
63RD ANNUAL SACRAMENTO BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

The La Salle Club



Saturday, October 14, 2017
Christian Brothers High School

Welcome

On behalf of the La Salle Club, I want to welcome you to the 63rd annual Sacramento Baseball Hall of Fame Dinner. This year's dinner returns to the month of October where the crispness of the fall air reminds us that postseason baseball is underway. This awards dinner is steeped in baseball lore and has provided hundreds of former ball players the forum to relive the sandlot deeds of yesterday, while honoring a chosen few baseball greats who represent the best components of our national pastime.



I would like to heartily congratulate the Class of 2017: Steven Green, Art Savage, Bernie Church, Jerry Weinstein, Jeff Carlson, Sam Lovelace, Darren Oliver, Ken & Bob Forsch, and Matt Walbeck. These nine gentlemen are different in so many ways, but united by careers, on and off the baseball field, of achievement and personal distinction.

This dinner owes its existence to the "Bushers Association", a group of men who organized the numerous "Bush Leagues" around Sacramento. Dating back to the early 1930's, the Bushers would hold an annual banquet intent on raising money for the players injury fund. Soon, dinner attendance would number in the 400's, and a bigger venue needed to be secured. Christian Brothers High School, with its large and accommodating gymnasium, offered the Bushers free rent, and in 1953 the first official Sacramento Baseball Hall of Fame was held. With the decline of the Bush Leagues, it was decided that any revenue generated would be donated to the La Salle Club, Christian Brothers' long time athletic booster organization.


I would like to thank President Lorcan Barnes and all of the good people at Christian Brothers High School, Kirk Murphy and the La Salle Club Board for their generous assistance, hard work, and steady cooperation. I would also like to acknowledge my good friend and 2017 inductee Bernie Church for his long and distinguished service as the President of the La Salle Club.

Tonight's event features a little bit of music, historic baseball displays, and many baseball stars of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. I sincerely hope that you take the time to explore the room, introduce yourself to a stranger, and to come back and see us next year.

Warmest Regards,

Joe McNamara

Event Chair



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Welcome:

Kirk Murphy, La Salle Club President

Invocation:

Father Troy David Powers

The National Anthem:

Liv Wallbeck

Dinner

Inductee Introductions:

Joe McNamara, Event Chairman

Special Song:

Mark Wellendorf

Bernie Church

Bernie Church loves a good story. Perhaps in his retirement, he will find the time to compile his jokes and after dinner tales into an anthology. Yet, for all of the great stories he has told over the years, his own personal story is the most compelling. It is a story of hard work, dedication and fulfillment.

Bernie's baseball story began in 1962 as a member of the state champion Bishop Armstrong team coached by the great Dick Sperbeck. As Bernie's baseball career continued, he would encounter and learn from some of the best coaches in the area: Del Bandy, Cal Boyes, and Cuno Barragan.



Bernie was a true "Busher" playing and managing in the Winter League (National Division), Night League, Mexican American League, Placer-Nevada League, and the County League.

Bernie's 36-year career as an educator began in 1968 when he began teaching and coaching at C.K. McClatchy High School. Although he coached football, basketball, and soccer, baseball was always his passion. Drawing from previous mentors and his brother, Monsignor James Church (a superb athlete) Bernie become one of the most successful and respected coaches in the Sacramento Area. Over a 16-year period, Bernie's teams won 3 championships, 4 second place finishes, and went to the playoffs 9 times.

John Mikacich, one of Bernie's many student athletes who went on to play college ball remembers the life lessons taught by Coach Church:

"When you played for Coach Church, you came ready to play: shoes shined, haircut above the ears, and your shirt tucked in. He taught you respect for the game and the facilities. We were proud to play for him, and proud to be a part of the rich tradition he developed."

Bernie is held with such respect and reverence at C.K. McClatchy that the varsity diamond was recently named "Bernie Church Field" in his honor. When asked by a reporter about his coaching philosophy, Bernie said:

"It is not about how many games you win as a coach, a coach never wins a game. What I based my career on was how many students came out of the program to be better sons, better brothers, better husbands, better fathers. And that is where you judge yourself as a coach."

Bob & Ken Forsch

Sacramento has seen many of her native sons achieve glory in the Major Leagues, but the story of the Forsch brothers deserves a special chapter.

They learned the game early from their father Herb, a standout “Bush League” infielder and a member of this very Hall of Fame (Class of 1978). Ken and Bob were both standout athletes at Hiram Johnson High School. Bob was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals originally as a third baseman, and toiled in the minor leagues trying to convince the organization that he was a pitcher and not an infielder.



Bob came home in 1970 to play for Jim Fello’s Cal Loan team in the Sacramento Winter League, and with his favorite catcher, Don Murphy, Bob was dominant against superb competition, winning 8 consecutive games, culminating in a masterful no hitter. He caught the Cardinals attention, and would go on to be one of the most successful pitchers in the history of that storied franchise, winning 168 games, authoring 2 no hitters, receiving 2 silver slugger awards, and winning 20 games in 1977. Bob was a cherished member of the Cardinals’ family and is a member of its exclusive Hall of Fame. He threw his last strike for the Cardinals during a pregame ceremony before Game 7 of the 2011 World Series. His untimely death, 5 days later, was mourned throughout baseball.

