

*60th Annual  
La Salle Club  
Baseball Hall of Fame*



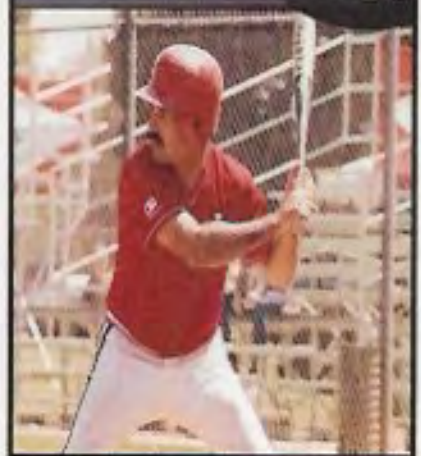
Carl Boyer



Mike Baldwin



Oscar Broyer



Scratch DeFazio



Don Hammitt



Rowland Office



Larry Wolfe



Buck Martinez



Curtis Brown



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## Welcome

On behalf of the La Salle Club, I welcome you to the 60<sup>th</sup> annual Sacramento Area Baseball Hall of Fame Dinner. This event is unique, not only for its longevity but for its colorful past of long speeches, inaudible sound systems, and impatient audience members. However, it is



also unique for the magical moments of renewing friendships, remembering the forgotten, and keeping the remarkable story of Sacramento baseball alive for the next generation.

This event does indeed have a founding father, the prolific Vince Stanich whose super-human organizational skills sustained this event for over four decades. Vince's sports column ***Behold the Bushers*** was a must read for all baseball fans, and to get a mention in it was better than going 4 for 4 on a Sunday afternoon. Following Vince, Jimmy McNamara took over the chairmanship and ushered the Hall of Fame into a modern era, leaving an indelible stamp of good humor, thoughtfulness, and class. Jimmy Westlake was the next chairman and his service to the dinner, the La Salle Club, and Christian Brothers High School has no peer. These three extraordinary gentlemen and the talents of countless volunteers, especially Jack Witry, are the reasons why this Hall of Fame has such staying power.

I hope that you take the time to acknowledge our generous sponsors: Pepsi, Miller Coors, Ballentine Vineyards, W.F. Gormley and Sons, Law Offices of John Virga, Insight Technologies, the Murphy Brothers, and Rex Moore. Also, please take the time to savor the entertaining and informative biographies penned by La Salle Club Board member Elaine McCollom.

Tonight's event features a little music, several historical 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 make sure you come back and see us next year.

Warmest Regards,

Joe McNamara

Hall of Fame Chairman

## The La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame

Since its inception in 1939, the La Salle Club has provided continuous financial assistance to all the athletic programs at Christian Brothers High School. Our membership is comprised of alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends of Christian Brothers who generously give their time and resources to meet our goals.

Tonight is the 60th Annual La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame Dinner, and we are adding nine new members: Mike Baldwin, Carl Boyer, Curtis Brown, Oscar Broyer, Scratch DeFazio, Don Hammitt, Buck Martinez, Rowland Office, and Larry Wolfe.

Nominations and selection to the Baseball Hall of Fame is based on a combination of the following criteria:

- 60 years or older;
- Must have distinguished themselves by participating significantly in the game of baseball as a player, manager, scout, umpire, or writer;
- Level of participation may be high school, college, semi-pro or professional;
- Must have been from the greater Sacramento area, Northern California, or have played locally;
- Inductees are chosen by the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame Committee.

In addition to recognizing and honoring our new inductees, our purpose tonight is to provide you with an opportunity to renew old acquaintances, relive memories and keep alive the rich history of baseball in the greater Sacramento area. We sincerely appreciate your presence and support.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Hall of Fame, please visit our web page [www.thelasalleclub.com](http://www.thelasalleclub.com) and download the nomination form.

## Rowland Office

A graduate of C.K. McClatchy High School, where he made the All-City team with a .512 batting average, **Rowland Office** was drafted right out of high school by the Atlanta Braves in the fourth round of the amateur draft in 1970.

However, Office was a force in Sacramento Legion baseball, playing for Post 61, and he put off actually signing his contract with the Braves until the Legion season was finished. Celebrated Sacramento Union columnist, the late Vince Stanich, reported on a weekend he watched Office play. In the first game, Office went six-for-six at bat, something Stanich called "just routine" for the 17-year-old; however, the writer waxed philosophical about the "romance" of the game he pitched the following day.

On the mound that day, Office had a perfect game going until the last inning when, with two outs and a full count, he walked South Sacramento's pitcher and then allowed a sloppy hit that got past the shortstop. He retired the next batter and ended up with an almost-perfect one-hitter in a performance that Stanich labeled as "unparalleled in the history of local Legion ball."

Leaving Sacramento and Legion ball behind, Office spent the next year and a half in the minor leagues with Greenwood and Savannah, where he batted .302 and .269 respectively with a combined 20 homers and 120 RBI's. He made his major league debut with the Braves in 1972 at the age of 19, the youngest player in the National League that year.

