

SIERRA NEVADA

CLASSIC

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MEDIA GUIDE

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Mark Twain (on the Sierra Nevada)

The air up there is very pure and fine,
bracing and delicious. And why shouldn't it
be? It is the same air that angels breath.

Gentlemen,

The Sierra Nevada Athletic Commission welcomes you to the biggest event to take place in the State of Nevada since its birth to the union in 1864. The V Annual Sierra Nevada Classic is back and stronger than ever. Beginning back in 1996, the SNC has grown from a 3 team expansion league, to this years 7 team league which is second to none. You have been chosen by an undisclosed Commission that has recognized you as a top athlete/person and are counted upon by this Commission to display exemplary sportsmanship throughout the weekend. As stated in previous years, your participation in this event is a privilege. If for any reason you do not meet the quality standards of this sacred league or fail to attend the tournament without a viable reason, your contract is always up for review by the Commission.

With the overwhelming exposure the league has attracted over the years, there is always a continuous list that is kept by the Commission of possible new members. With attendance and network ratings sky rocketing last year, a new team has been added to the league. The Commission has once again implemented a few changes for this year's tournament.

Changes are as follows:

- 1) Expansion team "Colt .45s" joins the League.
- 2) New members Jim "The Bronx Bomber" Tierney, Rich "All World" Hutson, Jim "2-4-2" McHugh and Joe "Casanova" Tierney are drafted.
- 3) Wiffleball will be played at Governors Field.
- 4) Basketball will be played at Carson City High School.
- 5) Lunch will be held at the JT Basque Restaurant.
- 6) Bowling will be held at the Town & Country Lanes in Reno.
- 7) The Four highest scoring teams in round 1 of Bowling will advance to the finals.
- 8) Single elimination in all events.
- 9) Minimum 4 pecan punch limit prior to lunch.

Historic Roster Of The Sierra Nevada Classic

In alphabetic order

- #3 Borda, Bill "String Bean" ****
- #22 Borda, Johnny "Iron Mike" ****+
- #3 Borda, John "Brute" \$\$\$\$
- #3 Borda, Mike "The Silent Assassin" ****
- #34 Borda, Roger "The Hammer" ****
- #20 Dodson, Dave "The Stormin' Mormon" **
- #9 Fain, Darin "Pistol Pete" ****
- #44 Hagar, Sean "The Big Hurt" *
- #14 Hammons, Lance "The Ultimate Experience" ***
- #29 Hutson, Rich "All World" ?
- #00 Isaman, Bill "Da Whala" ***
- #80 Keinath, Rodney "Spider man" ****
- #8 Kelly, Kris "Skeets" ***
- #3 Kinne, Paul "On My Shoulders" *
- #22 Mendeguia, Carlos "The Apostle" *
- #30 McHugh, Jim "2-4-2" ?
- #69 McDermitt, Sean "Dr. Love" ***
- #1 Perry, Kip "Greez" ****
- #41 Powell, Ron "Silk" *
- #33 Roode, Rob "The Mayor" **
- #10 Tierney, Jim "The Bronx Bomber" ?
- #4 Tierney, Joe "Casanova" ?
- #34 Turner, Rob "The Worm" ***
- #10 Wetencamp, Mike "Goose" *
- #22 Woods, J.D. "Senior Smoke" **

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- **** Four year veteran
 - *** Three Year Veteran
 - ** Two Year Veteran
 - * One Year Veteran
 - + One Year Veteran (Guam Independent League)
 - \$\$\$\$ Four Year Veteran (Official)
 - ? Rookie

Sierra Nevada Classic Finishes

Sierra Nevada classic I - 1996

1st place The Penetrators
2nd place Fistful of \$\$\$
3rd Place Point Shavers

Sierra Nevada Classic II - 1997

1st place Point Shavers
2nd place The Penetrators
3rd place Fistful of \$\$\$
4th place Stage Fright

Sierra Nevada Classic III - 1998

1st place The Penetrators
2nd place Point Shavers & Fistful of \$\$\$ (Tie)
3rd place Let it Ride
4th place Stage Fright

Sierra Nevada Classic IV - 1999

1st place Point Shavers
2nd place Fistful of \$\$\$
3rd place From the Brickyard
4th place Stage Fright

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HEAD OFFICIAL

JOHN "THE BRUTE" BORDA

John Borda, in the second year of his 3 year undisclosed amount contract, has been the only official to oversee the event since it's beginning. This veteran official takes absolutely nothing from any player. Veteran players are already aware of what challenging this official can cause your team. Rookies unaware of Borda's temperament are cautioned to avoid altercations with this veteran official. As always, this official has full authority by the commission to levee fines, ejection's or suspensions. Borda states this about whining and complaining on his calls, "If I want to hear girls cry, I'll go see a Drama". Bail out calls for this official simply don't exist. He wishes tourney members good luck and expects full cooperation with his instructions at all times.

