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**MSBL World Series Spotlight on:  
Steve Solis (West Coast Blue Jays)***Compiled by Steve LaMontia-Carlentini  
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Chuck Person and his team, NSEW Connection, are gearing up for another run in the 50+ Cactus Division at this year's MSBL World Series. Chuck will be pulling double duty by managing and playing with 50+ NSEW Connection, and also playing with another team during the tournament.



He has been part of the MSBL community for five years. His introduction came when he joined a team of players who weren't yet on a roster for the World Series. That experience not only ignited his passion for the league but also led him and Brian Penn to establish NSEW Connection. Since then, he has played in five World Series tournaments and helped his team capture two championships, the 2022 MSBL World Series and the 2023 Las Vegas Open. "I enjoy playing with the team each year as we have great camaraderie," Chuck shared. "Winning the World Series championship was a pretty good moment." A retired U.S. Navy veteran, Chuck now works at D-Bats in Arizona, a role he truly enjoys. "Honestly, it doesn't even feel like work. I love it." Away from the ballfield, he lives in Arizona with his wife and their two spoiled dogs. He also has 2 married children - one living locally in Phoenix and the other abroad in Europe. Chuck plays in the Arizona MSBL when not traveling for tournaments, crediting the league with helping him stay sharp. "It keeps me in good physical condition. Also, mentally, I'm always focused on the mechanics of the game. It allows me to stay active with the guys through practices and the competition of tournaments." Looking ahead, Chuck's plans for NSEW Connection are straightforward, as they will continue to compete and enjoy the game that has brought him so much fulfillment.

*Editor's Note: We followed up with Chuck, asking him some specific questions that he was happy to answer for us. (below)*

Are you managing or playing in more than one week? Yes, managing the NSEW 50+ Connection and playing with another team. How long have you been involved in the MSBL? 5 years (continued on page 2)

# 35+ Teams Take Center Stage As Week 2 Starts



25+ Mountain Motor City Mariners pitcher, **Larry Wood** went the distance for his team during the championship game at Tempe Diablo Stadium yesterday, and he was outstanding!

## TeamSnap App Keeps Everybody Up To Date With Scores In Real Time Internet Has Improved Communications Between the WS Office, Teams and Players

By Tom Prendergast

Through the years, the WS staff has benefited greatly with improved internet connections and capabilities. In our early years, we used to produce an 11x14 printout of game summaries with the winning and losing pitchers. At the end of the night we would head to Kinko's and print off 1000 copies, which we would deliver to selected tournament hotels. Ten years into the tournament we switched the format to the WS Daily News and increased our distribution to around 15 hotels. We have used several different companies to keep track of our game scores and standings. This year we are using TeamSnap, which allows us to post the scores as soon as we receive them. At the same time the standings are updated, based on our seeding criteria. Which includes, head to head, runs allowed and run differential. In theory this should convey accurate information about each division. But if we put the wrong scores in then that will affect the outcome of how the teams are seeded. Whenever possible, we encourage the team captain's to double check these totals after every game. So if we discover a discrepancy we can correct it right away and it won't affect the seeding process. Most teams however are waiting until the final night of pool play games to let the office know that they have posted a few scores incorrectly. This in turn creates a situation where we are having to go into the system and manually switch scores, which will alter the seedings, based on runs allowed. At the end of the day, when all else fails, the WS Daily News always has the official standings.

**25+ National Championship**

Long Island Black Sox	11
Las Vegas Mastiffs	2

**25+ Mountain Championship**

Motor City Mariners	8
Indy Orioles	2

**25+ Cactus Championship**

Seattle Giants	8
Chicago Devils	2

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### MSBL World Series Spotlight on: Chuck Pearson (NSEW Connection)

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How did you become involved with MSBL? I came into the MSBL community by joining a team made up of players not already on a roster for the World Series tournament. That experience sparked both my enthusiasm for the league and led Brian Penn and me to establish team NSEW Connection.

