

SIERRA NEVADA
CLASSIC

IV



SEPTEMBER

1999

Gentlemen,

The Sierra Nevada Athletic Commission welcomes you to the world renowned IV Annual Sierra Nevada Classic. From the three year veterans down to the rookies, you have been chosen by the Commission as a top athlete to compete in this annual event. Since it's beginning, the Classic has been the envy of athletes spanning the globe. There are currently 20 athletes waiting and hoping for acceptance into the Sierra Nevada Classic. Your participation in this event is a privilege. The Commission expects you to treat it as such by displaying superior hustle and sportsmanship during the weekend. Anything less is cause for elimination from the tournament.

Due to another year of overwhelming viewer turnout, a new team has been added to the league this year. The Commission has also implemented a few changes for this years tournament.

Changes are as follows:

- 1) Expansion team "From The Brickyard" joins the League.**
- 2) New members Carlos "The Apostle" Medeguia, Ron "Silk" Powell and Paul "On My Shoulders" Kinne are drafted.**
- 3) Wiffleball may now be played with one pitcher for an entire game(s).**
- 4) Tournament seeding will be drawn at the Carson Station Casino Conference Room on Friday Night.**
- 5) Bowling lanes will be with team members only. Six lanes with three bowlers a lane. The three highest scores from the 1st round will advance to the finals.**
- 6) All players will finish each event, injured or not. No substitute players may be used.**
- 7) Awards ceremony will be held at the Carson Station Casino Conference Room on Saturday Night.**

LIST OF WEEKEND EVENTS

Friday September 17th, 1999

8:00 pm Tournament Seeding (Carson Station Conference Room)

8:45 pm to ?? Cocktails (Carson Station Casino)

Saturday September 18th, 1999

6:00 am Breakfast (Carson Station Coffee Shop)

7:00 am Basketball (Carson Jr. High School)

8:45 am Wiffleball (McCleroy Field)

11:45 am Lunch (Carson Valley Country Club)

3:00 pm Bowling (Pinon Plaza Casino)

7:00 pm Awards Ceremony (Carson Station Conference Room)

8:00 pm to ?? Cocktails (Carson Station Casion)

Sunday September 19th, 1999

12:00 Noon Basque Festival (Fuji Park)

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" ****
#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" ?**
#69 **McDermitt, Sean "Dr. Love" ****
#1 **Perry, Kip "Greez" *****
#41 **Powell, Ron "Silk" ?**
#33 **Roode, Rob "The Mayor" ***
#34 **Turner, Rob "The Worm" *****
#22 **Woods, J.D. "Senior Smoke" ****

*** **Three Year Veteran**

** **Two Year Veteran**

* **One Year Veteran**

+ **One Year Veteran (Guam Independent League)**

\$\$\$ **Three Year Veteran (Official)**

? **Rookie**

SIERRA NEVADA CLASSIC FINISHES

SIERRA NEVADA CLASSIC I - 1996

1ST PLACE THE PENETRATORS
2ND PLACE FISTFULL 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
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HEAD OFFICIAL**

JOHN "BRUTE" BORDA

John Borda had his contract renewed for an additional 3 years by the Commission for an undisclosed amount in 1999. He has been the only official to oversee the event since it's inception. His style of no-nonsense, no whining is known well by the veterans and will be known immediately by the rookies. He has been given full authority by the Commission to levee fines and ejection's at any point deemed necessary. "Worry about your game, I'll call 'em as I see 'em", states Borda. He wishes tourney members good luck and expects full cooperation with his instructions at all times.

THE PENETRATORS

TEAM MEMBERS:

DARIN "PISTOL PETE" FAIN
KIP "GREEZ" PERRY
BILL "DA WHALA" ISAMAN

1998 SIERRA NEVADA CLASSIC FINISH - 1ST PLACE

1999 OUTLOOK: *This team needs no introduction. The only concern for The Penetrators is if they can stay hungry. They have taken the title home in two of the Classics three years. They may over look this year, but then again they carry a competitive drive that should again keep them in the run for the title. 1998 Classic MVP Kip Perry had a dream tourney last year and appears to be headed for a repeat performance. This guy was fun to watch at SNC III. His basketball performance was incredible. His long ball power in wiffle ball had fans awestruck. He has a form second to none in bowling. Perry's off season training program will not be touched by any member. He was seen washing clothes during the entire off season, on his stomach that is. Bill Isaman has experienced nothing but pleasure in the Classic, while receiving Rookie of the Year honors in SNC II, and runner up to his teammate Perry for MVP in SNC III. He is a force in basketball and usually requires a double team to stop him in the pant. He is the wiffle ball pitcher that brings the fans to the park. However, his dominance on the mound was somewhat shaken during the off season in the Tahoe Winter League. Giving up several walks and a few Ding Dongs, left him talking to his shoes. This guy will have to keep it together up stairs to lead his team to the title this year. Darin Fain crawled his way through the tourney last year. Entering SNC III with a hampered knee, he also blew out his hip while playing wiffle ball. He has had all off season to rehab his body. Look for Fain to be ready to take The Penetrators to their 3rd SNC title with a chiseled body and veteran experience. Lets just hope he makes it to the basketball gym this year.*

