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**2025 MSBL World Series Hall of Fame Inductee: Jim Flemming, Puget Sound Senior Baseball League**

*Submitted by Steve LaMontia-Carlentini, MSBL Director of Communications*

**Jim Flemming** is an amazing individual. He hasn't been cited by **MSBL Founder and President Steve Sigler** as a **World Series Hall of Fame** inductee because of an overpowering batting average or a laundry list of championships. Jim is being recognized for his passion and love of all things baseball. I must also mention that Jim is 84 years 'young' and has no intention of stopping anytime soon. "My first year of playing ball here in **Seattle** was when I had just turned 48," explained **Flemming**. "I come from **Western Pennsylvania**, left home when I was 18, lived in **California** for 20 years, and finally ended up in the **Seattle** area. A friend of mine showed me an ad in the paper about tryouts for a new league, and he talked me into tagging along. This was in 1988. I have never been a very good ballplayer, so I wasn't too confident about my chances."

What happened at the tryout?

"I looked around and saw a lot of very good players. This was a 30-over league. I was somewhat older and didn't know how to play very well. I was never a high school player and wasn't too experienced, but I loved the game. I noticed that there were very few catchers, so I said 'I can catch!' I had never been behind the plate in my life, but it was the quickest path to making a team."

As it turned out, the league was able to form a four-team competitive league, and the rest of the guys who didn't get picked up, including Jim, were able to put an additional four-team division together and still play.

"There were still some good players in that division, but it was a little more laid back."

A few years later, they formed a 40-over division, which was a little more comfortable for the older ballplayers. "I was able to make it on the **Pirates** in that division. I still think it wasn't because of any particular skill, but because I wore a patch," chuckled Jim.

"We have lobbied for a 65-over weekday division in the league, and we just finished our second year in 2025. We only have hats for our teams because everyone has so many uniforms from their years on the diamond that you just pull out a uniform and wear it. It's a wonderful division. Our team is appropriately named the *(continued on page 2)*

## Jim Flemming Inducted Into WS Hall Of Fame



*MSBL President and founder, **Steve Sigler** presents longtime PSSBL Aqua Sox manager, **Jimmy Flemming** with his WS Hall of Fame plaque before the game on Tempe 2 yesterday.*

### Participation Divisions Include Central / Cactus / Desert and Zona

*At Least 14 Uniformed Players Must Have At Least 1 Plate Appearance Per Game*

*By Tom Prendergast*

A couple clarifications on batting lineups for teams participating in the MSBL World Series. For the teams that selected these divisions, they must get at least 1 plate appearance for 14 batters, during a scheduled 9 inning game. If a team has 13 or fewer uniformed players, the opposing team will have the option to bat the same number of uniformed players despite the number of uniformed players they have at that game. For example, team A has 13 uniformed players and team B has 21 uniformed players. Team A must get all 13 players at least 1 plate appearance. Team B has the option of only getting 13 players 1 plate appearance as well, despite the fact that they would normally have to get 14 players 1 plate appearance. In the event the game ends with unbatted players, the violating team, under proper protest, will forfeit the game. However, as long as the 14th batter is announced (meaning he steps into the batters box), and the third out occurs before he completes his at bat, then that will satisfy the 14 batters rule. Note: the rule of batting 14 players is in effect regardless if it is a completed 9 inning game or shortened by time. This rule is only in effect during round robin games and will not be a requirement for playoffs and championship games.

A new rule this year requires both teams giving their complete team roster 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. Player eligibility protests must be made before the game starts. This roster must include, first and last names complete with jersey numbers. In addition to this, a notation must be made next to the players name if he has any prior professional experience or has received any kind of special circumstances in order to be included on the WS roster. Each team manager must sign a declaration form, which indicates he has read the criteria for his teams division and has clearly stated his ex-professional players.

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**Jim Flemming, Puget Sound Senior Baseball**  
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**Legends**, and you just go out and play where you want." When did your MSBL World Series career begin? "My first year in **Arizona** was in 1993. I went down with some guys from **Denver**. I now go with teams from our league, and there are just a few years I haven't been able to go. Once my wife, **Leslie**, and I had the opportunity to go to **Africa**, which we couldn't pass up, and then I missed it during COVID." Are you still playing in Arizona, or are you solely managing teams? "When I turned 79, I went from field manager to General Manager. I now primarily organize everything and leave the field duties to someone else. That also makes me available to maybe get in the game if it is a blowout and they need a right fielder. Sometimes I still go in and catch!"