On a sour note, Borda would like to offer his condolences to Kris "Skeets" Kelly, Bill "The Whala" Isaman and Mike "The Silent Assassin" Borda for getting married during the off season.

POINT SHAVERS

TEAM MEMBERS:

Rodney "Spider Man" Keinath

Roger "The Hammer" Borda

Mike "The Silent Assassin" Borda

1999 Sierra Nevada Classic Finish - 1st Place

2000 Outlook: Barring injury to the big three veterans, this tournament is the Point Shavers for the taking. This Veteran dynasty still has all members intact from SNV I. This in and of itself is worth more than gold. Point Shaver ownership knows the importance of these big three and has signed all players to multi year contracts. Team Captain, Mike Borda, will once again give his team a favorite chance in claiming the title. His SNV Resume, with two MVPs and two championships, is tops in the league. This player has the ability to dominate in every category. With his off season workout program, the best may be yet to come for Borda. Roger Borda brings his 4 year experience back for another season. Although this hard nosed vet may have lost a step in the speed department, league members know his physical play is what keeps the Shavers in the hunt every year. He simply does everything he can year in and year out. Rog, entering into the endorsement arena during the off season, signed a lucrative deal with Coppertone. Look for his bronzed skin in calendars and commercials everywhere. Rodney Keinath has experienced his share of glory in the Classic as well. This one time MVP is another anchor in the Shavers dominance. He has improved his B Ball game every year since the beginning of the Classic. His Bowling game is continually in hear gear with a 300 game always in sight. He has made more than a few outstanding plays in the field in whiffle Ball. Keinath, the team spokes person, states "Our dominance will continue for no other reason than our sheer will to win".

Prediction: 1st Place, this team is a lock to take bowling for the 4th straight year. With their history of a least placing in the morning events look for the Shavers again to be on top.

LET IT RIDE

TEAM MEMBERS:

John "Iron Mike" Borda
Mike "Goose" Wetencamp
Rob "The Mayor" Roode

1999 Sierra Nevada Finish - 5th Place

2000 Outlook: Let it Ride brings there never say die attitude to the table this year to revenge their poor SNV IV performance. Franchise owners were vocally upset that these guys couldn't place in a single event. If they don't place in the top three this year, owners may be looking to change the out look of the team. Team Captain John Borda feels no pressure and has assured the media that this team will respond in this year's tourney. Look for Borda, in the last year of his contract to have a record breaking season. Borda reminds tourney members that they were 1 point shy of taking third in b ball and upsetting the favorite Fistful. If he responds in all events this year, this team will place without a doubt. The late addition of Mike Wetencamp gave this team a much needed spark in '99. This kids physical play was a site to watch. He played like a man possessed in hoops, tossing veteran players around the gym like calf at the rodeo. The collision between Wet and Roode in whiffle ball last year made fans and tourney members cringe. For the two to walk away from that shows the toughness this team is made off. Wetencamp came up just short of last year's rookie of the year award, and aims to again be the enforcer on this squad. If he can improve in the afternoon, he can dominate every event. Rob Roode comes back for a third season ready to take this team to the top. If this guy gets hot in hoops, watch out. He can drop 5 buckets on you in a flash. He will need to improve in whiffle ball and bowling this year to help his team place above the top four. Roode, still being coveted by the Costa Rica Pro League, will honor his SNV Contract for at least the remaining two years of his contract. Costa Rican League Officials have given Roode a key to their city in attempts to lure this top athlete to the CRL. With off-season visits and several room upgrades to the luxurious Del Rey Hotel and Casino, there is no telling how much longer this veteran can hold on.

Prediction: 2nd Place. This is Let it Ride's year to place in the top. They will rebound from last year at make a legit run at the championship. Give them a good seed in hoops or whiffle ball and they will be dancing all night long.

