

**Alumni Legends Invitational  
Inaugural Game**  
January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
San Marino High School  
McNamee Field  
*HOME OF TITAN BASEBALL*  
Media Guide and Program



CIF Champions
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Rio Hondo League Champions
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**“Just don’t beat yourself, keep us in the game.”**

*~Mickey McNamee 1990*

*“To have come this far is an achievement. To move forward and continue the legacy is an obligation.” ~Author Unknown*

Welcome!

Today, we welcome back some of the best players ever to play at McNamee Field. You have been and continue to be legends of Titan Baseball. As a member of our 1995 CIF winning team, it is with pride that I share the great stories of our history with today’s Titans. It is my great pleasure to introduce you to them today. Most of all, I hope today is an opportunity for each of you to remember the great times we had as Titan Baseball and to reconnect with our program. Once Titan Baseball, forever Titan Baseball.

Many of you are joined by your families today. For the wives and children who have not seen your Titans play on McNamee Field, we hope you enjoy our brief look into the past. For the many parents of our legendary Titans who are joining us today, we hope you once again enjoy watching your sons play. It is our greatest hope that you will continue to support Titan Baseball, as we continue to pursue the excellence that has always been a part of Titan Baseball. The 2009 schedule is included in this program. We invite you to return as often as possible to support the current Titan players.

Mack Paciorek  
SMHS Class of 1995  
Head Coach, Titan Baseball



*Cover Photo: recent gathering of a few members of the 1977 CIF winning Titan Team; Matt Halliday, Jim Gott, Greg Forgatch, Mike Williams, Dan Skaff, Rick Skaff and Nick Skaff.*



## **Alumni Legends Invitational January 10, 2009 Schedule**

- 9:00 AM Teams Arrive & Dress in Clubhouse  
Cages open
- 9:30 AM Batting Practice
- 10:00 AM CATZ Conditioning for Kids on the Football Field
- 11:00 AM Home Run Derby
- 12:00 PM Home Team Pre-game  
(70/90) Mack and Marty Udell
- 12:15 PM Visiting Team Pre-game  
(80/00) Mack and Terry Chapman
- 12:45 PM Field Prep  
Announcement of winners of Homerun Derby  
-Decade and Individual  
-Fastest pitch
- 12:55 PM Welcome by Mack Paciorek, Head Coach  
Gary Woods, SMUSD Superintendent  
Loren Kleinrock, SMHS Principal  
Ceremonial First Pitch by Coaches  
Mickey McNamee and Dick Mills
- 1:00 PM *GAMETIME - 9 innings***

## Roster

### 1970's

Greg Forgatch, 1977  
Jim Gott, 1977  
Matt Halliday, 1977  
Chris Houge, 1977  
Dan Skaff, 1978  
Nick Skaff, 1972  
Rick Skaff, 1977  
Judd Wallenbrock, 1975  
Mike Williams, 1977  
Tracy Totten, 1971

### Coaches:

Mickey McNamee  
Dick Mills  
Marty Udell  
Terry Chapman  
Mack Paciorek

### 1980's

Adam Herts, 1983  
Eric Klingensmith, 1987  
Rob Kral, 1982  
Tom McKissick, 1980  
JP Paciorek, 1988  
Rob Santos, 1989  
Eric Swanson, 1987  
Ed Uriarte, 1988  
Jim Wagner, 1986  
Marty Willhite, 1989

### 1990's

Dan Giddings, 1990  
Hugh Horne, 1994  
Ryan Johnson (RJ), 1992  
Kris Jones, 1995  
Dan Loyd, 1995  
Alfonso Montoya, 1990  
Josh Oder, 1994  
Pete Paciorek, 1994  
Blair Slattery, 1990

### 2000's

Matt Forgatch, 2007  
Kirk Pastre, 2007  
Mario Tolj, 2001  
Mark Sbicca, 2004  
Devin Stone, 2007  
Alex Varga, 2007  
Vince Wilson, 2005  
Chris Yortsos, 2006



L-R Pete Paciorek, Jim Gott, Ryan Johnson (RJ) and Dan Loyd

Included in today's game is each of Titan Baseball CIF's Players of the Year:

**1977 Jim Gott**

**1992 Ryan Johnson**

**1994 Pete Paciorek**

**1995 Dan Loyd**

## Titan Legends

Our Titan Legends were asked to provide autobiographical information about their time at SMHS, their families, careers and other current interests. Information has been edited for print. All information received has been included. We thank the alumni for their submissions.



Front Row (L-R): Mario Tolj, Kirk Pastre 2007, Matt Forgatch 2007, Nick Wilson 2008, Vince Wilson 2005, Alex Varga 2007, Mike Williams 1977 Second Row: Dan Skaff 1978, Matt Halliday 1977, Tom McKissick 1980, Eric Klingensmith 1987, Adam Herts 1983, Marty Willhite 1989, Ryan Johnson 1992, Tracy Totten 1971, Dan Giddings 1990, JP Paciorek 1988, Pete Paciorek 1994, Rob Kral 1982, Eric Swanson 1987, Josh Oder 1994, Rick Skaff 1977, John Gulick (Current Asst. Coach Titan Varsity) Third Row: Mack Paciorek 1995 and Current Head Coach Titan Baseball, Hugh Horne 1994, Nick Skaff 1972 , Ed Uriarte 1988, and Rob Santos 1989

## Titan Legends Representing the 1970's and the 1990's



First Row: Rick Skaff 1977, Dan Skaff 1978, Josh Oder 1994, Greg Forgatch 1977, Matt Halliday 1977, Mike Williams 1977, Jim Gott, 1977 Second Row: Nick Skaff 1972, Hugh Horne 1994, Dan Loyd 1995, Kris Jones 1995, Ryan Johnson 1992, Dan Giddings 1995, Pete Paciorek 1994. Tracy Totten 1971 Not Pictured: Judd Wallenbrock 1975, Alfonso Montoya 1990 and Blair Slattery 1990

## Titan Legends Representing the 1980's and the 2000's



Front Row: Alex Varga 2007, Terry Chapman Freshman Coach 1990's, Eric Klingensmith 1987, Kirk Pastre 2007, Tom McKissick 1980, Ed Uriarte 1988, Second Row: Matt Forgatch 2007, Mario Tolj 2001, Rob Kral 1982, Adam Herts 1983, JP Paciorek 1988, Marty Willhite 1989, Eric Swanson 1987, Rob Santos 1989 Not Pictured: Nick Wilson 2008, Mark Sbicca 2004 and Jim Wagner 1986

## The Players, Then and Now

### Greg Forgatch, 1977

Greg played Titan Varsity baseball for 2 years and was a member of the 1977 CIF winning team playing 2<sup>nd</sup> base. He attended USC and after college married high school classmate, Lorrie Warren, a UCLA graduate.

Greg enjoys supporting San Marino's schools as a foundation trustee, a member of the recently formed School Board committee focused on Athletics and as a Little League coach. He founded the San Marino Community Athletics Association which offers community children organized flag football and basketball programs, as well as supporting our Titan Baseball program and providing developmental opportunities for all level of San Marino baseball.

Greg and Lorrie have 4 sons. Matt, a 2007 graduate of SMHS, plays both football and baseball at Denison University. Joe is currently a junior at SMHS and just finished a successful varsity football season. He hopes to contribute this year on the varsity baseball team at 1B, 3B and pitching and is currently enjoying a season of soccer. Twins Warren and William are in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Huntington Middle School. They enjoy baseball and basketball and are looking forward to being Titans next year.

The Forgatch's currently live in San Marino, CA. Greg's father, Joe and his wife, Joy, live in San Marino and are expected to attend today's Alumni Legends game.



Greg Forgatch, 1977

### **Matt Forgatch, 2007**

Matt played Titan Varsity baseball for 3 years. Matt is a second generation player for Titan Baseball and Coach Mickey McNamee. Matt's father played on the CIF winning 1977 team. Like his dad, Matt played both 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base. Matt is currently a sophomore at Denison University in Granville, OH, where he plays both baseball and football.

Matt remains single, but he is joined today by long time girlfriend Kelly McCloskey, SMHS class of 2009. Matt says they have known each other since he was 8.

When not at school, Matt lives at home in San Marino with his parents Lorrie and Greg. Lorrie and Greg will be at the Alumni Legends game today—with Greg joining Matt on the field.

### **Dan Giddings, 1990**

Dan played two years on the varsity Titan baseball squad. He pitched and played shortstop on the 1990 CIF Championship team. After graduating from SMHS, Dan attended Claremont McKenna College where he also played baseball, starting all 4 years as pitcher ending with a career record of 28-20. For his senior year, he was named captain of the CMC team. After graduating from Claremont, Dan went to Pepperdine and earned his JD/MBA.

