

1980 LA SALLE CLUB

1979 BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

La Salle Club Members, Old Timers and  
Friends are invited to attend the

29TH ANNUAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME  
BANQUET

ON

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1st

Social Hour - 6:00 P.M.

Steak Dinner and Awards - 7:30 P.M.

(Christian Brothers High School  
Cafeteria at 4315 Sacramento Blvd.)

\$7.00 per person

ELECTED TO THE 1980 HALL OF FAME

LOU HEINZER  
VICTOR PITTS  
GEORGE TERRA  
ROBERT DUGGAN

LOU VEZILICH  
ELTON ROGERS  
BILL SVILICH  
TONY DUTRA

La Salle Club Hall of Fame Committee:

Vincent F. Stanich  
Lou Bordisso  
Bill Svilich  
Bill Avila  
Bill Morebeck  
Pete Perich  
Elmer Enos  
Herry Knight  
Vern Hodge  
Henry Wittpen  
Jim Burich

RSVP BY JANUARY 25TH

## 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 Elliott, Verne 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, \*Alfred Felix, \*Morvin  
 Neves  
 1971 Frank Ratonni, \*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 Belluomin  
 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

\*Denotes deceased members

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NED CARBONE

JOE DUTRA

N.G. CULJIS

LLOYD TOOMEY

PERCY GASSOWAY

KARL REIMER

MIKE BAKARICH            CB

LA SALLE 28TH ANNUAL OLD TIMERS NIGHT, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1979

Being inducted: Lou Bordisso, Joe Duarte, N. G. Culjis, Sr., Karl Reimler, Lloyd Toomey, Percy Gassaway, Ned Carbone and Mike Bakarich

eleven

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LOU BORDISSO...Managed ~~eleven~~ pennant winners during his career in the Sacramento Winter League...Bordisso spent 30 on the local baseball scene, 15 as a player and 15 as a manager. He led Southside Legion to the first ~~of~~ of ~~his~~ eleven pennants in 1947, his first as a winter league manager. He then went over to manage Matt Transfers winning a skein of championships. He took a brief leave from Matts to lead the Julius Haberdashers to two pennants, 1955 and 1956. Ronnie King, who was originally a catcher, pitched for Louie in both campaigns. King, at one time had <sup>10</sup> successive wins under his belt.

Bordisso's ability to smell out baseball talent started when he ~~xxx~~ played for Sacramento High School in 1930. His coach at Sac Hi was Ed Combat alade, and he had such teammates as Bill Svilich, Sherwood Morrill, Joe Bagley and Frank Bottaro. Bordisso was elected team captain in his senior year. Bordisso and Svilich turned pro, but Lou gave up as he continually homesick for Sacramento. He came back to play in the local lots for several years, mostly with Julius, until World War II.

After spending three years in the ~~service~~ <sup>Service</sup>, Bordisso came back and took up managing. He teamed up with Elmer Enor to lead the Southside Legion to a pennant before his long marriage with Matt.

As outstanding as his career as manager appeared, Bordisso had his share of heartaches. His teams finished second in many of the years, and some of his losses were heartbreaking.

Bordisso doesn't like to be asked to name an all-star team of his former ball players. He does say that one of his clubs which was beaten out for the championship when Pat Hubert ~~xx~~ pitched Kramer Carton to a 4-3 win over Gordon Jones, was his best. Matt's batting order in that championship-game loss was: Al White, cf; Al Jacinto, 2b; Jim Westlake, rf; Joe Kirrene, 3b; Ellis Daugherty, lb; Hal Rhyne, lf; Eddie Samcoff, ss; Nick Pesut, Jones pitcher...

NED CARBONE

Born in San Francisco in 1915, moved to Sacramento and lived in Alkali Flats and started school in Sacramento but then moved to Roseville where he was raised and schooled. Played football, basketball and baseball at Roseville High School.

Started bush baseball career as an infielder-outfielder with the Roseville El Camino Club Baseball Team of the Old County League in 1934. Played a few games for the Roseville Redmen Team of the Placer Nevada League in 1935. Missed a few seasons due to work but returned to the sport as an infielder with the Wolf & Royer team of the PN Lea., in 1939. Played for Wolf & Royer in 1940-41 and part of 42 until he moved to South San Francisco to work for Western Pipe & Steel Ship Yard during the war. Played for Western Pipe & Steel in 1942-43-44 with the 44 team winning the San Francisco Big Rec., League championship. Drafted into the Army in 1945 and also discharged in 1945. Moved back to Roseville in 1946 and joined the Wolf & Royer team of the PN Lea., as a second baseman. Was a member of the Wolf & Royer PN Lea., Champs of 1946 & 47. Player-manager of the Wolf & Royer PN Lea., Champs of 1949. Roseville Merchants replaced Wolf & Royer in the PN Lea. and I was player-manager in 1950-51 and 52. Player-manager and League Director for the Happy Hour championship team of the PN Lea. in 1953. Sat out the season of 54 due to back surgery but was back as manager-director of the 1955 PN Lea., champions Happy Hour Club.