FROM THE BRICKYARD

Team Members:

Carlos "The Apostle" Mendeguia

Ron "Silk" Powell

Paul "On My Shoulders" Kinne

1999 Sierra Nevada Finish - 3rd Place

2000 Outlook: From The Brickyard made an impressive start in SNC IV with a first place in basketball. But, that's about were it ended for this team. After they left the gym, they were non-existent the remainder of the day. It appeared as if they were not ready for the playoff atmosphere that surrounds this all day tournament. Brickyard is led by 1999 Rookie of the Year, Ron Powell. Despite being double and at times triple teamed, this guy did whatever he wanted in hoops. His one step tomahawk jam brought fans and Classic members out of their seats. During the off season, Powell was quoted as saying, "Maybe I'll play strictly left handed this year to give tourney members a chance at competing". Ron worked day and night during the break on his whiffle ball and bowling game. He states that with one year under their belt, they are better prepared to last all day long. Carlos Mendeguia also had a big day for this team in last years hoops event. He was a great go to guy when teammate Powell was double teamed. With not being able to leave Mendeguia alone, it makes it damn near impossible to defense this team. Mendeguia made 1st Team all Tourney during the off season Nike Camp. Along with his teammates, he just couldn't be found in the afternoon. If he wants to help his team out this year he needs to produce in and least one of the last two events. Paul Kinne makes up the triangle for these guys in hoops. He as well did his part in hitting key open shots. He makes this team have no weak spots in the gym. Brickyard will rely on him to get them going in whiffle ball. He is their leader on the mound and offense. Look for Kinne to send at least one ball out of the yard this year. Paul's off season in the bowling alley didn't go as well as expected. With scores lower than both Mary Kay and Anne Maria in practice sessions, this guys confidence may have been shattered.

Prediction: 3rd Place. This team is lock in hoops. But not much has changed for these boys since last year. Look for them to be daydreaming after they are done in basketball

FISTFUL OF \$\$\$

TEAM MEMBERS:

Bill "String Bean" Borda

Dave "The Stormin' Morman" Dodson

Joe "Casanova" Tierney

1999 Sierra Nevada Classic Finish - 2nd Place

2000 Outlook: Fistful of \$\$\$ were dealt a big blow in the off season with the news that 4 year Classic member Rob Turner decided to hang up his SNV Jersey and retire for greener pastures. Fistful ownership worked night a day during the off season to put together a team that could keep this successful franchise at the top of the League. To secure the teams future, the owners signed Bill Borda to the largest contract in league history. With this guy as the team leader, owners feel confident they won't miss a step. Bill, the all time leader scoring in Classic Hoops History, will need to step it up even higher for his team to have a chance. Unlike previous years of morning dominance and afternoon disaster, Fistful actually took second place in bowling last year. It was their upset defeat in Basketball that really gave them no chance to win. Borda states that with the new addition to his team this year they will dominate in morning and afternoon events. He likes the youth Fistful brings this year and states they will be the hungriest they have ever been to win the title. Dave Dodson, back for his third year, is feeling he has the experience to take Fistful to the top. He needs to step up and be a big player for his team this year in hoops and bang with the big boys in the middle. This may be the year Dodson finally displays the dominance he once knew in Triple A Whiffle Ball. But more than ever, this kid will need to come to play in the afternoon for his team to have any legitimate shot. Dave, is currently MIA from the Morman Church with a legal suite pending. The Later Day Saints are seeking 10% of his SNV Salary for the use of his nickname. His once poster boy image for the Church took a drastic turn when a picture of him turned up in Maxim Magazine with a Budweiser in one hand and a cigarette in the other. With no salary cap in the SNV, Fistful went out and got one of the top rookies available in the summer draft. Joe Tierney, the College Player of the Year, will need to make an immediate impact in a league that is known for chewing up and spitting out rookies. This kid can full out play. He will bring some needed help to the hoop arena. In Whiffle Ball, he hit 35 bombs on his home field Club Sandburg during his freshman year. But the pecan punch wall he will need to break through in the afternoon may be to much for this rookie to stomach.

Prediction: 4th Place, If this team doesn't place in basketball, they will be done for the day.

STAGE FRIGHT

TEAM MEMBERS:

Kris "Skeets" Kelly

Sean "Dr. Love" McDermitt

Lance "The Ultimate Experience" Hammons

1999 Sierra Nevada Finish - 4th Place

2000 Outlook: Coming off one of the best seasons in Franchise history, Stage Fright looks to take serious aim at a SNC V Title. Every year, this team becomes a stronger unit. Placing in Whiffle Ball and Bowling last year makes these guys a squad to watch out for. Team Captain, Kris Kelly will make a serious run at MVP Honors this year with his of season Jet Setting training program. There wasn't a state league this guy didn't work out in. Kelly making this his 4th Classic, will bring his veteran status into the arena and give Stage Fright a chance in every event. His speed is what makes this kid tough to stop. Kelly has been informed by league officials that he will be unable to serve cocktail weenies outside the bowling alley this year. Sean McDermitt looks to be another key for this team on the verge. Although his off season regiment is not a model for others, it appears to work for him. Don't let this guys nickname fool you, he is always on the prowl to be the physical force for his team. He has a tattoo for every rookie who has suffered a broken bone at his expense. McDermitt was pleased to learn that oxygen will be available during time outs in hoops this year. Lance Hammons will be the key for this teams fourth Classic. This guy has the power to take any pitch deep in Whiffle Ball. Hammons hit the soul homer at SNC IV and looks to improve in that category this year. Lance, always looking for ways to improve his wash board abs, spent the entire off season having sit ups for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It is the 12 pack at night that seems to be off setting his workouts.

