

SAHA ROLLOUT

SACRAMENTO AREA HANDBALL ASSOCIATION

May 2010

MEET YOUR NEW PRESIDENT BOB LOZITO

By Tom Bridges

I'm pleased to present the "new" president of SAHA, Mister Bob Lozito. New isn't exactly the correct adjective because the old timers among us will remember Bob was one of the original "founding fathers" of SAHA back around 1980. He, along with players Chris Almeida, Mike Achziger, John Blocker, Mike Conners, Don Frier and a few more helpers joined forces to get our association going.

We are quite fortunate to have Bob back again as both a player and a leader.

Bob retired in 2009 after a long and successful career with the Sacramento County Sheriffs Department. During his career he worked in patrol, corrections, community relations, press information officer (the guy we saw on TV acting as spokesman), Executive Staff, narcotics, high technology crimes and hostage negotiations. He also served as President of the California Association of Hostage negotiators and achieved the President's Life Membership Award in 2008.

Bob is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and DEA Drug Unit Commanders Academy.

He has also recently retired from the Air Force Reserve at the rank of Master Sergeant working as a security specialist and anti terrorism officer.

Bob started playing handball as a youngster. He was encouraged by his dad Vince Lozito who was a former Air Force Handball Champion. He now plays mostly at Carmichael where he has been a charter member when the club opened in 1976.

As a final feather in his cap I wanted to mention that he is the long time right side player on the legendary doubles team of Jack Brier - Bob Lozito. Although contacted for this article, for some reason Jack has failed to give Bob his endorsement. Perhaps in the long run this will work in Bob's favor.

Please give Bob your warm regards for volunteering his time and effort for the benefit of all the SAHA membership.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Bob Lozito

Welcome fellow Sacramento Area Handball Association (SAHA) players. It is my distinct pleasure to be writing to you as the new SAHA president.

Before going any further I wish to dedicate a few lines to acknowledge and thank my close friend and fellow handball player Tom Bridges. As many of you already know, Tom has been the true muscle behind SAHA and our president for several years. Without his fierce devotion to the game, countless hours of tireless work organizing and running SAHA sponsored events; SAHA would not be the strong and viable organization that it is. Please join me in formally thanking Tom for his many years of service to SAHA and I encourage each of you to extend your personal gratitude the very next time you see him.

Like many of you, I started playing handball many more years ago than I care to admit. And like so many of you, I have never regretted a single game or match. At times defying description, handball players are a breed unlike any other. Regardless of the level or lack of education, prestigious or humble work titles, status within the community or any other strata-defining labels, once we strap on a pair of gloves and step onto the court...we are all equals. That is what makes our game so great. Certainly one of the most difficult sports to master and one that very few dare to attempt. I congratulate each of you for your commitment to the game and I stand ready to dedicate my time, energy and work ethic to our organization in an effort to enhance handball within the greater Sacramento region.

One area I feel we must place some energy is identifying and recruiting new players. Several handball organizations have begun actively recruiting from their younger citizens. Youth handball programs are becoming extremely popular and competitive. Some of the nation's top players started their handball careers within the youth leagues around the country and it is my belief that we have within our borders future handball champions. Tom Bridges and other key SAHA members have long dreamed of starting a youth handball league in an effort to keep the SAHA ranks competitive with our Central Valley peers as well as other national programs. I have picked up that banner and am ready to take it to the next logical level. Before doing so, I want to get the input from our membership. In order for any program to be deemed a success, it must have the complete support of the membership. It will mean identifying young want-to-be players and matching them with existing SAHA players who are able and willing to teach and support each youth player.

The United States Handball Association (USHA) has dedicated staff available to assist in establishing and maintaining a youth program. The USHA is standing by ready to assist once we have charted our course.

Most importantly, I feel SAHA belongs to the membership and I feel it is crucial to our continued success for me to hear where you feel we should be headed. We will be creating a SAHA survey intended to solicit your input on what type of activities, programs, and the overall direction our organization will head in the years to come. It will become a living document and should be used as a strategic plan to ensure each member is receiving the most from SAHA. Rather than us organizing SAHA leagues, fun days, tournaments or more, we need to know what the players want and then provide it. I am still researching the best way to make the survey available to our membership. However it will be presented in the near future. Meanwhile don't hesitate to let me know your ideas via email, phone, or in person. I play primarily at Carmichael and my phone is (916) 505 2409.