Bob’s daughters Janice and Amy still live in St. Louis, and they wanted this audience to know how fondly their father remembered growing up and playing ball in Sacramento.

Like his brother, Ken wanted to pitch. As a matter of fact, he pitched so much in high school and in the numerous recreational leagues that he soon developed a sore arm. Ken credits Sacramento City College coach Del Bandy with saving his career by resting his arm for a season. After regaining his arm strength, Ken had a stellar career at Oregon State and was drafted by the Astros in 1968. Ken would spend 10 years in Houston and finish his career with the California Angels.

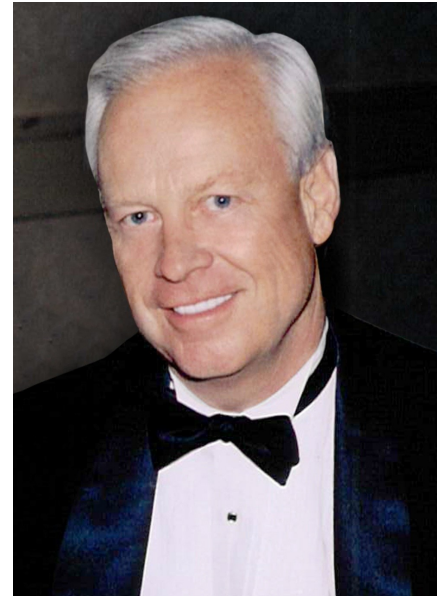
His many accomplishments over his 16-year career include two All Star appearances, 114 victories, 1,047 strike outs, and a no-hitter against Atlanta on April 7, 1979.

Ken and Bob Forsch are the only set of brothers to pitch no-hit games in MLB history. Unfortunately, Ken’s health does not permit him to travel from his home in Southern California. His award will be accepted by his childhood friend Doug Carson.

Art Savage

On February 18th, 1963, a deed confirming the sale of Edmunds Field was filed at the Sacramento Recorder's Office. In a related article in the Sacramento Union, Fred David, President of the Sacramento Baseball Association said: "I am hopeful that the abandonment of Edmunds Field as a baseball site is not the end of the sport in Sacramento, but eventually prove to be the beginning of a new era."

However, that "new era" would have to wait 36 years, and it would take a modest, low-key businessman from Amarillo, Texas to bring meaningful professional baseball back to the capital city.



Although his playing days never stretched beyond Little League, Art Savage loved sports, and while working as a tax manager for a large accounting firm, he came into contact with George Gund, owner of the NHL's Minnesota North Stars. A few years later, when Gund brought professional hockey to San Jose, he hired Art to be his C.E.O.. The Sharks were an immediate sensation, becoming the most successful expansion franchise in NHL history in terms of ticket sales, fan enthusiasm, merchandising, and profitability.

By 1997, Art was vice-chairman of the parent company that owned the Fresno Grizzlies, and was in close contact with the Pacific Coast League President, Branch Rickey III; who, like Art, was intrigued by the potential baseball market in Sacramento. Rickey's grandfather, the legendary baseball executive, owned the Sacramento franchise when they won their only PCL championship in 1942.

In a series of bold moves over the next three years, Art and his colleagues purchased the Vancouver Canadian PCL franchise, oversaw the construction of a privately funded state-of-the-art stadium, and in May of 2000, unveiled the Sacramento River Cats.

As was the case in San Jose with the Sharks, Art's River Cats sky-rocketed to success; not just in tickets and merchandise sold, but in victories and championships. Over Art's 10-year stewardship, the River Cats won eight division titles, four Pacific Coast League Championships, and two Triple A championships. More importantly, he provided a baseball hungry city with fan-friendly entertainment that was affordable and entertaining.

Art's sudden passing in 2009 was mourned throughout his adopted hometown of Sacramento, but his legacy lives on in the continued good work of his wife Susan and sons Jeff and Brent.

Sam Lovelace

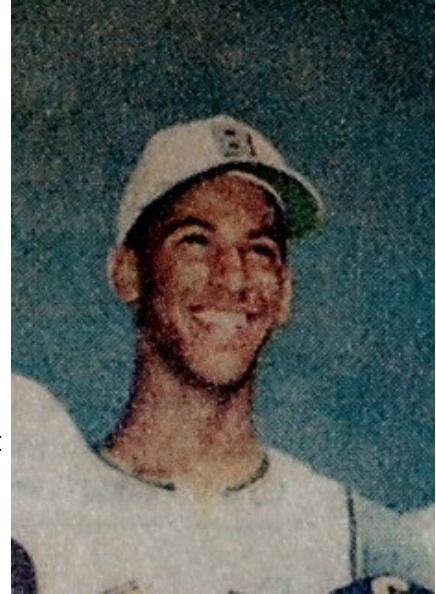
To say that Sam Lovelace comes from a family of ballplayers is an understatement. Growing up in Decatur, Illinois, Sam spent most of his youth at the ball diamond watching his mom, dad, aunt, grandma, and grandpa all play competitive fast-pitch softball. Most of the ladies in his family played for the Pontiac Chicks and one afternoon The Chicks were one short and little Sam was beckoned to play center field. He was an instant riot, going 1 for 3 and throwing a runner out at third base from deep center field.

