

Menifee League Champions North County



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

North County Wins Menifee Senior Softball Championship

North County, the #1 Seed with an 11-3 record during the regular season, is the Menifee Valley Upper Division Senior Softball (MVUDSS) Fall 2017 champion edging Grayful Dead 28-27 in the semi-finals then winning another squeaker over the Deplorables by a score of 20-19 in the finals of the single-elimination playoffs.

The North County team knows how to win games; and trailing the Grayful Dead by 7 in the bottom of the 7th of the semi-final game did not deter them from doing just that. They scored 7 runs after 1 out to tie the game to send it into extra innings where they held their opponent scoreless, pushed over 1 run, and headed for the league championship finals against the #3 Seed Deplorables, winners of 5 of their last 6 games. But the finals was no “walk in the park” either. Trailing by 1 in the bottom of the 7th, North County scored 2 runs to win their third league 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 2018 are eligible to play in the upcoming Spring 2018 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 consists of six local teams and two out-of-area teams from North County San Diego and Ontario and continues to attract new players from around Southern California.”

The Spring Season will start on February 26, 2018 and run through July 16, 2018. Players and teams interested in participating should contact Steve Baranick, 951-870-0114, stephenbaranick@gmail.com or visit the league website <http://www.mvudss.org/>.