

LA SALLE CLUB

1981 BASEBALL HALL OF FAME
La Salle Club Members, Old Timers
and Friends are invited to attend

THE
30th ANNUAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME
BANQUET

ON
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

Social Hour - 6:00 P.M.

Christian Brothers High School
Cafeteria at 4315 Sacramento Blvd.

\$8.00 per person

ELECTED TO THE 1981 HALL OF FAME

CLARENCE AZEVEDO	JOHN PINTAR
KEN BROCK	MARK SEPAROVICH
MANUEL JOSEPH	GLENN SMITH
BILL KENEALY	VITO VIRGA

LA SALLE CLUB HALL OF
FAME COMMITTEE

Vincent Stanich
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Bill Avila
Bill Morebeck
Pete Perich
Elmer Enos
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RSVP BY JANUARY 31

LA SALLE CLUB BASEBALL HALL OF
FAME ROSTER

- 1953 *John "Buddy" Ryan
 1955 The Knezovich Brothers, Al, Al.
 Mel, *Paul, Ray and *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 *Joe Williams, *Cliff Darringer,
 *Fred Pearl, *Mel French
 1963 Horace Smith, *Harry Lilly,
 *Ralph Stroud, the 1934-35
 Julius Style Shop Baseball
 Club, *Julius Anapolsky
 1964 *Walter Mails, *Henry Clark,
 *Dan Donovan, *Fred Murphy
 1965 *Big Bill James, *Jimmy Lane
 *Manuel Petralli, *Capt. Bill
 Ryan
 1966 *Parker Sheehan, Eddie Manger,
 Dewey Elliot, *Vern Hodge,
 *Bob Schang
 1967 *Jack Dooley, *Frank Osborn,
 *Frank Bacon, *Arthur Luddy,
 *Tommy Dunk
 1968 *Franz Rooney, *Francis "Hira"
 Hall, *Edwin Grove, Lloyd Snook,
 *Fred Bottaro
 1969 Ray Rohwer, *Pete Hepting, Jim
 Gorman, *Steve Marietta,
 *Bill Shick
 1970 *Ted Zackney, Tony Freitas,
 *Albert Westlake, *Albert
 Felix, *Morvin Neves
 1971 Frank Rationi, *Dick Deterding,
 George Lial, Eggert Rohwer,
 *Harry Hooper
 1972 *Clyde "Tub" Perry, Lenny Backer
 Joe Rooney, *John Silvey,
 *John Corato, Ralph Young
 1973 *Paul Genshlea, *James R. Kelly,
 Tom Pendergast, John B Costa
 G.W., "Mick" Hall jr. Frank Judy
- 1974 Allan Byrne, *Clarence Murphy
 John "Chick" Casali, *Joe Lima
 Elmer Congdon, Hank Ness, Jack
 Hoagland, Roscoe Kimble
 1975 Tony Zupo, *Dick Lamb, James A.
 Lefty" Cooke, Larry Williams,
 Wallace Canfield, *Fred
 Belluomini, Mike Visintainer
 1976 Frank Armstrong, Mike Separovich
 *Elwood J. Keema, *George "Butter
 Cole, Phil McGee, Larry Gillick
 Steve George, Elmer Enos
 1977 Alex Kampouris, Earl Eberlein
 *Peter Mitchell, Dave Rodrick
 *Dr. Alfred A. Oliver, Joe Smith
 Bill Avila, Mike Page
 1978 Earl Wagner, Lloyd Wagner, Jack
 Stassi, Herb Forsch, Manuel
 Salvo, Clement "Boo" Coyle, Gus
 Kortstein, William Peccole
 Harold "Sam Sperbeck
 1979 Lou Bordisso, Ned Carbone, Joe
 Duarte, N.G. Culjis, Lloyd Toomey
 Percy Gassoway, Karl Reimer,
 Mike Bakarich
 1980 Lou Heinzer, Victor Pitts,
 George Terra, Robert Duggan,
 Lou Vezilich, Elton Rogers,
 Bill Svilich, Tony Dutra.