Over the span of his 11-year MLB career, he played outfield for the Braves (where he sported his nickname "Row" on the back of his jersey rather than his last name), the Montreal Expos and, in his final year, for two games with the New York Yankees, earning a lifetime batting average of .259 over 899 games in the majors.

He currently holds the second longest consecutive-game hitting streak in Atlanta Braves history at 29 games, which was the longest in the National League in 1975.

Office is also attributed with the second-greatest catch in Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium history, when he flew over the center field fence to rob the San Diego Padres' Mike Ivie of a homer in 1977.

Long-time friend and former Atlanta Braves teammate, Jerry Royster, says one of his and Office's favorite memories occurred early in their careers as they sat in



## Don Hammitt

Growing up, **Don Hammitt's** heroes were Yogi Berra and in particular Bob Feller, and one of his favorite pastimes was reading all the books about Feller he could get his hands on. It seems that his scholarship paid off, as Hammitt himself was quite the Little League sensation, playing in the majors with the 12-year-olds when he was only nine.

At El Camino High School, Hammitt was an All-City pitcher in 1961 and remembers his high school years as some of the most satisfying of his experiences in baseball. After graduation, he went on to play a season at American River College where he earned All-Conference honors with a record of 10-3. Hammitt also played here in Sacramento with teams like Julius and Matt's Transfer in the days when games in William Land Park drew 2,000 to 3,000 fans.

Former teammate Pete Mikacich, who played with Hammitt the year Matt's Transfer beat Studebaker 11-0 to win the championship of the Winter League's National Division, remembers Hammitt as an impressive pitcher and a great teammate. "He wasn't all that big," Mikacich recalls, "but, boy, could he pitch!" Without a doubt, Hammitt's strong arm, and his great curveball according to Mikacich, helped Matt's secure that trophy.

In early 1963, Hammitt was signed by the Philadelphia Phillies and reported to Spartanburg in the Western Carolinas League for his first season, though he returned to Northern California the following year and spent the next three seasons with the Bakersfield Bears. From there, he went on to Tidewater and then Reading in Class AA ball, ultimately ending his career after seven seasons with a solid 3.75 ERA.

Early in Hammitt's professional career, the late Vince Stanich, illustrious Sacramento Union sports columnist, wrote about Hammitt: "He is a shy youngster off the field but he is ferocious on the mound." Though his home was on the mound, the right-handed pitcher also found himself in the outfield once he started playing pro ball.

A consummate athlete, Hammitt's greatest joy in pitching was the competition and the contest with batters. He recalls the challenge he faced whenever on the mound against former A's great Joe Rudi whom Hammitt describes as the most formidable



batter he ever confronted, one he says was on the ball all the time and rarely missed making contact with a pitch. If Rudi missed the ball, Hammitt says, it was by chance and not because you had fooled him. Reggie Jackson was another tough batter, he recalls, though certainly not with Rudi's level of consistency.

It was, curiously enough, in the minors that Hammitt really became interested in improving his batting. While the other pitchers often opted to sleep in, Hammitt always turned up early in the morning to shag balls during batting practice, paying close attention to the lessons given by the coaches.

Hammitt's scholarship paid off once again when, upon retiring from pro ball and taking up coaching back home, he was not only able to instruct kids in pitching but was also able to use those lessons learned shagging balls at batting practice.

## Mike Baldwin

A star pitcher at Hiram Johnson High School, **Mike Baldwin** was an All-City left-hander who was instrumental in leading his team to the Metro League championship in 1966, pitching a 1-0 win over Luther Burbank the last game of the season and securing a tie for the Metro title.

After receiving a full-ride scholarship to the University of California, Berkeley and attending there one year, Baldwin came back to Sacramento to enroll at Sacramento City College. There he was an "outstanding pitcher," according to Coach Del Bandy, and was an important part of the very talented 1968 Panther team which won the conference title and came in second for the state championship.

Former teammate at both Johnson and City College, Al Simas, Jr., describes Baldwin as "just a great athlete," adding that if he hadn't focused on pitching, he would have been an impressive hitter in the lineup as well. As it was, Simas remembers Baldwin at City College as an inspiration for the other pitchers, due equally to his positive attitude, his competitiveness and his skill. The team's record that year was 28-5, and Baldwin alone earned at least half of those wins.

"Mike was so good that he really pushed the other pitchers," says Simas, "because we all wanted to be as good as he was. We'd practice pitching in the gym, and we'd hear his ball pop, so we wanted to throw harder just to try to match his speed."



Though he was drafted out of City College by the Milwaukee Brewers that year, Baldwin chose instead to return to Cal the following year where he led the Bears' pitching staff with a 6-4 record, 112 strikeouts in 104 innings and an impressive 1.90 ERA. In June of that year, he was the #1 draft choice of the Chicago White Sox in the second round. He knew, however, that it was important for him to finish school, so he had it written into his contract that he be allowed to complete his degree in Agricultural Economics, which he did in 1970.