Sam switched to baseball when the family moved to Sacramento and he was as star player for Manny Perry in the Land Park Colt and Pony Leagues. Sam played his high school ball at Luther Burbank under Coach Jerry Conway. During his senior year, Sam played a spectacular shortstop, hit .390, made the All-City team, and was drafted by the Kansas City A's.

The following year, Charles Finley moved his A's to Oakland, and Sam was invited to spring training in Florida. Finley had brought in some famous coaches to instruct his young team, including Joe Dimaggio, who looked quite out of place in his Kelly Green and Fort Knox Gold uniform. However, the coach that made the biggest impression on young Sam was Hall of Famer Luke Appling, who demonstrated proper bunting technique by using his forearm and not a bat against live pitching. No wonder they called Luke "old aches and pains."

Sam's next stop was in Burlington, Iowa playing for the Bees in the Midwest League. One day, Sam stepped into batter box for his 2 bunts and 20 swings of batting practice before the afternoon ballgame. The Bees trotted out their newest pitching acquisition to acquaint himself with the team. Sam never saw, and only heard fast balls whizzing by him by an 18-year old Vida Blue. Sam was great friends with future MLB stars George Hendrick and Manny Trillo and the three roomed together on the road. Trillo was drafted as a second baseman, but Sam's command of the position forced the organization to move Manny to shortstop. Over his five minor league seasons, Sam had a career batting average of .252. His best year was in the Midwest League in 1969 where he hit .315 with 27 RBIs.

When Sam returned to Sacramento he became a fixture in the local baseball scene winning several MVP awards in the competitive Night League. His teammate Gary Szakacs remembers that no one was as smooth and consistent on the infield as Sam. Szakacs went on to say that there was no better teammate than Sam Lovelace.



Jeff Carlson

As a boy Jeff Carlson would wander over to St. Charles school in Parkway, South Sacramento and help Coach Marion Banister set up his football practices. He would carry pylons and tackling dummies and was eager to do and learn everything. Just a block away at the Parkway Little League diamonds, Jeff's father Jim was a tremendous organizer and leader of young men. On draft day, youngsters hoped that they would be selected by the Royals, the team that Jim managed. This early exposure to quality coaches was only the beginning for Jeff.



He was a fierce athlete at Christian Brothers High School, excelling in football, baseball, and basketball. A torn ACL ended his basketball career, but he garnered All Metro honors on the diamond and the gridiron. He fondly remembers beating the seemingly invincible Cordova football team and enjoyed the spirited baseball coaching from Ronnie Limeberger and Gene Sackett.

Jeff played three years of baseball at Chico State before coming home to Sacramento to try his hand at coaching. Jeff would be the first to tell you how fortunate he has been to coach both football and baseball with some of Sacramento's finest, including: Dave Hoskins, Ed Lombardi, Mike Clemons, Mel Fontes, and Bob Mattos, just to name a few.

What Jeff Carlson has done at Elk Grove High School is truly remarkable. There is, of course, the staggering record of success in terms of games and titles won. At last count, the Thundering Herd have won 9 San Joaquin titles over his 18-year coaching career. His teams have been models of consistency, best exemplified by last June's "threepeat" — the second time in his career his teams won back to back to back section titles.

Of all the great teams Jeff has been a part of, one team ranks supreme: "Team Carlson." Back in 2016, during the championship game, Jeff looked into stands and saw his wife Caryn who has been an inspiration, not just to Jeff, but to the entire town of Elk Grove; then he looked over to second base and saw his youngest son Tanner, and of course eldest son Dylan was "locked in" on the mound. It was the best game he was ever a part of.

Coach Carlson can never receive a compliment or accept an award without acknowledging his assistant coaches. Together they have built a winning program that prepares his student athletes for the next level, wherever that may be.

Steve Green

Last year the La Salle Club's Sacramento Baseball Hall of Fame Selection Committee received a letter from the great Cuno Barragan recommending Steven Green for induction. It didn't take much research to see why Cuno wrote his letter, Steven Green was one heck of a ball player.

Young Steven didn't have to look too far for mentors. His older brother, Earl Green Jr. taught him respect and discipline for whatever sport he endeavored to play. Earl was a standout football player at Grant High and his advice and friendship sustained Steven throughout his athletic career.