* Denotes Deceased Members

1981 La Salle Club Baseball Hall Of Fame

CLARENCE AZEVEDO;

KEN BROCK;

MANUEL JOSEPH;

BILL KENEALY;

JOHN PINTAR;

MARK SEPAROVICH; CB

GLENN SMITH;

VINCENT STANICH;

VITO VIRGA;

Clarence Azevedo

Will go down in history as one of the most popular mayors in Sacramento. Without any newspaper support Clarence was popular enough to poll the highest number of votes in the 1955 election. Served two terms as mayor. His early background was that of a Safeway employee, a position he was able to secure while still in his teens in 1927. It was a six days a week job, which permitted him but one day a week to try to develop his skills as a catcher. He tried out that from 1925 to 1938 playing most of his games in the Sacramento Rural League.

Upon leaving Safeway ~~he~~ ^{he} joined his wife, Alice, in the women's apparel business. They have been operating a successful operation for the last 38 years. It wasn't all work for Clarence... He was civically inclined in addition to serving as mayor... He was active in the promotion of football with the capitols; he served as president of the Baseball and managers Association for over 10 years; He was ~~campaign~~ ^{chairman} for Governor Pat Brown on two occasions; He was president of the State Fair Board for two terms... he served as president of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, vice president of the Bank of Sacramento; past president of Oak Park Merchants, Exchange Club and the Camellia Festival...

Although his baseball career was a short one for Clarence it will be a part of his life which will be most remembered... One of his rewards will be receiving his trophy tonight, truly, a member of the La Salle Hall of Fame in good standing.

BIOGRAPHY

CLARENCE L. AZEVEDO

Native of California. Educated in Sacramento Schools.
Was manager of Safeway Stores, 1927-43. Partner with Mrs. Azevedo
at CALIFORNIA APPAREL SHOP since 1943. Appointed to City Council
Jan. 20, 1953, elected November 1953. In 1955, polled highest
number of votes in Nev. 55 election; appointed Mayor (2 yr. term),
Jan. 5, 1956; re-elected Mayor- Jan. 2, 1958 to December 31, 1959.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Board of Directors of Bank of Sacramento
VICE-PRES. & DIR: Sacto. Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

RESIDENT: Baseball Managers and Coaches Assn.

DIRECTOR: CAPITOL FOOTBALL
Women's Civic Improvement Club
Camellia Festival

1927-1938

MASTER: Saints & Sinners

FIN. CHAIRMAN: American Cancer Society

PAST PRESIDENT - California State Fair Board (Appointed by Former
Governor Brown)

PAST CHAIRMAN * Committee of New State Fair (" ")
Governor's State Fair Citizens Advisory Committee

PAST CO-CHAIRMAN -Former Governor Brown's Campaign (Twice)

PAST PRESIDENT: Oak Park Merchants Association
Exchange Club
Camellia Festival

PAST: Pre-Ten of County Grand Jury
Finance Advisory Committee-League of Women's Voters
Community Advisory Committee for the Y.M.C.A.

PAST DIRECTOR of the following organizations:

U.S.O. Former Member and Chairman
Better Business Bureau of Civil Service Board
Salvation Army Advisory Board (City of Sacramento)
Goodwill Industries
Mercy Hospital Foundation
Sacto. Chamber of Commerce
St. Patrick's Orphanage
Educational TV Channel 6 - KVIE

MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS

Sacto. Metro. Chamber of Commerce (Exec. Committee)
Knights of Columbus - Eagles - Cabrille Club #5 -B.P.O. Elks #6
La Salle Club - Mt. Ralston Fish Planting Club - Carmelite Aux.
Serra Club (Men's Divn.)
Sunset Parlor #6-Native Sons

PAST MEMBER: Building Commission for the Children's Hospital
Pony Express Comm. - Crocker Art Gallery-Ballet Guild.

PAST PRESIDENT OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES - Board member 8 years.

Manuel Joseph

A very successful business man on upper Jay Street, Manuel Joseph did not always have it that easy...He went to grammar school at St. Stephen at 3rd and O and that was the extent of it except for going to Continuation High School in order to conform to the law.

He learned the electrical trade at Waxon Bros. in October of 1928 when he was 17 years of age. During that same year he started to play in the bush leagues on the Sacramento lots. He managed the Waxon Bros in 1929. His players sold tickets to the Plaza Theater to earn money to buy uniforms. They were given 25% commission for selling the tickets which were 50¢. The uniforms which they purchased were the old Sacramento Solons uniforms of 1928. That year Manuel's club won the 9 a.m. division. In 1932 Manuel played for the Maccabee club in the Freeport Rural League and the Slarksburgh Rural League.