In closing, please continue to reach out to one another and form new friendships. Call up a player you have never played and challenge him/her to a match. Win or lose, you will have opened a new door to a fellow handball player that wasn't open before. Don't forget to stretch before and after matches and be mindful of the messages your body is sending. I wish each of you a very prosperous and healthy new year and look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Please stop me and say hello, as I would like to hear your thoughts and ideas.

Very Truly Yours,
Bob Lozito
President, SAHA

JERRY COOKE INDUCTED INTO NCHA HALL OF FAME

By Tom Bridges

Sacramento multi-talented athlete Jerry Cooke doubled his mark on local handball when he was inducted into the NCHA Hall Of Fame as a player last November. Jerry was inducted as a contributor about 25 years ago and now becomes one of the very few people who have been inducted under both categories.

Mr. Cooke is probably the greatest handball player ever to come out of Sacramento. He began making his mark in the early seventies at the old downtown Elks Club. In 1976 he played additionally at both 14th & H and Carmichael. He would “hold court” at Animal Hour taking on all comers with his wicked hops.

Out of Christian Brothers High School he received a full ride to play football at the prestigious Marquette University in Indiana. However after 1 year the school did away with their football program. Being the suburb athlete that he is, Jerry quickly adjusted to running track.

Upon completing his education he returned to Sacramento and became a respected high school teacher. You can read about Jerry’s life today in the “Old Timers” article elsewhere in this Rollout.

Jerry was unable to accept his award in person at the Olympic Club due to some last minute health issues. But his lovely daughter Kelly was there and his grandson Jacob delivered an excellent speech that Jerry had written. Tom Bridges and Richard Ramirez also spoke on his behalf. Approximately 2 dozen of Jerry’s good friends attended the dinner in support of his accomplishment. 2 other inductees were honored at the same time. Another Sacramenton Mike Connors and the South End Rowing Club’s Mike Alvarez.

It was a wonderful night and a terrific honor for our good friend and handball ambassador Jerry Cooke.

SECOND SERVE STUFF

Open handballer **Stan Hampton** and his racquetball partner Bob O’Brian finished 3rd in the National Racquetball Championships since the last Rollout. They played in the 50+ division. The Nationals were in Connennicut. The pair lost in the semis to the eventual winners 11-10 in a tiebreaker.

Capital Athletic Club **Tim Johnson** won the 70’s in the recent Nor Cal Regional’s in Concord. He wins free entry into the upcoming Nationals in Austin Texas. Congrats to ageless Tim Johnson.

We all owe a “Thanks For Stepping Up” to **Roy Perez**. He kicked in a large donation to SAHA to help offset the fee the Elks now require of us to hold the Sac Open there. This was in addition to Roy’s large amount of chips he provides for our ongoing hospitality. If you get a chance visit one of Roy’s 2 Jim Boy’s Taco locations. If I know Roy he doesn’t want the publicity for his generosity but I want to put it out there anyway.

Carmichael’s **Jim Gordon** has temporarily stopped giving his “Ball Balancing Classes” due to an injury. Classes will resume when he gets his head on straight.

RICHARD RAMIREZ MOVING ON THANKS FOR THE MANY MEMORIES

By Tom Bridges

Richard Ramirez, a handball icon in Sacramento since 1985 is relocating to Florida on May 11th. He and his charming wife Cynthia were the guests of honor at a going away function on May 7th. The site was Richard's long time home turf, the Capital Athletic Club. A tremendous turnout of friends and players were there to offer the couple best wishes and safe travels.

Richard moved to Sacramento in 1985 and joined the downtown club at 14th & H. He quickly established himself as a top handballer. Around 1986 he moved over to the recently opened Capital Athletic Club and manager Rick Leonard hired him as their handball pro.

There are very few who would say that Richard was a most colorful, entertaining, and extremely skilled athlete. His legendary "stare serve" and between the legs or behind the back

shots have amazed us all over the past 2 decades. However Richard's athletic feats and competitive spirit had caught up to him in the past few years. His knees now give him a lot of trouble which has curtailed his play severely.

But oh the memories.....and stories. Hardly a player in Northern California exists that doesn't have a "Ram" story.

He has promised to keep in touch with us via email. So perhaps there are a few more stories yet to be told. We wish only the best of luck and health for Richard and Cynthia as the next chapter in their life unfolds.