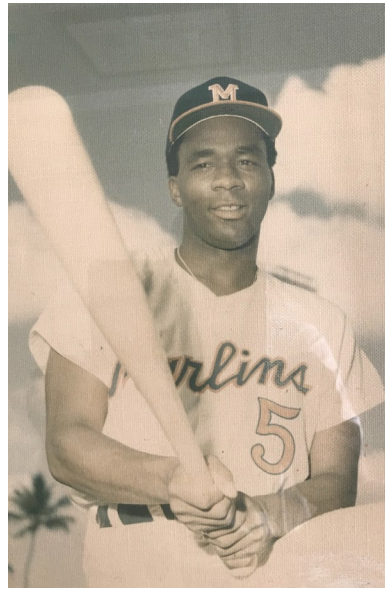
Steven attended Rio Linda High School in 1963, excelling as a half back on the football team and as an outfielder for Larry Roach's baseball team. Coach Roach often worried that his flashy but talented center fielder might drop an important fly ball during a key game. Steven was a big fan of Willie Mays and had the confidence and athletic ability to emulate the "Say Hey Kid's" famous basket catch, where the outfielder would size up a fly ball, stand underneath it, and then drop his hands near his waist to catch the ball like he was holding a basket.

Much to Coach Roach's relief, Steven didn't drop any flyballs during the 1963 season, but he did make the All City team, hitting cleanup, mashing 4 home runs, driving in 12 runs, and collecting a team high 22 hits. The local writers were most impressed with his blinding speed as he led the league in stolen bases with 18 and was able to snare flyballs that would normally drop for base hits.

His baseball career continued at American River College where he became an All-Conference outfielder before signing with the Baltimore Orioles in 1966. Like all of the professional players from Sacramento, Steven liked to come back and play in the local recreational leagues and has fond memories of playing against Larry Bowa, Dusty Baker, Curtis Brown, Leon Brown, Leron Lee, Leon Lee, and John Vukovich. He considered Bob Forsch, Ken Forsch and Lowell Palmer three of the toughest pitchers he ever faced.

Steven had a 6-year career in the very competitive Baltimore Orioles chain, tallying 461 hits, 88 stolen bases, and had a career batting average of .263. He had the opportunity to face the likes of Bob Gibson, Jim Palmer and Nolan Ryan. Steven's last at bat in professional baseball was against Rick "Big Daddy" Reuschel in 1971, where he sustained a broken wrist on an inside pitch.

Steven remembers well his first professional baseball paycheck. It didn't matter the amount --- he was getting paid to play ball! However, his comfort for small paychecks was short lived, and after earning a business degree from Sacramento State, Steven would embark upon a successful career in banking for 40 years. Like so many successful Sacramento athletes, he gives back to the community and has been involved in many charitable endeavors including the Volunteers of America.



Matt Walbeck

Matt Walbeck knew at an early age exactly what he wanted to be --- a big league ballplayer. In a bit of foreshadowing, Matt spent some of his early years at the North Beach Playground in San Francisco where Joe Dimaggio and his brothers honed their skills many years ago.

Matt's father Ron coached one of his earliest Little League teams, and one day Ron brought home a big green bag stuffed with equipment. Matt tore into the bag, scooping up helmets and bats until he found the shin guards and the chest protector. Young Matt was hooked.



Although he was smaller than a lot of the other kids, Matt battled to get better and made daily use of a batting tee that his father made for him. In high school, his coaches John and Don Graf remembered that no one would outwork Matt Walbeck. He made All-City his junior year and was Player of the Year his senior year at Sacramento High.

Matt's journey to the big leagues began with the 1987 draft when the Chicago Cubs selected him in the 8th round. After a few years in the minors, including a stop where he shared a room in the back of a pet store, Matt made the big club coming out of spring training in 1993. He was a Chicago Cub. He hit his first home run at Wrigley Field, memorably called by the great Harry Caray. Matt enjoyed playing against other Sacramento ballplayers and kept friendly rivalries with Chris Bosio, Bo Dodson, and Andy Fox, just to name a few.

Matt carved out an 11-year MLB career with stops in Chicago, Detroit, Minnesota, Anaheim, and Philadelphia and is blessed with countless memories, including catching Scott Erickson's no-hitter on April 27th 1994. He faced some of the greatest pitchers of all time, including Roger Clemens who he had little like with, and Randy Johnson who he had a lot of luck with. Matt's career batting average was .233 and he hit 28 home runs, including a grand slam off of Jesse Orosco.

After he retired as a player, Matt went on to manage and coach in the minor leagues with distinction, earning manager of the year honors four times, and winning three championships. In the end, Matt played or coached for 10 different major league organizations. On many of those long road trips, Matt learned how to play the guitar, a practice that he keeps to this day. When Matt came back to Sacramento to establish the Walbeck Baseball Academy he wanted to share his passion for the game with the next generation, by stressing the importance of fundamentals, hustle, being on time, showing humility, and giving back to the community.