In 1939 Manuel had his own team appropriately called Manuel Joseph Electric Center, playing in the American A Division. His club won the championship beating the McKinley A. C. for the 1st and 2nd half titles. Manuel, later, sponsored Little League teams while his son was growing up, and he also sponsored his girl's softball team at Holy Spirit School. Manuel still sponsors a girl's softball team.

Manuel has a grandson who will eventually will take over the Manuel Joseph team by playing for it and alsoxx sponsoring it.

A Native Sacramentian who lived at 314 U St. during his childhood.

In 1917 Manuel started school at St. Stevens on 3rd & N Street. A year later he went to Jefferson District School in Gardenland. Clarence Azevedo also attended this school at the same time.

Manuel graduated from Jefferson District Grade School in 1925. That year his dad became ill and for the next 2 years, Manuel attended Sutter Jr. High on K Street in Sacramento.

In High School he went to school part time at 13th & G St. and went to work part time --the depression was here and he had to help support the family.

Manuel did not graduate from high school but said he owes all his practical education to Pete Waxon who gave him his first real job at Waxon Brothers Electric Store when he started working in October of "28" when he was 17 years old. Manuel worked for Mr. Waxon 9 years and learned the electrical and wiring trade and supply business.

Manuel started with the Bush Hall in Sacramento Winter League in 1927. He managed the Waxon Brothers team in 1929. His players sold tickets at the Plaza Theater on 9th St. to earn money to buy uniforms for the team. They were given 25% of each ticket sold and the tickets were \$.50 each at that time. The uniforms were from 1928 season of the Old Sacramento Solons and the asking price was \$100.00. By the way, Manuel's team won the "9 A M" Division that year.

In 1932 Manuel played for the Maccabee Club in Freeport Rural League and the Clarksburg Rural League.

In 1939 he had his own team appropriately called the Manuel Joseph Electric Center and played the American A Division winning that division and beating the McKinley Athletic Club for the 1st and 2nd half play offs. The last game took 11 innings at McKinley Park -- Manuel said "They have a real good Club" that year, his was better.

Manuel sponsored Little League teams while his son was growing up and he also sponsored his girl's softball team at Holy Spirit School. Manuel still sponsors a girl's softball team who has won many championships nation wide.

Manuel has a grandson who I'am sure he will eventually train hoping maybe this time the "Big League" will be represented by the Joseph name.

Ken Brock

A catcher, all the way.

Attended Wheatland grade and High School...Graduated from High School 1931...Played varsity baseball, basketball and track...There was not football played at that time.

While still in high school, Ken also played for the Wheatland town team in the Placer-Nevada League.

Attended Yuba College for two years in baseball and also basketball.

In 1931 had a brief tryout with SF in the PCL.

The following year he caught for the Marysville Giants in the West Side Valley League.

From 1933 through 1936 caught for the Giants in the Valley League winning the 1934 title and losing out in a playoff for the championship against Colusa in 1935.

In 1934 signed with Hollywood of the PCL; released...In 1935 tried out with the St. Louis Cardinals but could not agree on a contract, From 1937 through 1940 caught for the Grass Valley Miners in the Valley League.

In 1941 came back to the valley to catch for Yuba City for one year, then back to Marysville to catch from 1942 through 1947. Managed and played for the Gaints from 1948 to 1952 when he was 40 years old.

Brock decided to hang them up when that white ball began to look like an aspirin.

Jan 8, 1981
Marysville, Calif.

Dear Kincaid,

Hope this information is O. K. About
all that I can remember.

If any questions call me collect.

Thanks a lot

Ken Brock.

Ken Brock

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Born June 15, 1912

Attended the Wheatland grade + Hi Schools.

Graduated from Wheatland Hi School 1931 - Played varsity baseball + basketball four yrs. speedball 3 yrs + track - 3 yrs. Football had been banned during my time.

While attending last two yrs. 30 + 31 played for the Wheatland Town Team in the Clark Nevada League.

Was a member of the first baseball + basketball teams to win our league championships in the schools history.

Attended Yuba College two yrs. + made the basketball squad both yrs.

Yuba College did not have a baseball team at this time.

