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CLASSIC

Gentlemen,

The Sierra Nevada Athletic Commission welcomes you the Tenth Annual Sierra Nevada Classic. Wow!!! Ten short years have passed my friends. Hats off to those of you who have weathered the storm and made it every year since your inception into this hallowed league.

Since the First Annual Sierra Nevada Classic, thirty-seven athletes have participated in this invitation only event. In 2004, the Sierra Nevada Athletic Commission officially closed the doors on expansion. The Commission hopes this will be the year that all members will sign life long contracts.

In 1996, the Sierra Nevada Classic was in its infant stage. The first Classic Tourney schedule included the following events (in this order), wiffleball, basketball, picon drinking/moose kissing/the undoing of Fistfull of \$\$\$, pool, miniature golf and last, but not least, horseshoes. Over the years the Commission has ironed out the wrinkles. With the number of athletes rising from nine to thirty, the Commission fine-tuned the one-day tourney into four events. The first leg of the day being basketball and wiffle ball, and the second leg being lunch at the JT and bowling. Over the years the Commission has added important highlights such as the Friday Morning Golf Tournament and the Friday Night Seeding / Awards Ceremony.

As always, the commission thanks you for taking the time out of your busy schedule with work and family to join in the weekend of friendship and camaraderie. Each Sierra Nevada Classic Athlete was chosen to be in this league for a reason, each of you are a piece that completes the infamous Sierra Nevada Classic puzzle.

The Commission has implemented a few minor changes for this year's tournament.

Changes are as follows:

1. Nine-year veteran Sean "Dr. Love" McDermott is released from Stage Fright. One-year veteran Mike "The Ranger" Sweeny is waived from the World Champion Colt .45s.
2. Rookie Matt "The Rock" Franz is signed to a two-year contract by the Stage Fright. Rookie Toby "The Serb" Basta is signed to a two year contract by The Colt .45s.
3. Veteran members Lance "Yeti" Hammons, Mark "Ziggy" Manning and Rob "Bor" Stoddard have girlfriends for the first time in tournament history.
4. Basketball will be played for the first time in tournament history two games at a time.
5. With the tolerance of Sierra Nevada Classic Athlete rising, the picon limit at halftime will be raised back to five.

LIST OF WEEKEND EVENTS

Friday September 9, 2005

8:30 am - Golf (Silver Oak Golf Course) – Optional

9:30 pm - Tournament Seeding (Mallards, Empire Ranch Golf Course)

11:00 pm - Cocktails (Carson Station Casino)

Saturday September 10, 2005

5:30 am - Pull Skeets and Da Mayor Out of the Cab

6:00 am - Breakfast (Carson Station Coffee Shop)

7:00 am - Basketball (Carson City High School Gym)

8:45 am - Wiffle Ball (Carson City High School Softball Field)

12:30 am - Lunch (JT Basque Restaurant)

3:00 pm - Bowling (Carson Lanes Bowling Alley)

7:00 pm - Cocktails (Carson Station Casino)

7:05 pm - Pour Packsand into Bed

11:45 pm - Colt .45s Room Gets Tossed

In Alphabetical order: (# of years in league)

Berkich, Mike "Paw" (4)
Borda, Billy "Dot" (9)
Borda, Johnny "Joe Camel" (8, 1 Year Guam Independent League)
Borda, John "Brute" (9 Year Official)
Borda, Mike "The Silent Assassin" (9)
Borda, Roger "The Hammer" (9)
Dodson, Dave "The Stormin' Ex-Mormon" (7)
Darin, Fain "Pistol Pete" (6)
Hagar, Sean "The Big Hurt" (1)
Hammons, Lance "Yeti" (8)
Harmon, Sean "Southie" (2)
Hutson, Rich "All World" (4)
Isaman, Bill "Da Whala" (8)
Johnson, Michael "Sleepy" (3)
Keinath, Rodney "Spiderman" (9)
Kelly, Kris "Skeets" (7)
Kinne, Paul "Packsand" (6)
Kinne, Peter "Cooney" (1)
Manning, Mark "Ziggy" (4)
Mendeguia, Carlos "The Apostle" (6)
McCullough, Brian "Bank Mac Willie" (1)
McDermott, Sean "Dr. Love" (8)
McHugh, Jim "2-4-2" (5)
Oxoby, Rick "The Count" (4 Year Official)
Page, Dustan "Eagle Eye" (2 Year Cameraman)
Perry, Kip "Greez" (9)
Powell, Ron "Silk" (6)
Roode, Rob "The Mayor" (7)
Schellin, Kyle "Leroy" (3, 1 Year Irish Independent League)
Schellin, Scott "Leprechaun" (3)
Schroder, Mario "Schvengali" (2)
Stoddard, Rob "Bor" (4)
Thompson, Steve "The Politician" (1)
Tierney, Jim "Chilinch" (5)
Tierney, Joe "Casanova" (5)
Turner, Rob "The Worm" (4)
Villegas, Ray "Flatfoot" (2)
Wetenkamp, Mike "Goose" (6)
Woods, J.D. "Senor Smoke" (2)
Wurster, John "Short Stack" (3)

Facts of the Sierra Nevada Classic

Did you know?