After starting his professional baseball career with the Lynchburg White Sox in the Carolina League, a team that saw him pitch a no-hitter and go 3-3 in the same game, Baldwin quickly moved up to the AA class the following year and then AAA the next, the level at which he was to spend the remainder of his seven-year professional career. To the delight of his friends and fans at home, he returned to Sacramento in 1975 to play with the Solons – in the pitchers' nightmare called Hughes Stadium. That was the last year of his stint in the minor leagues, which culminated with a solid career ERA of 3.66.

Baldwin also played Winter League baseball in Mexico and the Dominican Republic. In Sacramento, he was well-known in the local baseball community, pitching for teams such as Cannery Union, Culjis, French Electric, La Fiesta, and Nicolaus. He went undefeated in the Sacramento Night League.

Possibly his most unique achievement: Mike Baldwin threw no-hitters in high school, college and professional ball. He is also one of the last living local players to have worn a Sacramento Solons jersey.





## Oscar Broyer

Considered by many one of the best Sacramento area sluggers to never play pro ball, **Oscar Broyer** was a star athlete at Luther Burbank High School where he batted .404, helped to lead Burbank's stellar 1967 team to win the league championship, and was named second team All-League.

After graduation, Broyer went on to play left field at Cosumnes River College during the 1975 season. That year, he hit over .375 with eight homeruns and 28 runs batted in, leading the team in hitting and runs scored. He was named to both the All-State team and the All-State All-Star team.

Following his season at Cosumnes, Broyer dedicated himself to playing in Winter and Summer leagues for teams that included French Electric, Culjis and Pepsi, winning championship trophies many times. He loved nothing more than playing ball and did so for more than 20 years until his employer transferred him to the coast.

Broyer was well-known for his strength as a hitter, often averaging close to or above .400, becoming the Night League's first batting champion the year he hit .429. Broyer loved curve balls, and one of his fondest memories is hitting a grand slam on a curveball thrown by someone he considered the best pitcher he ever faced, Al Simas, Jr. During Broyer's college career, famed Sacramento City College coach Jerry Weinstein once made a fatal error when he signed to the



**Oscar Broyer (middle left) with Culjis**

left-hander on the mound to throw Broyer a curveball which ended up out of the park.

A key hitter to bring to the plate in the clutch, Broyer helped cinch the Night League championship for his team one year when he hit a grand-slam homer at historic Renfree Field, bringing the crowd to its feet. There was one occasion, though, when his teammates did not fully demonstrate their appreciation of his talents. It was 11:30 p.m. and

the 15<sup>th</sup> inning of a game long tied when Broyer came to the plate. After homering to win the game, he crossed home plate to find his teammates already leaving the park and his wife sound asleep in the car. He was the last to leave the park as the lights were turned out.

Former Night League teammate Frank "Mugs" McNamara says that Broyer hit more home runs at Renfree than any other player in the league. He is still amazed when he remembers Broyer at bat, saying, "He could *hit!*" However, Broyer wasn't one to brag or show off. McNamara recalls him as a quiet player who led by example.

After 43 years of service, Broyer retired from PepsiCo in 2010 and now enjoys traveling with wife Teresa in their RV, as well as fishing, hunting, quad running and just generally enjoying the outdoors.

## Larry Wolfe

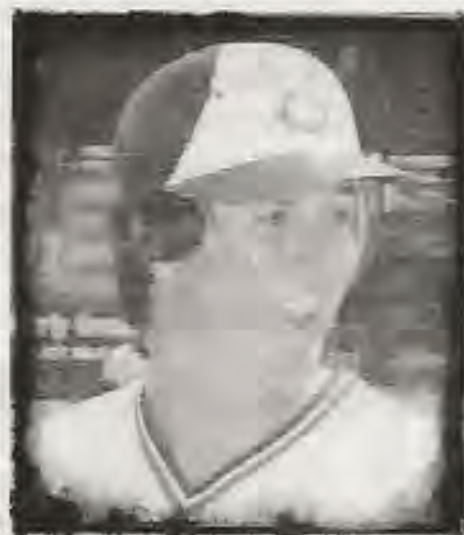
If **Larry Wolfe** had just been a bit taller, he might not be here tonight. An exceptional all-around athlete, Wolfe was All-City in football, basketball and baseball at Cordova High School. Though basketball was probably his favorite sport, Wolfe decided to focus on baseball post-high school since that seemed like his best opportunity.

His former baseball coach at Cordova, Guy Anderson, himself an illustrious figure in local high school baseball with a coaching career spanning over 40 years, remembers Wolfe very well as an exceptional athlete and an outstanding pitcher as well as shortstop.

"Larry could have been drafted as a pitcher – he was that good," explains Anderson, "but he wanted to play daily as a position player."