1931 - Had a tryout with the San Francisco Seals of Pacific Coast League.

1932 - Caught for the Marysville Giants in the West Side Valley League.

1933 - 34 - 35 - 36 - Caught for the Marysville Giants in the Sacto Valley League winning the championship in 1934 + playing off for the 1935 championship against Colusa coming out on the losing end.

1934 - Signed with the Hollywood Stars of the Pacific Coast League.

1935 - Tried out with the St. Louis Cardinals.

but could not agree on contract

1937-38-39-40 - Caught for the Grass Valley Miners in the Sac. Valley League + was on a Valley League championship team there.

1941 - Came back to the Valley + caught for the Yuba City Bears in Valley League for a half season for the Yuba City ^{club} went bankrupt.

Caught on with the Marysville Giants + finished the season with us winning the Sac. Valley League Championship.

Stayed + caught + played for Marysville 42-43-44-45-46-47 - Managed in 48 - played in 49-50-51-52.

The young fellows made that white ball look like an aspirin so hung them up in 1952.

K.B.

Bill Kenealy

Bill graduated from Sacramento High School in 1929 after playing on the varsity for three years, where he performed as a hot corner specialist. In fact, that was the only position he played during his entire baseball career.

He immediately began to compete in the national division of the Sacramento Winter League. He performed for Ed Dell Stars, Gene Hughes Pharms and Chinn-Beretta...

He seemed that he spent years trying to beat Julius. That happened on one occasion when he played with Gene Hughes... Joe Rooney turned the trick. His ~~opponent~~ opponent on the mound was Manuel Salvo...

As was the case in the 30's, Kenealy also played in the Sacramento Valley League... His clubs were Chico, Woodland and Morebeck's ~~Wanderers~~ ^{*Wanderers}

He also became an umpire when his playing days were over. During World War II, Kenealy was M/Sgt in the 8th Air Force... later a truck station manager... His last position was that of a business college instructor... He then called it quits after serving a stint as Asst-Sgt. of Arms in the Legislature.

One of the big games of his career was the Julius-Chinn Beretta game at Moreing Field in the middle 30's... that was almost 30 years ago.

* 46 YEARS AGO KENEALY GOT A HIT IN THE 9TH TO GIVE THE WANDERERS A 9-8 WIN

BOROGARIN - HOAG - CARILLI
MAN STAR - STAR HACK - CASALI
SALVO - SULICH

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GRANDPAPA - ALWAYS A
THIRD SACKER

Sacto High '29

Winter League

Ed Dell - Gene Hughes - Chinn-Beretta JOE

Spent years trying to beat Julius - Rooney did beat

Manure Salvo one year

Valley League

Chico - Woodland - Morebeck's Marauders

Valley League umpire - most memorable - Larry Gillick -

before he stepped to the plate says "I am going to hit

one out of here" - he hit the first pitch fifty feet

over the rightfielder's head - (this was in Chico

of course)

If you want the rest here it is -

MSgt - 8th Air Force

Truck station manager

Business college instructor (no names please)

Stint with the state - finished up as asst-sgt-arms -

Legislature

You printed a paragraph - most complimentary - had a

run down of both line-ups - Julius vs Chinn-Beretta -

Moreing Field - had to be middle 30s - Goodness!

50 years ago!

Bill Kenealy

Born in McGill, N.Y.

John was signed by the Missions of the Pacific Coast League from the University of S^{an} Francisco, where he was getting his college education on a scholarship.

After a spring tryout with the club in 1936, he was farmed out to Muskogee in the Western Assn. He was a teammate of Bill Svilich's. The Kansas City club of the American Assn bought his contract and assigned him to Wenatchee in the Western International League in 1938. While with Wenatchee in 1939, Pintar won 20 games while losing 10. Dal of the Texas League was his next stop before he was purchased by the St. Louis Cardinals. Was with the Cardinals in spring training in 1941 but was optioned to Houston where he on 15 games. In 1942 he was optioned to Sacramento and he was part of the team which won the only pennant this city ever won in the PCL. Pintar pitched for the Solons thru the 1946 season. In the championship playoffs that year he beat the San Francisco Seals, 1-0.

Making Sacramento his home, Pintar continued on in baseball being active in the Little and Pony Leagues. Later he managed the Southside Legion in 1963

Pintar returned from Aerojet.