Thanks to the Capital Athletic Club, Rick Leonard and Bruce Coolidge for hosting this event.



The look we'll all remember



As usual Richard turns his hearing aid off when Gene Mock speaks. Rich's longtime partner tells how much better they would have fared if Gene had played left.

OUTDOOR SEASON OPENS SUNDAY MAY 23RD

By Tom Bridges

Attention all outdoor fanatics!! Let's figure on starting up on Sunday May 23rd. I thought you all might try out the courts at Laguna Creek High School this time. Remember last year the last 2 play days were at Consumes River College. The consensus was that Consumes was pretty good but the 30' wide courts were too tough for doubles and impossible for singles. So for a point of comparison let's try Laguna Creek H. S. They are about a mile south of the Consumes courts.

I had scouted out about a dozen locations last year. I thought Consumes River College was the best choice because of the well maintained courts, the nearby parking, and the north - south lay of the court to minimize looking into the rising sun.

The Laguna Creek facility also has really well maintained courts and they are 20' wide. Parking is also adjacent to them. They have the same sloping side walls as Consumes. The one down side is a back fence that is only 6' behind the 40' back line. You will just have to cut off those high bounders.

Please also observe the school districts policy of no alcohol on campuses. We want to be good participants as we are guests of the school district.

So bring the bucket of balls and let's get going!

Laguna High is located at 9050 Vicino Drive in Elk Grove. On Highway 99 take the Laguna Blvd exit. Go west to Big Horn. Turn right (north) to Vicino. The school is easily visible on the south side of Big Horn. If you hit Bruceville Road you went too far. Handball courts are near the tennis courts at the rear of the campus.

I also want to mention the **Big Ball Group**. Led by John Almaraz, they are quite active and enthusiastic about their game. They play both outdoor and indoor and are eager to start mixing it up with the small ballers. They have already had 1 tournament in town and will have another on May 29th at Florin High School. Call John Almaraz for information. His cell is 916 548 1608. Or jalmaraz@surewest.net

USHA NATIONAL SINGLES TOURNAMENT

The annual National Masters Singles Tournament was held in Albuquerque on April 22 - 24, 2010. SAHA had 2 participants. Both found the going pretty rough.

In the always tough 60's Ed Campbell made it to the semi's but lost a tiebreaker. In the 75's Dave Thoreson lost in the quarterfinal. Next year Dave will be able to play in the 80's. He shouldn't have to face any more young punks in that bracket.

Other Nor Cal players included:

Jim Smith (Watsonville) won the 65's

Roberto Chavez (San Jose) lost in the 65's quarters (to Campbell)

Jim Story lost in the quarters of the 70's

Kevan DelGrande (San Jose) won the 75's

BAY COUNTIES TEAMS OVERWHELMED BY SKILLS & DEPTH OF SAN JOSE YMCA SQUAD

By Tom Bridges/Bay Counties league Coordinator

Wow! The competition was fast and furious on March 6th. It was the day of the Bay Counties Finals held at the Big C courts in Concord. But the San Jose Squad has raised the bar for competitiveness.

The Bay Counties annual league event started out on February 13th of this year. On that date the 6 teams entered played at 2 venues. The squad from the Big C hosted the South End and San Mateo Elks in a round robin format. Meanwhile the SOS Club in Modesto hosted the other 2 teams entered which were Sacramento and San Jose. The top 2 teams from each venue would meet in the finals on March 6th. The South End, San Mateo Elks, Sacramento and San Jose made it to the finals.

The Bay Counties League is a prestigious and decades long event designed to establish club bragging rights on an annual basis. The last 10 years or so has seen some Valley teams participate including Sacramento, Fresno and Modesto. Sacramento has only missed the finals 2 or 3 times and has won the whole thing 3 or 4 times over the last several years.

The current format includes a 14 player team. Play is doubles only. A squad consists of 4 Open teams, a 50's, 60's and 65's. Varying award points dissuade sandbagging.

On March 6th it was pretty much a current who's who of Bay Area players. But what really provided the opportunity for San Jose to win was the leadership and organizational skills of their player/manager Arturo "Lefty" Suarez. It certainly helps to have the likes of Emmett Peixoto/Eddie Bettencourt at # 1 Open; Mike Linnik/Tom Fitzwater in the 50's and Alan Sherrill/Roberto Chavez in the 60's. But to also have them on time, well organized and motivated points to an excellent team manager. Lefty Suarez.....Manager Of The Year!