Prediction: *1st Place, they may have difficulty in hoops this year, but have a great chance to win in both bowling and wiffleball.*

POINT SHIVERS

TEAM MEMBERS:

RODNEY "SPIDER MAN" KEINATH
ROGER "THE HAMMER" BORDA
MIKE "THE SILENT ASSASSIN" BORDA

1998 SIERRA NEVADA CLASSIC - 2ND (TIE)

1999 Outlook: Although the Point Shivers tied for second place in last years tourney, they were embarrassed by their play in SNC III. Failing to place in basketball really hurt their chances from the beginning. The Point Shivers however, are the only team in the tourney to have all three year SNC veterans intact from the beginning. Their experience will be a huge factor. Team captain, Mike Borda loves their chances this year. He has been working overtime to rehab his off season broken ankle and will be at 100% come tip off. Borda states his team's winning ingredients are no secret this year, "Two Bascos, Three Veterans, and Three World Class Bowlers = Titledown". Roger Borda in his 4th Classic has all the experience he needs to help his team win. His off season work in both hoops and wiffle ball has the team excited. Rog will live up to his name and bring down the hammer in bowling to seal the championship. Rodney Keinath has spent his off season in the cages. He feels his work on his offense in wiffleball will show impressive numbers on the field. Of course this veteran will be at the top of his game in bowling, keeping pace with his 245 average. Keinath stated in his closing quote, "Check us out in b ball this year, we'll be a treat to watch".

Prediction: 2nd place, with a helpful seed in basketball, this team can go all the way.

FROM THE BRICKYARD

TEAM MEMBERS:

CARLOS "THE APOSTLE" MENDEGUIA

RON "SILK" POWELL

PAUL "ON MY SHOULDERS" KINNE

1999 OUTLOOK: From The Brickyard has Sierra Nevada Classic Fans on the edge of their seats. The owners of the Brickyard have been highly criticized by the media for failing to fill their expansion team with any free agents. Instead, they went out and signed three of the best rookies available to long term contracts. They believe there will be no waiting period for this team to start winning games. The talent is unbelievable. Carlos Mendeguia was all world in the AAA league and will make his presence known from the tip off in hoops. He will be in the hunt for both Rookie of the Year and MVP right from the get go. With his basco upbringing, the stop at the Country Club will not be a factor for him like with most rookies. His wiffle ball and bowling skills are unknown. If he excels in either of these events, they will for sure place in SNC IV. Ron Powell will make this team a true sight to watch. While playing b ball in the AAA Australian League, he shattered scoring and rebounding records that will never be surpassed. He will bring his "A" game into the gym and leave fans mesmerized. There will be no doubt this team will place in hoops. The question is, can the dethrone Fistfull from the 1st place finish they have enjoyed in all three Classic tourneys. But as Fistfull has learned, a 1st place win in b ball will not give you the ring at the end of the day. Ron may suffer tremendously after the stop at the County Club. He is said to already be loosing sleep over the mandatory 5 pecan consumption rule required by all members. Paul Kinne has been the most outspoken of the rookies on the Brickyard. He states his nickname has followed him through the AAA leagues and he will continue to carry his team on his shoulders even in the SNC. This kid will help his team in a huge way in wiffle ball. He led the AAA League in 1998 with 200 RBI's. Look for him to follow suit in the Classic. His arm on the mound gives his team a legitimate shot at a place in wiffle ball. He will blend in nicely with his superstar teammates in hoops, and should give them a boost in bowling. He being another basco, should sail through the pecan parade.

Prediction: 3rd Place. They are the first expansion team to have a real shot at the title. The expectations of the owners is a great load for this team, but if the gel early, watch out.

FISTFULL OF \$\$\$

TEAM MEMBERS:

BILL "STING BEAN" BORDA

ROB "THE WORM" TURNER

DAVE "THE STORMIN' MORMON" DOTSON

1998 SIERRA NEVADA CLASSIC - 2ND PLACE (TIE)

1999 Outlook: Fistfull has always been a team with high expectations in the tourney. Always looking like champions in the morning events and then folding over like cheap suits in the afternoon. This team has blown leads in the last three Classics and will have to shake off criticism and make it through an entire day to see that championship ring. Bill Borda, the basketball high light reel for the Classic will do his best to make a serious run. This kid can shoot. His overall Classic stats are 89%, with the net usually being the first to see the ball after it leaves his hand. His crossover has broken many an ankle in the tourney. He will need to improve in both wiffleball and bowling for Fistfull to have any serious chance. Rob Turner returns as a cagey three year vet and will again be a the main force in the hoop arena. He makes it hard for the others to compete in the middle. He will need to rebound from his injury he suffered in wiffleball last year. The injury pretty much left his team lame for the remainder of the tourney. Turner has spent the off season rehabilitating his injury. He has had a difficult time in the physical therapy room, in that, he doesn't know if he should be working on either his knee or ankle (knankle). Turner has spent the off season working on his bowling game which he says will be the deciding factor in their first championship. Dave Dodson looks to improve his near perfect rookie season. He did everything he could to help his team win the title. Look for Dodson to take control on the wiffle ball field this year. His off season blast in the Tahoe Winter League off of a well known ace is the current buzz going around the league. He needs to come to play in the afternoon to give his team a chance.

