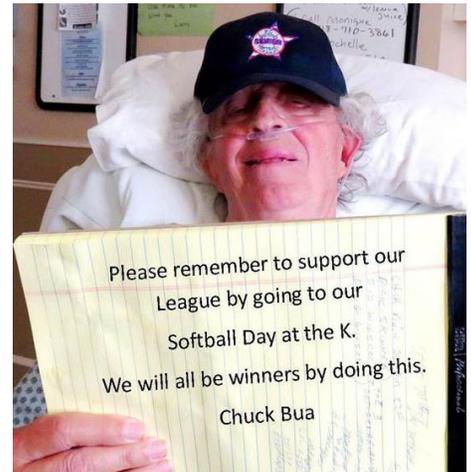
Our Day at The K is April 19

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the parking lot (we will be set up in Lot N) to see who gets to take the field for a close-up look at batting practice. Game time is set for 7:15 p.m., however, that is subject to change. Please check our website for updates.

Our block of 500 seats is in sections 419 and 420. Once those 500 are "sold," overage seating could be in another section. Payment receipt deadline is March 18. Tickets are \$17 each if paid by credit or debit card or \$16 each for cash or check. For details on ticket purchases and pre-purchased parking passes, please go to our website, kceniorsoftball.org.

All parking passes pre-purchased through us will need to be picked up with game tickets at Black Bob Park, 14500 W. 151st St., Olathe, during our pre-season tournament April 8-9. Anyone purchasing just game tickets also can pick them up at the pre-season tournament or get them from us in Lot N before the game. The Royals suggest entering through gates 5 or 6 for easiest access to Lot N.



Chuck Bua, who is recovering from a stroke, offers support for the game.

TO AVOID CONFUSION, ONLY THE PERSON WHO PURCHASED TICKETS or parking passes from us can get them from us.

We encourage KCMSSL members to wear their league team shirt to the game. Teammates wishing to sit together, as a team, are welcome to do so – simply coordinate this with us during ticket pick-up. Our KCMSSL Wednesday night leagues at Hartman and Black Bob will not play that night.

Any questions, please contact Clint Berger at clintberger@hotmail.com or 913-481-7937.

-- submitted by Clint Berger

Saturday, April 22	Saturday, April 22
Men's 60+ silver/bronze, 9-inning game, 9 a.m. start	Men's 60+ draft conference, 10:30 a.m. start
Roe Park, Overland Park	Roe Park, Overland Park
Cost: \$545 per team for 15-week season.	Registration information in "Extra Innings," page 7.
MARCH 25: \$100 to hold team spot.	
Membership fees: \$20 per player.	Membership fees: \$20 per player.
April 6: \$445 balance due to KCMSSL.	
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