San Jose only lost 2 out of 21 matches. One in the 50's to Sacramento when Fitzwater/Linnick lost to Larry Yard/Dave Nava and a # 2 Open loss by Arturo Suarez/Raul Jasso to South Enders Jay Grenfell/Craig Lawrence.

The South Enders handled both Sacramento and San Mateo rather easily and thus it came down to the afternoon match against San Jose to decide 1st and 2nd place. Some great handball ensued but San Jose left no doubt that they were the best squad that day. San Mateo narrowly edged out Sacramento for 3rd place.

The teams included:

San Jose	South End	San Mateo	Sacramento
#1: Peixoto/Bettencourt	Goyt/Kennedy	DeLatore/McDonald	Fabian/Jacobo
#2: Suarez/Jasso	Grenfell/Lawrence	Graham/Sternberg	Summers/Guevara
#3: Neurette/Diaz	Tierney/Silla	Britt/Lazz	Bleckley/Hombus
#4: Lopez/Flores	Parkinson/Solama	Jones/Bukstein	Lozito/Sable
50: Linnik/Fitzwater	Stedman/Breining	Nelson/Ward	Yard/Nava
60: Chavez/Sherrill	Capell/Bradford	Burns/Williams	Campbell/Brier
65: Smith/Nunez	Aissa/Resendo	Wong/Wertzler	Grix/Cochrane

So hang that trophy plaque up in the 'Y' Guys. Show it off to all who come there. But be sure to do it soon because it might not be there next year!

Thanks and congratulations to all who participated. And special thanks to Modesto's SOS club along with Big 'C' Co-Owner Rick Leonard and club manager Dave Ruybalid for their hosting of the tournament.

1ST ANNUAL CALIFORNIA CUP GOES TO NOR CAL

By Tom Fitzwater/Nor Cal Team Manager

On January 9, 56 of the top California handball players converged on the South End Rowing Club in San Francisco to play for the 1st California Cup competition. Current and former National champions along with other top handball players statewide to compete Brackets included Open, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, and 70+ divisions along with two 17 and under singles matches. The South End Rowing Club (located at Fisherman's Wharf) hosted the event and provided outstanding hospitality all day long.

Competition was intense and after the first 10 of 20 matches, the score was tied at 5 matches each. Southern California went ahead 6-5 when they won both junior singles events. However, Northern California came back strong by winning most of the doubles matches and all three tie-breakers in the afternoon. The final tally had Northern California winning 13-7 matches. One of the many highlights of the day was Emmett Peixoto's three game victory over Marcos Chavez. The 1st California Cup bragging rights stay with Northern California until 2012 when Southern California will host the event.

*CALIFORNIA HANDBALL CUP –
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA VERSUS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
SOUTH END ROWING CLUB*

January 9, 2009

Open Singles-**NORCAL** Emmett Peixoto over Marcos Chavez, 16, (6), 4
Open Doubles-**NORCAL** Anton Wilson/Ali Abdulla Jr over Carlos Chavez/Armando Ortiz, 11, 8
35+ Singles-**NORCAL** Norm Dunne over Chris Watkins, 10, 12
35+ Doubles-**NORCAL** Shane Goyt/Ali Abdulla Jr over Greg Ramirez/Chris Watkins, (7), 15 4
40+ Singles-**NORCAL** Mike McDonald over Marcus Hough, 20, (5), 4
40+ Doubles-**NORCAL** Lennart DeLaTorre/Mike McDonald over Paul Rodelo/Manny Resendez, 11, 3
45+ Singles-**SOCAL** Mark Zamora over Tom McGrath, 10, 11
45+ Doubles-**NORCAL** Rich Dunne/Mike Dunne over Mark Zamora/Tom Martinez, 2, 7
50+ Singles-**NORCAL** Gary Stedman over Joe Castro, 7, (17), 5
50+ Doubles-**NORCAL** Mike Linnik/Francis Breining over Tom Martinez/Dan Jones, 14,14
55+ Singles-**NORCAL** Ron Strausbaugh over Greg Sizemore, 19, 18
55+ Doubles-**SOCAL** Jim Vandenbos/Mark Shelgren over Tom Fitzwater/Brian Nelson, 17, 15
60+ Singles-**NORCAL** Roberto Chavez over Mike Stanley, 3, 5
60+ Doubles-**NORCAL** Alan Sherrill/Jay Capell over Rob Nichols/Steve Sand, 15, 5
65+ Singles-**SOCAL** Steve Housman over Vic Aissa, 4, 1
65+ Doubles-**SOCAL** John Nottingham/Noel Olshan over Jim Smith/Dave Miller 11, (13), 7
70+ Singles-**SOCAL** John Nottingham over Kevan DelGrande, 4, 16
70+ Doubles-**NORCAL** Mike Dunne Sr/Felipe Resendo over Billy Doles/Mike Miller, 11, 9
17 and Under Singles-(#1) **SOCAL** Brant Bidegain over Julio Garcia, 18, 4
17 and Under Singles-(#2) **SOCAL** Christian Luna over Loren Collado, 10 19

