

Chapter Profile: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

Number of Members: 95

Chapter President: Mike Tarantino

Dues: Professional \$35; Commercial \$100; Student \$10

Publications: Two quarterly newsletters

SoCal Focuses on Community Service

Have you ever done anything for somebody that made you feel really good? Is your local chapter doing any community service work?

For the past three years the SoCal Chapter has undertaken community service projects. The chapter started out by rebuilding Vista High's varsity baseball field, followed by two local Little League fields. Most recently, the chapter re-built Hoover High's varsity baseball field: aka Ted Williams' Field.

The planning, organizing, soliciting support, and then doing the work are demanding and require the support and commitment of the entire Board and the chapter. Planning begins immediately after

the Annual Meeting in January and continues until the work begins.

It is amazing the amount of support that is out there for these types of projects, from national to local suppliers, Chapter members to non-members, everyone comes committed and ready to work. The days are long and the work is hard, but the rewards are well worth it. Mike Tarantino, president of SoCal, feels that these community service events have been the highlight of the chapter's educational events and are very gratifying for the participants. "I will not forget the feeling I had after completing the Ted William's Field rebuilding. It felt really good," says Tarantino.

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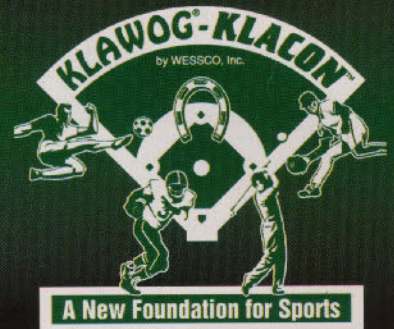


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