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JOE DUARTE....Duarte had more ability ~~than~~ limited frame ~~than~~ most  
athletes...Joe, now 74, was born in San Miguel in the Azore Islands.  
His family came to Sacramento via a circuitous route, moving from  
Portugal to Hilo, Hawaii---a trip which took 45 days---before coming  
here in 1922.

The Duartes took up residence on 5th between S and T, an area which  
is now described as a fun spot for those who wish to indulge in ~~xxx~~  
nefarious activities not condoned by the authorities. At the age of  
13 he entered St. Stephens School at 3rd and Oh. After spending two  
years at the school, Durate went to work as an apprentice blacksmith  
at the Southern Pacific Shops, where he worked for 50 years before  
retiring in 1974.

During the interim, Durate became adept as both a third baseman in  
baseball and a halfback in soccer..In 1922, he started to play baseball  
with the Liberty Ice Cream Company...Other teams he played for were  
the Virden Packing Company in 1923; Grey's Pharmacy in 1924; Schohmer's  
Luggage in 1926; Cy's Barber Shop, 1927-28; Dreamland, Oasis Old Time  
Eastern Outfitters, McKinley A. C. Al's Clothiers, Julius Haberdasher  
Capitol Bowl, Acme and the 1942 Argonaut Liquor Company. The 1923, '24,  
'27, and '28 teams won championship.

When he wasn't playing baseball, Duarte spent much of his time playing  
soccer for some of the area's top teams. He was a member of the two-  
state champion Dante Club; a title winning Broadway Barden's club, Mc-  
Kinley A. C. Tuten Verein and Garibaldi.

When his playing days were over Durate became an umpire and a good one  
filling in for two seasons (1956-57) in the Pacific Coast League.  
He is still called upon by the City Recreation Department to evaluate  
the ability of aspiring umpires.

Joe and his wife have five children, the oldest of whom is 50. He is  
particularly fond of his three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Stanich:

Below is list of baseball and soccer teams I played for in Sacramento per request by you.

BASEBALL

1922 Liberty Ice Cream - 1923 Verdan Packing Co. (Champions)  
1924 Grey's Pharmacy (Champions) - 1925 Grey's Pharmacy  
(Champions) - 1926 Schohmers Luggage - 1927, 1928 Cy's  
Barber Shop (Champions). I also played for Dreamland -  
Oasis Old Timers - Eastern Outfitting Co. - McKinley A.C.  
Al's - Julius - Capital Bowl - Acme - 1942 Argonaut Liq-  
uor (Champions).

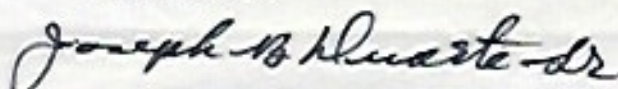
SOCCER

Dante Club, 2 years State Champions - Broadway Gardens  
State Champions - McKinley A.C. - Turn Verein - Garibaldi.

I also filled in as umpire in Pacific Coast League  
1956 and 1957.

I hope this is the information you wanted.

Sincerely,



Joseph B. Duarte, Sr.

4234 62nd Street

Sacramento, Ca. 95820

N. G. CULJIS...During his long and productive life, Nick Culjis experienced two great thrills within a matter of days...One of them was the convincing win over Crystal ~~XXXX~~ <sup>Creamery</sup> by his ~~XXX~~ Culjis Chapel Club in the Sacramento Winter League. The other was being named to the La Sa Hall of Fame...Obviously, the winning over Crystal/~~threw~~ <sup>XXXX</sup> the National Division into a tie.~~and~~ It wasn't until two weeks ago that Crystal was able to clinch the pennant in a key game against Ellis Restaurant... Culjis' player of the moment is his left handed pitching phenom, Mike Dixon, who has already been signed by ~~the~~ Randy Zanze for the Culjis ~~club~~ night league club. This will be Nick's 18 successive year as a baseball sponsor...Culjis club won a pennant in his first year of competition. Unlike many of his contemporaries, Culjis is still active in his business and busy on the baseball front.

Nick never played much baseball, but in football he was an all-city center for three years at Sacramento High. He graduated in 1931 and was given a football scholarship at St. Mary's College...He did not stay with the Gaels too long, leaving to attend the University of California Embalming School. He, eventually, founded his own business in 1938 and is now in his third location, the corner of Alhambra and P Street...

Culjis' first pennant came about in dethroning Sal Gomez' strong La Fleeta club.