Anderson says Wolfe still holds the record at Cordova for the most strikeouts in a season, having fanned 16 batters in 1970. In 1971 he went on to pitch a no-hitter as well, finishing the season with a 7-1 record and a .435 batting average. At Sacramento City College, he played both basketball and baseball in 1972-73, hitting .495 his sophomore year, and was recently inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Wolfe signed with the Minnesota Twins in 1973 after being selected in the ninth round of the June draft. One of his favorite memories is the day he was called up



to the major leagues in 1977 while playing AAA in Charleston, West Virginia. He made his major league debut on September 16, 1977 when the Twins beat the Texas Rangers 9-7; Wolfe had one hit with two RBI's in his first major league game.

Over the course of the next four years, Wolfe played a variety of infield positions for the Twins (1977-78) and then the Boston Red Sox (1979-80). While playing with the Twins in 1978, he had his first multi-homerun game, facing two different pitchers, sending a solo shot over the fence at the top of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, then following that in the next inning with a three-run homer, scoring nearly half of the Twins' runs in a 9-2 win over the Detroit Tigers. The following season, while playing for the Boston Red Sox, he repeated the feat with two back-to-back solo homers in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> innings against the Kansas City Royals, though unfortunately not in Fenway, his favorite stadium.

After finishing his major league career, Wolfe went on to play one year for the Kintetsu Buffaloes in Japan, a country he and his wife both loved, though changes in the strike zone and difficulties with Japanese umpires made actually playing the game far less enjoyable.



**All City in 1971**

Upon retiring from baseball, Wolfe returned to the Sacramento area as a coach — in basketball. This presented his former coach Anderson with quite a challenge, and he spent the next couple years trying to convince Wolfe to come back to baseball. That he did, and he's been dedicated to baseball ever since, coaching in the Dusty Baker Baseball Camp for a couple years and starting his own summer baseball academy for kids 12-years-old and up with Leon Lee and Eddie Cervantes last year.

## Curtis Brown

Growing up in Del Paso Heights, playing sports was a way of life for **Curtis Brown**. As a little boy, he and his younger brother, former New York Met Leon Brown, played stick ball as well as a game they called 'lemon ball' with cousins Freddie Brown and Daniel Irving, and neighborhood kids like former major leaguers Leron and Leon Lee. Brown claims that playing lemon ball, using empty lemon juice containers, taught him early on how to hit a curveball since the nozzle on the squeeze bottle didn't allow the 'ball' to travel in a straight line. And perhaps that plastic lemon does deserve some credit, as most of the above-mentioned members of the 'Lemon Ball League' went on to play professionally.



Of course, Curtis Brown also played Little League, Pony League and Babe Ruth League under the guidance of his father, Curtis Brown, Sr., a left-handed catcher in his own playing days and a man who influenced his son greatly in every aspect of his life and who coached and umpired in the same leagues his son played in.

At Grant Union High School, Brown played basketball and baseball. As a point guard on the basketball team, he shined in 1963 when his team beat McClatchy by two points to win the Metro League tournament, with Brown being named All-Tournament; however, baseball was his love and was where his talents truly lay. The younger kids around the neighborhood, like former Sacramento City Councilman Grantland Johnson, the Lee brothers and Brown's brother Leon, came out to watch him play and looked up to him as one of the best ball players around. He was certainly one of Grant's strongest players and, after batting .363 in 1963, was named to the All-City team. At 16 years old, he was already playing in the Winter League and continued playing on teams such as Culjis and Gold Nugget.

Brown's brother Leon calls him the "king pin" of the neighborhood and remembers his older brother drilling in them the idea that it wasn't over until the last out was called. The older Brown went into every game believing that his team was going to win, and that was a philosophy he passed on to the younger kids. "He set the stage for us," Leon Brown says.

After a couple years at American River College, Brown signed with the New York Mets in 1965. Though he was drafted as a second baseman, he could handle almost any position, though his strong throwing arm led him most frequently to

the outfield. Besides that arm, Brown was also a dependable and powerful hitter. In four different years, he hit over 10 home runs, 15 in 1969 and 14 in 1973, a number which likely would have gone much higher had a knee injury not cut his season short after only 74 games. Brown ended his 17-year professional baseball career with a solid .275 average overall.

When he wasn't playing in the U.S., Brown headed south of the border and played many successful winter and summer seasons with the Mexican Pacific League and, during its brief existence, the Inter-American League. Those were times that he remembers fondly, as he was able to play with his brother Leon and friend Dusty Baker.

Reflecting on his days growing up and the legacy passed on to him by his older brother, Leon Brown says, "I was the luckiest guy in the world because I had Curt to play with and look up to."



**Brothers Curtis and Leon Brown on Pete Mikacich's Gold Nugget team**

## Scratch DeFazio

**Richard "Scratch" DeFazio** remains a legend in Sacramento baseball history. A man who truly loved the game, DeFazio attended Sacramento High School where he was named All-City in baseball in 1947 and 1948, the year Sac High won the league championship. DeFazio was also an outstanding quarterback for the Dragons' football team which won the Sac Joaquin section title in 1948.