Dan is married to Cathy, an attorney at Dreamworks. Cathy went to Mater Dei high school and attended college at the University of California in Santa Barbara. The couple met at Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher while working on a mergers and acquisition transaction. Dan indicates that literally, they met in a conference room. Cathy and Dan have two children, Tyler (3) and Kayla (2).

Dan is an attorney. After 7 years with Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher, he changed positions, moving to Western Asset Management as in-house counsel. At Western Asset Management, Dan manages International Legal and Compliance. Through his firm, Dan is also involved in volunteer work at Hillside Home.

The Giddings' make their home in San Marino. Dan's parents, John and Marilyn Giddings now live in Pasadena. They are expected to attend today's Alumni Legends game.



Jim Gott, 1977 Graduate; Marty Udell, 1952 Graduate and SMHS Titan Baseball and Football Coach, and SMHS Principal, Loren Kleinrock

### **Jim Gott, 1977**

Jim was also a member of the 1977 CIF winning Titan baseball team. A very successful pitcher for the Titans, Jim was drafted out of high school as a 4<sup>th</sup> round draft pick by the St. Louis Cardinals. He played Minor League ball from 1977-1981 and then moved up to the Major Leagues from 1982-1995. Jim played for the Pirates, the Toronto Blue Jays, the San Francisco Giants and closed out his career with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Jim is married to Cathy. They have six children; Jenise 23, C.J. 20, Ryan and Tyler 18, Danny 15 and Nicholas 13. The Gotts currently live in Altadena, CA.

Jim and his wife are currently involved with Education Spectrum, a service organization developing innovative strategies for working with individuals with autism spectrum disorders. In addition, the Gotts have established Danny's Farm, inspired by their son, Danny who has a tremendous affinity for animals. Danny has high-functioning autism and the Farm is an example of a local community surrounding Danny and his family with love and support. Danny's Farm employs and serves the special-needs community, exemplifying a truly inclusive environment. Danny's Farm is a non-profit organization and depends greatly on the community for support.

### **Matt Halliday, 1977**

Matt played one year on varsity as Catcher. After graduating from SMHS, he went on to Cal. Matt is married to Joanne, and the couple had three children. Jason (16) plays volleyball at Valencia High School. Michael (15) plays football at VHS and twin sister, MacKenzie, plays both softball and volleyball at VHS. Matt is employed with Public Storage. He also does volunteer work, coaching youth football and baseball for the past 8 years. He is a Parks and Recreation Commissioner for the city of Santa Clarita. Matt and his family live in Santa Clarita. Matt's dad, Dan Halliday, is expected to attend the Alumni Legends' game.

### **Adam Herts, 1983**

Adam played 1<sup>st</sup> base and OF for the Titans. After high school, Adam red-shirted and then played 1<sup>st</sup> base at Pasadena City College. He then went on to Santa Barbara City College where he played 1<sup>st</sup> base, Outfield and pitched. He was then recruited to Southern Utah where he pitched. He finished up his academics at Cal State Los Angeles.

Adam has no children (of the kind we typically include in bios,) but he does say that he enjoys his two four-legged kids. His career is buying and selling obsolete or used textbooks for grades K-12 in the Los Angeles and surrounding areas.

Adam lives in Altadena, CA. Adam's mother, Marilyn Henderson lives in Altadena and is expected to attend the Alumni Legends game today.

### **Ryan Johnson (RJ), 1992**

Ryan pitched and played Centerfield while a three year member of the Titan Varsity squad. During RJ's time at SMHS, the baseball team won two CIF championships, 1990 and 1992. In 1992, he was league and CIF MVP. After high school, RJ went to Saddleback Junior College where he played 3<sup>rd</sup> base. He earned all conference honors as a 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman while at Saddleback. He then went on to D1 San Jose State where he started at 3<sup>rd</sup> base and was co-captain of the team his senior year and was named 2<sup>nd</sup> team in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC). San Jose State won the WAC that year---1997.

Ryan is married to Jennifer. The two have a 7 month old son, Michael. RJ and Jennifer own a real estate company, Johnson Sells Realty, and Ryan works part time at Brookside Golf Course.

RJ continued to be involved in baseball after college, coaching two years of Junior Varsity baseball at South Pasadena High School and one year at SMHS.

Ryan, Jennifer and Michael live locally.

### **Kris Jones, 1995**

Kris played varsity baseball for 1 year at SMHS, but he managed to choose 1995 and was part of the CIF winning 1995 team. Kris played left field and 1<sup>st</sup> base for our 1995 Titan team.

Kris attended Cuesta College and currently lives in Sierra Madre.

### **Eric Klingensmith, 1987**

Eric played two years on the SMHS varsity baseball squad. During his junior year, he pitched and played 2<sup>nd</sup>, and during his senior year, he played 3<sup>rd</sup> and pitched during his senior year. He also had experience at shortstop and catcher as a freshman and shortstop as a sophomore. After high school, Eric attended the University of California in Santa Barbara and walked on to the baseball team. He was cut in the last round of cuts his freshman year only to receive a call from the coach the next day asking why Eric hadn't come to talk to him about being cut. Eric, not one to whine, told him he just assumed it was over and that he was at the end of his baseball career. The UCSB coach told Eric that he'd made a mistake and hadn't meant to cut him and asked Eric if he would come out the next day and pitch for the UCSB starting 9. Eric did and he shut them out for all 5 of his 5 innings pitched. He made the team but pulled a muscle in his pitching arm, so he red-shirted, only to be activated to pitch 2/3 of an inning at the end of a less than stellar season for UCSB. The coach recruited 15 new pitchers the following year and lost only 1 of his returning pitchers. Eric was the last guy cut, and this time, it did end his baseball career.

Eric graduated from UCSB with a degree in Geography. At the time, he thought he'd like to be a weatherman. He ended up getting involved in the hospitality industry, where he met his wife Aran. Eric was co-managing a restaurant when his partner interviewed and hired Aran. Eric and Aran soon hit it off and have now been married for 12 years. They have two sons, Gavin (9) and Liam (7). Neither of the boys currently plays baseball.

Eric is currently employed with Southern Wine and Spirits where he is a Sales Representative in a very competitive atmosphere. He loves his job, as it is the perfect marriage of sales and hospitality.

The Klingensmith's make their home in Santa Barbara. Eric's parents, Adrienne and Tom now reside in Palm Desert.

### **Robert Kral, 1982**

Robert played two years on San Marino's varsity baseball team, as a pitcher and an outfielder. After high school, he attended the University of Colorado Boulevard (also known as Pasadena City College). Robert married Christy, whom he met on a blind date. They have two children, Hunter (12) and Avery (9). San Marino National Little League has the honor of Kral play now. Hunter plays majors baseball, and Avery plays Minors Softball.

Robert works with Bolton and Company Insurance here in Pasadena, and the Kral's live in San Marino. Robert's parents, Paul and Barbara Kral, continue to live in San Marino and are expected to attend today's Alumni Legends game.



The legends continue.....Robert Kral and son, Hunter, prominently sporting his San Marino Little League All-Star hat.

### **Dan Loyd, 1995**

Dan played 3 years on the varsity team while at SMHS and was a member of the CIF winning 1995 team, playing 3<sup>rd</sup> base and short stop. After high school, Dan played 2 years at 1<sup>st</sup> base and as a designated hitter (DH) with Division 1A Murray State University; he also played two years with D3 Cal Lutheran at 1<sup>st</sup> base. Dan also attended the University of Arizona.

Dan's parents are retired and live in San Gabriel. Dan is married to Bonnie Houston Loyd who he met while they were both attending Huntington Middle School. Bonnie also attended SMHS, graduating with Dan in 1995. Dan and Bonnie have a 2 ½ year old son, Brayden Daniel Loyd—who Dan describes as a “ball of fire.” Until recently, Dan was employed as a Business to Business sales associate with IndyMac Bank. He is currently looking for a new opportunity and appreciates all suggestions from his Titan family.

Dan and his family live in Quail Valley, CA, a small town about 15 miles north of Temecula in Riverside County. Dan's parents, John and Syliva Loyd, live in San Gabriel and are expected to attend today's Alumni Legends Game.



Dan Loyd; 1995 CIF  
Player of the Year.

### **Thomas K. McKissick, 1980**

Tom played on San Marino's Varsity baseball team for two years, as a junior playing 3<sup>rd</sup> base and as a senior, he played shortstop. After high school, he played for the Senior Babe Ruth Summer League and an all-star team for the San Gabriel Valley that made it to the Babe Ruth World Series in Nemark, OH. Tom started at 2B. Tom played two years of baseball at the University of Arizona, he then transferred to Cal Berkeley where he played for 1 year.

Tom is single, with no children—but he does enjoy 3 godchildren. Tom is employed as a group portfolio manager with TCW in Los Angeles. He does volunteer work with the Al Wooten Center in South Central Los Angeles, providing school help and life mentoring for kids in junior high school and high school.

Tom lives in Santa Monica. Tom's parents, Carson and Kaholyn continue to live in San Marino and are expected to attend today's Alumni Legends Game.