Prediction: 5th Place. This team is a great seed away in hoops and whiffle ball from placing in the top three. These SNC VETS have league members keeping a watchful eye on them. Without a doubt, their team will place first in camel consumption.

THE PENETRATORS

TEAM MEMBERS:

Darin "Pistol Pete" Fain
Kip "Greez" Perry
Bill "Da Whala" Isaman

1999 Sierra Nevada Classic Finish - 6th Place

2000 Outlook: Mayday!! Mayday!! The Penetrators sank faster than a Russian Sub in SNV IV. Their dive from Defending Champions to Cellar Dwellers has left the franchise in disarray. All team members had a difficult off season in trying to pick up the pieces and start over. Failing to place in any events was something this franchise was not accustomed to. Team Veteran and Captain Kip Perry held several closed meetings in attempts to regain control and begin the long climb back to the top. Perry has had an outstanding off season filled with plyometrics and weight training. This kid has been tossing weights around the gym like pennies. Look for his added bulk to help them rise from the depths. He aims to match his SNV III dream season by playing each event as if it were his last. Perry hopes to catch fire with a big score in bowling this year instead of outside the alley on his pants. Bill Isaman has put last year's performance behind him. His pre tourney fight with a barbed wire fence appeared to take a toll on his SNV IV performance. He will need to respond big for this team to have any chance. This guy is on a mission to reclaim the Penetrators respect. With every spare minute during the off-season, he was either working on his B Ball game, throwing wiffle balls with pitching coach Chuck Kerfield or tossing strikes in the bowling alley. Isaman will only be satisfied with a 1st place in this year's tourney. Darin Fain, the 4 year Veteran, will need to step up his game if this team expects to compete. Fain's off-season was a grooling one, the 19 hour days, 7 days a week work schedule, left him with not much time give to his game. Fain's response to reporters was "that when you're a veteran like me, who needs the practice". Fain is confident he will be more than ready to lead his team to their third Classic Championship. Let's just hope he doesn't blow out another hip due to lack of preparation. The Commission is said to have hired a private official in monitor Fain's pecan consumption. There is question by tournament officials as to whether or not this player has ever finished the mandatory pecan limit.

Prediction: 6th Place, The only event this team has a chance to win is Whiffle Ball. Could their success in this league be over?

COLT .45s

TEAM MEMBERS:

Jim "2-4-2" McHugh

Jim "The Bronx Bomber" Tierney

Rich "All World" Hutson

2000 Outlook: The expansion Colt .45s will surely be a treat to watch in this years tourney. The owners of this franchise took an unconventional road in putting this team together. They started with, Jim McHugh, the long time star of the now defunct Irish league, who still holds several all time records. In his day, he could take over a hoops game like the legendary Bernard King. Time will tell what he has in store for whiffle ball and the afternoon events. Since the destruction of the Irish Pro League, McHugh has been wandering the last two years through the South East Triple A Leagues playing for peanuts. He is ecstatic to get a new chance in this world renowned league. In his first Classic interview, he had this to say, "I was happy to get out of the Carolinas and leave the humidity behind for the fresh air of the Sierra Nevada". When the Colt .45s signed Jim Tierney, they got what any franchise is in need of. A kid who can do it all. There isn't an event that this guy can't dominate. Coupled with his ability, Tierney has the heart of a lion. Although Tierney spent 7 years in the minor leagues, expect him to have all the tools of a seasoned vet. Sports writers have made Tierney their choice for pre-season rookie of the year. There is one hurdle this kid will have to over come. The pecan half time blitz may turn this rookie upside down. Rich Hutson was probably one of the best off season steals in league history. Odds makers have also put him in the running for the rookie of the year. Although Hutson has been out of any professional organized competition for a year, he has taken up an off season running program that has turned his body into a temple. Make no mistake, this guy can jump out of the gym and will be a big help in b ball for this squad. Look for him to also be a surprise on the whiffle ball diamond and the bowling alley.

Prediction: 7th Place. It is extremely difficult for any all rookie team to gel together in their first year and compete. They will need some big help in the Friday Night Seeds to have a chance. Pecan Punch = last place for these boys.