What is the name of your team this year?

"We are going back as the **PSSBL Aqua Sox** in the 73-over division. We aren't very good, but we play for the love of the game and because we still can." Are there any other MSBL national tournaments that you have played in during your long baseball career? "I've been to the **Las Vegas** tournament a couple of years and also the **Desert Classic** in **Palm Springs** a few times. I have also been able to play in the **Father/Son** division, which is a real treat."

What draws you to the World Series every year, and how does that mirror your baseball and life philosophy? "Everyone wants to go down and play on the fields their heroes played on. Our team's philosophy is not about winning, but enjoying each other. We don't have a drawer full of rings, but that's not why we're there. It's like life in general. You go through life, and you run into people who are helpful and courteous and whom you admire. There have been so many people over the years in **Arizona** that I have admired immediately.

Those friendships are priceless and far outlast the ring." Final thoughts?

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**65+ National**

Long Island Yankees (Cactus) 3  
Sacramento Royals 17

Puget Sound Mariners 4  
LA Athletics 11

**65+ Cactus 1**

Motor City Firebirds (Div 2) 6  
Arizona Stallions (Div 1) 5  
Tri Valley Tribute (Div 1) 7  
Chicago Central Northstars (Div 1) 9  
NDY Cardinals (Div 1) 2  
Team Black Ops (Div 1) 17  
Chicago MAXX Cubs (Div 1) 8  
Dragons (Div 1) 4

**65+ Cactus 2**

So Cal Dodgers (Div 2) 5  
65+ Vets (Div 2) 18  
OKC Classics (Div 2) 1  
Team Mexico (Div 2) 16  
Houston Tigers (Div 2) 3  
Paladin (Div 2) 24

**65+ Desert**

Seattle Mariners 13  
66 Vets 6  
Storm Chasers 17  
Racine Blues 7  
Monarchs 16  
Aussie Aces 8

**73+ National / American**

Fresno Grizzlies (American) 12  
Rhode Island Salty Dogs (American) 16  
Virgin Island Reds (American) 5  
Red Deer Legends (American) 18  
Tucson Old Timers (American) 12  
So Cal Dodgers (American) 9  
Sacramento Solons (National) 16  
MBI (National) 17  
LA Athletics (National) 22  
Lehigh Valley Moondogs (American) 4  
TSP Fire (American) 8  
Sacramento Solons (National) 7  
73 Vets (American) 3  
PSSBL Aqua Sox (American) 11

**55+ National / Mountain**

Boston Wolfpack (National) 10  
FD 21 Bombers (National) 1  
Nor Cal Cubs (American) 17  
3n2 Rangers (American) 11  
Chicago North TSP's (American) 13  
Mustangs Baseball Club (American) 16  
Boston Wolfpack (National) 9  
Yonder Travelers (National) 20  
Tri Valley Tribute (American) 4  
Nor Cal Cubs (American) 14  
Sacramento Rockets (American) 16  
Chicago North TSP's (American) 1

**55+ Cactus 1**

Chicago MAXX Cubs 16  
Sacramento Nationals 6  
Houston Baseball Club 8  
Milwaukee Rangers 11  
Salt Lake Bees 26  
Saskatchewan Sportsmen 7  
Chicago MAXX Cubs 16  
Salt Lake Bees 4

Houston Baseball Club 15  
REBL Phillies 14  
Milwaukee Rangers 23  
Sacramento Nationals 6  
Saskatchewan Sportsmen 5  
Calzona Angels 20

**55+ Cactus 2**

Puget Sound Dirtbags 4  
Motor City Firebirds 8  
Alamo City Armadillos 10  
Rochester Redwings 11  
Lehigh Valley Hurricanes 20  
Connecticut Navigators 5  
HCB 2  
Puget Sound Dirtbags 5  
NTX Oilers 17  
Motor City Firebirds 17  
Connecticut Navigators 1  
NTX Oilers 18

**35+ Cactus 1**

Liga De Oeste 12  
Chicago Cyclones 13  
Oakland Oaks 7  
San Antonio River Bums 6  
Seattle Ravens 6  
Sonoma County Rebels 2  
Minnoka Grays 7  
Utah Blues 6  
Arizona Rebels 1  
Chicago Cyclones 7  
San Antonio River Bums 5  
Seattle Ravens 10  
Liga De Oeste 2  
Oakland Oaks 7  
Sonoma County Rebels 3  
Minnoka Grays 12  
Utah Blues 9  
Arizona Rebels 2