- The Carson Valley Basque Country Club was the original spot for the half time picon parade and lunch.
- J.D. Woods had eight picons at SNC 1, which gave him the right to kiss the moose and have his team fold in the afternoon.
- During SNC 1 and 2, Wiffle Ball was the first event played on tourney day.
- Bill “Da Whala” Isaman weighed 190 pounds at SNC 2.
- Only one team has repeated in Classic History, The Point Shavers
- During SNC 1, 2 and 3, each team member had to pitch and inning in Wiffle Ball. Not Good.
- Only one teams’ room has been ransacked while staying at the Carson Station, The Colt .45s, (twice)
- John “Shortstack” Wurster used to be six feet tall until an untimely hunting accident.
- The word F%#K carried a five dollar fine by the Commission.
- During SNC 2, Rodney “Spiderman” Keinath stayed up all night on Friday and went from the blackjack table to breakfast. Then went on to win the title and MVP.
- Kris “Skeets” Kelly hit a five team college football parley, for a nice \$2,000.00 pay off. We thought the book through out five team parleys.
- During SNC 6, Mike “Goose” Wetenkamp used his work boots for bowling shoes.
- Dave “The Stormin’ Ex-Mormon” Dodson use to be a real life practicing Mormon.
- During SNC 5, Rob “The Mayor” Roode ate five cheeseburgers in one night at the Carson Station Snack Bar. After lunch at the JT!
- Scott “The Leprechaun” Schellin broke his leg at his first SNC tourney.
- The original SNC T-Shirts were written on with blank ink.
- Bowling used to be held at the Pinion Plaza Hotel Casino.
- Nine SNC Athletes have been traded or released out of the Classic.
- Lance “Yeti” Hammons and Rob “Bor” Stoddard had a 15 year single relationship streak.
- During SNC 6, Jim “2-4-2” McHugh attempted to drive home to California on Saturday night after 40 drinks while looking at the map upside down, all apparently due to a room ransacking.
- The Penetrators where actually a serious threat.
- During SNC 7, The Carson Station Coffee Shop ran out of toast, not bread, toast.
- Bill “Da Whala” Isaman was the #1 Pitcher in the League.
- At one point all SNC athletes had a full head of hair.

SIERRA NEVADA CLASSIC FINISHES

SNC I - 1996

Champion

2nd Place
3rd Place
MVP

Penetrators

Fistfull of \$\$\$
Point Shavers
Mike Borda

SNC VI - 2001

Champion

2nd Place
3rd Place
4th Place
MVP
ROY

Point Shavers

Fistfull of \$\$\$
Stage Fright
Let It Ride
Rodney Keinath
Kyle Schellin

SNC II - 1997

Champion

2nd Place
3rd Place
4th Place
MVP
ROY

Point Shavers

Penetrators
Fistfull of \$\$\$
Stage Fright
Rodney Keinath
Bill Isaman

SNC VII - 2002

Champion

2nd Place
3rd Place
4th Place
MVP
ROY
MI

Point Shavers

Let It Ride
Fistfull of \$\$\$
From The Brickyard
Mike Borda
Mike Johnson
Scott Schellin

SNC III - 1998

Champion

2nd Place

4th Place
MVP
ROY

Penetrators

Fistfull of \$\$\$
Point Shavers
Let It Ride
Kip Perry
Rob Roode

SNC VIII - 2003

Champion

2nd Place
3rd Place
4th Place
MVP
ROY
MI

Fistfull of \$\$\$

From The Brickyard
Full House
Colt .45s
Billy Borda
Ray Villegas
Kyle Schellin

SNC IV - 1999

Champion

2nd Place
3rd Place
4th Place
MVP
ROY

Point Shavers

Fistfull of \$\$\$
From The Brickyard
Stage Fright
Mike Borda
Ron Powell

SNC IX - 2004

Champion

2nd Place
3rd Place
4th Place
MVP
ROY
MI

Colt .45s

Fistfull of \$\$\$
Triple Play
Point Shavers
Jim Tierney
Mike Sweeney
Lance Hammons

SNC V - 2000

Champion

2nd Place
3rd Place
4th Place
MVP
ROY

Point Shavers

Penetrators
From The Brickyard
Let It Ride
Mike Borda
Joe Tierney

Scoring Rules

1st Place In An Individual Event.....4 Points

2nd Place In An Individual Event.....3 Points

3rd Place In An Individual Event.....2 Points

4th Place In An Individual Event.....1 Point

Tiebreaker

If the day ends with a tie for first place in the overall tournament, a bowl off will be implemented to determine the champion. Then, in order to determine the overall finish other than first, total points and then total bowling average will be used to rank teams.