Have you won any events? Yes, we have - 2 championships: the MSBL World Series in 2022 and the Las Vegas Open 2023

What do you do for a career? I am retired from the US Navy and work at D-Bats (honestly, it's not even work - I love it)

Please list any family details, if you wish. I live in Arizona with my wife and two spoiled dogs. I have two children, both married - one locally here in Phoenix and the other living in Europe.

Which local league do you play in at home? Arizona MSBL

Do you have a favorite MSBL World Series moment? I enjoy playing with the team each year as we have great camaraderie. Winning the World Series championship was a pretty good moment.

How has playing in the MSBL/MABL affected your life? It keeps me in good physical condition. Also, mentally as well, as I'm trying to focus on the mechanics of the game. It also allows me to stay active with the guys through practice and the competition of the tournaments

**55+ National / Mountain**

Sacramento Rockets (American)	4
FD 21 Bombers (National)	15
Chicago North TSP's (American)	16
3n2 Rangers (American)	0
Boston Wolfpack (National)	7
Yonder Travelers (National)	5

Mustangs Baseball Club (American)	17
Tri Valley Tribute (American)	7
3n2 Rangers (American)	12
Sacramento Rockets (American)	14
Nor Cal Cubs (American)	17
Chicago North TSP's (American)	2
Yonder Travelers (National)	13
Tri Valley Tribute (American)	6

Mustangs Baseball Club (American)	2
Boston Wolfpack (National)	13

**55+ Cactus 1**

Sacramento Nationals	0
Calzona Angels	11
Chicago MAXX Cubs	16
Saskatchewan Sportsmen	1
REBL Phillies	4
Milwaukee Rangers	19
Houston Baseball Club	4
Salt Lake Bees	12

Calzona Angels	5
Chicago MAXX Cubs	6
Saskatchewan Sportsmen	5
Houston Baseball Club	20
Sacramento Nationals	15
REBL Phillies	11

Salt Lake Bees	6
Milwaukee Rangers	15

**55+ Cactus 2**

Motor City Firebirds	18
Connecticut Navigators	1
HCB	11
Lehigh Valley Hurricanes	8
Motor City Firebirds	14
Alamo City Armadillos	7
Lehigh Valley Hurricanes	13
Puget Sound Dirtbags	11
Connecticut Navigators	1
Rochester Redwings	20
Puget Sound Dirtbags	18
NTX Oilers	7
Rochester Redwings	20
HCB	2

**65+ National**

Sacramento Royals	14
Motor City Firebirds (Cactus)	5
Team Mexico (Cactus)	0
LA Athletics	15
Puget Sound Mariners	21
OKC Classics (Cactus)	3

**65+ Cactus 1**

Chicago MAXX Cubs (Div 1)	0
Arizona Stallions (Div 1)	11
Chicago Central Northstars (Div 1)	11
NDY Cardinals (Div 1)	5
Team Black Ops (Div 1)	6
Tri Valley Tribute (Div 1)	17
Dragons (Div 1)	20
Long Island Yankees (Div 1)	1

**65+ Cactus 2**

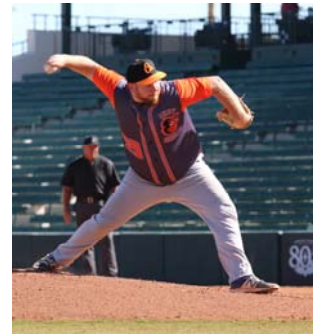
65+ Vets (Div 2)	9
Houston Tigers (Div 2)	14
Paladin (Div 2)	1
So Cal Dodgers (Div 2)	3

**65+ Desert**

Aussie Aces	11
Seattle Mariners	19
Storm Chasers	33
Monarchs	7
Racine Blues	24
66 Vets	2

**25+ Cactus Semi-finals**

Seattle Giants	4
Seattle Ravens	1
Chicago Devils	17
San Francisco Fire	5



25+ Mountain Division  
Indy Orioles pitcher, **Wes Gensch** got the start for his team yesterday at Tempe Diablo Stadium in the championship game.



