



Menifee League Champions Red Wave

Back Row (L to R): Dennis Phistry, Sonny Vogt, Gary Jackson, Bill Ward, Bill McPhillips, Roger Waite  
 Front Row (L to R): Hank Alonzo, Fred Vincent, Nick Basta, Mike O'Donnell and son Brady, Dick Haines  
 Not Pictured: Ken Howard

### **Red Wave Wins Menifee Senior Softball Championship**

The Red Wave is the Menifee Valley Upper Division Senior Softball (MVUDSS) Fall 2014 champion defeating Eight Balls in the finals of the double-elimination playoff. The Eight Balls and North County teams were division champions with identical 8-2 records during the 3-month regular season. However, in the double-elimination playoffs, Red Wave battled back from the losers' bracket to win four straight games which included back to back to back victories over both division champions on the final day of the playoffs.

Mike O'Donnell, manager of the championship team, said, "We knew we had a very good team going into the playoffs and could win it all if we believed in ourselves and just had fun. Everyone on the team contributed. Our competition was tough so we knew we had to play our best and we did."

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 2015 are eligible to play in the upcoming Spring 2015 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 recent addition of the North San Diego County team and continues to attract new players from around Southern California.

The Spring Season will start on January 26, 2015 and run through the end of June. Players and teams interested in participating should contact Steve Baranick, 951-677-0428, [steve519333@yahoo.com](mailto:steve519333@yahoo.com) or visit the league website <http://www.mvudss.org/>.