Prediction: 4th Place, this team may have blown their chances to take a title home. They run the risk of not winning in b ball this year. If this happens, they may be in a downward spiral to the cellar.

LET IT RIDE

TEAM MEMBERS:

JOHN "IRON MIKE" BORDA
SEAN "THE BIG HURT" HAGAR
ROB "THE MAYOR" ROODE

1998 SIERRA NEVADA CLASSIC FINISH - 3RD PLACE

1999 OUTLOOK: *With a 3rd place in basketball last year, Let it Ride made a serious run at the title from the beginning. Although this team has only one three year veteran and two 1 year players, they have all the savvy of the old timers. With a new team in the Classic this year, these guys may get lost in the shuffle. They are led by John Borda, the international lover. His movie star looks can be seen throughout the SNC III Video. He states he will lead his team to the promise land this year. Once the whistle blows, this guy is all business. John spent the off season working in the bowling alley to improve his game. Unfortunately, he never quite made it out of the lounge to correct that screwy that haunts his bowling ball. He further states that SNC members haven't seen the last of his silver streak. Sean Hagar was impressive in his debut season. He made more than a few key shots in the b ball event to give his team 3rd place. He has spent his off season on the pitchers mound. If he is called on to pitch this year, he will be ready to throw heaters down the pipe. Hagar states he plans to be much more physical this year and live up to his nickname. Rob Roode took the Rookie Of The Year honors in SNC III and strives to avoid the sophomore jinx. That set shot fire cracker release makes blocking his shot damn near impossible. He will need to improve in both wiffle ball and bowling for his team to compete. He is said to be highly touted by the Costa Rica Pro League but has remained loyal to the Classic and passed on the riches that are waiting for him there.*

Prediction: *5th Place, they may get a great seed in either wiffleball or basketball and have a legit change at some hardware.*

STAGE FRIGHT

TEAM MEMBERS:

KRIS "SKEETS" KELLY

SEAN "DR. LOVE" McDERMITT

LANCE "THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE" HAMMONS

1998 SIERRA NEVADA CLASSIC FINISH - 4TH PLACE

1999 OUTLOOK: *This will be the third year this team has been together. Their goal is to turn heads and rise from the cellar they have so graciously dwelled in for the last two seasons. It is rumored that Stage Fright has held private off season training camps, with no media coverage allowed. Captain of the Fright, Kris Kelly has implemented the ameba defense into their b ball game and will take control on the offensive end running the triangle to perfection. His impressive hustle this year may get his team into either 2nd or 3rd. But, his teammates will be the key if that is to happen. Sean McDermitt states he will continue his bruising play in b ball. His hack on Iron Mike last season makes members a little leery about lay ups in the pant. Sean has had flashbacks during the entire off season from the punishing blow he took in the back while in the casino. He has purchased a flack jacket for this years tourney. He needs to be ready for the afternoon events to give the Fright a chance. Lance Hammons has hired a private trainer and been involved in a brutal off season training regiment. His new power will carry his team from the cellar. Along with the training program, he also participated in the Lake Tahoe Winter Wiffleball League. If he displays the power he had during the winter, look for the Fright to be licking their chops. He also spent some time on the bowling lanes. Unfortunately, upon leaving the alley, he left the bowling ball under his shirt. It is currently still there.*

Prediction: *6th Place. They may get a great seed in either b ball or wiffle ball and be in the hunt. Anything is possible with two Mc's on the team.*

Gentlemen,

In order to keep the Sierra Nevada Classic a top invitational, a fee of \$120.00 will be required. Please give your money to John Borda, Sr. upon your arrival at the tournament.

Your fee will pay for the following:

- **Two night stay at the Carson Station Casino**
- **Breakfast Saturday morning at the Carson Station Casino**
- **Bowling at the Pinon Plaza Resort Casino**
- **The Shuttle van and driver (Tip)**
- **Lunch and drinks at the Basque County Club**
- **Sierra Nevada T-Shirt**
- **Free drink tokens for the Carson Station Casino**
- **Gift Certificate, dinner for two for Jeff Loflin(Casino Host)**
- **Sierra Nevada Plaque and 1st place trophy**
- **\$10 for the winners pool. (1st place team will receive \$180)**

The Carson Station Casino is the main sponsor of the Sierra Nevada Classic and has been since its beginning. You will be required to room with your team during your stay. You are required to act in a responsible manner to all staff at the Station and the Plaza. Don't be afraid to put some money on the tables and always tip whenever appropriate. We do not want to lose our valuable relationship with the employees and owner of the Station.

This will be the Last Sierra Nevada Classic of the 1900's. Let's make it one to remember. The Commission is extremely proud of the relationships that have been gained through this annual event and foresees it lasting throughout all of it's members life times.

Sierra Nevada Athletic Commission, September 1999