



One Trojan's Run Down



12-Time National Champions: 1948 · 1958 · 1961 · 1963 · 1968 · 1970 - 1971 · 1972 · 1973 · 1974 · 1978 · 1998



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For the Record

I'd like to start this New Year by thanking all that receive Trojan Run Down and allowing me the privilege of keeping us all connected and the Trojan baseball spirit alive. I wish each of you the best of health and success in 2014.

Visit our new website...

Take some time to visit our new Baseball Alumni website. Trojan history is on the site and plans are to continue adding to it. A goal is to preserve our history and past success. We want to bring members closer together and motivate all to support our Baseball program. We want to see our program come back to the National recognition level of the past.

Browse the site and give us your feed back and ideas for improvement. We have a great history section with write ups on each National Championship team. Plans are to add write ups on each baseball Hall of Fame member and Trojan All American.

We were all blessed to have played for or be Trojan fans of the greatest college baseball program ever. Now get engaged or at least stay connected to your friends and teammates. **Help us be the greatest Alumni Association ever.** Our goal is to have everyone register so please do your part. If you have not yet registered on our website, click on the link below and take the following steps: Click the TBAA Registration button to setup your profile. This will allow more efficient updates and to be notified on new content. <http://baseball.usclegacy.com/register/> Remember your log on name and password for future reference.

Baseball Fans, supporters and former players are all encouraged to register and visit our site.

Website ...

Our site has made it convenient for you to make an annual contribution to TBAA (Trojan Baseball). We hope you will use it. **However, it is optional.** When you log on you can select a contribution level of your choice. All contributions are tax deductible. Select a level you are most comfortable with. If making a donation is difficult at this time you may register for FREE. We want everyone to register, as we are very sensitive to not excluding anyone not wishing to make a donation at this time

2013 Most and Least Important Functions and Activities...

Last year we accomplished a number of things with the purpose of better serving and representing you. This year we would like to be even more responsive to you. Please give us your ideas and suggestions. Your opinion is important to us. Take a minute and rank the items below from 1-8 (1 most important and 8 least important). Return your ranking to me.

Rank the most and least important 2013 function or activity

___ Annual Youth Baseball Clinic

___ Annual Golf Tournament

___ Annual Banquet

___ Baseball Tailgates

___ Communications (Publishing Newsletter and E-mail Notes)

___ Creation of Baseball Alumni Website

___ Contributing funds to Baseball Program

What else should we do _____

1970-1974 Reunion...

The golden era, the glory years of Trojan baseball were the 70's with the crowning period being the winning of 5 CWS championships in a row. This occurred 40 years ago and these championship teams are returning to Dedeaux Field to be honored May 10 before the Cal game. If you played on any of these teams and have not yet contacted Justin Dedeaux, **do it now** as he is coordinating arrangements and other reunion activities. The rest of us need to mark our calendars as well as ask all of our friends to show up and join in the honoring of this special group of players. There never has been and never will be again a baseball period where a program wins 5 national championships in a row.

Baseball Alumni Game....

Sunday, February 9, 2014 at Dedeaux Field. Activities will begin with a banquet brunch in the morning prior to the afternoon game. Game start time and activities to be announced in the near future. As last year, the Alumni Game will be split into two contests. The first game will be between the "old-timers" and the second game of the day will be between the 2014 Trojan squad against the younger Trojan alumni. Players wishing to participate should call the baseball office at 213-740-5762 or e-mail baseball@usc.edu.

Trojan Baseball Family...We Need a Prayer...

Mike Hoeck played outfield for USC and lettered in 55, 56 & 57. He was co-captain on the '57 team. I am saddened to hear that Mike's wife Dee Dee is in a Tucson hospice battling cancer.

My good friend **Ron Stillwell**, former Major Leaguer and USC letterman 59, 60 & 61, member of 61 CWS Champs is battling a cancerous tumor in the small intestine. After 6 weeks in the hospital and two major surgeries the tumor is still there but the digestive track was rerouted around the tumor. Efforts to shrink the tumor with chemo and radiation appear to have had some success. At one point Ron was given 6 to 9 months to live but with prayer and a miracle he is still with us. I know Ron is a fighter and is battling this like a Trojan.

Please take a moment to pray for both Ron and Dee Dee.

Ken Peters...Oldest Living Trojan Baseball Player Dies

Recipient of the Trojan Baseball Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award Passes Away.

Ken Peters, 98, passed away November 25th 2013. Ken obtained a Business Administration degree from USC in 1936 as well as earning a MS in School Administration from USC. In 2010 at our annual banquet our Baseball

Alumni Association honored Ken with its highly prestigious LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

Ken was the captain of the 1936 championship baseball team playing 2nd base and was a teammate of Rod Dedeaux on the '34 and '35 teams. He was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals and played professionally until 1938. He served in the US Navy during World War II from 1942-1945

As an educator Ken was the Principal of Montebello High School and Beverly Hills School. He served as Superintendent of Beverly Hills School District from 1959 until his retirement in 1982. He was appointed to the California State Board of Education serving in various capacities until 1992. He was also an adjunct professor guest lecturer at Harvard and Stanford University. He was honored by local Beverly Hills civic organizations for his service in public education including Man of the Year by the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce and Civic Association and Citizen of the Year by both the Maple Center and Beverly Hills Realty Board.

Ken loved USC and made sure that his sons (Kent and Craig) were properly indoctrinated by taking them to USC football and baseball games by the time they could speak and ever since.

Ken received many honors for his accomplishments at USC and in public education. He received the USC Rossier Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award for contributions to public education. One of the little known facts about Ken is that while at USC he was in many films including "Mutiny on the Bounty" and "Death on the Diamond".

Upcoming February Events...

- **February 9th** Baseball Alumni Game banquet brunch in the morning, game in the afternoon. The start times and activities will be announced in the near future. As last year the Alumni Game will be split into two contests. Two games, "old-timers" first and a second game afterwards between the 2014 Trojan squad and the younger Trojan Alumni. Players wishing to participate should call the baseball office at 213-740-5762 or e-mail baseball@usc.edu.
- **February 16**, join in the special tribute to coach Rod Dedeaux. Trojans play Northwestern at Dedeaux field and there will be extra festivities to celebrate and pay tribute to Coach Rod. If Coach Rod was still with us it would be his 100th birthday. Coach Rod gave baseball, USC and his players so much. Now, all of us have a chance to pay tribute to the "Trojan" that became a baseball legend. Part of the tribute to Coach Rod will be the unveiling of a life size statue that will be displayed at the entrance of Dedeaux Stadium.

BASEBALL ALUMNI MISSION STATEMENT... THE TROJAN SPIRIT

- **Keep former players connected**
- **Communicate news on USC, Trojan baseball and matters of interest**
- **Preserve & promote our legacy and traditions**

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Let's stay connected... and keep that passion burning!

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