### **Josh Oder, 1994**

Josh pitched and played outfield for 3 years on San Marino High School's varsity team. While at SMHS, he pitched and played outfield. After graduating, he attended Pepperdine, where he continued his baseball career. From his sophomore through his senior year, he was the starting leftfielder at Pepperdine, graduating with a career batting average of .330 and was All West Coast Conference in 1996, 1997 and 1998. Josh is married to Dana, whom he met while attending Pepperdine. Dana played soccer for the Waves. They have a 21 month old daughter, Avery. Josh makes his career as an Investment Advisor. He owns

his own firm. He now resides in Calabasas, CA. Josh's parents are Ken and Cindy Oder, and they are expected to attend today's game.

### **JP Paciorek, 1988**

JP played 2 years of varsity ball for San Marino. During that time, he pitched and played outfield. He attended and played baseball for USC, enjoying 3.5 years as on the Trojan's baseball team. His primary role was to back up and throw a lot of batting practice to future major leaguers like Mark Smith, Damon Buford, Brett Boone and Mike Robertson. He is married to Bridget Bowie Paciorek who is and was both a longtime family friend and University of Southern California alumnae. She received both her undergraduate and law degrees from USC. JP and Bridget have one son, Jack, who is 2 years old and an avid Diego and Dora fan. Jack enjoys playing all sports and games. JP is especially pleased to note that he throws equally well with his left and right hands, and in a true feat of dexterity, he throws well with both hands at once. (Be sure to note Mickey McNamee's scouting report about JP.)

JP co-owns (with fellow SMHS graduate, Rick Bloom) Advantage Distribution, a graphics display and sign company. Their office and warehouse are located in Monrovia.

JP, Bridget and Jack make their home in Altadena, CA. JP's dad, "Coach Paciorek" lives locally and continues to work at Clairborne. He can regularly be seen at Titan Field supporting Mack and the current Titans. Coach Paciorek is attending the game today.



JP, Mack and Pete Paciorek

### **Pete Paciorek, 1994**

Pete is currently the head coach at Principia College, a Division III college in Elmhurst, IL. In his initial year, he led a team that had finished at the bottom of the conference for several years running to a 4th place finish and contention for the playoffs until the final weekend. Prior to that, he was the hitting coach at Cal State LA during one of the best seasons in school history, missing the Division II World Series by 1 game. After San Marino High School, Pete signed a professional contract with the San Diego Padres and had a 10 year career, reaching Double A with both the Padres and Dodgers, winning a couple of league championships and making two All Star teams. But he returned to school in the off-season, eventually getting his Master's Degree from Cal State LA.

Pete is married to high school sweetheart, Sara (Snyders) Paciorek, who also works at Principia College. The couple lives in Illinois.

### **Kirk Pastre, 2007**

Kirk was a three year starter on the varsity squad, playing Centerfield from 2005-2007. Kirk also played football and soccer from SMHS. A recent graduate, Kirk currently attends Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA, where he continues to play baseball.

When not at college, Kirk lives with his family in San Marino. Kirk's parents, Gioia and Larry Pastre, continue to live in San Marino and are expected to attend today's Alumni Legends game.

### **Rob Santos, 1989**

Rob was a two year varsity starter, playing catcher, second base and shortstop. After graduating from SMHS, Rob attended Harvard University. Before returning to Southern California, Rob lived and worked in Hong Kong, where he met his wife Stacy. Rob and Stacy have two children, Saskia who is 2 years and 7 months and Gage who is 8 months old.

Rob is an investment manager with Evolution Capital Management. He also works with Inner City Education Foundation (ICEF), a charter school system in South Los Angeles, primarily through sponsorship and development of their new rugby league.

The Santos' make their home in Pacific Palisades, CA. Rob's parents, Karen and Rolando Santos, continue to live in San Marino and are expected to attend the Alumni Legends game today.



The Skaff Brothers: Rick 1977, Dan 1978 and Nick 1972

### **Dan Skaff, 1978**

Dan was a two year varsity starter, playing CF (1977) and Shortstop (1978.) In addition, in the spring of 1976, he was pulled up for the Titan playoff run. Dan was a member of the 1977 CIF winning team. After graduating from SMHS, Dan attended Harvard University where he played baseball. Dan started as Centerfielder for the Crimson's NCAA Northeast Region Finalist team, which finished the season ranked #1 in New England and #23 in the National Division 1 Poll. Dan led the team with a .360 batting average his sophomore year and graduated from Harvard in 1982.

Dan has three brothers and two sisters who all graduated from SMHS; Nick (1973,) Rick (1977,) Mike (1975,) Teresa (1972) and Kathy (1981). All but Dan live in Southern California. Nick and Rick are playing with Dan in today's Legends' game. Dan is married to Michelle Jarett Skaff, who grew up in Santa Rosa. They met through friends in 1990 playing softball in a "breakfast club." Dan says she is a great 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman, Mom and friend. The couple has three children, Pablo (14,) Jarett (13,) and Mateo (10.) Pablo and Jarett both play baseball in Sonoma Valley on various Babe Ruth and Little League teams, traveling squads and all-star teams. Mateo retired from baseball at the age of 9 to climb trees.

Dan is Chairman of Sienna Ventures, a venture capital firm in Sausalito, California. The company supports emerging growth companies in the consumer, retail,

wireless and technology sectors. Dan says his biggest failure was missing out on Greg Forgatch's company, eHarmony.... Dan and Michelle started the Sienna Foundation, which provides funding and support in the fields of education, the environment and disadvantaged youth. Dan also serves on non-profit boards associated with the Marin Community Foundation and the Harvard College Fund. Michelle serves as a Trustee of the University of San Francisco and the National Sierra Club Foundation. Over the past 10 years, Dan has been a regular coach for Little League baseball, CYO basketball and other sports in Sonoma. He has taught Sunday school for several years and served on a number of youth charity boards and committees.

Dan and his family make their home in Sonoma, CA. His parents, Larry and Carmen Skaff currently reside in Visalia, CA.

### **Blair Slattery, 1990**

Blair played two years on the Titan Varsity team, a fixture at 3<sup>rd</sup> base. After graduating from SMHS, Blair attended Occidental College where he lettered in 4 sports and was All American in Basketball. After college, Blair played 5 years of professional basketball in Europe.

Blair is married to Marissa. They have one daughter, Olivia. Blair makes his career as a Forensic Accountant—consulting for people with family law issues.

The Slattery's make their home in Studio City, CA. Blair's parents are Dennis and Alison Slattery.



SMHS First CIF Championship, 1977



Eric Swanson 1987  
with Eric Klingensmith  
1987 and their children,  
Taylor and Joshua  
Swanson and Gavin  
and Liam Klingensmith

### **Eric Swanson, 1987**

Eric played two years on the SMHS Varsity baseball squad at 1<sup>st</sup> base. After graduating from SMHS in 1987, Eric attended the University of California in Santa Barbara. He went on to attend the University of California at Irvine's Graduate School of Management. Prior to moving to Irvine, he met his wife, Audrey. They were both involved in the restaurant industry. Eric and Audrey have two children, Taylor, a daughter (10,) and Joshua, a son (7). Joshua plays Little League baseball for Goleta Valley South Little League. Eric coaches and serves on the Little League Board. Both Joshua and Taylor play AYSO soccer. Eric also finds time to coach soccer. Eric also serves on the Mote Vista School PTA Executive Council.

Eric most recently worked in Marketing as a global segment manager for an industrial minerals company. Prior to that, he worked in Marketing as a Product Manager for BEHR paint.

The Swanson's live in Santa Barbara. Eric's parents, Eldon and Nancy, still live in San Marino and are expected to come out and see the game.

### **Edward Uriarte, 1988**

Ed played for the Titans as a pitcher and 1<sup>st</sup> Baseman for two years. After graduating from SMHS in 1988, he attended Grossmont College. He then married Syliva Uriarte, a classmate's sister. They have no children, but they do have a number of nephews and one niece; Sean (13), Nico (12), Jessica (10), Alex (7) and Charles (13). The nephews play baseball at Alhambra Granada Park in Los Angeles. Ed enjoys coaching youth baseball. Ed is employed as a mortgage consultant in the city of Pasadena. He owns his own business.

Ed's parents are Domingo and Juanita Uriarte. They are expected to be at today's game.

### **Alex Varga, 2007**

Alex played three years on San Marino's Varsity Baseball team, 2005-2007, spending most of his time at 1B and in RF. Alex attends college at Claremont McKenna College, where he is majoring in Accounting and Mathematics with a minor in Finance. Alex also plays baseball for Claremont McKenna.

When not at school in Claremont, Alex lives with his family in San Marino. Alex's mother is Tomiko Varga, and she is expected to attend today's Alumni Legends game.

