



## **Attendees:**

### **Officers**

Jeff Greenberg, President  
Mark Loveless, Vice President  
Mike Friedman, Secretary  
Don Shrank, Treasurer

### **Directors**

Brian Adams  
Chris Milosovich  
Jeff Hacker  
Jim Palte  
Rob Gelphman

### **Commissioners**

Tom Simpson, Fun league  
Lou Silver, Saturday league  
Jack Boniface, Tuesday/Thursday leagues

## President's Comments

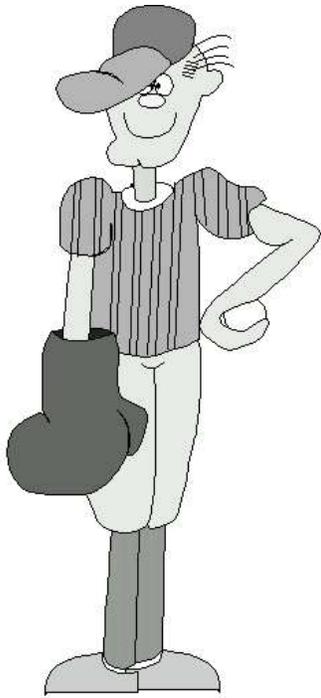
First, WELCOME to the new board members Jeff Hacker and Jim Palte. And to Mike Friedman in his new role a secretary.

Second, THANKS to the former board members John Cawley and Larry Murchison for their service to the club.

The club lost two of its members recently. **Pat Pizzo** suffered complications from a heart surgery in November, and unfortunately was unable to recover. Pat will be remembered for his many contributions to Vintage, his great attitude and his ability (and willingness!) to deal with the city of San Jose on political issues. He was a major mover in representing Vintage across the San Jose city council and relevant departments. Pat was also instrumental in getting the city to devote the funds to construct the fields that were provided for in the bond issue. The new Arcadia fields, which we hope to be playing at shortly, are the result of his hard work, and something we will remember Pat for, always.

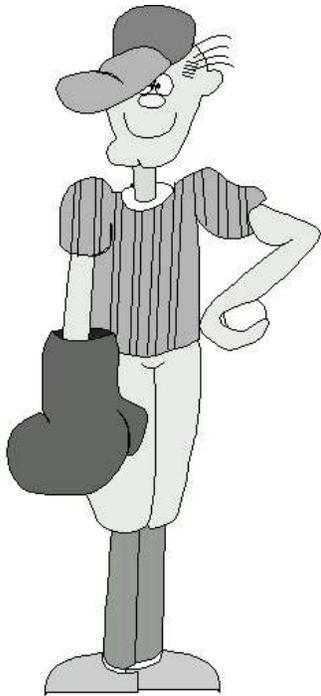
**Dick Naragon** was an early Vintage player, although he last played in 2000. He was a secretary of the club and also kept track of teams (evening league) won/loss records and published a weekly mini-newsletter. "The Vintage Voice." Later on, he was the editor of the monthly newsletter called the BALL-oney.

Our sympathies go out to Pat and Dick's families.



## **New Members:**

WELCOME to new club members Mario Johnson, Victor Solis and Pedro Zuvic.  
We are excited to have you in the club- play safe and have fun!



## **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The Board approved the October 2019 Board meeting minutes that are posted on our website.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Costs for using Mise will go up some as the city of San Jose will be charging us for 3 hours per day rather than 2 which more accurately reflects the amount of time we use the fields. We are essentially on plan with our Actual expenses, slightly ahead of our Budget at this time. The Board approved the report.

### **Rules Committee Report**

#### **Rules Committee Reminders**

##### **Base running:**

The base paths are considered three feet from an imaginary line between the bases (thus, a six-foot base path). While runners in Vintage play can run near a bag while “running through”, if a runner is *avoiding a tag by an infielder*, he will be considered “out” if he is running outside the base path while avoiding the tag.

