

Menifee League Champions North County

Back Row (L to R): Don Ludwig, Don Chandler, Jim Teeter, Ken Perez, Bob Miller, Mike "Pony" Karr, John Woolsey, Jeff Blakeman Front Row (L to R): Fred Gershkoff, Mike Fulcher, Richard "Stitch" Fearn, Dan "Milo" Milakovich, Bobby Jones, Rick Loy

## North County Wins Menifee Senior Softball Championship

The #1-seeded North County is the Menifee Valley Upper Division Senior Softball (MVUDSS) Fall 2016 champion scoring 7 runs in the bottom of the 8th to beat the Eight Balls in the semi-finals by a score of 32-31 then defeating the Blue Bolts with a 4-run bottom of the 7th by a score of 17-16 in the finals of the single-elimination playoffs.

After finishing tied for 1st place with Blue Bolts, both with an 11-3 regular season record, North County received the #1 seed by virtue of the least runs allowed tiebreaker between the two teams. North County won their last eight regular season games then swept the single-elimination playoffs to take the championship.

MVUDSS league games are played on Monday mornings at the Big League Dreams Sports Park in Perris. The league offers tournament-caliber senior softball players 55 and older an opportunity to participate in a highly competitive, well-balanced, tournament-style league. Players turning 55 in calendar year 2017 are eligible to play in the upcoming Spring 2017 Season.

The league consists of players and teams from the Temecula Valley, Riverside, Ontario, and North San Diego County areas. Traveling teams have the option of playing once a week or playing bi-weekly doubleheaders.

League President Steve Baranick said, "Our league has grown to eight teams with the possibility of a ninth team in the spring and continues to attract new players from around Southern California."

The Spring Season will start on February 27, 2017 and run through June 26, 2017. Players and teams interested in participating should contact Steve Baranick, 951-677-0428, <a href="mailto:stephenbaranick@gmail.com">stephenbaranick@gmail.com</a> or visit the league website <a href="http://www.mvudss.org/">http://www.mvudss.org/</a>.