Jack McGowan Gay Softball Collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Jack McGowan Gay Softball Collection
Dates: 1974-2009
Collection Number: GLC 115
Extent: 4 boxes, 1 oversized box
Repository: San Francisco Public Library. James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center
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Abstract: The collection includes photographs, programs, clippings, clothing, and publications on the Gay Softball League (GSL) and the Community Softball League (CSL).
Language of Material: English
Access
The collection is available for use during San Francisco History Center hours, with photographs available during Photo Desk hours.
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Acquisition Information
Donated by John Eby, June 4, 2009.
Biography/Administrative History
Jack "Irene" McGowan along with Mark Brown and Everett Hedrick founded the San Francisco Gay Softball League in the 1970s, laying the foundation for other gay sports organizations and later the Gay Games.
Scope and Content of Collection
The collection includes photographs, programs, clippings, clothing, and publications on the Gay Softball League (GSL) and the Community Softball League (CSL). There are program guides for the Community Softball League games versus the Police All-Stars in 1975 and 1976. There are also buttons, awards, trophies, and end-of-season softballs signed by the teams. The photographs (both loose and in albums) document games and social events. Albums include the Bush Street Irregulars, CSL Banquet and show, Sutters Mill and Pendulum Pirates games in 1976, and the CSL Champs vs. Police All-Stars game in 1976. Clothing includes uniform jerseys for the Sutters Mill, Rawhide, Renegades, and Castro Comets teams.
Indexing Terms
Gays and sports.
Gay Softball League.
Community Softball League.