**35+ Cactus 2**

Connecticut Navigators 0  
Houston Gamblers 8  
Long Island Twins 18  
Nuevo Mexico Conquistadores 1  
San Diego Brewers 2  
Tucson White Sox 7  
Arizona Heat 7  
USA Biscuits 13  
USA Biscuits 18  
Connecticut Navigators 2  
Nuevo Mexico Conquistadores 4  
San Diego Brewers 1  
Tucson White Sox 2  
Long Island Twins 3  
Sonoma County Diamondbacks 5  
Arizona Heat 8



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**73+ National / American**

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 PSSBL Aqua Sox	1	0	0	2	3	1000
2 LA Athletics (National)	1	0	0	2	4	1000
3 Red Deer Legends	1	0	0	2	5	1000
4 TSP Fire	1	0	0	2	7	1000
5 Tucson Old Timers	1	0	0	2	9	1000
6 Rhode Island Salty Dogs	1	0	0	2	12	1000
7 MBI (National)	1	0	0	2	16	1000
8 Lehigh Valley Moondogs	0	1	0	1	22	0
9 73 Vets	0	1	0	0	11	0
10 So Cal Dodgers	0	1	0	0	12	0
11 Fresno Grizzlies	0	1	0	0	16	0
12 Virgin Island Reds	0	1	0	0	18	0
13 Sacramento Solons (National)	0	2	0	0	25	0



55+ National / Mountain	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Boston Wolfpack (National)	4	1	0	8	31	800
2 Mustangs Baseball Club	3	1	1	7	49	700
3 Nor Cal Cubs	3	1	0	7	25	750
1 Sacramento Rockets	3	2	0	7	48	600
2 Yonder Travelers (National)	3	1	0	6	36	750
3 FD 21 Bombers (National)	2	2	0	4	44	500
4 Chicago North TSP's	1	4	0	3	67	200
5 3n2 Rangers	0	3	1	1	58	125
6 Tri Valley Tribute	0	4	0	1	53	0

55+ Cactus Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Milwaukee Rangers	5	0	0	10	25	1000
2 Chicago MAXX Cubs	4	1	0	8	35	800
3 Calzona Angels	4	1	0	8	26	800
4 Salt Lake Bees	3	2	0	6	52	600
5 Houston Old Stars	2	3	0	4	47	400
6 Sacramento Nationals	1	4	0	2	74	200
7 Saskatchewan Sportsmen	1	4	0	2	86	200
8 REBL Phillies	0	5	0	0	80	0

55+ Cactus Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Rochester Redwings	4	0	0	8	25	1000
2 Motor City Firebirds	3	1	1	7	41	700
3 Lehigh Valley Hurricanes	3	1	0	6	38	750
4 Puget Sound Dirtbags	3	2	0	6	35	600
5 NTX Oilers	2	2	1	5	57	500
6 HCB	1	3	0	2	45	250
7 Alamo City Armadillos	1	3	0	2	55	250
8 Connecticut Navigators	0	5	0	0	91	0

35+ Cactus Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Seattle Ravens	2	0	0	4	7	1000
2 Oakland Oaks	2	0	0	4	8	1000
3 Minnoka Grays	2	0	0	4	9	1000
4 Chicago Cyclones	2	0	0	4	13	1000
5 Utah Blues	1	1	0	2	9	500
6 Arizona Rebels	0	2	0	0	16	0
7 San Antonio River Bums	0	2	0	0	17	0
8 Sonoma County Rebels	0	2	0	0	18	0
9 Liga Del Oeste	0	2	0	0	20	0

35+ Cactus Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Long Island Twins	2	0	0	4	3	1000
2 USA Biscuits	2	0	0	4	9	1000
3 Houston Gamblers	1	0	0	2	0	1000
4 Tucson White Sox	1	1	0	2	5	500
5 Arizona Heat	1	1	0	2	18	500
6 Nuevo Mexico Conquistadores	1	1	0	2	19	500
7 Sonoma County Diamondbacks	0	1	0	0	8	0
8 San Diego Brewers	0	2	0	0	11	0
9 Connecticut Navigators	0	2	0	0	26	0