GREAT TURNOUT FOR SACRAMENTO OPEN

By Dave Thoreson

The 32nd annual Sacramento Open was played over the 9-11 April weekend. With over 150 players, we used three sites—the Elks Lodge, Riverside Athletic Club and the Capital Athletic Club. Most of the D and Junior Divisions were filled with high school and college players new to our game and they all expressed the intent to “be back next year.” Sam Kass brought a group of fellow students from UC Davis and “showed them how” by winning the Open Singles. James Coronado brought a group of young players from Santa Barbara who also did well. Anton Wilson repeated again in the Open Doubles – this time partnered with Joe Sandoval.

All 213 matches were on time and Ron Domingos’ crew served hospitality continuously throughout the tournament. Thanks to Ron Domingos, Cherylann Mendonca, Tom Bridges and Dave Thoreson.

SINGLES:

Open/A: Sam Kass d. Nacio Delgado

A Drop: Adam Coronado & Carlos Flores

Co-Winners (finals TB played next week)

B: Joe Leonis d. Loren Collado

Consol: Julio Garcia d. Al Smith

C: Robert Bell d. Eddie Solorio, Jr.

Consol: George Mendiola d. Carlos Arcienga

D: Juan Uribe d. Alex Guadarrama

Consol: Michael Anguiano d. Tyler Ryan

Juniors: Edgar Fabian d. Al Qutoreono

Consol: Bruce Lopez d. Johnnie Coleman

40+: Jaime Fabian d. Wayne Salo

Consol: Raul Carmona d. Leo Havener

50+: Carlos Buzo d. Steve Bell

Consol: James Reedy d. Dave Nava

60+: Eric Naisbitt d. Steve Graham

Consol: Jesse Torres d. Jim Roessler

DOUBLES:

Open/A Doubles: Anton Wilson/Joe Sandoval d. Nacia Delgado/Luis Diaz

B Doubles: Isidro Garcia/Carlos Guerrero d. John Sutkis/Al Smith

Consol: Noah Levinson/Don Gabler d. Gabriel Garcia/George Mendiola

C Doubles: Robert Commacho/Richard Hansard d. Clyde Minter/Joe Chavez

Consol: Eddie Soloria, Jr. /Joe Delorosa d. Lance Soto/Matt Valentine

D Doubles: Juan Uribe/Ruben Escamilla d. Fernando Diaz/Al Qutoreono

Consol: Alex Guadarrama/Jonathan Flores d. Bruce Lopez/Edwin Laredo

40+ Doubles: 1st Carlos Buzo/Jaime Gabien

(Round Robin) 2nd Alex Tico/Jim Sillo

50+ Doubles: Rudy Guzman/Mike Flores d. Wayne Salo/Kevin Soulies

Consol: Cliff Dahm/Don Cimino d. Marty Fisner/Laird Davis

60+ Doubles: Cub Eldridge/Ed Campbell d. Richard Polson/Bob Bradford

Consol: Peter Wong/Chico Aguiar d. Ed Means/Steve Williams

OLD TIMERS WHO ARE NOT FADING INTO THE SUNSET

By Tom Bridges

Old timers, such as the names to follow, often come up in conversations around the handball table. “Anybody know how he’s doing?” or “Is he still alive?” are common questions arising out of the discussions. And then there is usually some great story about these legends followed by an even more unbelievable tale from handball games long ago.