After graduating from Sac High and after a one-year stint in the Navy, DeFazio returned to Sacramento in February 1950 just in time for baseball season to begin at Sacramento City College. Fielding a number of Sacramento baseball legends, including DeFazio, Jerry Kaeser, Johnny McNamara, Tony Stathos and Pete Vartanian, Sac City's powerhouse baseball team went on to win its very first state championship the following year with an overall season record of 29-3.

In 1952, the second baseman was signed by the St. Louis Cardinals organization, going on to play with the Fresno Cardinals and Visalia Cubs with a .242 career batting average. In 1955, he returned to Sacramento and continued to play for a number of California and Mexican-American league teams, national division hardball league teams, and county league teams. DeFazio also took up fast-pitch softball in 1953, playing for more than 20 years on several championship teams. In fact, between baseball and softball, DeFazio earned so many trophies that son Mark remembers a room in their house filled with his father's awards. "There must have been at least 75 trophies in that room," he recalls.

Renowned both for his talent and his personality, DeFazio had grown up idolizing Joe DiMaggio and Babe Ruth, as many of his contemporaries did; however, DeFazio's fascination with Ruth derived not only from his prowess on the field but also from the fact that "the Bambino" was tough, played hard on and off the field, and was truly a "man's man". Perhaps it's not surprising, then, that DeFazio himself is remembered for his all-consuming competitiveness and a bit of a temper when on the field.

His son Mark jokes that he rarely saw a game past the second inning because his father's love of challenging the umpires' calls often led to his early expulsion from the game, after which he would pack up the family and go home. In one of



DeFazio's most legendary moments playing for Julius at Folsom State Prison, he went after a heckler in the stands – an inmate – and was banned from the prison for a month.

One of his fast-pitch softball teammates, Don McCollom, remembers well both DeFazio's skills on the field and his love of a brawl. "He was *tough*," McCollom confirms. "No one wanted to mess with Scratch, but he was a really nice guy off the field."

Former Julius and Sacramento City College teammate, John McNamara, who went on to a long career as a manager in the major leagues, also recalls that DeFazio was "always very much a gentleman and a good guy" despite his competitive nature. He remembers DeFazio as a player who wanted to win, who was always at his best in the clutch, especially when it came to hitting. McNamara describes DeFazio as a fine infielder and a hitter with great power who knew how to play the game.

Scratch DeFazio passed away much too young in 1997 at the age of 66.



**Scratch DeFazio (middle row, far right) on the 1953 Julius team**

## John "Buck" Martinez

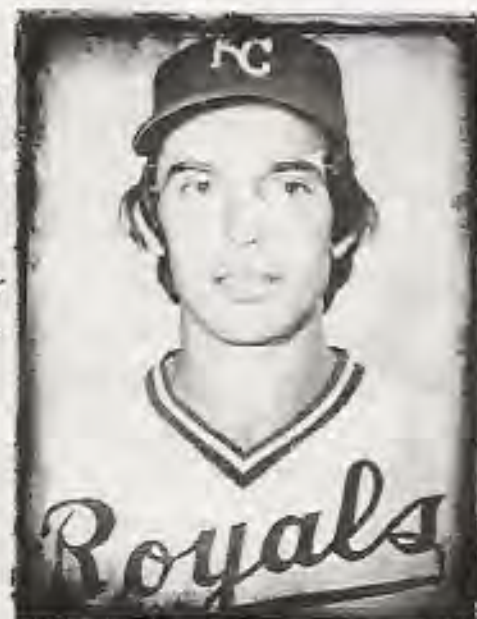
It wasn't until **Buck Martinez** reached the major leagues that he really began to grasp his talent as a ball player. Despite being named All-Conference three years straight at Elk Grove High School and batting .514 his senior year there, Martinez still felt he wasn't all that good. Upon reaching Sacramento City College and under the tutelage of Del Bandy, he was named MVP his freshman year and helped to lead his team to the state championship in 1967. Still, however, he says he saw teammate and friend Kenny Hottman, destined himself for the major leagues, as a much better athlete.

Hottman saw things a bit differently. He says Martinez was "the best hitter in the league" and an outstanding catcher, and both he and Coach Bandy contend that Sac City lost the state championship against Pasadena because Martinez had signed with the Philadelphia Phillies the previous day and, thus, was ineligible to play.

If taking the fall for losing the state title wasn't enough, any dreams Martinez had of donning a Phillies uniform were dashed when, nearly two years later while playing in the minors, he received a call telling him that he'd been taken in the Rule 5 draft by the Houston Astros who promptly traded him to Kansas City. Though at the time Martinez wasn't even sure that the Kansas City Royals, established as an American League expansion franchise in 1969, were indeed a real team, he felt – and still feels – that the serendipitous trade was a beneficial one for him, as two former Sacramentans, Harry Dunlop and Joe Gordon, were already part of the Royals organization and were there to guide him.

Martinez's 17-year major league career is well-known: he played with the Royals from 1969-78, the Milwaukee Brewers from 1978-80, and the Toronto Blue Jays from 1981-86. During that time, he had two years – 1982 and 1983 – when he hit 10 homers, and he was well-respected as an intelligent catcher who owned home plate. Hottman recalls a game in which famed slugger Reggie Jackson went 0-4; when asked afterward what had happened, Jackson blamed Martinez because he was behind the plate and knew which pitches to call for.