SIERRA NEVADA CLASSIC OFFICIALS

John “Brute” Borda (9-Year Veteran Official)

"I said skins ball! That's enough Shit"

The Brut is back, as always, with guns blazin'. Although his height appears to be decreasing, his confidence is still larger than life as he starts taking charge early Saturday morning. Brut made history in the SNC last year with a 3-second call in basketball. The SNC Commission let Borda off with a warning and threatened a fine if that call was ever made again. Look for Brute to again have an extremely lenient strike zone in Wiffle ball. It's pretty tough to walk with this ump behind the plate.

Rick “The Count” Oxoby (4-Year Veteran Official)

The Count makes it back for his fourth tour in the SNC and will again be the enforcer of rules and fouls on tourney day. The Count also made history in the SNC last year with an offensive foul call in hoops. Yes, you heard it right, player control foul. Like his counterpart the Brut, he has been warned and threatened by the Commission for suspect officiating. Due to a picon and wine overload at the JT, it's a good thing the Count was done officiating for the day. While spending the bus ride to the bowling alley in the can, the Count was a little shaky for the rest of the evening.

SIERRA NEVADA CLASSIC CAMERAMAN

Dustan “Eagle Eye” Page (3-Year Cameraman)

Since his arrival in the SNC three years ago, Eagle Eye has fine-tuned his camera skills comparable to those of a wartime videographer. His 10th annual Sierra Nevada Classic DVD will hit stores in September. There is an Oscar buzz going around Hollywood that this will be one of his finest films yet. Will this be the year he gets the well-deserved trophy for best documentary? Only time will tell. Due to severe weight increase in the average SNC athlete, Eagle Eye has purchased an extra wide camera lens that will let him view all of the action at SNC 10.

SIERRA NEVADA CLASSIC INTERNATIONAL SCOUT

Mario “Svengali” Schroder

In attempts to draw top athletes from around the world, the Sierra Nevada Athletic Commission has signed Mario Schroder for an undisclosed amount to handle the dubious task of scouting throughout the European Continent. Schroder has been working night and day to recruit top athletes from Ireland to Austria. Leaving no stone unturned, Svengali has scouted the majority of the talent in pubs and houses of ill will. He hopes that this is where he will be able to find the type of athlete who has the stamina to last all day long at the SNC tourney. Tournament officials are still hoping that Svengali can pull off a miracle, slip past Interpol, and make it to SNC 10.

COLT .45s

2004 Sierra Nevada Classic – 1st Place!!! (4th Basketball, 1st Wiffle Ball, 2nd Bowling)

2004 Summary

Holy Shit! What an unbelievable year for the Colt .45s. The day started with them being behind 6-1 in basketball, but this squad sacked up and made one of the biggest comebacks in tourney history by defeating the Point Shavers 7-6. This would usually be enough for this team, but they were just getting started. They rolled through the Wiffle ball event giving up only three runs in three games and ended their Cinderella story with a second place in bowling. Going off at 31-1 odds, these guys sent a shock through the Classic that won't be forgotten any time soon.

The Team

Jim “2-4-2” McHugh – Captain

Mayday, mayday, the captain of all captains, Jim McHugh, returns for his sixth season in the league with a smile from ear to ear that he has sported all off-season. Even as the oldest player in the league at fifty, McHugh shows no signs of slowing down. 2-4-2 was the one who got things started in the gym with his never say die attitude. As always he was the force in bowling that secured the Colt .45s their first championship. Spending the majority of his off-season signing autographs on his boat in Dana Point, CA, McHugh hasn't done much in the exercise department. Unless you count twelve-ounce curls as exercise.

Jim “Chilinch” Tierney (MVP – 2004)

Like his captain, Jim Tierney returns for his sixth year in the Classic. Only this year he returns with a championship ring and MVP trophy. What this kid did on the Wiffle ball nipple is part of SNC History. The movement on his pitches threw out more than one opponent's back attempting to even get a piece of the ball. He also hit two important jumpers in the gym in the awe inspiring come back. Following up with a solid performance in bowling, he captured his first of many potential MVP trophies. Unlike his captain, he has not taken the off-season for granted. Look for him to be in tip top shape for the tenth annual tourney this year. Is it possible for Tierney to take another year off from talking to his shoes?

Toby “The Serb” Basta (Rookie)

Toby Basta, the Siberian hit man, lands in a great spot for his first year in the tourney. With two veterans on his team and his superior athletic ability, the returning champions won't even break stride. Look for him to be a key factor in both hoops and Wiffle ball come tourney time. As with most rookies, look for the half time stop at the JT to be crippling. Not much is known about this rookie's bowling game, but merely standing up after lunch will be a plus for this kid.

2005 Prediction – 2nd Place

Is it possible for the Colt .45s to be only the second team to repeat in the Classic History? Placing in the top two in bowling is pretty much a given. If they can sneak away with points in hoops again and perform like last year in Wiffle ball they have a serious shot.