### **Marty Willhite, 1989**

Marty played 3 years as shortstop on San Marino's varsity squad. In the summer of 1989, Marty and fellow legend, Rob Santos, played on a team called the United States Ambassadors. During a two week trip, the baseball ambassadors traveled and played baseball in the USSR, Finland and Sweden. Rob has also been to 3 of SMHS's annual alumni games. After graduating from SMHS, he attended Brigham Young University where he met his wife Jennifer. Marty and Jennifer have two daughters, Bailey (9) and Jane (2). Jane's birthday is January 11<sup>th</sup>, so she is celebrating by joining her dad here today.

Marty makes his career as a Mergers and Acquisitions lawyer and partner with Munger, Tolles and Olson LLP in downtown Los Angeles. He finds time for volunteer work and is Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Shelter Partnership, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to eliminating homelessness in Los Angeles County. Marty also serves on the Board of Directors for the Los Angeles Free Clinic, a non-profit providing health and human service to Los Angeles' most under-served communities.

Marty and his family make their home in San Gabriel, CA. Marty's parents, Lynn and Jean continue to live in San Marino.

### **Mike Williams, 1977**

Mike played shortstop for two years on the SMHS Varsity squad. After graduating from SMHS, Mike attended college at Claremont McKenna where he also played baseball. He graduated from CMC in 1981 where he was named All American in baseball.

Mike has been married to Brenda Banta, his high school sweetheart from San Marino and Pasadena Poly, for 27 years. Mike and Brenda have two sons, Henry (20) and Cameron (18). Both boys played competitive baseball for awhile but now play tennis.

Mike and Brenda make their careers as owners and managers of a marketing design firm (Williams Group) and a trophy company (Tags Awards and Specialties.) Before moving from the Los Angeles area, Mike spent 13 years in sports marketing with the Los Angeles Dodgers, the Los Angeles Clippers and Santa Anita Park.

Mike does a lot of volunteer work, serving on community boards including: United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Council and Visitor Bureau. Mike also helps lead the high school youth group at his church, and he was named "Citizen of the Year" in his community in 2008. Mike plays a lot of tennis and golf, and he enjoys skiing and wakeboarding---his plan is never to get old. The Williams' family makes their home in Olympia, WA. Mike's parents are Barbara and Dick Williams.

### **Chris Yortsos, 2006**

Chris played shortstop for 3 years on the Titan Varsity squad. Chris was a successful hitter for SMHS, getting a hit in each game of his senior year. In addition, Chris was a competitive football and soccer player for SMHS. After graduating from SMHS in 2006, Chris began USC where he is currently a junior.

Chris' younger brother, Stevie, is a junior at SMHS and is returning for his 2<sup>nd</sup> year on the varsity squad. Stevie plays 2<sup>nd</sup> base and can also be found on the soccer and football fields. When not at school, Chris lives with his family in San Marino. Chris' parents, Yannis and Sheryl continue to live in San Marino.



Tracy Totten, 1971 Graduate and Legend



Shaking Mickey's hand, Dan Skaff and to his left, 1977 Titan Pitcher and Quarterback—Chris Houge



Titan Field during the 1<sup>st</sup> Alumni Legends Game



### **Legendary Titan Baseball Coach, Mickey McNamee**

For 44 years, Titan baseball was led by the inimitable coaching of Mickey McNamee. In those 44 years, Coach McNamee won fourteen Rio Hondo League Championships, (1961, 1962, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1990, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1998.) He was named Rio Hondo League Coach of the Year in each of those years. In addition, he won five CIF championships (1977, 1984, 1990, 1992 and 1995.) and was named coach of the year in each of those years. During Mickey's 44 years as SMHS' baseball coach, he is estimated to have coached 400 young men, many for two years or more. In addition to baseball, Mickey also coached football for 42 years, coaching at the freshman, JV and varsity levels. Many Titans played both football and baseball. All total, Mickey likely coached 2100 Titans during his 44 year history. Although his success as a baseball coach is unrivaled, he would tell you that his joy comes not from the win loss record, rather the opportunity to work with so many great young men. This feeling is shared by his players as is evidenced by the comments many of them made when asked to talk about their memories of San Marino High School and Titan Baseball. It is with pleasure that we welcome Coach Mickey McNamee back to McNamee field to again coach the legendary players of his career.

## Scouting Report

Long time SMHS Varsity Baseball Coach, Mickey McNamee, coached each of today's legends. Coach McNamee was asked to provide a scouting report on each of his former players in today's game.

**GREG FORGATCH, 1977** - part of maybe best infield combo with Williams. Master of the no-look pick-off. One of two Titans to get five hits in one game. Gamer-helped create tough attitude of '77 champs.

**JIM GOTT, 1977**- Only player in my time to get to the big leagues. Great athlete-endured an enormous amount of pressure in high school. Did not record a win on the mound until a senior. CIF Player of Year in '77. Became famous for his "Gott Shots". Smashed the hardest hit ball I ever saw in a high school game in Finals. Greatest con man of female teachers in the last thirty years of SMHS. They loved him -most of the time!!

**MATT HALLIDAY, 1977**- Guts of '77 team. Would not allow any negativity. Biggest surprise of the year from my point of view after deciding not to play in '76. I respected him coming back. He filled the one piece of the puzzle that was needed to have a great team. Team first- him second.

**RICK SKAFF, 1972** - Switched to new position-3B. Had great senior year. Played way above my expectations. Had a great attitude. A much tougher competitor than I had envisioned. Took the new position as a personal challenge. I always knew he would come to every game ready to play. He had something to prove!

**DAN SKAFF, 1978** - Only junior in the starting lineup. Earned his spot. Very solid centerfielder. We were as good as anybody up the middle. He was a willing learner about outfield play. He was very confident in his abilities but not cocky. They all learned early on that I didn't like to talk a game; I wanted to let your game speak for itself.

**JUDD WALLENBROCK, 1975** - One of the more silent players I had. Played shortstop with surprising range. Was a good "contact hitter" from the left side. He didn't try to be something he wasn't. San Marino baseball was really on the rise during this time, and he helped get us to the top.

**MIKE WILLIAMS, 1977** - One of the greatest and most "classy" players ever to don a Titan uniform. He played with incredible gusto. He and "Gatch" worked together so smoothly. He was a great hitter, especially in the clutch. I am proud to say he was a student at our school, and a player in our program.

**ADAM HERTS, 1983**- a strong lefthanded hitter who had a monster senior year. I believe at times he even surprised himself. He improved so much as he went through the program. He was one of the few lefthanded hitters at SM who was not influenced by the short porch in rightfield. The team had a magical run through the playoffs in '83 and he led them with his magic wand.

**ERIC KLINGENSMITH, 1987** - My kind of pitcher. He battled every batter on every pitch. Not overpowering, but the owner of one of the better curveballs to take to the hill at SM. Probably still has nightmares about one playoff game in Santa Maria. He has company, because I do also. He was a perfect example of a SM player who worked hard, played with poise and extracted the most from his abilities.

**ROBERT KRAL, 1982** - Played on a very good team that unfortunately had one totally dominant pitcher that reduced Robert's role to being his backup. He got spot starts and cleanup innings. Incidentally this was before the pitching limitation rules came in. Therefore, Evan Locke logged over 90 innings, and Robert was next. He understood his role and was ready to go when called upon.

**TOM MCKISSICK, 1980** - When I think of him, two things come to mind--very tough competitor, and a very hard worker. He wanted to be good, but it didn't come naturally. He became a very fine hitter, and a player you could on in the clutch. Pressure situations didn't bother him one bit--he relished them.

**J. P. PACIOREK, 1988** - He was the first of the brothers to come through. How lucky for me and San Marino he was a multi-talented player. First base, outfield, and pitch. He also is part of that nightmare in Santa Maria when we played in a virtual hurricane and he got blown off the mound with a runner at third, a balk was called, and it was a long ride home. He could throw quite well with both arms!!! An outstanding player who should have received more recognition than he did.

**ROB SANTOS, 1989** - One of the most outstanding all around in SM history. I always felt we were very fortunate to have a "class" young man in our program. He could play any position you asked. In '89 he was our catcher. This was a very good team that was very disappointed in losing the championship game to El Segundo at Dodger Stadium. But I thought this was the perfect stage for Rob to end his high school career. A big time player on a big time stage in a championship game. Win or lose -- A grand finale.

**ERIC SWANSON, 1987** - a firstbaseman with a BIG glove. He was magic around the bag. However, there was one exception --popups. They were always a thrill whenever they came his way. He did a great job of perpetuating a tradition that extended all the way back to Tom Wagner. A fun guy to be around who could take the "bench-jockeying " from Coach Mills with great understanding.

**ED URIARTE, 1988**- Big Ed was a very solid pitcher who also swung a good bat. He had to because he was not going to get many infield hits. He was the classic example of the "hard luck" pitcher. He never lost his cool and would take the ball any time I gave it to him.