It was Martinez's pugnacious claim to home plate that led to what was arguably the most amazing play in baseball history but one that ultimately led to the end of his playing career. In a 1985 game against the Seattle Mariners, with Phil Bradley coming around third, Martinez took a throw from right field but was then





body-slammed by Bradley in front of home plate, breaking his leg and dislocating his ankle. In a testament to his playing spirit, Martinez not only managed to hold onto the ball but also attempted to throw out Gorman Thomas who was heading for third base. From his position splayed out on the ground in front of the plate, Martinez's throw sailed over the head of the third baseman into left field where it was picked up and sent back to him as Thomas chugged toward home. In a show of epic athletic heroism, Martinez had maintained his focus on the play and – still on the ground, having dragged himself back to the plate – managed to grab the throw and tag Thomas out. The first and only 9-2-7-2 double play in major league baseball history.

Such effort and determination can only be achieved by someone who genuinely loves playing the game, and there is no doubt that this describes Buck Martinez. One of his happiest memories was watching his first major league ball game in 1958 at Seals Stadium with Willie Mays still wearing a Giants uniform and Lindy McDaniel on the mound for St. Louis, the same Lindy McDaniel whom Martinez would catch in Kansas City some 15 years later.

Whether in the majors or here in Sacramento, Martinez lived baseball. From high



school to college to local teams such as Reno Café, French Electric and Culjis, from major league player to manager to television analyst, commentator and announcer, the young man who doubted his own skills – the young man who called his father during his first Spring Training to share his fear that he just wasn't good enough – has made Sacramento proud.



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### 1953

John "Buddy" Ryan\*

### 1955

The Knevovich 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" Woods\*

### 1962

Cliff Darringer\*  
Mel French\*  
Fred Pearl\*  
Joe Williams\*

### 1963

Julius Anapolsky\*  
Julius Style Shop  
Baseball Club 1934-35  
Harry Lilly\*  
Horace Smith\*  
Ralph Stroud\*

### 1964

Henry Clark\*  
Dan Donovan\*  
Walter Mails\*  
Fred Murphy\*

### 1965

"Big" Bill James\*  
James Lane\*  
Manuel Petrali\*  
Captain Bill Ryan\*

### 1966

Dewey Elliot\*  
Vern Hodge\*  
Eddie Manger\*  
Bob Schang\*

### 1967

Frank Bacon\*  
Jack Dooley\*  
Tommy Dunk\*  
Arthur Luddy\*  
Frank Osborne\*

### 1968

Fred Bottaro\*  
Edwin Grove\*  
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 Lial\*  
Frank Rationi\*  
Eggert Rohwer\*

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### 1972

Lenny Backer\*  
John Corato\*  
Clyde "Tub" Perry\*  
Joe Rooney\*  
John Silvey\*  
Ralph Young\*

### 1973

John B. Costa\*  
Paul Genshlea\*  
G.W. "Mick" Hall, Jr.\*  
Frank Judy\*  
James R. Kelly\*  
Tom Pendergast\*

### 1974

Allan Bryne\*  
John "Chick" Casali\*  
Elmer Congdon\*  
Jack Hoagland\*  
Roscoe Kimble\*  
Joe Lima\*  
Clarence Murphy\*  
Hank Ness\*

### 1975

Fred Belluomini\*  
Wallace Canfield\*  
Ralph Downs\*  
James "Lefty" Cooke  
Dick Lamb\*  
Mike Visintainer\*  
Larry Williams\*  
Tony Zupo\*

### 1976

Frank Armstrong\*  
George "Butter" Cole  
Elmer Enos\*  
Steve George\*  
Larry Gillick\*  
Elwood J. Keema\*  
Phil McGee\*  
Mike Separovich\*

### 1977

Bill Avila\*  
Earl Eberlain\*  
Alex Kampouris\*  
Peter Mitchell\*  
Dr. Alfred Oliver\*  
Mike Page\*  
Dave Roderick\*  
Joe Smith\*

### 1978

Clement "Boo" Coyle\*  
Herb Forsch\*  
Gus Kortstein\*  
William Peccole\*  
Manual Salvo\*  
Harold "Sam" Sperbeck\*  
Jack Stassi\*  
Earl Wagner\*  
Llyod Wagner\*

### 1979

Mike Bakarich\*  
Lou Bordisso\*  
Ned Carbone\*  
N.G. Culjis\*  
Joe Duarte\*  
Percy Gassoway\*  
Karl Reimer\*  
Llyod Toomey\*

### 1980

Robert Duggan\*  
Tony Dutra\*  
Lou Heinzer\*  
Victor Pitts\*

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## Baseball Hall of Fame

### (class of 80 cont)

Elton Rogers\*  
Bill Svilich\*  
George Terra\*  
Lou Vezilich\*

### 1981

Clarence Azevedo\*  
Ken Brock\*  
Manuel Joseph\*  
Bill Kenealy\*  
John Pintar\*  
Mark Separovich\*  
Glenn Smith\*  
Vincent F. Stanich\*  
Vito Virga\*