From The Caption – Jim McHugh

“Ah, Drinks for my friends! The high our squad is riding will carry us to another championship season. Withdraw your IRA's and put it on the Colt 45s in 2005.”

FISTFULL OF \$\$\$

2004 Sierra Nevada Classic – 2nd Place (1st Basketball, 4th Wiffle Ball)

2004 Summary

Entering SNC 9, Fistful was riding high off of their SNC 8 Championship. However, they found out that repeating as SNC Champs is no easy task. Things got off to a great start for Fistfull in last year's tourney when they handed From The Brickyard their first basketball defeat in SNC history. With four points going into their strong event of Wiffle ball, the sky was the limit. However, a semifinal loss to Let it Ride and a consolation loss to Triple Play on the diamond was a tough pill to swallow. Still, Fistfull was tied for 1st place going into the afternoon. But the afternoon collapse of several past tourneys came screaming back. With an opening pre-tourney loss in bowling, Fistfull's hopes of repeating were shattered.

The Team

Billy “Dot” Borda – Captain (MVP – 2003)

Captain and former MVP Billy Borda, will again need to be the heart and soul of Fistfull if they have any chance to make a run for their second title in three years. His ankle breakin' crossover and lethal jumper give his team a great chance at finishing in the top two in hoops every year. But he will need to rally his teammates in the afternoon to have any shot at taking home the hardware, and look for this nine-year veteran to be a bit pre-occupied come tourney time with wedding bells only a month away.

David “The Stormin’ Ex-Mormon” Dodson

Dave Dodson again will bring his all around athletic ability to the plate for Fistfull. Dodson has spent the entire off-season on the lanes as directed by Captain Borda. The score of 76 in the pre-tourney bowl-off kept him up at night for several months after SNC 9. Like the Mormon Church, Dodson will rid his past of afternoon falters at the Carson Lanes. Dodson plans on bowling with a much heavier ball at this years tourney. In moving from a 13-pound ball, to a 14-pound ball he plans to get the extra pop and pin action he has missed in the past.

Joe “Casanova” Tierney (ROY – 2000)

Former SNC 5 rookie of the year, Joe Tierney completes the most athletic team in the tournament. He was a big factor in Fistfull's 1st place finish in hoops last year, hitting several key jumpers in the championship game. But unlike dominating mound performances of years past, Tierney gave up a total of 10 runs in the semifinal and consolation rounds on the diamond. While attending an off-season pitching clinic, Tierney's untouchable pitching dominance is rumored to be back on track.

2005 Prediction – 1st Place

Look for Fistfull to again place high in the gym. A 4th place finish in Wiffle ball most likely will never happen again. If they can do anything in bowling look for them to again take the gold.

From the Captain – Bill Borda

“The squad we bring to the tourney this year will go down in SNC History, 1st in hoops, 1st in Wiffle ball, and 1st in bowling. Sit back and watch the greatest show on earth.”

TRIPLE PLAY

2004 Sierra Nevada Classic- 3rd Place (3rd Wiffle Ball, 3rd Bowling)

2004 Summary

Things got off to a horrible start for Triple Play in last years tourney with a 7-3 defeat to the Undertakers in basketball. But this squad dug deep and refused to hang their heads. Wiffle ball started off much better with a first round 7-2 victory over Stage Fright. After a semifinal loss to the Colt .45s, they came through big time with a 5-1 victory over the heavily favored Fistfull of \$\$\$ in the Consolation game. Another third place finish on the lanes secured their highest place in tourney history. For a team predicted to finish ninth in the tourney, Triple Play made teams around the league wake up and take notice.

The Team

Mike “Paw” Berkich – Captain

Captain Mike Berkich saunters back for his fifth tourney. Look for this cagey veteran to build on last year’s finish and lead his team to another solid Classic finish. He has instructed his teammates to get as many hoop games in during the off-season as humanly possible to avoid last year’s early morning disaster. Paw will be managing his squad this year like his fine-tuned landscaping crew. With his off-season game plan, not a blade of grass will be out of place.

Rob “Bor” Stoddard

Rob Stoddard, like his captain is also back for his fifth tourney. He will need to mirror last year’s performance on the mound for Triple Play to finish in the top three. This summer of love pretty much sum’s up this athlete’s off-season. After the DS-21 annual golf tourney, Stoddard had to have major surgery to remove his cell phone, which had become glued to his ear. Cupid’s arrow can still be seen in the hind side of this athlete. With this being the first time in 25 years Bor has had a girlfriend, look for a kinder/gentler tusk at this years tourney.

Mike “Sleepy” Johnson (ROY-2002)

Faster than a speeding bullet, Mike Johnson screams back for his fourth tourney. Just putting the ball in play in Wiffle ball is all this guy needs to do for a base hit. He was a huge asset for his team in bowling last year as well. A pre-tourney score of 161 in bowling, got his squad off to a great start, which ended with the consolation victory. With his athletic skills, Johnson needs to rise up and do some more damage in hoops. Look for Sleepy to get a few extra cups of coffee at breakfast this year and have a full day with no nodding.