## 2026 MSBL / MABL World Series Dates

Week #1			
50+ Divisions	Sun – Fri	Oct 18 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6 games
70+ Divisions	Sun – Sat	Oct 18 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	5 games
40+ Divisions	Mon – Sat	Oct 19 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	6 games
25+ Divisions	Wed – Sun	Oct 21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	5 games
Week #2			
55+ Divisions	Sat – Thur	Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	6 games
65+ Divisions	Sat – Fri	Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	5 games
35+ Divisions	Mon – Sat	Oct 26 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	6 games
73+ Divisions	Mon – Sun	Oct 26 <sup>th</sup> – Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	5 games
80+ Divisions	Wed – Sat	Oct 28 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	4 games
Father/Son Divisions	Thur – Sun	Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> – Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	4 games
Week #3			
75+ Divisions	Sun – Sat	Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	5 games
45+ Divisions	Mon – Sat	Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	6 games
60+ Divisions	Mon – Sat	Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	6 games

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65+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 LA Athletics	2	0	1	5	12	833
2 Sacramento Royals	2	0	1	5	16	833
3 Puget Sound Mariners	2	1	0	4	24	667
65+ Cactus Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Dragons	2	1	0	4	10	667
2 Arizona Stallions	2	1	0	4	11	667
3 Tri Valley Tribute	2	1	0	4	16	667
4 TX Black Ops	2	1	0	4	22	667
5 Chicago Central Northstars	2	1	0	4	24	667
6 Chicago MAXX Cubs	1	2	0	3	33	333
7 Long Island Yankees	0	3	0	1	52	0
8 NDY Cardinals	0	3	0	0	44	0
65+ Cactus Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Team Mexico	2	1	0	5	21	667
2 Motor City Firebirds	2	1	0	5	23	667
3 Paladin	2	1	0	4	16	667
4 65+ Vets	1	2	0	2	25	333
5 So Cal Dodgers	1	2	0	2	35	333
6 Houston Tigers	1	2	0	2	43	333
7 OKC Classics	0	3	0	1	50	0
65+ Desert Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Seattle Mariners	3	0	0	6	24	1000
2 Racine Blues	2	1	0	4	27	667
3 Storm Chasers	2	1	0	4	22	667
4 Aussie Aces	1	2	0	2	42	500
5 Monarchs	1	2	0	2	62	333
6 66+ Vets	0	3	0	0	47	0



65+ Cactus Division Paladin batter, **Ernie Ybarra** gets good wood on this pitch during his teams 24-3 drubbing of the Houston Tigers at Tempe Diablo Stadium yesterday afternoon.

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“When **Steve (Sigler)** sent me the message about the induction, I thought it was a mistake, so I didn’t reply right away. It had been a complete surprise and somewhat shocking. I don’t think I deserve anything like this, and it is humbling. I don’t know why he did this. I hope it is also somewhat directed toward the league and all it has accomplished. **MSBL** has supplied this baseball experience for thousands of people. Most of us go down with a great passion for it. You have to give it to **Steve** for having the foresight.” After our conversation, I came away with a great admiration for Jim’s outlook on life and baseball. We also reminisced about last year’s **World Series** when the team I was on played against Jim’s team. I still remember that even though the game got out of hand, his team was having a great time simply being there and loving every moment of being on the field. It was easy to notice their attitude from across the field. That philosophy certainly trickles down from the top. That’s why we play the game, and also why **Jim** is being recognized. “I’m not a great player and am usually the guy who goes in when it’s a blowout. But it’s a game I truly love. I hope people can appreciate the fact that the whole World Series experience doesn’t happen on its own. It takes a lot of effort to put this together. I hope **Steve** continues to make sure this continues, so that we can all enjoy the camaraderie created throughout all these years. *Thank you!*”



MSBL WS Hall of Fame Inductee **Jim Flemming** with his wife, **Leslie** celebrating his birthday.



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65+ Cactus Division Paladin pitcher, **Glen Vann** was on the mound for his team yesterday against the Houston Tigers at Tempe Diablo.



65+ Cactus Division Houston Tigers batter, **Lee Ray Wilson** lays down a perfect bunt during yesterday's game against Paladin.



73+ National/American Div PSSBL Aqua Sox batter, **Paul Bilger** crushes this pitch and drives it into the left field corner yesterday.



73+ National/American Div PSSBL Aqua Sox pitcher, **Frederico Longoria** picked up the win against the 73+ Vets team on Tempe 2



73+ National / American LA Athletics batter, **Tom Regina** reaches out and lifts this ball over the shortstops outstretched glove for a hit.



65+ Cactus Houston Tigers pitcher, **Jim Auriemma** came into the game in relief against Paladin on Monday at Tempe Diablo stadium