25+ Mountain Division  
Indy Orioles batter, **Rich Glaze** sits on the fastball for a single up the middle

### From The HardBall Magazine World Series Archives 1993 MABL National Championship Game

Houston Astros 10  
Scottsdale Dodgers 5

Six years into the MSBL / MABL World Series, our numbers were off the charts and growing by leaps and bounds. In 1993, we had 193 teams, and we were playing over 500 games World Series games. While we had plenty of fields, finding enough umpires was becoming a challenge.

To bridge the gap, we were using mostly minor league umpires who were really good, but did not have a very high tolerance level when it came to players questioning their calls. During our pool play round, this led to many ejections and countless complaints about the umpires.

Apparently, drawing a line in the dirt with your bat was a no-no with the professional umpires. As our players quickly found out that was frowned upon and not tolerated at all. Keep in mind we were all a lot younger then, and some of us were quicker than others to let the umpire know when we felt they missed a call.

This came to a head during the MABL Championship game on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at Tempe Diablo Stadium. The perineal powerhouse, the Houston Astros, were taking on the upstart Scottsdale Dodgers. The Astros had their ace on the mound, Darrel Finch, and he came into the game throwing strikes! When Scottsdale leadoff batter, Steve Sogard, took a called (continued on page 3)

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55+ National / Mountain						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Boston Wolfpack (National)	3	0	0	6	10	1000
2 Mustangs Baseball Club	2	1	1	5	36	625
3 Sacramento Rockets	2	2	0	5	47	500
1 Yonder Travelers (National)	2	1	0	4	27	667
2 FD 21 Bombers (National)	2	1	0	4	34	667
3 Chicago North TSP's	1	2	0	3	35	333
4 Nor Cal Cubs	1	1	0	3	20	500
5 Tri Valley Tribute	0	3	0	1	39	0
6 3n2 Rangers	0	2	1	1	41	167

55+ Cactus Division 1						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Milwaukee Rangers	3	0	0	6	11	1000
2 Calzona Angels	3	1	0	6	21	750
3 Chicago MAXX Cubs	2	1	0	4	25	667
4 Salt Lake Bees	2	1	0	4	29	667
5 Houston Old Stars	1	2	0	2	22	333
6 Sacramento Nationals	1	2	0	2	35	333
7 Saskatchewan Sportsmen	1	2	0	2	40	333
8 REBL Phillies	0	4	0	0	65	0

55+ Cactus Division 2						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Rochester Redwings	3	0	0	6	15	1000
2 Motor City Firebirds	2	1	0	4	20	667
3 Puget Sound Dirtbags	2	1	0	4	25	667
4 Lehigh Valley Hurricanes	2	1	0	4	33	667
5 NTX Oilers	1	2	0	2	39	333
6 Alamo City Armadillos	1	1	0	2	30	500
7 HCB	1	2	0	2	40	333
8 Connecticut Navigators	0	3	0	0	53	0

35+ Cactus Division 1						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Arizona Rebels	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Chicago Cyclones	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Liga Del Oeste	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Minnoka Grays	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Oakland Oaks	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 San Antonio River Bums	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Seattle Ravens	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Sonoma County Rebels	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Utah Blues	0	0	0	0	0	0

35+ Cactus Division 2						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Arizona Heat	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Connecticut Navigators	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Houston Gamblers	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Long Island Twins	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Nuevo Mexico Conquistadores	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 San Diego Brewers	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Sonoma County Diamondbacks	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Tucson White Sox	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 USA Biscuits	0	0	0	0	0	0



25+ National Long Island Black Sox pitcher, **Dylan Casteneda** was on the mound for his team on Sunday in the championship game and he was unhittable.