2005 Prediction – 6th Place

With their finish last year, Triple Play now knows what it takes to compete on tourney day. Look for them to again be strong in Wiffle ball and bowling. With a helpful seed in basketball, these guys could make another run for the top three in SNC 10.

From The Captain – Mike Berkich

“With Four years under our belt together we have the chemistry and skills to compete for it all. We are afraid of no team in this league. Bring it on!!”

POINT SHAVERS

2004 Sierra Nevada Classic – 4th Place (1st Bowling)

2004 Summary

The day appeared to be off to a great start in the gym for the veteran Point Shavers with an early 6-1 lead on the Colt .45s. But just when they were looking ahead to the next game, the resilient .45s shocked the world and came all the way back for a 7-6 victory over the one time dominate Shavers. They had a hard time getting over their loss as witnessed buy their 5-1 loss to the Penetrators in Wiffle ball. But being the veterans they are, the Point Shavers came back strong in the afternoon with a 1st place in bowling and the top team average of 474 for the day.

The Team

Mike “The Silent Assassin” Borda – Captain (4-Time MVP – 96, 99, 00, 02) Captain Mike Borda was not happy, to say the least, over the early morning exit in hoops. His once mighty temper almost got the best of this veteran after the devastating loss. While having difficulty finding the strike zone in Wiffle ball, his once dominant mound presence was nowhere to be found. One bright spot of last year’s tourney was the first place in bowling, which he will use to build on to get the Shavers back in contention.

Rodney “Spider Man” Keinath – (2-Time MVP – 1997, 2001)

Rodney Keinath makes it back for this tenth season and will need to improve in the gym for this squad to have any chance of winning their sixth title. Whatever this two time MVP was lacking in the morning events, he made up for on the lanes. He opened with a 210 in the pre tourney bowl off and went on to bowl another 205 game to secure the Shavers a much needed first place finish. Keinath spent the off season at the Pete Newell big man camp in Hawaii and hopes to have his drop step perfected come tip off.

Roger “The Hammer” Borda

The cagey veteran Roger Borda also returns for his tenth season. As always the Hammer will be handing out punishment in the key. During the off-season, Borda had both his elbows and kneecaps sharpened at the local blacksmith in Elko. The infamous screen on Dot in SNC 3 will never be forgotten. With the addition of the new Bo-Flex gym to his house, Borda will be shying away from contact.

2005 Prediction – 3rd Place

Although the Point Shavers may not have shown much promise in the morning events the past few years, this veteran squad still knows what it takes to win the title. Still the only team intact from SNC I, they also have the best team chemistry in the league. Look for them to again take first in bowling and win what they need to for a first place tourney finish.

From the Captain – Mike Borda

“Most teams would be happy with a third place prediction; we take it as a slap in the face. The time has come for six trophies to rest in our case.”

LET IT RIDE

2004 Sierra Nevada Classic – 5th Place (2nd Wiffle Ball)

2004 Summary

Let It Rides tourney got off to a rough start on the Friday Night with a first round seed against From The Brickyard. But, on tourney day they were far from intimidated and nearly pulled off the upset of the Classic with a narrow 7-6 loss. They rebounded strongly in Wiffle ball with a second place finish, but ran out of gas in bowling with a pre-tournament loss. Failing to qualify for the afternoon took a lot of wind out of the sails of this six-year squad.

The Team

Johnny “Joe Camel” Borda - Captain

Johnny Borda, now only one of the only full time smokers, looks to make a strong run for his teams' first tourney win ever. He was extremely happy with his team's performance last year in the morning events and has put his teammates on a strict bowling and drinking diet to make sure last year's falters never happen again. This veteran has logged a lot of time on the road for work this off-season, which has left him little time for any serious exercise. Also, during an off-season home move, Borda apparently broke his foot while rolling his ankle. Look for him to be a little bit ginger on the gam. Also, look for one or two lungs on the floor from Joe Camel.

Rob “The Mayor” Roode (ROY –1998)

Rob Roode waddles back for his eighth season after an unemployment string going on six months. Instead of using the idle time to get into shape, he is now the food taster for all restaurants in the South Bay. During an off season two-on-two hoop pick up game, the Mayor became a bit light headed and had to call it quits early. Good thing the Commission made the half court game mandatory in the tournament. If steaks and chops were an event in the Classic, Let it Ride would win hands down.

Mike “Goose” Wetenkamp

Mike Wetenkamp limps into this years tourney with more injuries than a Vietnam veteran. During the annual DS-21, Wetenkamp somehow ran his knee into a two foot cement curb. Not being much of doctor fan, he decided to let the eight inch gash on his knee heal itself. After finally recovering from this near fatal wound, Chiptella didn't take long to get back on injured reserve. While skiing during the off-season in Tahoe, he thought it would be a good idea to try a helicopter, another near fatal move. Now with a torn MCL or ACL, who knows, he will hobble in to SNC 10 preparing for the next “mild” injury.