**JIM WAGNER, 1986**- Another of the terrific all around athletes. He played them all. As a testimony to that, he was our starting shortstop. And, when needed, started wherever else needed. Not many players can claim this. He always had a great

attitude. It was one I learned from and wished that in my playing days I could have been more like.

**MARTY WILLHITE, 1989** - The most unassuming athlete that I have worked with. He was a classic example of "if it ain't broke don't fix it. Some of his actions on the field appeared unorthodox. However, he is the best hitter in SM baseball history. He was one of the best baserunners of all time. He was an outstanding shortstop. He made it look soooo easy. I loved to watch him play because every thing he did was so unique, but very successful.

**DAN GIDDINGS, 1990** - An absolutely FIERCE competitor. In a big game there was nobody you would rather give the ball to than him. He started two championship games and got his revenge vs. El Segundo at Anaheim Stadium in '90. You knew when he went to the mound he was not going to beat himself. That is a concept that today is still not understood very well at even the higher levels of the game. That is why over the years we developed that funky scorecard that emphasized that very thing. His scorecards were always good.

**HUGH HORNE, 1994** - When we first saw him play, the question was not could he, but where? I felt that in order to make him the best player possible there would have to be a mutual agreement between Hugh and myself. After some experimentation, we settled on centerfield. It was a good move. Hugh became a very solid player, especially on the offensive side. To this day I doubt that Hugh really knows how good he could have been if he had worked at it a little harder.

**RYAN JOHNSON, 1992** - CIF Player of the Year in '92. He played everywhere we needed someone to fill in and did a great job. He is the only pitcher in all my years of coaching that I confess to abusing in just one game. He kept assuring me he was fine in a very tight semi-final game, so I let him continue. In the championship game at Anaheim, he played centerfield and made NINE unassisted putouts. That helped Matt Barbarics pitch a 4-0, four hit shutout for the win and the title. Another in the tradition of all around athletes who played three sports.

**KRIS JONES, 1995** - A big tall lefty who arrived on the athletic scene his senior year. First base, outfield, and pitching were his contributions. He is best known for being a key figure in one of the greatest come from behind games in SM baseball history. His seventy five foot infield single sparked the rally that saw the Titans come back in the seventh from two down to beat Mt.View 3-2 to head for another title game at Anaheim Stadium. They downed Rialto 4-0 to take the crown. It's a strange game!

**DAN LOYD, 1995** - Another terrific all around athlete. He may have had the single greatest season in SM baseball history in '95. Set the CIF record for RBI's in a single season that had stood for more than forty years! Leads most all offensive records for a single season. However, the one play that I will always remember was him throwing his body in the way of a line smash that was headed for the outfield and two RBI's. That ball was NOT going through. A force out for the third

out, end of rally. Titans win!! Besides that, he was fun to be around. Practices, games, campus, it was a better place when Danny was there.

**ALFONSO MONTOYA, 1990** - BEST lead off man in SM baseball history. End of story! The numbers don't lie. He was instant offense and rally. In addition, he was the BEST centerfielder during my time. We have been blessed with many good ones but you must measure against the "fonz". He made me appear to be brilliant in a playoff game over at TC vs. Yucaipa. He made two unbelievable catches back to back. One in centerfield and one in leftfield. Everyone thought I had made the move for strategy. I must confess to you, as I have tried to on numerous occasions. There was a reason but it was not brilliant strategy. (See player memories; Alfonso had an injured leg and was moved to LF to protect further injury to the leg.)

**JOSH ODER, 1994**- One of the five or six BEST players to ever play at SMHS. He could do it all. Pitch, Hit, and play the outfield. I truly admired the way he played the game. He was another of those players that you just got out of the way and let them play. He has more hits than anyone else. You can go on and on. To this day, I am sure Josh is still mad at me for taking out of the title game vs. Yucaipa in '94. We were leading, and I had this brilliant plan. We lost. That was Josh's game to win or lose, not mine! That game still haunts me today. I hope one day Josh will forgive one of my biggest blunders in my coaching career.

**PETE PACIOREK, 1994** - CIF Player of the Year in '94. He could pitch, play the outfield, and was a great first baseman. He single handily brought us back in a playoff game vs. Atascadero. He drove in eight runs with two home runs and a double. It was one of the strangest games I've ever been involved in. One of the home runs was the longest ball I've ever seen hit to rightfield at TC.

**BLAIR SLATTERY, 1990** - The BEST breaking ball hitter in SM history. Blair feasted on off speed pitches. He played baseball as an after thought to basketball. I found him to be a surprisingly good defensive player. Those long arms gobbled up ground balls with efficient control. As I learned later he is also a very good tennis player as well as golf.

**MATT FORGATCH, 2007** - Here is one of the leaders of the resurrection. Due to previous circumstances, it was necessary to bring a bunch of sophomores to the varsity all at the same time. It was a breath of fresh air. These guys WANTED to play baseball! They were eager to learn. They were not intimidated. It was a very rough start for Matt. He kept plugging along, and things eventually turned his way. He turned out to be one of the most dedicated players we have ever had. He became our best offensive threat his last two years. Thanks to his hard work and his fellow classmates things got turned around, and the Titans became a competitive threat once more.

**KIRK PASTRE, 2007** - Part of the sophomore sensations. Struggled at times at the plate but never on defense. One of the most enjoyable players we have ever had. I was so happy for him to have a great senior season.

**MARIO TOLJ, 2001** - Proof that perseverance pays off. Came into that big body as a senior and was a very competitive pitcher. Took that experience and pitched in college.

**MARK SBICCA, 2004**- One of a hand full of freshman who played varsity. He was the mainstay of the team during his tenure and played very hard when it would have been easy to just show up.

**ALEX VARGA, 2007** - I wonder what he could have done if the injury bug did not bite so hard. Another of the sophomore group that came along together. No one will forget his great day vs. Temple City!!!



Mickey McNamee coached baseball at SMHS for 44 years, retiring at the end of the 2007 season. With Mickey, is longtime Assistant Coach, Dick Mills.

## Extra Innings



Titan Baseball, summer of 1976, Babe Ruth League



Members of the Babe Ruth team of 1976 and CIF Championship of 1977

## The Stories

Alumni were asked to share some of their high school memories, both from high school and baseball. These stories are “as remembered” and are re-printed with minor edits for presentation.

### Greg Forgatch, 1977

- During the Temple City game with the league championship on the line, I remember yelling at Chris Houge to throw strikes after putting four men on base.
- Then in the 10th, Mike Williams danced around a TC runner who Matt Halliday threw out trying to steal 2<sup>nd</sup> with no outs and down a run.

### Matt Forgatch, 2007

- Battling it out for a CIF berth La Canada at LC as a senior. The Titans won out, sending us to playoffs for the first time in recent history.

### Jim Gott, 1977

- Winning the CIF championship with guys I'd played with since Little League. Our team knew going into our senior year that we were solid. With Houge, O'Meara, and Von Bautch pitching and near perfect fielding with Williams at short, R. Skaff at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Gatch at 2<sup>nd</sup>, any ground ball was a sure out. But, our pride and joy was our offense; we had power, speed and great situational hitting. Kudos to Coach McNamee who led the way with his exceptional coaching skills---not to mention ensuring that I remained eligible for all games. 1977 was the best!

### Matt Halliday, 1977

- Winning CIF and playing ball with good friends will always be a great memory for me.
- And, I'll never forget that road trip to Blythe.
- Then, there was the time that Coach McNamee let Bob Reddick use the jugs machine. This was not a good idea, because Bob put a ball in the machine before the catcher, Bill Becker, was ready. The ball hit Billy in the leg and took him down.

### **Adam Herts, 1983**

- Senior slide shows were a favorite.
- I also enjoyed the class of 1981's classic senior prank of cementing Temple City's Bob's Big Boy in the lawn of the main quad.
- Knocking in the winning run in our CIF game against yes, Melodyland.
- Rich Santos ordering 4 double whoppers on the way home from a CIF game. The whole team bet against him finishing all 4, but after the last one was gone, he ate my French fries.
- During 6<sup>th</sup> period one day, I hit a ball through a classroom window. It sent a few students into a panic, but no one was hurt.

### **Kris Jones, 1995**

- Sliding across home plate in the CIF semi-final game to tie the game in the top of the 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Hogeboom getting a mouthful for lobbing the ball back after each pitch.

### **Dan Loyd, 1995**

- Stories....too many to detail....but the most precious thing that I took from SMHS were true friends....including the coaches. They remain good friends today.
- Getting to the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> in the 1995 CIF Championship game at Anaheim Stadium. We closed it out and dog piled onto the mound. Then, we look across and see Coaches McNamee and Mills running onto the field.

### **Thomas K. McKissick, 1980**

- Best memories....the competition, the guys I played with;
- The tradition of winning at SMHS;
- Friday games at home versus a league rival or play off games with the bleachers filled.
- Tom Polich slipping off the mound trying to field a bunt and throwing the ball in the pool vs Temple City.