Darren Oliver

Bob Oliver was one of the best hitters to ever come out of Sacramento, and during his 8-year MLB career he would often bring his young son Darren with him to the ballpark. During batting practice, Bob would tell him to stay deep in the outfield so he wouldn't get hurt. Soon, Bob noticed that Darren was catching major league fly balls and showing off a rifle of an arm from the outfield.

While Bob was playing for the California Angels in the early 1970's, Darren started his Little League career as a pitcher, and at 10 years of age, he was routinely striking out 12 and 14-year old batters. One day Bob came home from a road trip to find that Darren was now pitching submarine style, almost underhand. Darren explained that his coach instructed him to throw like Dan Quisenberry, the popular Kansas City Royals pitcher. Bob said: "that's not the way I taught you to throw", and soon Darren was back to throwing overhand.

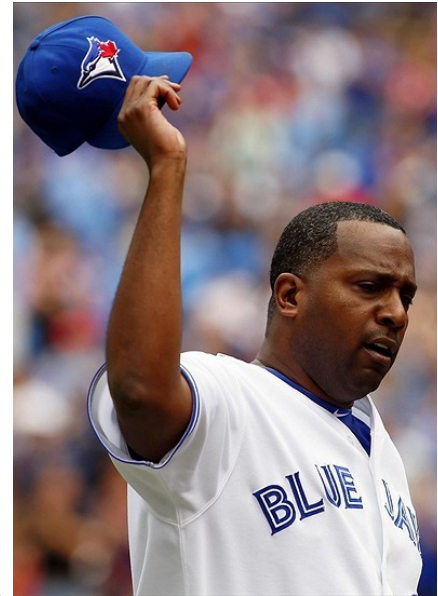
When the family moved back to Bob's hometown of Rio Linda, Darren went on to become one of the finest pitchers in town, earning All-City honors in 1988, baffling hitters with a 0.77 earned run average. He was drafted by the Texas Rangers and made his MLB debut on September 1, 1993 in Fenway Park at the age of 22.

Darren would go on to pitch for an astounding 20 years in MLB. As a starter, his best year was 1996, winning 14 games for the Texas Rangers. He also had the honor of starting the first interleague game between the Rangers and the San Francisco Giants.

As a veteran left-handed pitcher with good control, Darren's services were always in demand, and he ended up pitching for nine teams: Texas, St. Louis, Boston, Colorado, Florida, Houston, New York Mets, Los Angeles Angels, and Toronto.

Darren's consistency was best exhibited in 2009, when at the age of 39, he posted a 5 and 1 record and a 2.71 ERA during the Los Angeles Angels postseason drive. His last season was in 2013 with the Toronto Blue Jays. He retired at the age of 42 with 118 career victories over 1,915.2 innings.

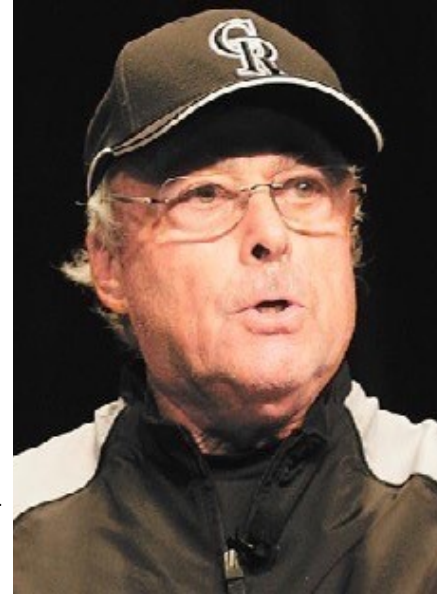
Darren returned to the team that drafted him, and accepted a role in the front office of the Texas Rangers, serving as a special assistant to the general manager.



Jerry Weinstein

There isn't much to be written about Jerry Weinstein that hasn't been written before. As fellow coach and old friend Dan Hooper says, "Weinstein is a legend in Sacramento." This sentiment is echoed by Greg Vaughn, one of Weinstein's protégés at Sacramento City College and 14-year veteran MLB outfielder, who explains that "Jerry stamped his face on Sacramento baseball."

Though Weinstein has a long coaching history over the past 40 years, more than half of that time was spent here in Sacramento. In his 23 years at Sac City, he had a record of 831-208 while guiding the Panthers to 16 conference championships, two co-conference titles, a state title in 1988 and the national crown in 1998. He has served as both assistant and head coach for USA Olympic teams, Team Israel in the World Baseball Classic, and has managed or coached a number of professional teams, recently working as catching coach for the Colorado Rockies.



Weinstein's greatest strength may well be in his scholarship of the sport. Having written numerous publications on baseball, both practical and theoretical, published locally and nationally, his knowledge of the game is much esteemed. When Vaughn left Sacramento, he was amazed to find that no matter where he traveled, everyone seemed to know his former SCC coach. Vaughn credits Weinstein for his own knowledge of the game, knowledge he says helped him tremendously throughout his major league career. He says that among the many lessons he learned from Weinstein, one of the most important was to pay attention to detail "because little things lose the game."