### 1982

Eddie Cervantes\*  
Syl DeGregorio\*  
Jimmy Flynn\*  
Joe Frates\*  
Fir Galli\*  
Ed Hughes\*  
Tom Parodi\*  
Tony Separovich\*  
Pete Tomasini\*  
Johnny Vergez\*

### 1983

Joe Anderson\*  
Dooley Bertolani\*  
Jim Cluff\*  
Horace Dunning\*  
Howard Jan\*  
Joe Orengo\*  
Bob Peccole\*  
Ernie Perry\*  
Bobby Schang\*  
Orval Tregallas\*

### 1984

Ponce Alvarado\*  
Wilbert Azevedo\*  
Bill Gianatasio\*  
Scotty Mackay\*  
Frank Nelson\*  
Elmer Newman\*  
Art Quadros\*  
Woodrow Scott\*  
Yubi G. Separovich\*  
Ray Silva\*  
Soto Trillo\*

### 1985

Babe Bertolani\*  
Paul Bowa\*  
Jack Dark\*  
Eddie Katsulis\*  
Ed Keenan\*  
Fred Keinle\*

### (Class of 85 cont)

Joe Faraci\*  
Eddie Fitz Gerald  
Bill Hallauer\*  
Jim "Tiny" Hansen\*  
Hank Lema\*  
Charles Luchini\*  
Pete Pitalo  
Fred Schroeder\*  
Izzy Smith\*  
Italo Vesci\*  
Connie Weisker\*  
Carl Younglove\*  
Steve Zupan\*

### 1986

Jack Andrews\*  
Joe Borich\*  
Harry Bright\*  
William Conlin\*  
Curtis Coppin  
Glen Dufour\*  
James Herrera\*  
Les Lollis\*  
Charles Schanz\*  
Curt Schmidt\*  
Manuel "Babe" Thomas\*  
Wally Westlake

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### 1987

Gene Brocker\*  
Norman Coad\*  
Virgil Farnsworth\*  
Wayne Hanscom\*  
Larry Manuiian\*  
Joe Masi\*  
Buddy Petterson\*  
Milton P. Thomas\*  
George Valine\*  
John Vukovich\*  
Bill Wright\*

### 1988

Ernie Bertolotti\*  
Dan Bianchini\*  
Bert Bonomi\*  
Steve Cuckovich\*  
Orval Grove\*  
Henry "Bud" Hanna\*  
Carl Lauchert\*  
Martin Slavich\*  
Wally Turpen  
Joe Valine\*  
Emerson Wallace\*

### 1989

Julian Elorduy\*  
Tommy Glaviano\*  
"Nippy" Jones\*

### (class of 89 cont)

Al Lee\*  
Hank Paschane\*  
William Rico  
Allen Simas, Sr.\*  
Sam Stassi, Jr.\*  
Tommy Torchia  
Chick Verdina\*  
Chick Wardlaw\*

### 1990

George Androvich\*  
Bill Balakin\*  
Bill Christie\*  
Clay Dalrymple  
Tony Koester\*  
John Parino\*  
Sam Powell\*  
Al Saccani\*  
Eddie Samcoff  
Ned Sheehan\*

### 1991

George Babich\*  
Dr. "Bud" Lewis Beasley\*  
Eddie Booth\*  
Tony Ferrara\*  
Monte Latino\*  
Sam Latino\*  
Al Lazzarone  
Ed Reeder

### 1992

Julian Cisneros\*  
Bob De La Vergne\*  
John Eres\*  
Gene Harris\*  
Leonard Keene\*  
Ron King  
Chuck Lotta\*  
William Robertson\*  
Bob Stassi  
George Vernatchi  
Leroy Winter\*

### 1993

Ellis Daugherty\*  
Joe Felipe\*  
Ray Gallagher  
Sal Gomez\*  
Lilio Marcucci\*  
Jim McCarthy\*  
Ned Pedisich\*  
Gabe Sady\*  
Edmond Silvey\*  
Frank Silvey\*  
Mike Sypnicki\*  
Gus Stathos

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### 1994

Tony Alvarado\*  
Dick Bartell\*  
Carroll Canfield\*  
Bill Fleming  
Bob Linck\*  
Dale Miline\*  
Mike Radan\*  
Bob Rodness\*  
Nick Smyrmi\*  
Dick Warner\*

### 1995

Bob Barbeau\*  
Bill De Fazio\*  
Bob Gallagher  
Harry Knight\*  
John Latino\*  
Jim McNamara\*  
Alex Muirhead  
Richie Myers\*  
Jim Tsukamoto\*  
Bill Zanze\*

### 1996

John Ceccarelli\*  
John Hathaway\*  
John "Spider" Jorgensen\*

### 1996 (cont)

Ray Lujan  
Joe Nevis\*  
Vince Pisani  
Leroy Stevens  
Bud Watkins\*  
Jim Westlake\*  
Mel White\*