##### **Calling Time Out:**

Our Vintage Handbook states (under 3. Additional Rules of Play, Defense, Part 3, on page 13): “When the pitcher is in the infield and has control of the ball and all action has been completed (*means the base runners have stopped*), then time out is automatic. **If any player, other than the pitcher, is in the infield and has control of the ball and all action has been completed, that player and only that player can call “time.”** If the player with the ball does not call “time”, then play is not suspended and remains in progress until the pitcher has the ball.”

#### **Sun Behind the Pitcher:**

We are dropping the rule about the “sun directly behind the pitcher” that allowed the batter to ask the pitcher to move to avoid the batter looking at the sun (Part I, Pitcher’s Protection, paragraph 6, page 9), since SSUSA abandoned that rule, too.

#### **Runner in the Hot Box:**

If a runner is caught between two bases and has not yet reached the farthest base, he can attempt to return to the previous base. In this “hot box” scenario, the runner must be tagged out, and cannot be put out by a “Vintage Force Out”

**Infield Fly Rule** --- this generated a lot of discussion on ways to simplify and reduce arguments and was moved to the rules committee. We are considering making the infield fly rule an automatic call resulting in the batter being out and the ball being dead so that runners may not advance. Feel free to provide any feedback.



## **Old Business:**

- **HOLIDAY PARTY:** Good reviews for the site (Poor House Bistro) and food. People enjoyed having “our own room”. We will look into having the event a few weeks earlier in 2020 as the mid December date conflicted with many other holiday events, but likely at the same location. Thanks to Ric Ferras for organizing the party.
- **TOYS FOR TOTS:** Was successful and its sponsor, Ray Miranda was very happy with the club’s contributions. Thanks to all who donated!
- **SHIRTS:** A purchase of new shirts was agreed upon. We are looking into new (different) hats for future purchases.



## New Business:

- **Arcadia Fields / Other Options:** Negotiations of fees for Arcadia are on-going and look promising that we will be able to secure a “good” price for using a field there on Tuesdays/Thursdays (still keeping Mise as well). We may be able to start playing there in March. Use of those fields on Saturday are still TBD and simultaneously we are looking into what other alternatives exist across Santa Clara County and Palo Alto for us on Saturdays after we lose access to Moffett (“should” be OK at Moffett at least through August 2020). Besides Arcadia, Cubberley is an option we are looking at.
- **2020 Dues:** In 2019 we had 216 members, including 24 new members. Currently in 2020 we have 177 that have re-signed, typical for this time of year. We expect a number of members to re-sign (pay dues) as the weather gets warmer and/or they heal from injuries.
- **Recruiting/Social Media:** Thanks to Fun League member Barbra Drizin, we have a Facebook page that is frequently updated. Please visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/VintageSoftballSantaClara/>, “Like” us and join the Facebook group. A short article ran in the “Los Altos Town Crier” about joining Vintage- feel free to contact your local paper and have them place a similar notice about Vintage (the Los Altos item is on our website [www.vintagesoftball.com](http://www.vintagesoftball.com)). Our president will be interviewed on KSCO radio 1080AM/104.1FM on Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.



## League Commissioner's Reports:

### Fun League:

Currently playing at DeAnza with expectations to move back to Hamann on March 1, 2020. Report is that the city did a GOOD JOB on Hamann and the

field is LOOKIN' GOOD. 28 Plus have been showing up to play recently. Jesse Jessup's son presented the fun league sportsmanship award now named for his dad to Paul Thesing at the Fun League's holiday party.

### **Tuesday/Thursday Leagues:**

Attendance is running at 62% which is right in line with the 9-year average. Likely will be going to 4 teams on Tuesdays and 5 on Thursdays for the next season (March-June). 11 players were added to teams AFTER the draft causing issues in team balance. Going forward, if current members ask to be added to a team after the draft there will be a 30 day "waiting" period. Best is if you want to play, be in the draft.

### **Saturday League:**

Six full teams are playing on Saturdays with most people showing up each week.

**Weeknight League:** Plans are to play on Monday nights at Hamann from April thru August. As with in 2019 we will put together two teams and fill in with those who show up occasionally. Look for more details in February.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:53 PM, PST. The next meeting will be held March 3, 2020.

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The Goal of Vintage is to have **FUN**, be **FAIR** and play **SAFE**