Pintar's youngest son, Donn played on the only Camellia Bowl in which Sacramento State University was involved. His oldest son, JF in the finals ^{in Base Ball} for Sacramento State.

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Sacramento, Ca.
4321- 65th St

Dear Vince;

Here is a brief biography;

I was signed out of University San Francisco in 1936 by the San Francisco Missions of the Pacific Coast League.

I was helped with my education on a scholarship by Mr Bearwald president of the club.

Ater a spring try out with the club in 1936 they farmed me out to Muskogee, Oklahoma in the Western Association.

One of our LaSalle club hall of fame committee member was a player in that league and he was one of the hitters that sent me to a better league Mr Bill Svilich.

The Kansas City Club in the American Association bought my contract and then assigned me to Wenatchee, Washington in the Western International League in 1938, which was a farm club for the New York Yankee's. One of the better pitcher was Bill Bevans who pitched a no hitter for the Yankee's in the world series.

I was with Wenatchee Washington during 1939 winning 20 games and losing 10. Yhe Dallas Rebels in the Texas League bought my contract the following. Enclosed is part of the story. During the meeting in Atlanta Ga. the Dodgers and the Cardinals made a trade. (enclosed is a picture)

I went to spring training with the St Louis Cardinals in 1941 at St. Petersburg Fla. --I was then optioned to Houston Buffs in the Texas League, winning 15 and losing 5 During 1942 I was optioned to Sacramento where we had one of the best teams in the P.C.L. winning the championship in the last week o' the season against Los Angeles. (enclosed is a little write up by our sport writer Wilbur Adams.

I pitched for the Solons thru 1946 under some great managers Ken Penner, Earl Sheeley and Pepper Martin. (I don't have any records of these years as they were lost in a fire; how ever I do Remember that we got into the playoffs in 1946 and I beat the Seals 1 to 0.

I was active in the Tahoe Little League for four years being a manager and on the board of directors 1958

I was responsible for re-organizing the Southeastern Pony in 1959. and the team went into the area finals.

I also managed the Southside American Legion team during 1963 in which we had some real fine ball players such as Bowa with the Phillies and Spider Thomas with the Red Sox. *IN OUR LEAGUE*

I retired from Aerojet and devoted most of my spare time to golf where I had some great tournaments winning the Northern California Golf Association for seniors at Spyglass and also the California state fair for handicappers at Ancil Hoffman. We have one of the finest golfing chapters of SIRS # 69 in this area and I'm proud to be director as we play 26 tournaments a year thru out this area.

Here is little sport trivia about the Pintar's.

My youngest son Donn played on the only Camelia Bowl played by Sacramento State in Sacto.

My oldest son J.F. played for the finals in baseball Sacramento State in the Regionals.

I played for the Solons for the only team to win the Pacific Coast League Title.

If any questions please be free to call.

Sincerely yours

John Pintar

Mark Separovich

The first top flight competition which Mark engaged in was playing right wing on the Dante Club Junior State Champions soccer team..

The same year, 1930, was on the undefeated Reeder Welding Works Junior Legion team. Defeated Elk Grove 10-1 for District #6 title. They were ready to play Mill Valley in the regional playoffs but were disqualified because of having an ineligible player.

Mark was the starting pitcher for Christian Brothers High School during 1929-30-31. During these three years the club ran a ^{long} string of consecutive victories, among them being the Sacramento Junior College... On the same club were Joe Marty, Johnny Kaiser and Ed Hughes. Joe Rooney was the coach, retiring from the club as an undefeated coach.

Mark pitched for the following clubs in the National Division of the Sacramento Winters League: Nevis Newman, Kimball-Upson, which beat Julius in the playoff at Moreing Field for the 1932 championship; Thomas Black Cats, Al's Haberdashers, Roma Wine and Printers Union. Following the victory over Julius, the Sacramento Solons invited Mark to spring training under manager Earl McNeely.

Mark pitched for Colusa in the Sacramento Valley League... His battery mate was Ray Johnson, now a State Senator. Retired from Southern Pacific after 36 years... His brother, Mike, has already been inducted into the La Salle Hall of Fame... His brother, Tony, also a top pitcher is waiting in the wings, hoping to be inducted... soon...