## **Josh Oder**

- Winning the CIF Championship in 1992.

## **JP Paciorek, 1988**

- My best memory hasn't happened quite yet....but....but I'm dreaming of the homerun I will be hitting off of Dan Giddings in the 1<sup>st</sup> Legends game.

## **Pete Paciorek, 1994**

- My fondest memories of baseball at San Marino High School were playing for legendary coach Mickey McNamee and growing as a player who was DH'd for as a sophomore and became the CIF Player of the Year my senior year.
- Another enduring memory is striking out against brother, JP, in the alumni game my sophomore year, even though JP told me every pitch he was going to throw. (This submission courtesy of JP.)
- Pete's version of the story is a bit different. JP was supposed to be helping me earn a varsity role as a sophomore. Instead, Pete starts off my at-bat by throwing a breaking ball, eliminating the brotherly trust—at least temporarily. It did lead to an unusual outcome, as I earned the JOB at 1B, but was DH'd for. I may be the only guy who ever played 1B at SMHS who was DH'd for.
- My most favorite memory; however, was playing defense in the CIF finals at Angels Stadium. Good friend Matt Barbarics pitched a shut out. I fielded the final out, and the team dog piled on the field.

## **Kirk Pastre, 2007**

- Freshman year with Coach Sonny Hayes—and a very dominate SMHS team. We started off 11-0 and finished with a league championship and a 13-3 record. It was the most fun I've ever had in a season of baseball.
- And, in my senior year, beating La Canada in La Canada to put SMHS into CIF for the first time in 5 years. La Canada is my 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite team to beat—with South Pasadena earning top honors.
- I enjoyed being at the start of the rebuilding of sports at SMHS.
- And, my last memory is going undefeated against SP all 5 years---especially all 3 years on varsity.

- Royce Stuteville when quoting Coach McNamee, would always say, “Sir Mack says....” Followed by a typical McNamee quote...usually something about Danny Loyd.
- And, Royce dubbed Coach McNamee, “His Mack-a-licious-ness.”

### **Dan Skaff, 1988**

- The best memories of high school were undoubtedly associated with sports at SMHS, which for me included basketball and baseball. The coaches and teammates were always enthusiastic, talented, loyal and in particular, the 1977 Baseball Titans were fierce competitors. They also knew how to have fun, how to focus and how to win.
- Driving to Blythe, CA for the CIF quarterfinals in 1977 against Palo Verde High School. This felt like an all day bus ride into the desert heat of nearby Arizona and Mexico. Chris Houge gets his first start as a playoff pitcher, stepping out of the long shadow of Jim Gott, and pitches a NO-HITTER. The umpire calls the SMHS Titans a “class team”—it must have been the white cleats we all wore. The most refreshing part of the trip was a post-game dip into the Palo Verde pool, and we must have listened to “Hotel California” by the Eagles 10 times on the radio on the way home.
- Rick Skaff’s bases loaded double against Bonita in the second round of a come-from-behind victory.
- Pat O’Meara, Greg Forgatch and Mike Williams teaching our 1974 Boys Baseball of America team batboy in Japan three words of English; “Shut up Skaff.”
- Seeing my brother Nick win the 1973 Rio Hondo League Player of the Year award.
- Jim Gott as the coverboy of the 1977 National Schoolboy Sports Magazine.
- Matt Halliday’s fearless leadership behind the plate, cutting down a Dana Hills runner in the CIF semi-finals on a lollipop throw from Centerfield.
- Winning the 1977 CIF title game at Quigley Field; and the camaraderie and longevity of friendships associated with that terrific group of teammates.
- And, then there was that moment where Scott Rose runs full steam into the outfield fence while chasing a flyball and Coach McNamee yells out “check the fence!”
- I’m happy to have had the opportunity to play for Coach McNamee, a coaching legend who taught great life lessons as well. What a treat to have

been part of such a talented and fun-loving group of players as those on the 1977 CIF Championship Team!

### **Blair Slattery, 1990**

- Winning CIF at Anaheim Stadium.
- Having fun with friends.
- And Coach McNamee's wonderful coaching and enjoyable practices.

### **Eric Swanson, 1987**

- Playing football, soccer and baseball, I learned more "life lessons" from Coach Maloney, Coach Kleinrock and Coach McNamee than I ever did in the classroom. The values of teamwork, mental toughness and leadership by example remain with me to this day.
- Striking out to make the final out in a CIF quarterfinal game against Paul Potvin of Baldwin Park; although I didn't realize it at the time, I learned that life goes on—although at the time, I wasn't so sure.
- Hitting my first and only homerun (at ANY level) in a critical game against Monrovia. I didn't know I'd hit it until Coach Mills gave me a high 5 as I rounded third.
- Upon receiving "ball four" to walk in the losing run in a CIF playoff game against Bishop, Catcher Greg Scharlach hurled the ball into right field. I think he cleared the fence. That was a LONG ride home.

### **Edward Uriarte, 1988**

- My fondest memory was playing sports and then, years later remembering the game and the teammates.

### **Alex Varga, 2007**

- My favorite memories at SMHS were of football and baseball. I enjoyed spending lunches in DR Moreland's office watching old SMHS games and just seeing everybody and hanging out.
- Hitting a walk off homerun against Temple City while three Temple City football players were yelling at me about how I broke my leg in the TC football game.

- Freshman Baseball...after every game we won, catcher, Royce Stuteville, would pass his cup from the back of the bus to our coach, Sonny Hayes.

### **Marty Willhite, 1989**

- I enjoy reminding JP Paciorek that I hit a homerun off of him in a scrimmage during my junior year.
- Loved playing the 1989 CIF championship game in Dodger Stadium.
- I have very vivid memories of Alfonso Montoya's game winning hit at Temple City High School against Gladstone to put us into the final.

### **Mike Williams, 1977**

- I loved high school. The class got along great—and we spent a lot of time together on and off the field. There were very special people who made those years outstanding for us. Coach Mickey McNamee treated us like sons, and I have tried to bring parts of his caring style into my own coaching as my sons played baseball. Principal Jack Rankin gave us all genuine support and took particular interesting helping Jim Gott grow and mature.
- Winning CIF in 1977 is something we'll always be proud of. What I remember best though is the time with teammates. Although I moved to the Pacific Northwest 15 years ago, when Greg Forgatch organized a group of us to play in an alumni game in 2006 it felt like we'd never been apart. The bonds that we built as friends and teammates are life-long.
- Although it didn't seem funny at the time, Bob Reddick teased me for being upset with an ump after striking out on a called strike. Anyone who knows Reddick from those years will understand. He had a way of touching a nerve like no one else. "Weems...that was definitely a strike." Deadpan delivery with that impish face with Forgatch, Skaff, Halliday et.al. just letting him nail me....I'll never forget it.
- And of course, there's always Jim Gott showing up for one game in a cab after missing the bus.
- And, Pat O'Meara snapping us with his towel.....

### **Dan Giddings, 1990**

- For Homecoming one year, 20 friends and I rented a double-decker bus for the dance at the Cushmans. We ended up getting suspended for 4-5 days as we had un-authorized libations on the bus.
- And, then there was that senior prank where we saved a year's worth of cans from our illegal libations and dumped them into the pool—resulting in a

penalty of scraping gum off the cement around campus and missing one day of senior ditch week.

- Enduring friendships formed at SMHS that still exist today.
- Beating La Canada in basketball when they were #1 in the state at the time.
- Winning CIF in football and baseball.
- Playing baseball in both Anaheim and Dodger stadiums.
- Wednesday night football practices under the lights with the cheerleaders bringing us donuts.
- Saturday morning film sessions where we got to give some grief to teammates who missed tackles (only when we won).
- The drive home from Atascadero after beating all-everything Scott McClain (who now plays for the SF Giants).
- Practicing baseball at McNamee Field with our shirts off, sunglasses on, and chucking dirt clods, and then running from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in pursuit of an inside the park homer to finish off our “conditioning.”
- Junior year—playing El Segundo in the CIF Finals at Dodger Stadium. We lost 7-4 in a game that we really could have won. The loss burned the juniors for 12 months, and I am sure burns the seniors even today. My senior year, El Segundo was #1 all year, and we were #2. Although El Segundo was setting offensive records left and right, we wanted to play them in the final to avenge our loss. As fate would have it, we made it to the big game, played at the Big A. One of our parents got hold of a towel that the El Segundo fans were holding. It had two Eagles, their mascot, swinging back to back with the phrase, “Back to Back” printed. Not that we needed extra incentive, but it showed their disrespect. Even as #2, we were significant underdogs as all 9 of their starters went on to play college ball, including one of them (their P and #3 hitter) drafted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round by the Yankees. We won the game 5-4, propelled by picking off 3 baserunners and monster offensive games by our stars (Ukropina, Slattery, Imlay, Montoya) as well as our role players (Milias, Johnson, Angelos, and DeSpririto). I’ll never forget Mickey calling us to the front of the bus as we drove to Anaheim, and he told me, “Just don’t beat yourself, keep us in the game.” Typical of Mickey, the advice was simple but essential, and followed strictly, put us in a position to win the game.
- Another good story was our win against Yucaipa in the semis my senior year. Fonz Montoya had a bad leg. He made a diving catch in CF and hurt himself pretty badly—so Coach moved him to LF. The next batter hit a rope

down the LF line that nobody would have caught, except for Fonz, as he dove once again to save two runs and end the inning.