65+ National Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Puget Sound Mariners	2	0	0	4	13	1000
2 LA Athletics	1	0	1	3	8	750
3 Sacramento Royals	1	0	1	3	13	750

65+ Cactus Division 1						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Dragons	2	0	0	4	2	1000
2 Arizona Stallions	2	0	0	4	5	1000
3 Tri Valley Tribute	2	0	0	4	7	1000
4 TX Black Ops	1	1	0	2	20	500
5 Chicago Central Northstars	1	1	0	2	17	500
6 Chicago MAXX Cubs	0	2	0	1	29	0
7 NDY Cardinals	0	2	0	0	27	0
8 Long Island Yankees	0	2	0	0	35	0

65+ Cactus Division 2						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Motor City Firebirds	1	1	0	3	18	500
2 Team Mexico	1	1	0	3	20	500
3 Paladin	1	1	0	2	13	500
4 So Cal Dodgers	1	1	0	2	17	500
5 Houston Tigers	1	1	0	2	19	500
6 OKC Classics	0	2	0	1	34	0
7 65+ Vets	0	2	0	0	20	0

65+ Desert Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Racine Blues	2	0	0	4	10	1000
2 Seattle Mariners	2	0	0	4	18	1000
3 Aussie Aces	1	1	0	2	26	500
4 Storm Chasers	1	1	0	2	15	500
5 66+ Vets	0	2	0	0	34	0
6 Monarchs	0	2	0	0	54	0



25+ Mountain Division Chicago Devils batter, **Seth Bayless** comes through big time during his teams decisive 5th inning when he tripled home 3 runs and the Devils went on to win the semi-final game against the San Francisco Fire 17-5 on Tempe 2 in the Sunday morning contest.

### From The HardBall Magazine World Series Archives (continued from page 3)

3rd strike, he groused at the home plate umpire and shook his head in disbelief.

That was enough to get under the umpire's skin, and he was ejected. Immediately, the Scottsdale manager, John Pino, and his third base coach, Tim Rondina, rushed onto the field to confront the umpire. As soon as they arrived, they were tossed. Before order was restored, two more players on the Scottsdale bench were tossed. In all, 6 players had been ejected before the first half of the inning was completed.

At the time, I was the assistant tournament director and had been watching the game from the press box. I quickly headed for the field and tried to restore order to what was becoming a gong show. After consulting with our Umpire in Chief, and tournament director, Kurt Knop, I met separately with the umpiring crew and asked them (pleaded with them actually) to reinstate the ejected players back into the game. They allowed five of the six back. Only Steve Sogard, who received the initial ejection, wasn't allowed back in the game.

The game continued without any more fireworks, the Astros won the game 10-5.

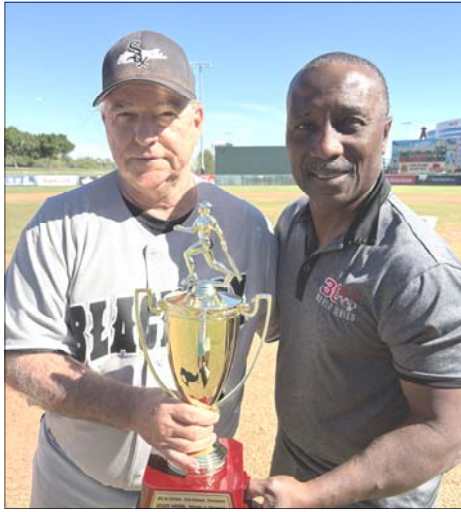
As a result, we started inviting MSBL umpires from local leagues across the country to come to Phoenix and officiate our games. Our UIC, Lou Meyers, did a fantastic job and, within two years, had replaced most of the minor league umpires with actual MSBL umpires.

This format has worked out very well for us. Today Jon Browar is our national UIC and schedules all of our MSBL World Series tournament officials. Jon is also the NCAA Division 2 National Coordinator of Umpires. If your interested in officiating MSBL games at regional tournaments or our World Series, you can contact Jon Browar by email at:

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**Tom Prendergast** attempts to restore order during the 1993 MABL championship game



25+ National Long Island Black Sox manager, **Jimmie Rose** receives the trophy from MSBL World Series staff member, **Sam Kayae** after the game.



**25+ National Division Champions - Long Island Black Sox**



**25+ Mountain Division Champions - Motor City Mariners**



25+ Div Motor City Mariners manager, **Steve Simmons** receives his teams championship trophy



**25+ Cactus Division Champions - Seattle Giants**