Dec. 28, 1980

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Dear Vince -

Here is a summary of my playing career. In 1929 I played right wing on the Klante Club Junior State Champion soccer team and the same year was on the undefeated Readers Welding Junior Legion team. We defeated Elk Grove 10-1 for District #6 title. We were to go to Mill Valley to play in the regional playoffs but were disqualified due to some new ruling on having players from two different high schools.

I was the starting pitcher for the Christian Brothers High School during 1929-30. During these years we ran a long string of consecutive victories among them was the Sacto City College. Joe Doney was our coach one of these years. I think it was 1930. He is proud to the claim of being an undefeated coach. I also played basketball under Joe.

I pitched for the following teams in the National Division of the Sacto Winter League Mevis Newman, Kimball Upson which beat Julius in the playoff at Morring Field for the 1932 Championship, Thomas Black Cats, Al's Haberdashers, Roma Wine and Painters Union.

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Following our Victory over Julius I was invited
to the Sacto Solons Spring training camp which
I participated in under Earl McKredy.

I pitched for Colusa in the Sacto Valley
League. Retired from Southern Pacific R.R. after 36 years.

I'll see you Feb. 6th.

Mark

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Glenn Smith

Played winter league baseball in the 30's and the 40's. Also played in the twilight and summer league...Some of the teams in the National Division were the Thomas Black Cats, Barrell Tavern, Rome Wine, Kimball Upson, Chinn-Beretta, Van Hassels Sports Shop and Weinstocks-Lubin. Played five seasons for the Police Juniors which won five straight championships. On this club were Bill Avila, George Peters, Leon Visintainer and Eldred Cochrane.

Played and managed in the Sacramento ~~xxx~~ County and Rural League for several years. Played for Jack Tracey's Mission Reds youth team from which he received an offer from the Joplin, Class C League team... Glenn turned it down because of economic reasons. Played for several years with Scoop Thurman at ~~xx~~ Colfax.

Born in Florin in 1913. Was an outfielder with good speed, fine throwing arm and power at the plate.

Played American Legion baseball in 1930 for Post 61; managed McIntyre Hardware in 1929 to Boys 125 lb division championship. Led league in hitting with .485 mark.

Selected to Northern California Softball Hall of Fame in 1977. Glenn played in top division of softball for many years even after he had played his best days in hard ball competition.

GLENN SMITH

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PLAYED WINTER LEAGUE BASEBALL IN THE THIRTIES AND FORTIES ALSO PLAYED TWILIGHT AND SUMMER BASEBALL DURING THIS ERA. SOME OF THE TEAMS IN THE NATIONAL DIVISION WERE THOMAS BLACK CATS, BARRELL TAVERN, ROMA WINE, KIMBLE UPSON, CHINA BERETT, VAN TASSELLS SPORT SHOP AND WEINSTECK LUBINS, WHICH I MANAGED LOSING IN THE PLAYOFFS TO ARGONAUT LIQUOR.

PLAYED 5 SEASONS FOR THE POLICE JUNIORS WHICH WON 5 STRAIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS, ON THESE TEAMS WERE LEON VISINTAI, BILL AVILA, GEORGE PETERS, ELDRED COCHRANE AND OTHERS

PLAYED AND MANAGED IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY AND RURAL LEAGUES, ALSO SPONSORED GLENN'S MARKETS TEAMS IN SEVERAL LEAGUES FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN THE FORTIES AND FIFTIES. PLAYED FOR JACK TRACEY'S MISSION REDS YOUTH TEAM FROM WHICH I WAS OFFERED A PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT WITH JOPHIN MISSOURI CLASS C LEAGUE - TURNED IT DOWN BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC REASONS, AS THE PAY DURING THAT PERIOD WAS VERY POOR.

PLAYED FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN THE PLACER NEVADA LEAGUE WITH SCOOP THURMAN AT COLFAX AND SUCH TEAMS AS AUBURN, LINCOLN AND NORTH SACRAMENTO.

BARN STORMED WITH MANY TEAMS PLAYING IN RENO NEVADA AGAINST RENO GARAGE, FOLSOM PRISON AND VALLEY LEAGUE TOWNS. MANAGED ARCADE TO TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1949

BORN IN FLORIN CALIF IN 1913, WAS AN OUTFIELDER WITH GOOD RUNNING SPEED, FINE THROWING ARM AND

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Power AT the PLATE.

