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## *Celebrating our 19th Year as the New Jersey Senior Softball Association*

### Senior Olympics 2007

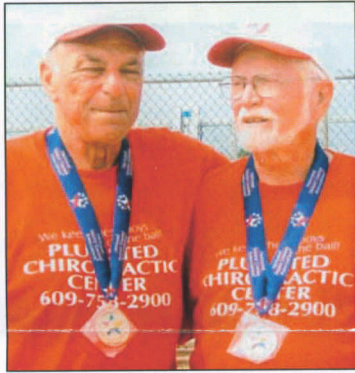
The 2007 Senior Olympics were held in Louisville, KY and the surrounding metro area during late June and early July, 2007. Over 9,000 senior athletes participated in events from badminton to track and field.

Charlie Mandrik (Ocean) put together a group of 65 year old and over softball players to represent New Jersey in the 65 to 69 softball age group.

Fifteen (15) teams from around the country participated in this age bracket. After two days of bracket play, the New Jersey team (Plumstead Chiropractors) were seeded 2nd in the double elimination bracket.

New Jersey lost their 3rd game in the double elimination to drop into the losers bracket but fought back defeating the undefeated West Virginia team twice, 21-4 and 9-4 to win the GOLD MEDAL.

It was a great comeback for the Jersey old boys as they were down to 11 semi-healthy players at tournaments end.



In 2005, basically the same group of players participated in the Senior Olympics, held in Pittsburgh, PA and also came home with a GOLD MEDAL. The 2005 team was sponsored by Ye Olde Tyme Pharmacy (New Egypt) with a co-sponsor of Creative Industries (South Plainfield).

Players participating on the 2007 team:

Ed Dzialo (Burlington), Mike Devane, Nick Lehotsky (Monmouth), Bob Kruse, Rich Lindstedt, Alex Strashinsky (Morris), Ron Chirello, Dan McDonald, Charlie Mandrik, George Ragg (Ocean), Art Kopacz, Ed Lloyd (Somerset), Tom Molina, Norm Stumpf (Union).

The 2009 Senior Olympics will be held in the San Francisco area (Palo Alto).

### 2007 Olympic Team



Top Row (l-r): Charlie Mandrik (Manager), Norm Stumpf (Assistant Manager), Art Kopacz, Tom Mellina, Ed "Lefty" Dzialo, Mike DeVane, George Ragg  
Kneeling (l-r): Bob Kruse, Alex Strashinsky, Ron Chirello, Nick Lehotsky, Dan McDonald, Ed Lloyd, Rich Lindstedt

### 2005 Olympic Team



Top Row (l-r): Mike DeVane, George Mako, George Ragg, Allan Schulman, Art Kopacz, Charlie Mandrik (Manager), Ron Johnson  
Kneeling (l-r): Rich Lindstedt, Bill Peelman, Nick Lehotsky, Norm Stumpf (Assistant Manager), Lee Williams

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