Mark Wellendorf, a teammate of Vaughn's at City College, wrote a song about his former coach, a tongue-in-cheek lament of the demands of Weinstein and his coaching staff. In it, Wellendorf describes how Weinstein 'persuaded' his players to clean the field and encouraged them to be early, or, as the song goes, "If you're on time, it's great, but you'll be running long distances 'cause if you're not early you're late." Despite his demands – or perhaps because of them, it's obvious that Weinstein's players have a great deal of respect and affection for him, not only because of what he taught them but also how he treated them. As Vaughn remembers, "He treated his players with respect and never raised his voice."

SACRAMENTO BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

Established in 1953

1953

Buddy Ryan*

1955

The Knezovich 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" Wirts*

1962

Cliff Daringer*

Mel French*

Fred Pearl*

Joe Williams*

1963

Julius Anapolsky*

Harry Lilly*

Horrace Smith*

Ralph Stroud*

1963 (continued)

1934-35 Julius Style Shop Team

1964

Henry Clark*

Dan Donovan*

Walter "Duster" Mails*

Fred Murphy*

1965

"Big" Bill James*

Jimmy Lane*

Manuel Petrali*

Captain Bill Ryan*

1966

Dewey Elliot*

Vern Hodge*

Eddie Manger*

Bob Schang*

Parker Sheehan*

1967

Frank Bacon*

Jack Dooley*

Tommy Dunk*

Arthur Luddy*

Frank Osborn*

1968

Fred Bottaro*

Edwin Grove*

1968 (continued)

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 Laial*

Frank Ratoni*

Eggert Rohwer*

1972

Lenny Backer*

John Corato*

Clyde "Tub" Perry*

Joe Rooney*

1972 (continued)	1976 (continued)	1979 (continued)
John Silvey*	Steve George*	Karl Reimer*
Ralph Young*	Larry Gilllick*	Llyod Toomey*
<u>1973</u>	Elwood J. "Bud" Keema*	<u>1980</u>
John B. Costa*	Phil McGee*	Robert Duggan*
Paul Genshlea*	Mike Separovich*	Tony Dutra*
G.W. "Mick" Hall, Jr.*	<u>1977</u>	Lou Heinzer*
Frank Judy*	Bill Avila*	Victor Pitts*
James R. Kelly*	Earl Eberlein*	Elton Rogers*
Tom Pendergast*	Alex Kampouris*	Bill Svilich*
<u>1974</u>	Peter Mitchell*	George Terra*
Allan Byrne*	Dr. Alfred Oliver*	Lou Vezilich
John "Chick" Casali*	Mike Page*	<u>1981</u>
Elmer Congdon*	Dave Roderick*	Clarence Azevedo*
Jack Hoagland*	Joe Smith*	Ken Brock*
Roscoe Kimble*	<u>1978</u>	Manuel Joseph*
Joe Lima*	Clement "Boo" Coyle*	Bill Kenealy*
Clarence Murphy*	Herb Forsch*	John Pintar*
Hank Ness*	Gus Korstein*	Mark Separovich*
<u>1975</u>	William Peccole*	Glenn Smith*
Fred Belluomini*	Manuel Salvo*	Vincent H. Stanich*
Wallace Canfield*	Harold "Sam" Sperbeck*	Vito Virga*
Ralph Downs*	Jack Stassi*	<u>1982</u>
James "Lefty" Cooke*	Earl Wagner*	Ernie Cervantes*
Dick Lamb*	Lloyd Wagner*	Syl DeGregorio*
Mike Visintainer*	<u>1979</u>	Jimmy Flynn*
Larry Williams*	Mike Bakarich*	Joe Frates*
Tony Zupo*	Lou Bordisso*	Fir Galli*
<u>1976</u>	Ned Carbone*	Ed Hughes*
Frank Armstrong*	N.G. Culjis*	Tom Pardoï*
George "Butter" Cole*	Joe Duarte*	Tony Separovich*
Elmer Enos*	Percy Gassoway*	Pete Tomasini*