I wanted to bring us up to date on how some of these scarred and crusty old guys are doing today. So I called each one of these folks to compile a report.

- Jack Austin is doing well, especially for a man who’s 89. Life is a lot more enjoyable for he and Kit since they moved to the Eskaton retirement community in Carmichael several years ago. Jack still drives and is active in the Eskaton scene. Lovely wife and renowned artist Kit (aged 92) is very busy painting again. Jack has his share of health problems, especially his hearing but reports that “Life Is Good” for the Austin’s.
- Paul Zafferano relocated to a care facility about a year ago. He’s in Elk Grove and not too far from his beloved Elks Club. At 87 he is smart enough to realize that he is becoming quite forgetful so he stopped driving quite a while ago. This suburb player from the past still gets out to handball events occasionally. He can be spotted in his sharp threads and usually telling a joke or a great handball story from the past.
- Sam Peruch reaches 92 years next month. He and his lovely wife Pat are still enjoying each other’s company out in Carmichael. 14 great grandchildren keep them jumpin’. Sammy still goes down to the courts and exercises by running around the perimeter a few dozen times and throwing/hitting the handball. Sam was a heck of a player in his day at the old Downtown Elks and later at Carmichael after the Elks moved to Greenhaven in 1977.
- Morrie Singer is probably not a familiar name to most of you. But in the 50's and 60's he was one of the names mentioned along with other tip - top players. He regularly played/partnered with Jimmy Jacobs, Vic Hershkowitz and Jerry Sloan. Morrie played mostly at the LAAC in his heyday but he and wife Robin moved to Tahoe Park several years ago to be close to their son. At 78 years of age he still threatens to get back on the court; however, some nagging injuries tell him otherwise. But what a great storyteller! Morrie likes to come to our handball events as a kibitzer so seek him out the next time you have a chance and sit back for some entertainment.
- Art Eissenger is 85. The retired judge is using a walker full time now and has dealt with some major health issues. After finishing his handball career at Carmichael quite a few years ago he formed a double pinochle group. They played regularly upstairs at the club. It was a boisterous group that also included Pete Revello, Tom O’Maley, Carl VonKlef and other occasional colorful guests such as Jim Lambert. We had to call Security numerous times on them. They played Pinochle like they played handball.....a lot of hinders! Thankfully Art was a retired judge or they would still be arguing.
- Carl VonKlef turned 80 this month. He also has had his share of health issues but reports that he and his wife are coming back to Carmichael next week. Carl worked out frequently at the club with Pete Revello until Pete’s passing a few years ago. It’ll be good to see Carl back.

- Jerry Cooke is 75. Jerry is probably the best handball player ever to come out of Sacramento. He has always been a health fanatic. He would spend 4 - 5 hours a day at Carmichael riding the bike, running the treadmill, doing weights, spinning and yoga. As most of you know he lost a lung to a tumor several years ago and now possibly has a similar problem in his remaining lung.

Jerry quit Carmichael a year ago as he could no longer do the exercise and needed to be at home to care for his wife Kathy. She has suffered with Alzheimer's for quite some time. But typical of Jerry's spirit he now has several workout machines in his garage and continues to work out daily. But also get this! He is taking 18 college courses by mail! 18 as in a 1 and an eight! And since retiring he has taken over 200 of these things. Mostly in History but now in Philosophy and Religious Studies.

Jerry is as captivating as always. Interesting and personable. As most of you know he was inducted in the Northern California Handball Hall Of Fame last November. He is one of the very few people that have made that honor as both a contributor and a player.

DO THE DUES.....PLEASE

We have had a substantial decrease in SAHA members keeping current with their dues. Why? Who knows? If you know, please tell us! We hope to have some fundays before the end of the year. We also incur other expenses such as the league playoffs, printing costs (for those without email), and fronting the cost of the popular Sacramento Open.

The bottom line is we need to have folks who are not current become so. As a reminder, anyone who plays in the league must be a current SAHA member. Anyone who participates in our fundays is also expected to be a member in good standing. We don't have a police force (well, we have Lozito, Hampton and Brier but.....well they're Lozito, Hampton and Brier). So **PLEASE** be a responsible member and contribute your fair share towards continuing our organization.

We're going to adjust our fiscal year to January - January. It was previously October to October to coincide with the league.