2005 Prediction – 4th Place

Despite their poor performance in bowling last year, this squad actually made a push for the title. Don't expect them to make a poor showing again on the lanes. With a solid Wiffle ball team, Let It Ride only needs a good seeding in basketball. You Bet!!!

From the Captain – Johnny Borda

“We are done playing Mr. Nice Guy in this league. We will bring some much needed toughness to this year's tourney. Our Sierra Nevada Classic game is tight.”

FROM THE BRICKYARD

2004 Sierra Nevada Classic – 6th Place (2nd Basketball)

2004 Summary

For the first time since the inception of the franchise, From The Brickyard failed to take first place in basketball. With two of the top basketball players limping into the tourney, Brickyard gave it all they had, but fell a bit short to take second place. With those four points they were accustomed to in the past now gone, they lost any serious chance of competing for the title. A pre-tourney loss in Wiffle ball and 1st round loss in bowling had these guys hittin' the Carson Lane's bar early.

The Team

Ron "Silk" Powell – Captain (ROY – 1999)

Captain Ron Powell is back for his seventh year in the tourney and vows to get right back to the level of top three finishes. Playing like Willis Reed in last years tourney, this veteran did all he could to give his team a chance for the title. With a successful off-season knee surgery, Powell is back and stronger than ever. Now healthy, Powell will make sure his squad never relinquishes the first place finish in hoops. On a positive note, the Los Angeles Lakers didn't make the playoffs in basketball this year.

Carlos "The Apostle" Mendeguia

Carlos Mendeguia is back with of full tank this year as well. Carlos, like his teammate Powell could barely muster a limp in the gym last year, but gave a valiant effort for his team to make a push for their first tourney win. If you leave this guy open for a jumper, you'll lose. Mendeguia will have to make great strides in the bowling alley to give his team any chance at hardware.

Paul "Packsand" Kinne

Paul Kinne is back and ready for action. Look for him to be tossing his famous 22-mile an hour fastball on the diamond. Although always trying to work on his game during the off-season, Kinne hit a major roadblock during the annual DS-21 golf tourney. While on the forth tee, Kinne was introduced to a top shelf vodka (Popov). A short while later, Kinne was experiencing effects similar to those of mescaline. To this day Kinne may break out speaking in tongues without warning.

2005 Prediction – 5th Place

With FTB now healthy, look for them to be on top again in basketball. However, with classic members now knowing that they can be beat, their road to first place will not be as easy. With minimal chances in placing in either Wiffle ball or bowling, don't expect them in the top three any time soon.

From the Captain – Ron Powell

"From the Brickyard will defy all odds and make strong finishes in both Wiffle ball and bowling. 1st place in hoops is automatic."

STAGE FRIGHT

2004 Sierra Nevada Classic – 7th Place

2004 Summary

Stage Fright started the day on a positive note with a third place finish in hoops. But after leaving the gym, any hopes of making a push of the title were lost with a 7-2 defeat to Triple Play in round one of Wiffle ball. A first round loss to Full House in bowling left Stage Fright well short of their goals for SNC 9.

The Team

Stage Fright Ownership had one of the biggest off-season roster shake ups in league history. After being a part of the Sierra Nevada Classic for eight seasons, veteran Sean “Dr. Love” McDermott was given his walking papers. It appears that Dr. Love was automatically banned from the Sierra Nevada Classic. Under section 37B of the SNC ethics manual signed by him, it states quite clearly -- "I, the undersigned, shall forfeit all rights, privileges, and licenses herein and herein contained," et cetera, et cetera... if found sleeping with a member's girlfriend or wife, et cetera, et cetera... It was all there, in black and white, clear as crystal!

Lance “Yeti” Hammons – Captain (MI – 2004)

Captain Lance Hammons returns for his ninth season in the tourney and is now the only original member of the Stage Fright Franchise. Hammons, who won Most Inspirational for his awe inspiring performance at the Friday Night Seedings, tries to put the pieces together for this crumbling franchise. Look for him to respond with one of his best performances of his SNC career in this years tourney. Still on the wagon from smoking, maybe this is the year Stage Fright actually threatens for the title.

Kyle “Leroy” Schellin (ROY – 2001, MI – 2003)

Kyle Schellin, former SNC Rookie of the Year and Most Inspirational, returns for his fourth season in the tourney. He has all the skills to give his team the title in hoops. If he could put anything together in either Wiffle ball or bowling, he might also add an MVP award to his trophy case. However, now that he's head coach of the rival Reno Huskies, Schellin may not be getting to many calls on the hardwood or on the diamond.

Matt “The Rock” Franz (Rookie)

Matt Franz rounds up this squad and looks to be a huge addition to this team that has struggled so often in the past. This guy automatically gives Stage Fright a legitimate shot at taking the title in basketball. A previous football player at Fresno State, Franz will make sure the middle is well plugged for Stage Fright. Not much is known about this guy's Wiffle ball or bowling skills, but as with all rookies, the picon half time event is always the biggest unknown.