PLAYED AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL IN 1930 FOR POST 61 -
MANAGED McINTYRE HARDWARE IN 1929 TO BOYS 125 LB DIVISION
CHAMPIONSHIP. LED LEAGUE IN HITTING.

SELECTED TO NORTHERN CAL. F SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME
IN 1977. HAVING PLAYED IN THE TOP DIVISION FOR MANY
YEARS

THANK YOU VINCE FOR EVERYTHING

Glen Smith

Victor Virga

Started at McKinley Grammar School---graduated from Sacramento High School when it was located at 18th and Kay Street.

From 1924 to 1932 performed in the local twilight League and on Sundays performed for Fruitridge in the Sacramento County League. His affiliation in the Twilight League was with Cutter Mill, Kroner Barber Shop and Ing & Allee.

In the top division of the Sacramento Winter League he performed with Bottaro Blacksmiths, Dante Club and Eastern Outfitters. On the latter club his teammates were Mryl Hoag, Alex Kampouris, Stanley Hack, and Manuel Salvo.

Victor also played soccer although that was his second choice. He was with the Wanderers, Acorns, McKinley and Rangers.

In 1929 Virga went up to play with the Walker Wine Club in the California Nevada League.

Late in 1942, Victor joined the Seabees, serving in the British Isles during the height of the war and then to France for the mopping up operations against Germany. He was released from active duty in 1945. Virga, who dealt in construction during most of his life, was a general contractor from 1945 to 1955...He later did supervisory work for a number of contractors, retired in 1968.

Vincent Stanich.

Victor Virga
3740 53rd St.
Sacto., Ca. 95820

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Here is a summary of my life.

Victor Virga

I started school at McKinley elementary and then attended Lincoln, Mary J. Watson, Harkness Junior High school and finished at Sacramento High school at 18th and 19th K and L Street.

I was a painter for two years, working for my brother, Mike Virga. (Painting Contractor.) Then I decided to learn the carpenter trade and joined the Union Local #2170; I served my apprenticeship with General Contractor Ed Brier, who built many homes in East Sacramento and Heilbron Oaks.

In 1924 to 1932 I was active playing baseball on Sundays and twilight ball during the week. Played baseball on Sundays with Fruitridge team in the county league. Our team won the championship two years. I batted nearly 500 that year. Also performed with 3 twilight championship teams. - Cutter Mill, Kroner Barber Shop, and a ~~drug store team.~~ IN & ALL

I was with the Goldhammer team and we won the American Division championship in the winter league. Played in the City National League Clubs in the winter league. Bottaros Blacksmith Shop, Dante Club, and Eastern Outfitting. During that period Hoeg, Kempouris, Stanley Hack, M. Saive and others played.

Soccer was my second choice. I played with the Wanderers, Acorns, McKinley and Rangers in City competition which also included Grass Valley.

In 1929 I played baseball with the Walker Mine Club, near Portola and we won the Calif. Nevada League championship.

Late in 1942 I enlisted in the U. S. Navy Seabees at a First Class Petty Officer rating. On Jan. 1, 1943 I was called to active duty and sent to Camp Perry, Virginia. Trained in Camp Perry & Camp Davisville, Rhode Island. There the 81st Battalion was formed. I left with the 81st Bat. in New York on Labor Day 1943 for England. Arrived in a base in England near Glasgow. Three weeks later we made camp at Milford Haven, Wales. In the spring of 1944 we set up camp a short distance from the Dart River. After building housing, hospitals etc. we left to train at Lands End, England. Trained on pontoons for the D Day Invasion. Our mission was to unload the L. S. Ts of Army personnel, equipment and supplies so they could hold the beaches. Before Cherbourg fell I was in charge of building shelters for the Army Officers. After Cherbourg was captured and Paris fell our job was completed. In November we left the port of Plymouth, Eng. and arrived in New York before Thanksgiving. Released from active duty May 17, 1945.

I was a General Contractor from 1945 to 1968. From 1936 to 1968 I was employed by many contractors, such as, Campbell, Hopkinson, Maloney, Holdner, Lawrence, MidState, Bayshore, Beck, Gordon Bell, and McDonald & Kann. I retired in 1968 from construction work.