Bill Avila played a major role in getting Culjis to become a baseball sponsor...As a representative of the Philadelphia Phillies, Avila had his club co-sponsor a team with Culjis...Avila wanted to showcase young ball players and work them into the Phillies organization. Despite the preponderance of youth on many of his clubs, Culjis still won five pennants in those 17 years. One of Culjis first managers was Frank Mascaro. He was ~~helped~~ <sup>helped</sup> by Charley Schanz, Nino Spatafore, Joe Borja and Jerry Weinstein...Randy Zanze runs the show now.

Culjis, a city councilman from 1952 to 1960 and a former vice-mayor, is one of the first sponsors to indicate he will field a team in the 1979 Sacramento Night League...



LLOYD TOOMEY....Toomey, a Sacramentan for the past 43 years, was born in Fresno. He became a four-letter man at Fresno High School and received a scholarship to the University of California... In his freshman year, he pitched his way onto Cal's baseball team, and as a junior in 1924 he signed with the Chicago White Sox...He was immediately assigned to the parent club and stayed one month in the Windy City being transferred out to the Beaumont, Texas, in the East Texas League. At the conclusion of the season he was released...Lloyd went back to Cal and earned his diploma in 1925...He was then signed to Branch Rickey's for the St. Louis Cardinal organization, playing two years before joining the Oakland Oaks in 1927...The Oaks framed him out to Ogden in the Utah-Idaho League, from where he was released because of a sore arm. What made him come to Sacramento? His brother, Crip, was the athletic director at UC Davis, giving the Toomey name a great deal of credibility. So, Toomey, a salesman for A. G. Spaulding Company, chose Sacramento his home base, arriving here with his bride, Violet in 1935...In 1940 Toomey began a 12-year stint in the sporting goods business...Irving "Crip" Toomey, who was an All-American football player with the Wonder Team at Cal from 1919-1921, served in Davis for 43 years...He handled the Pacific Coast Boxing Tournament in Sacramento for 25 years, and in his honor, UC Davis named its football stadium, Toomey Field...

NED CARBONE....Although Ned Carbone was identified with baseball <sup>for</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>1914</sup> ~~1915~~ all of his adult life, he actually was born in San Francisco in ~~1915~~ <sup>1914</sup>. For a brief period his family moved to Sacramento, where he started grammar school, but they later moved to Roseville, where Ned competed in football, baseball and basketball at Roseville High School. Carbone started his bush-league career in 1934 as an infielder with Roseville's El Camino team in the old County League. He then played in the Pacer-Nevada League until 1942, when he moved to SF to work for Western Pipe and Steel until he entered the service in 1944..Carbone moved back to Roseville after the war, joining Wolf-Royer as a 2b. He became player-manager for the club until it was replaced by the Roseville Merchants. He sat out of the 1954 season because of a back injury. He continued on as player-manager until <sup>1959</sup> he resigned after he was elected president of the Pacer-Nevada League...He served in that capacity until the league disbanded in 1969...He since has shifted his

Sacramento Ca  
2156 Oakmont  
November 19, 1977

Dear Vince: —

I'm really pleased with the news of the Hall of Fame. Already my ten year old son is trying to find out if he can be there, along with 3 grandsons and a son-in-law. Of course my wife and daughter cried foul when I said men only —

To answer your questions, I was born and raised in Sacramento and received all my schooling here — I drove truck in my early years for Rike Trucking & Roma Wine Company.

In 1943 I joined the Police Dept of North Sacramento, spending 22 years with the city, the last ten years as Chief of Police. In 1965 our city merged with Sacramento so I worked another ten years as captain for the Sacramento Police Dept and retired in 1975 after 32 years of police work.

I never played on a championship in the winter leagues but was in play offs with Rike & Roma Wine's.

I recall one incident while playing for Charlie Clark in the Valley leagues at Colusa where I ran the bases in 14.1 seconds and won the contest. You should remember that as you were involved. While playing with

chico we lost the championship  
to Groville in a play off. I was  
on championship team when I  
played for Stockton Redman in the  
state league twice. I was chosen  
on the Valley League all star team  
while playing for Chico.

I failed to tell you in my  
first letter that I also played  
in the winter leagues for the  
Painters Union and the Teamsters.

I trust this will answer  
your questions.

Sincerely

Percy.

October 8, 1978

Dear Vince:

Here is a list of the teams I have played on while I was playing playing baseball. I started out playing for Cy's Barber Shop, in the 9:00 O'clock Division and ended my playing with Golden State.

Hope this is what you wanted.