League and/or Funday participants	\$20 per year
Funday folks	\$20 per year
Inactive members	\$5 per year

Inactive members are those who want to receive a copy of the Rollout Newsletter (either hard copy or e-mail), but don't participate in the league or fundays.

Please make dues payments to our treasurer:

Ron Domingos
9449 Laguna Creek Drive
Elk Grove, CA 95624

THE DARN GOOD DOZEN (BAKER'S EDITION)

Tom Bridges how the hell does he know?

As a special treat to all of us who have no chance of ever making it to #1 I have left that position blank this time. The idea is for each of us to insert his/her name (Times New Roman 12 point font) into that slot. Thus all of our friends and spouses will be duly as we post the list on the fridge.

1. (Your Name Here) - Unreal improvement from a year ago. So focused and smooth on the court. Catlike gettability and suburb court sense. Poetry in motion as and still improving.
2. Allie Abdullah, Jr - Still the Man. Great play in the California Cup (actually heroic play!) Just a few cuts above everybody else in SAHA except the current #1 guy.
3. Jaime Fabian - Very strong at #1 slot in the Bay Counties and both ways in the Sac Open. Wife and son round out a great handball family.
4. Billy Wyrsh - His new hip is just out of warranty and he is moving like a well oiled machine. Best footwork of the whole DGD. There is nobody he doesn't think he can beat.
5. Ed Campbell - Ed has struggled on the National Masters Circuit this year. But locally he's still the guy to beat. Very talented athlete, great court sense and strong work ethic. Loves to compete and does it oh so well.
6. Carlos Buzo - Another perennial Top-Tenner. Fiercely competitive and so mobile. Tireless on the court.
7. Lance Klug - Got gettability? This guy does. Recent 3 week trip to Europe has also broadened his horizons. Can now keep score in Italian and Spanish.
8. Jim Summers - Jimmy is playing some serious handball right now. Lost to Emmett in the Bay Counties but learned from it. Really improving as a well rounded player.
9. Wayne Salo - Looked really good at the Sac Open going both ways. Fit & ferocious. Wayne's baaaaaaaaaack again.
10. Paul Delao - The club pro at Capital is still on top of his game. Stockton continues to have 3 of the top 10 DGD slots. If Barry Durham would make some noise they would have 4.
11. Kevin Soulies - This 60ish legend has an infant hip that has renewed his game. Always an intense player. Never count him out.
12. Larry Yard - Great competitor and talent. Excellent doubles win in the Bay Counties with Dave Nava over Tom Fitzwater and Mike Linick. Uncanny corner kills.
12. Cub Eldridge - In and out of the DGD for years. Now in 60's and is as good as ever. Never threatened in the 60's Doubles with Campbell at Sac Open.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Name	Location	Contact
May 23	Sacramento Opening Day 3 - Wall	Laguna Creek High School	Tom Bridges 916 383 1262
May 28 - 31	S O S Memorial Day	SOS Club Modesto	Everett Leon - Guerero evklg@sbcglobal.net
May 28 - 31	Memorial Day	South End R.C. San Francisco	Wayne Black 707 312-0570
May 28 - 31	Semper Fi Marine Corps	San Diego	www.r2sports.com
May 29	Big Ball Doubles	Florin High School	John Almaraz 916 548 1608 jalmaraz@surewest.net
June 11 - 13	Coronado Memorial	Fresno	Jason Coronado 559 277 3684
June 22 - 27	National 4-Wall	Austin, TX	handball@ushandball.org
July 10 - 11	Top Gun Doubles Tourney	San Mateo Elks	David Balestrieri 650 347 8159
Aug 13 - 15	Wenmat In-House	Carmichael A C	Tom Bridges 916 383-1262
Aug 14	SERC Father - Son Doubles	South End R C San Francisco	Wayne Black 707 312-0570 rocketman51@comcast.net

OBITUARY

Sheldon Crawford passed on December 16, 2009. Sheldon spent his last several months in a Carmichael nursing facility. I'm sorry I don't have many more details but there was no obituary in the newspaper. His wife Peggy did hold a small memorial service for personal friends and family.

Sheldon was quite a colorful guy and played well into his 70's. He played mostly at Gold River and then later at Carmichael. He often played doubles with Alan Wade at both clubs. Sheldon was a WWII veteran and seemed to always have a "detailed" story of the war or handball.

Rest In Peace Sheldon Crawford.