- John DeSpirito played LF my senior year. He dropped a fly ball right at him and immediately dropped his head in disgust ...instead of running after the ball. By itself, this isn't funny, but after all of us screaming at him, he picked it up and threw it to 3<sup>rd</sup> base where Blair Slattery tagged out an over-zealous baserunner. The Daily Breeze (South Bay paper) had a great picture of this play the next day, and showed that Blair actually did **not** have the ball when applying the tag, but he picked the ball up in the midst of the cloud of dust and the ump rung the baserunner up.

### **Ryan Johnson (RJ), 1992**

- 2 CIF titles won in 1990 and 1992.
- Coach McNamee was the best coach I ever played for at any level of baseball; it was an honor to be on his team.

### **Eric Klingensmith, 1987**

- Playing Monrovia my junior year—at Monrovia in a battle for 1st place. The classic stage was set; two outs, bases loaded, we were up by one and Eric was pitching. It was the 7<sup>th</sup> inning and Greg Scharlach was catching (Greg was always my catcher in high school; we thought alike.) I came back from a 3-1 count to make it 3-2, and I was facing the catcher from Monrovia, a big guy, and he was batting clean up. Catcher, Greg, gave me the fastball sign. I shook him off; Greg gave me the fastball sign again, and again, I shook him off. One more time---and for the third time, I shook him off. At this point, I was sure that Mickey was probably freaking out. Greg finally gave me the deuce and smiled. I remember that smile through the face mask as clear as mud. Of course, I threw a curveball. The bottom dropped out, and the big boy missed by a mile—and WE won the game.
- That same year, we had a playoff game on Tuesday. If we won, we were going to play Baldwin Park which had had some of the hottest prospects around. Again, I was pitching---and was having a good day. Mickey pulled me in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, which given my success on the day, came as a big surprise. He said he might want to pitch me on Friday's game, which he did. Mickey game up to me in the 6<sup>th</sup> and apologized for pulling me. As it turns out, I was pitching a no-hitter—something neither of us realized. I'll never forget the coach grabbing my shoulder, smiling and telling him me that I was pitching a no-hitter.

## Game Over

JP Paciorek celebrates the 1980's and 2000's win over the 1970's and the 1990's



Aerial View; McNamee Field





Homerun Derby Winners ( L-R)  
80's John Paul (JP) Paciorek (1990), 90's Pete Paciorek (1994); 00's Alex Varga (2007)



Winner Pitching Contest, John Paul (JP) Paciorek 1984

## Titan Baseball Today



2008 Titan Baseball

This team rivaled the success of former SMHS team making it to CIF Quarter-finals.

Front Row: Cory Campos, Pitching Coach; Eric Welder 2008, Mike Thompson 2009, Stevie Yortsos 2010, Jonathan Merhaut 2009, Trevor Dority 2009, Gianni Abbott 2008, Chris Warren 2010, Kevin Gute 2009  
John Gulick Asst. Coach, Nick Wilson 2008, Dylan Bensinger 2009, Peter Brunette 2008, Chandler Caldwell 2009, James Brunette 2008, Chevy McGinley 2008, Andrew Sloan 2009, Albert Yu 2008, Brendan Ezold 2008, Steven Wright 2009, David Ramirez 2008

Finishing two games out of first place in the Rio Hondo League, Titan baseball made it further into CIF than any other league team. After not making playoffs for close to 10 years, in its 2<sup>nd</sup> straight year, the Titans earned a CIF berth. The Titans' win at Gabrielino in the first round was their first playoff win in over 10 years. That win was followed with a second victory against Campbell Hall and a then, the team hit the brick wall, otherwise known as Bishop Amat who went on to win the CIF championship game. Although we lost some great seniors in 2008, we return 12 seniors to the team this year, and we have an additional 12 juniors and some great talent at the sophomore and freshman levels. Our league continues to be strong. The ongoing success of the Rio Hondo League led to CIF moving us up a division for 2009. We'll move from D5 to D4, joining powerhouse schools like Northview. CIF also changed the coaching contact rule allowing coaching contact in the off-season. This has allowed us to work on the fundamentals of baseball. Our typical day includes a senior's only practice that begins at 1PM with the remaining baseball players not in an in-season sport joining us at 2PM. In addition to working on fundamental baseball skills, we also do weight training and work with CATZ (Competitive Athletic Training Zone) on conditioning. We expect to be well prepared as we enter this year's baseball season. A schedule of this year's games is included in this program. We look forward to your support at as many games as you can make.

Mack Paciorek  
Head Coach  
Titan Baseball

## **Titan Baseball Mission**

The mission of Titan athletics is to develop students for success in their sport and to teach them how to carry that skill, training, work ethic, and experience into successes in everything they do—in high school and into their adult lives.

As a coaching staff, we are committed to teaching our players the fundamentals for being a successful and productive person in our society.

This goal is achieved through the building of character, the teaching of discipline, the acceptance of responsibility and the ability to manage time—on and off the baseball field.



2008 Titan Baseball preparing to take the field.

## The Titan Way

1. Show up and Play hard in practice and in games.
2. Preparation will lead to success.
3. Compete at all times.
4. Baseball is a game of constant adjustments.
5. Respect the game.
6. Concern yourself with your own team and what you can control.
7. Understand your role.
8. Improve every play and every day.
9. Learn from all mistakes; yours and others.
10. Take responsibility for your actions.
11. Remember who you represent: Self, Family, Team, School, Community.
12. Enjoy the game.

~Mack Paciorek



Newly renovated McNamée Field

## Coaching Staff



### **Mack Paciorek, Head Coach**

Mack begins his 2nd year as Head Coach in 2009. A Titan himself, Mack earned honors as 1995 and 1996 1st Team All Rio Hondo League, 1st Team All San Gabriel Valley, All CIF, and in 1995, All State. Mack was a part of the 1995 CIF Championship team.

After his successful high school career, Mack went on to play 4 years of college baseball, earning honors as All Big 12 shortstop at Iowa State University. In 1998, Mack was drafted by the Detroit Tigers.

After leaving professional baseball, Mack continued his passion for baseball by developing young players, as Assistant Baseball Coach for Cal Poly Pomona, Baseball Program Director for the California Baseball Academy, Instructor and Coach for Baseball Factory (college recruiting service,) and as a Coach for the Danville Dans (prestigious summer wood bat league for collegiate level players.)

In addition to his current role with SMHS, Mack continues to develop community youth baseball through private and group instruction.



### **John Gulick**

John Gulick brings a high level of experience to the team, particularly in the mental aspects of the hitting. John is the Varsity 1st base coach on game day. A native of Stockton, CA, John earned high honors on each of his baseball teams in high school and college. His high school team NEVER lost a regular season game. John attended San Joaquin Delta City College and Wichita State University. While at SJDCC, he earned Golden Gate Conference 1st Team Honors and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Junior College All American Honors. At WSU, he earned Missouri Valley All Conference Honors as a 1st baseman. WSU earned several #1 rankings and set a school record for most wins in a season in 1994. They also made two appearances in the College World Series.

### **Joey Molina (photo unavailable)**

A middle infielder at Cal State Los Angeles, Joey was an important part of a CSLA team that was 1 game away from playing in the Division 2 College World Series. Joey coached the Titan JV team in 2008.



### **R.J. Brown**

RJ was a Freshman All-American catcher at University of California, Irvine. He finished his collegiate career at Cal State Los Angeles, after which he played professionally with the Cincinnati Reds. RJ is currently playing professional baseball with the Long Beach Armada of the Golden Baseball League.



### **Mario Tolj**

Also an SMHS alum (2001,) Mario went on to play 4 years of collegiate baseball. Mario was an All-Conference pitcher at West Hills Community College and finished up his collegiate career at Metropolitan State University in Denver. Mario returns to SMHS as the Titan Varsity Pitching Coach

**Dave Avramovich** (photo unavailable)

Dave rejoins the Titan staff for his third year. Coach Avramovich played at Gig Harbor High School in Washington, where they won a state title in 1997. In college, he was a 4 year starter on the football team for the University of Puget Sound (NCAA D3) in Tacoma, WA, where he earned B.A.'s in Communication and Religion. Dave completed his Master's in Divinity at Fuller Seminary in December 2006 and has been working as the Area Director of Young Life. He also coaches Varsity Football at SMHS.