1982 (continued)	Bill Hallauer*	Wayne Hanscom*
Pete Tomasini*	Jim "Tiny" Hansen*	Larry Manuian*
Johnny Vergez*	Eddie Katsulis*	Joe Masi*
<u>1983</u>	Ed Keenan*	"Buddy" Peterson
Joe Anderson*	Fred Keinle*	John Rakela
Dooley Bertolani*	Hank Lema	Bill Taylor*
Jim Cluff*	Charles Luchini*	Milton P. Thomas*
Horace Dunning*	Pete Pitalo	George Valine*
Howaed Jann*	Fred Schroeder*	John Vukovich*
Joe Orengo*	Izzy Smith*	Bill Wright*
Bob Peccole*	Italo Vesci*	<u>1988</u>
Ernie Perry*	Connie Weisker*	Ernie Bertolotti*
Bobby Schang*	Carl Younglove*	Dan Bianchini*
Orval Tregellas*	Steve Zupan*	Bert Bonomi*
<u>1984</u>	<u>1986</u>	Steve Cuckovich*
Ponce Alvarado*	Jack Andrews*	Orval Grove*
Wilbert Azevedo*	Joe Borich*	Henry Hanna*
Bill Giananatasio*	Harry Bright*	Carl Lauchert*
Scotty Mackay*	William Conlin*	Martin Slavich*
Elmer Newman*	Curtis Coppin*	Wally Turpen
Art Quadros*	Glen Dufour*	Joe Valine*
Woodrow Scott*	James Herrera*	Emerson Wallace*
Yubi G. Separovich*	Les Lollis*	<u>1989</u>
Ray Silva*	Charles Schanz*	Julian Elorduy*
Soto Trillo*	Curt Schmidt*	Tommy Glaviano*
<u>1985</u>	Manuel "Babe" Thomas*	"Nippy" Jones*
Babe Bertolani*	Wally Westlake	Al Lee*
Paul Bowa*	<u>1987</u>	Hank Paschane*
Jack Dark*	Gene Brocker*	William Rico*
Joe Faraci*	Norman Coad*	Allen Simas, Sr.*
Eddie Fitzgerald	Virgil Farnsworth*	Sam Stassi, Jr.*
1985 (continued)	1987 (continued)	Tommy Torchia

1989 (continued)	1992 (continued)	1994 (continued)
Chuck Verdina*	Leonard Keene*	Dick Wagner*
Chick Wardlaw*	Ron King*	<u>1995</u>
<u>1990</u>	Chuck Lotta*	Bob Barbeau*
George Androvich*	William Robertson*	Bill DeFazio*
Bill Balakin	Bob Stassi*	Bob Gallagher
Bill Christie*	George Vernatchi*	Harry Knight*
Clay Dalrymple	Leroy Winter*	John Latino*
Tony Koester*	<u>1993</u>	James McNamara*
John Parino*	Ellis Daugherty*	Alex Muirhead*
Sam Powell*	Joe Felipe*	Richie Myers*
Al Saccani*	Ray Gallagher	Jim Tsukamoto*
Eddie Samcoff	Sal Gomez*	Bill Zanze*
Ned Sheehan*	Lilo Marcucci*	<u>1996</u>
<u>1991</u>	Jim McCarthy*	John Ceccarelli*
George Babich*	Ned Pedisich*	John Hathaway*
Dr. "Bud" Lewis Beasley*	Gabe Sady	John "Spider" Jorgensen*
Eddie Booth*	Edmond Silvey*	Ray Lujan*
Tony Ferrara*	Frank Silvey*	Joe Nevis*
Monte Latino*	Mike Sypnicki*	Vince Pisani
Sam Latino*	Gus Stathos*	Leroy Stevens
Al Lazzarone	<u>1994</u>	Bud Watkins
Ed Reeder	Tony Alvarado*	Jim Westlake*
George Relles*	Dick Bartell*	Mel White
Eugene Sullivan*	Carroll Canfield*	<u>1997</u>
Henri Warren*	Bill Fleming	Augie Amorena
<u>1992</u>	Bob Linck*	Al Anicich*
Julian Cisneros*	Dale Miline*	Del Bandy
Bob De La Vergne*	Mike Radan*	John Briggs
John Eres*	Bob Rodness*	Monsignor James Church*
Gene Harris*	Nick Smyrmi*	Sam Kanelos

1997 (continued)