2005 Prediction – 9th Place

Although this squad has a chance in hoops, don't look for any finish better than 2nd place, especially with the boys from the brickyard back to 100 percent. They haven't done well in Wiffle ball or bowling the last two years and with the fourth squad change in nine years this will probably happen again.

From the Captain – Lance Hammons

“Our new team will mesh together from tip off; I'll make sure off it. My top performance will be on tourney day this year and not at the seedings.”

FULL HOUSE

2004 Sierra Nevada Classic – 8th Place (4th Bowling)

2004 Summary

Coming off of a strong finish in SNC 8, Full House was predicted to finish in fourth place in last year's tourney. A pre-tournament seed against the mighty Fistfull of \$\$\$ in hoops and Wiffle ball was not the start they were looking for. After a 7-1 loss in hoops and a first round defeat in Wiffle ball, Full House bowed out of the running for any medal chances. They did however scratch out a fourth place in bowling which made the day a bit easier to stomach.

The Team

Kris "Skeets" Kelly – Captain

Captain Kris Kelly is back and in the best shape of his life. This guy has taken off-season conditioning to a whole new level. Forget the standard jog a mile or two. Skeets has been working his speed on up to ten quarter mile sprints a day. It's fair to say his clock won't be stopping anytime soon on tourney day. Still the only player in the Classic that can do the splits, Kelly will mirror his solid performance of the last year at the Carson Lanes. Look for Kelly again to be the focal point for Carson Station Security on both Friday and Saturday night.

Rich "All World" Hutson

Rich Hutson is back and bigger than ever for his sixth year. Hutson had a busy off-season with the birth of his third son. Maybe Kinne could use this guy's help in the male gene department. He will again be the anchor in the key for his squad in hoops. It's not easy to get around this guy's screens. His slide into home plate in Wiffle ball last year still has a buzz to it. While attempting to score a run for Full House he did a knee slid, which produced a human size divot on the turf. Tournament offices have gone to a more durable pead grass for this years tourney.

Ray "Flatfoot" Villegas (ROY-2003)

One time Rookie of the Year, Ray Villegas is back for his third year in the Classic. The sophomore jinx came calling for Villegas last year. His rookie year's jumper didn't make it to the gym with his team only producing one point in hoops. He gave up five runs on the nipple while getting no run support from his teammates. Look for him to rebound strong this year with an all around solid performance in hoops and Wiffle ball. As always, he will keep his team in the hunt at lunch and on the lanes.

2005 Prediction – 7th Place

Although Full House under performed last year, look for about the same finish for these boys. If they get another tough seed in hoops, they may slide even further down. However, this is a squad that can make a push for a top 3 finish if seeding goes right for them on Friday night.

From The Captain – Kris Kelly

"Low predictions only motivate a team with this much stature. My boys Hut and Ray will be ready to roll through the competition come game time."

THE UNDERTAKERS

2004 Sierra Nevada Classic – 9th Place

2004 Summary

The day got off brilliantly for The Undertakers in last years tourney with a pre-tourney victory over the favorite Triple Play in basketball. But a first round loss against Stage Fright ended any hope of walking away with points from the gym. The next blow was a first round loss to Let it Ride in Wiffle ball. However, they didn't let this dampen their spirits as they vowed to do some serious damage in the lanes. Yet, a poor pre-tourney showing barely got them into the first round of bowling and they eventually lost in that round to the eventual champions, the Point Shavers.

The Team

Mark "Ziggy" Manning – Captain

Captain Mark Manning returns for his fifth Classic, his fourth time leading the heavily underdogged Undertakers through this rugged tournament. Manning enters this year's tourney in shape and head over heels. During the off-season, it seems Manning caught a major case of the love bug, which could either make or break his performance in SNC 10. Manning will need to do some serious work in the morning events to have any chance of moving his squad out of the ninth place finish they have held the last two Classics. Being on the road for both work and the band, Ziggy has been a man on the go. Maybe this busy schedule will help him to focus on the present and not dwell on the past.

John "Shortstack" Wurster

John Wurster makes it back for his fourth season with his lethal bowling ball that gives him a legitimate chance of bowling 300 any time he steps on the lanes. Unlike his Captain, Wurster has a different view on the whole love game. Wurster fired his girlfriend for not being able to withstand the social lifestyle this athlete must maintain. Look for Shortstack to again be the force in the middle during basketball. Not too many teams can match up this guy in size and skills in the paint, but he will need to improve greatly in Wiffle ball to get his team going.

Scott "The Leprechaun" Schellin – (MI - 2002)

Scott Schellin, the heart and soul of The Undertakers, is back for his fourth tourney. This kid is always going for broke on the court and on the diamond. Schellin, a previous Most Inspirational selection has worked around the clock to give his squad a shot at finishing in at least 8th Place this year. To do that, he will need to keep the voices out of his head in the bowling alley for them to have any shot.