**Jack Chang**

SMHS 2004 Alum, Jack earned 2 Varsity letters in baseball playing for legendary coach Mickey McNamee. Jack went on to earn an Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Washington and is currently seeking a graduate degree in Electrical Engineering from USC.



## 2009 Titan Baseball Varsity Schedule

Date	Opponent	Level	Location	Time
1/10/2009	Alumni Legends Game	Varsity	San Marino	9AM
2/13-15/2009	Santa Barbara Pre-Season Trip	Varsity	Santa Barbara	3PM-8PM
2/28/2008	South Hills (S)	Varsity	South Hills	11:00 AM
3/6,7, 9, 10,11,12,13, 14/2009	Baseball Tourney	Varsity	TBA	TBA
3/18/2008	Gladstone	Varsity	San Marino	3:15 PM
3/21/2009	Santa Paula (DH)	Varsity	Santa Paula	11:00 AM
3/20/2009	Temple City HS *	Varsity	San Marino	3:30 PM
3/25/2009	Blair HS *	Varsity	San Marino	3:30 PM
3/27/2009	Monrovia HS *	Varsity	Monrovia	3:30 PM
3/31/2009	South Pasadena HS *	Varsity	South Pasadena	3:30 PM
4/2/2009	La Canada HS *	Varsity	San Marino	3:30 PM
4/4/2009	Burbank (DH)	Varsity	San Marino	11:00 AM
4/15/2009	Temple City HS *	Varsity	Temple City	3:30 PM
4/17/2009	Blair HS *	Varsity	Blair	3:30 PM
4/22/2009	Monrovia HS *	Varsity	San Marino	3:30 PM
4/24/2009	South Pasadena HS *	Varsity	San Marino	3:30 PM
4/29/2009	La Canada HS *	Varsity	La Canada	3:30 PM
5/1/2009	Temple City HS *	Varsity	San Marino	3:30 PM
5/6/2009	Blair HS *	Varsity	Blair	3:30 PM
5/7/2009	Monrovia HS *	Varsity	Monrovia	3:30 PM
5/12/2009	South Pasadena HS *	Varsity	South Pasadena	3:30 PM
5/14/2009	La Canada HS *	Varsity	San Marino	3:30 PM
5/21-6/2/2009	CIF Preliminaries	Varsity	Varies	Varies
6/3/2009	EOY Baseball Banquet	All	SMHS	6:00PM
6/4-6/2009	CIF Finals	Varsity	Varies	Varies

\* Denotes League Game

\*\*Senior Recognition on May 1

## How You Can Support Titan Baseball

SMHS Titan Baseball has benefited from the generosity of the school district, the families of Titan Baseball Players, the San Marino Community Athletic Association and many others who have been a part of building a world-class program.

### **Wish List**

If you would like to assist us in continuing the great tradition of Titan Baseball, please consider a donation to our program. Our "Wish List" follows. Items are available for purchase in whole or part.

#### **Club House**

In addition, we welcome donations to help cover the costs of our new Club House. Today is the first day the Club House is available, and we couldn't be more honored that the Legends of Titan Baseball have the inaugural use.

#### **Stadium Seating**

In addition, the stadium seating you see is a fundraising opportunity for Titan Baseball. If you wish to commemorate your time on the field, the future of Titan Baseball or honor your family with a seat, we would love to assist you with that.

- Home side seats are available for \$1000.
- Visitor side seats are available for \$250.

All seats include a commemorative plaque which can be customized to meet your need.

#### **Follow Our Success**

Support and spirit for the current Titans is also appreciated. We welcome you to as many games as you can attend. If attendance isn't an option, we encourage you to follow Titan Baseball on the web via the following link:

[www.sanmarinohs.org](http://www.sanmarinohs.org)

- Click on Athletics
- Click on Titan Baseball

Thank you for the legacy you've left Titan Baseball. Those of us involved today benefit from your time at SMHS.

Go Titans!

Jeanie Caldwell  
Baseball Booster President  
[CaldwellSM@aol.com](mailto:CaldwellSM@aol.com)

If you wish to donate to Titan Baseball, you may do so by sending your check to:

Tim Wright, Treasurer  
1500 Chelsea  
San Marino, CA 91108



# Baseball Wish List

## Baseball Needs

Item	Quantity	Price Per	Total
<b>Baseball Gear</b>			
Batting Tees	4	\$ 20	\$80
Double Tee	1	\$ 40	\$40
Min Wiffle Balls	4	\$ 10	\$40
Wiffle Ball Pitching Machine	1	\$ 260	\$260
Pitchers Target - Zone In	1	\$ 200	\$200
Jugs Machine	1	\$ 1,900	\$1,900
Jugs Ball Feeder	1	\$ 450	\$450
Radar Gun	1	\$ 800	\$800
Team Bats (used)	2	\$ 100	\$200

## Field Equipment

Horseshoe Ground Cover	1	\$ 630	\$630
On Deck Circles - Titans	2	\$ 525	\$1,050
Dugout rail pads	1	\$ 250	\$250
Batting cage post pads	10	\$ 40	\$400
Replace Bubba padding	1	\$ 240	\$240
Home Plate tarp	1	\$ 275	\$275
BP Pitching Mound	1	Custom Built	
Batting plate mat	1	\$ 325	\$325
Base plugs	2	\$ 27	\$54
Hose Nozzle	2	\$ 79	\$158
Bull pen lighting	1	\$ 800	\$800
Seed	1	\$ 2,800	\$2,800
Sprinkler Wiring/Controller	1	\$ 414	\$414
Tamp and cover	1	\$ 70	\$70
Tool Shed	1	\$ 750	\$750
Acrylic Dugout Boards	2	\$ 50	\$100
<b>Field Dragger</b>	1	tbd	

## Field House

DVD	1	\$ 200	\$200
TV - Wall Flat Screen	1	\$ 1,800	\$1,800
Fridge	1	\$ 200	\$200
Mircrowave	1	\$ 150	\$150
Office Desk and chair	1	Donate?	
Couch - Bean bags	2	Donate	
Folding chairs/stools	20	\$ 12	\$240

## Condition Equipment

Cardio Bike	1	Donation	
Ankle Bands	10	\$ 20	\$200
Elastic Cables	2	\$ 20	\$40
Medicine Balls	5	\$ 30	\$150
Cones	20	\$ 2	\$40
Pilate Balls	10	\$ 35	\$350
Mats	10	\$ 25	\$250
Ab Straps	4	\$ 40	\$160
Crossover Symetry J-Bands	4	\$ 50	\$200

*Additional, larger capital needs exist. If you wish to consider supporting one of those projects, please contact Greg Forgatch or Jeanie Caldwell. All donations should be made payable to SMCAA and are tax deductible.*

Mail donations to: Tim Wright, SMCAA Baseball Treasurer  
1500 Chelsea  
San Marino, CA 91108

Titan Baseball also welcomes your support as boosters. Join boosters for \$50. Send checks to:

Tim Wright  
SMCAA Baseball Treasurer  
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San Marino, CA 91108

Be sure to mark your check "boosters," and list your name in the way you wish it to appear on the Titan Baseball Supporter list.

Stadium seats at Titan Field are still available. If you would like to honor your former player or commemorate your time as a Titan with the purchase of a seat, please contact Greg Forgatch at [Forgatch@aol.com](mailto:Forgatch@aol.com) for a current list of available seats and prices.

***As always, thank you for your support!***

# Thank You

The work and organization for today's Alumni Legends game was accomplished by many people. Thank you. We could not have done it without you.

Superintendent, Gary Woods  
SMHS Principal, Loren Kleinrock  
SMUSD Maintenance and Operations Director, Ian Corrie  
SMUSD Maintenance and Operations, Gil Cardenas and his staff  
SMCAA for their ongoing support to our program  
San Marino Tribune's Editor and SMHS and Channel 19 Sports Announcer,  
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John Merhaut, Pitching Contest  
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Terry Fouche, Photography  
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Gary McGuigan, Event Coordination

2009 Titan Baseball Team  
2009 Titan Baseball Team Managers:  
Hannah Bradley and Kristen Lee  
Kevin Wentz, CATZ  
Cee Jay Products  
Lee Haslam, SMHS Parent, Booster Club Member and Builder Extraordinaire of  
our beautiful, new Clubhouse.

Alumni Legends Planning Committee:  
Jeanie Caldwell  
Greg Forgatch  
Dan Giddings  
JP Paciorek

Thank you for your efforts.

~Mack Paciorek





### **Titan Baseball Website**

Titan Baseball has established a website to chronicle the legacy of our program and to provide easy access to everything baseball for the many fans of our team. Look for updates, news and information about the program on this site.

[www.sanmarinohs.org](http://www.sanmarinohs.org)

-Click on Athletics

-Click on Titan Baseball

**Photos of the Legends game are available on the website.**



Titan Baseball Stadium Seating