### 1997

Augie Amorena  
Al Anicich\*  
Del Bandy  
John Briggs  
Msgr. James Church  
Sam Kanelos  
Don McKenzie  
Bill Monohan\*  
Bob Palmer  
Gilbert Urbano

### 1998

Cuno Barragan  
Daryl Cook  
Woodie Held\*  
Al Jacinto\*  
Joe Kirrene  
George Masi\*  
John McNamara  
Rudy Rodoni  
Earl Rose

### 1998 (cont)

Ralph Rose\*  
Park Schuler\*  
Carl Tomei

### 1999

Tom Agosta  
Buzz Berriesford  
Tom Galli  
Frank Mascaro\*  
Tony Plescia\*  
Gene Roenspie  
Tony Stathos\*  
Mike Virga  
Manny Williams\*  
Ken Wollenberg

### 2000

Chris Christian\*  
Pete Gonsalves  
Norm Greenslate  
Frank McNamara  
Clyde Perry  
Jack Picart\*  
Stan Priebe  
Frank Rios  
Don Saner\*  
Ray Sisar\*  
Nino Spatafore\*  
Sam Vartanian

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### 2001

Norm Blackwell  
Vic Buccola\*  
Joe Duarte\*  
Jim Fellos  
Bobby Gonsalves\*  
Pete Mikacich  
Roger Osenbaugh  
Notch Parino  
Trusten Scotten\*  
Dick Sperbeck

### 2002

Fred Besana  
Buddy Boyer\*  
Harry Dunlop  
Jim Frasinetti  
Dan Mooradian\*  
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  
Neill Sheridan

### 2003 (cont)

Ralph Silva\*  
Jack Slaven  
Victor Vesci\*  
Fred Wristen\*

### 2004

Dave Borges  
Nick Capachi  
Mel Dalrymple  
Hank de Lotty, Jr.\*  
Russ Grove\*  
Bob Hanlon\*  
Jerry Kaesar  
Paul Kereazis\*  
Larry Kelley  
John Stanich  
Walt Swedman\*  
Ray Webster

### 2005

Dick Alejo  
Bob Ayres  
Pete Campos  
Herb Marshall  
Ray Newman  
Wally Predovich\*  
George Radovich  
Jerry Streeter  
Bob Willis  
John Zanzee

### 2006

Bob Caselli  
Angelo Dal Porto  
Bill Enos  
Larry Hampshire  
Jerry Higdon  
Johnny Lopes  
Gus Niklas  
Hal Perry  
Doug Sale  
Chuck Stevens  
Bill Werry

### 2007

Dick Bach  
Al Dunlop  
Gene Hurych\*  
George Pickett  
Bill Raimondi\*  
Bob Roselli\*  
John Strohmayr  
Dick Traversi  
Sal "Chado" Vasquez  
John Virga  
Jim Westlake

### 2008

Eddie Bockman\*  
Bill Bican  
Arden Golke  
Doc Haskell



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### **2008 (cont)**

Vern Kemp  
Jim Long  
John Rice  
Rip Robinett  
Al Scott\*  
Bruce Wood

### **2009**

Mike Bakarich  
Jim Barudoni  
Pete Daley  
Mike Elorduy  
Jim Fox\*  
Lou LeDuc  
Larry Marietti  
Bill McNulty  
Bob Michael  
Ted Williams

### **2010**

Bert Bonomi  
Ernie Cervantes, Jr.  
Jim Graf  
Don Nannini  
Bob Oliver  
Brian Ross  
Al Simas Jr.  
Jim "Spider" Thomas  
Dave Torgerson

### **2011**

Tony De Cristoforo  
John Firenza  
Johnny Gonzales  
Bobby Mathews  
Gary Nolan  
Dick Nunes  
Byron Randolph  
Gary Rushing  
Joe Soto

### **2012**

Jim Barr  
Pat Fall  
Mike Furtado  
Ken Hottman  
Leron Lee  
Don Murphy  
Bob Puccinelli  
Rich Separovich

### **2013**

Fred Arroyo  
Tom Dicktakes  
Joe Gill\*  
Mike Green  
Leon Lee  
Butch Metzger  
Nick Peters  
Gene Sackett  
Gary Szakacs

### **Editor's Note:**

**If you know of any Hall of Fame members who have passed away, please contact Joe McNamara at so that the program can be**

**Updated,  
joemoxie@comcast.net**

\*indicates deceased

## The La Salle Club Board

The La Salle Club added two new board members this year, Elaine McCollom and Brock Littlejohn, and also saw the retirement of Mike Elorduy after years of distinguished service.

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(top row) Bernie Church, Vince Juarez, Sean Stone, Joe McNamara, Ron Bird, Pat Gormley Jr.

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**Troy Bird, Bar Coordinator**  
**Mark Wellendorf, Sound & Entertainment**  
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**Eric Edelmayer, Corporate Outreach**  
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