Don McKenzie

Bill Monahan*

Bob Palmer

Gilbert Urbano*

1998

Cuno Barragan

Daryl Cook*

Woodie Held*

Al Jacinto

Joe Kirrene*

George Masi

John McNamara

Rudy Rondoni

Earl Rose

Ralph Rose*

Park Schuler*

Carl Tomei*

1999

Tom Agosta

Buzz Berriesford*

Tom Gali

Frank Mascaro*

Tony Piescia*

Gene Roenspire

Tony Stathos*

Mike Virga*

Manny Williams

Ken Wollemborg

2000

Chris Christian*

Pete Gonsalves

Norm Greenslate

Frank McNamara

Clyde Perry

Jack Pickart*

Stan Priebe

Frank Rios

Don Saner*

Ray Sisler

Nino Spatafore*

Sam Vartanian

2001

Norm Blackwell

Vic Buccola*

Joe Duarte*

Jim Fellós

Bobby Gonsalves*

Pete Mikacich

Roger Osenbaugh*

Noch Parino

Trusten Scotten*

Dick Sperbeck*

2002

Fred Besana*

Buddy Boyer*

Harry Dunlop

Jim Frasinetti

Dan Moorddain*

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

Neil Sheridan*

Ralph Silva

Jack Slaven*

Victor Vescei*

Frank Wristen*

2004

Dave Borges

Nick Capachi

Mel Dalrymple

Harry deLotty, Jr.*

Russ Grove

Bob Hanlon*

Jerry Kaeser

Larry Kelley

Paul Kerezis*

John Stanich

Walt Swedman*

Ray Webster

2005

Dick Alejo

Bob Ayres

Pete Campos*

Herb Marshall

Ray Newman

2005 (continued)	2008 (continued)	<u>2011</u>
Wally Predovich*	Bill Bican	Tony De Cristoforo
George Radovich	Arden Golke	John Firenza
Jerry Streeter	Doc Haskell*	Johnny Gonzales
Bob Willis	Vern Kemp	Bobby Mathews
John Zanze	Jim Long	Gary Nolan
<u>2006</u>	Rip Robinett	Dick Nunes
Bob Caselli*	Al Scott*	Byron Randolph
Angelo Dal Porto	Bruce Wood	Gary Rushing
Bill Enos	<u>2009</u>	Joe Soto
Larry Hampshire	Mike Bakarich	<u>2012</u>
Jerry Higdon	Jim Barudoni	Jim Barr
Johnny Lopes	Pete Daley	Pat Fall
Gus Niklas	Mike Elorduy	Mike Furtado
Hal Perry	Jim Fox*	Ken Hottman
Doug Sale	Lou LeDuc	Leron Lee
Chuck Stevens	Larry Marietti	Don Murphy
Bill Werry	Bill McNulty	Bob Puccinelli
<u>2007</u>	Bob Michael	Rich Separovich
Dick Bach	Ted Williams	<u>2013</u>
Al Dunlop	<u>2010</u>	Fred Arroyo
Gene Hurych*	Bert Bonomi	Tom Dicktakes
George Pickett	Ernie Cervantes, Jr.	Joe Gill*
Bill Raimondi*	Jim Graf	Mike Green
Bob Roselli*	Don Nannini	Leon Lee
John Strohmayer	Bob Oliver	Butch Metzger
Dick Traversi*	Brian Ross	Nick Peters*
Sal "Chado" Vasquez	Al Simas, Jr.	Gene Sackett
John Virga	Jim "Spider" Thomas	Gary Szackacs
Jim Westlake	Dave Torgerson	<u>2014</u>
<u>2008</u>		Mike Baldwin
Eddie Bockman*		

2014 (continued)

Carl Boyer

Curtis Brown

Oscar Broyer

Scratch De Fazio*

Don Hammit

Buck Martinez

Rowland Office

Larry Wolfe

2015

Leon Brown

Eddie Cervantes

Joe Gordon*

Don Lyle

Jerry Manuel

Greg Orr

Manuel Perry

Joe Viega

Randy Zanze

2016

Randy Brown

Doug Carson

Gary Darling

Mark Loper

Lowell Palmer

Bill Plummer

Greg Sims

Don Semon

Bill Walsh*

2017

Jeff Carlson

Bernie Church

2017 (continued)

Bob Forsch*

Ken Forsch

Steven Green

Sam Lovelace

Darren Oliver

Art Savage*

Matt Walbeck

Jerry Weinstein

President's Message

I would like to welcome you to the The La Salle Club's Sacramento Area Baseball Hall-of-Fame Dinner and Awards Ceremony. The La Salle Club of Christian Brothers High School has recognized contributions to the Sacramento Area County, Bushers, High School, Collegiate and Professional Baseball players and writers for over 63 years.

I would like to recognize all previous Hall-of-Fame award winners and their guests for their many contributions to this game of baseball in Sacramento. You have represented this game and its traditions with style, grace and class and we thank you for your many contributions.

Our congratulations to this years Class of 2017 which includes Bernie Church, Jeff Carlson, Art Savage, Ken and Bob Forsch, Jerry Weinstein, Darren Oliver, Matt Walbeck, and Sam Lovelace. We would like to recognize your success, thank for your commitment to the game of baseball and its development in the Sacramento area. These Hall-of-Fame members were selected by the Executive Committee of Harry Dunlop, Alan Maciel, Bill Enos, Eddie Cervantes, Al Simas, Joe McNamara, Bill Bigley and Rod Zanze. A group of knowledgeable and experienced baseball players from the Sacramento area. Special recognition to Joe McNamara who has chaired this event for 6 consecutive years. Joe will be retiring as Chairman of the Baseball HOF event but will be counted on to share his wisdom and experience in our future events.

We look forward to hearing some of the great baseball stories from back-in-day to 2017. This is the place to relieve memories, see old teammates and to make new friends. We hope that you enjoy this year's event and look forward to seeing you in 2018.

We encourage you to commit to a membership in The La Salle Club. Our membership drive commences this month and runs through the end-of-year. Membership forms are in your HOF program tonight. Your support of tonight's event allows us to recognize tonight's honorees and will be used for the refurbishment of the Land Park Baseball Diamonds. The Land Park Baseball Diamonds have been utilized for the development by many if not all of our Baseball community. We will be communicating our initiative to support the refurbishment of Land Park Baseball in the very near future. Your support of this initiative is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kirk Murphy

President,

The La Salle Club





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