Sincerely,

*Proff Gassaway*

Wilder League

Cy's Barber Shop  
Columbia Market  
Blue Label Matt  
Huck's Pharmacy  
Mapes  
Riske Trucking  
Roma Wine  
Muir A. C.  
Julius  
Al's Clothing  
Golden State

*Painters  
Teamsters*

Valley League

Sacramento Wander's  
Yuba City  
Chico

County League

North Sacramento  
Elk Grove

Calif. State League

Roma Wine - Lodi  
Redman - Stockton

Orange League

Mapes

*Huey*

KARL REIMER ...There were few catchers in the local bush leagues who were more in demand than Karl Reimer, a tall, rugged Winter League player from 1930 to 1948...In ten of those years he played for National Division clubs, among them being Barrell Tavern, Gene Hughes Pharmacy, Roma Wine Company, Painters Union, Argonaut Liquor, Al's Haberdashery and Southside Legion...

In 1937 Reimer played for Yuba City in the Sacramento Valley League and the following year he was with Roma Wine Company in the California State League. In 1938, Reimer caught a no-hitter pitched by Stan Steely against a strong Julius club. That season was also Reimer's best with the bat, as he hit a healthy .421.

Karl Reimer

Born Sacramento Ca 1912. Grammar  
School del Paso Heights, high school  
Sacramento High. Petted from Purita  
Sausage Co.

1927 - North Sacramento Legion

1930 - 1948 Sacramento Winter League  
9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and National  
division. Also played in Spring + Twilight

Teams: Marcus Auto Supply (1934, 11:00 a.m.)  
winter league and County league beat  
Shalimar Club for county league champions  
National Division

Barril Tavern - 1925

Gene Hughes Pharmacy - 1926

Roma Wine - 1927-38

Painters Union - 1939

Argonaut Liquor Co

Al's Haberdashery

Southside Legion 1948

Sacramento Valley League

Yuba City - 1937

California State League

Roma Wine - 1938

While with Roma Wine in 1938 caught  
a no-hitter against Julius Haberdashery  
(over)

pitcher was Stan Stucky. Batted #31 that  
year in National Division.

Karl Pearson

MIKE BAKRICH...A powerful right-handed hitter, first played at Sac High School in 1929 and continued on for 30 years before he swung a bat for the last time with Joe Mary's El Chico Old Timers in 1959. During the interim, from 1931 to 1945 he played for several National division clubs, including Blue Label Malt, Riske Trucking, Roma Wine, Capital Bowl and Julius Haberdashers.

Bakarich was also active in summer ball, playing in the State League with Lodi for two years. In the Sacramento Valley League he played for Dantle Club, and Yuba City, the latter club for three years. In one game he battered ~~Yuba City pitcher~~ Colusa pitcher four successive



Michael Bakarich  
1616 Maryland Ave.  
West Sacramento,  
Calif. 95691

- Grammar School: Attended St. Stephens for 1 year then transferred to Cathedral Parish School, graduated in 1927.
- High School: Attended Christian Brothers my Freshman year and played basketball. I transferred to Sacramento High School and played 3 years of basketball and 3 of baseball. Graduating in 1931.
- Winter League: Between 1928 - 1929 Played in 9:00 o'clock league.  
1930 played in 11:00 o'clock league for V.V. Varnum Old Timers.
- From 1931 to 1945 played in National Division:  
1 year with Blue Label Malt.  
3 years with Riske Trucking.  
4 years with Roma Wine.  
1 year with Capital Bowl.  
5 years with Julius Haberdashers.
- From 1955 to 1959 played with Joe Marty's El Chico Old Timers.
- Summer League: California State League, 2 years with Lodi.  
1 year with Dante Club.  
3 years with Yuba City in Valley League. *4 Double Academy*  
3 years in Reno, Nevada with Reno Garage. *Colusa*  
2 years with Placerville in Placer Nevada League.
- Between 1933 and 1935 played with Sacramento Solons.

We have a scrap book with  
all of the news paper clippings  
but not sure of the dates.

doubles...Mike also played for Reno Garage for three years...He completed his out-of-town tour with Placerville Barts of the Placer-Nevada League...Bakerich, a journey man first baseman, was good enough to play for the Sacramento Solons in the Pcl from 1933-1935. He started ~~at~~ high school at Christian Brothers, but transferred to Sacramento High after his freshman year. He made Ed Combatalade's baseball team as a sophomore, quite an accomplishment in those days.

Roseville Merchants replaced the Happy Hour team in the PN Lea., so I was manager-director for the team in 1956-57 and 58. Resigned as manager in 59 and was elected President of the PN Lea., in 59. Served as the PN Lea., president until the league disbanded in 1969. Also in 1959 I was one of the organizers of the Third Base Gang, a Roseville Merchants Baseball Team booster club. When the PN Lea., folded the booster club shifted their support of baseball to the Roseville American Legion Baseball Team and at this time this booster club is the sole sponsor of the Legion Baseball Program in Roseville. To this day I am still a treasurer with the booster club.