2005 Prediction – 10th Place

The Undertakers have now been out of the cellar for two years. But look for this squad to return to doomsville at the end of the day. If they have another poor performance in bowling this year, tenth place will be calling their names.

From The Captain – Mark Manning

"We will never again fold in bowling. A helpful seed in either hoops or Wiffle ball is all we need to compete in this league."

PENETRATORS

2004 Sierra Nevada Classic – (DEAD LAST)

2004 Summary

Wow!! What happened to this team last year was a complete and absolute disgrace. With both an eight and seven year veteran on the team, the commission had serious off-season discussions of even keeping this team

around. The Penetrators, once a SNC powerhouse and two-time SNC Champions, have fallen off the end of the earth. At this point it will take a miracle to claw out of the hole they have dug for themselves. That's good stuff, keep on truckin'.

The Team

Kip "Greez" Perry – Captain (MVP – 1998)

Captain Jelly Perry leads her team with the difficult task of getting this crumbled franchise back to a respectable level of performance. With a solid hoops and Wiffle ball game, he surely has the tools to lead his team to the top. He may need to take the team on his shoulders this year to give them some much needed breathing room. He feels that with this being the third year with the same team intact, their tourney blunders will be a thing of the past.

Bill "Da Whala" Isaman (ROY – 1997)

Patty Isaman migrates back for her ninth season. Last season's debacle has the blowhole pressure at an all time high. The slightest bit of pressure this year could mean trouble. Instead of working on his events during the off-season, Isaman went to see some of his whale friends down under in New Zealand. The time off may be just what the Whala needs to calm down and get back to his Rookie of the Year performance of 1997.

Sean "Southie" Harmon

Linda Harmon makes it back for her third SNC and hopes to get into the flow early in hoops this year. He has the ability to take over in the gym and must do so for the Penetrators to have any chance of placing in the top five. An off season trip to Italy may be just what the doctor ordered for this SNC member to get on track for a solid performance.

2005 Prediction – 8th Place

The Penetrators haven't cracked the top 7 places since 2001. Look for this year to be no different. Now that points are hard to come by in both hoops and Wiffle ball, this team will be lucky to make it out of the middle of the pack.

From the Captain – Kip Perry

"You have got to be kidding me. This prediction is all we need to get the fire back in our eyes. The Penetrators will never finish worse than second again."

Nevada State Animal – Big Horn Sheep

Sierra Nevada Classic Athlete

Vital Stats

Weight: 115 – 280 lbs

Length: 50 – 62 “

Sexual Maturity: 2 years

Mating Season: Nov. – Dec.

No. of Young: 1–2

Lifespan: 10-15 years

Typical diet: mainly grasses, sedges and forbs
meat

Curious Facts

Known for head to head combat

Combat between rams lasts for 24 hours

Horn size is a symbol of rank

Do not require drinking water in winter
when vegetation is avail.

During summer they visit waterholes
every 3 days

Vital Stats

Weight: 95 - 300 lbs

Length: 60 – 79.2 “

Sexual Maturity: 68 years

Mating Season: Every Damn Night

No. of Young: 0 – 3

Lifespan: 69 years and counting

Typical diet: mostly alcohol and some

Curious Facts

Known for elbow to face combat

Combat between Athletes lasts for 1 minute

Single horn size is a symbol of rank

Do not require drinking water in winter
when alcohol is avail

During summer they visit waterholes
every 10 minutes.

The Nevada State Song

Home Means Nevada

Words and music by Mrs. Bertha Raffetto (1885-1952)

Way out in the land of the setting sun,
Where the wind blows wild and free,
There's a lovely spot, just the only one
That means home sweet home to me.
If you follow the old Kit Carson Trail,
Until desert meet the hills,
Oh you certainly will agree with me,
It's the place of a thousand thrills.

Chorus:

Home means Nevada,
Home means the hills,
Home means the sage and the pines.
Out by the Truckee's silvery rills.
Out where the sun always shines.
There is the land that I love the best,
Fairer than all I can see.
Right in the heart of the golden west,
Home means Nevada to me.

Whenever the sun at the close of day
Colors all the western sky,
Oh, my heart returns to the desert grey
And the mountains tow'ring high.
Where the moon beams play in shadowed glen
With the spotted fawn and doe
All the lifelong night until morning light
Is the Loveliest place I know

Chorus:

Origin of the State Song

The year was 1932, it was summer and Mrs. Raffetto had been asked by the Nevada Native Daughters, to sing a song about Nevada at the annual picnic at Bowers Mansion. She completed "Home Means Nevada" at 4:00am on the day of the picnic and sang her composition that afternoon. The song was very well received and former Governor Roswell K. Colcord said to Mrs. Raffetto, "Honey, that's the prettiest Nevada Song that I have ever heard. It should be made the state song of Nevada!"

The song was adopted by the legislature on February 6, 1933