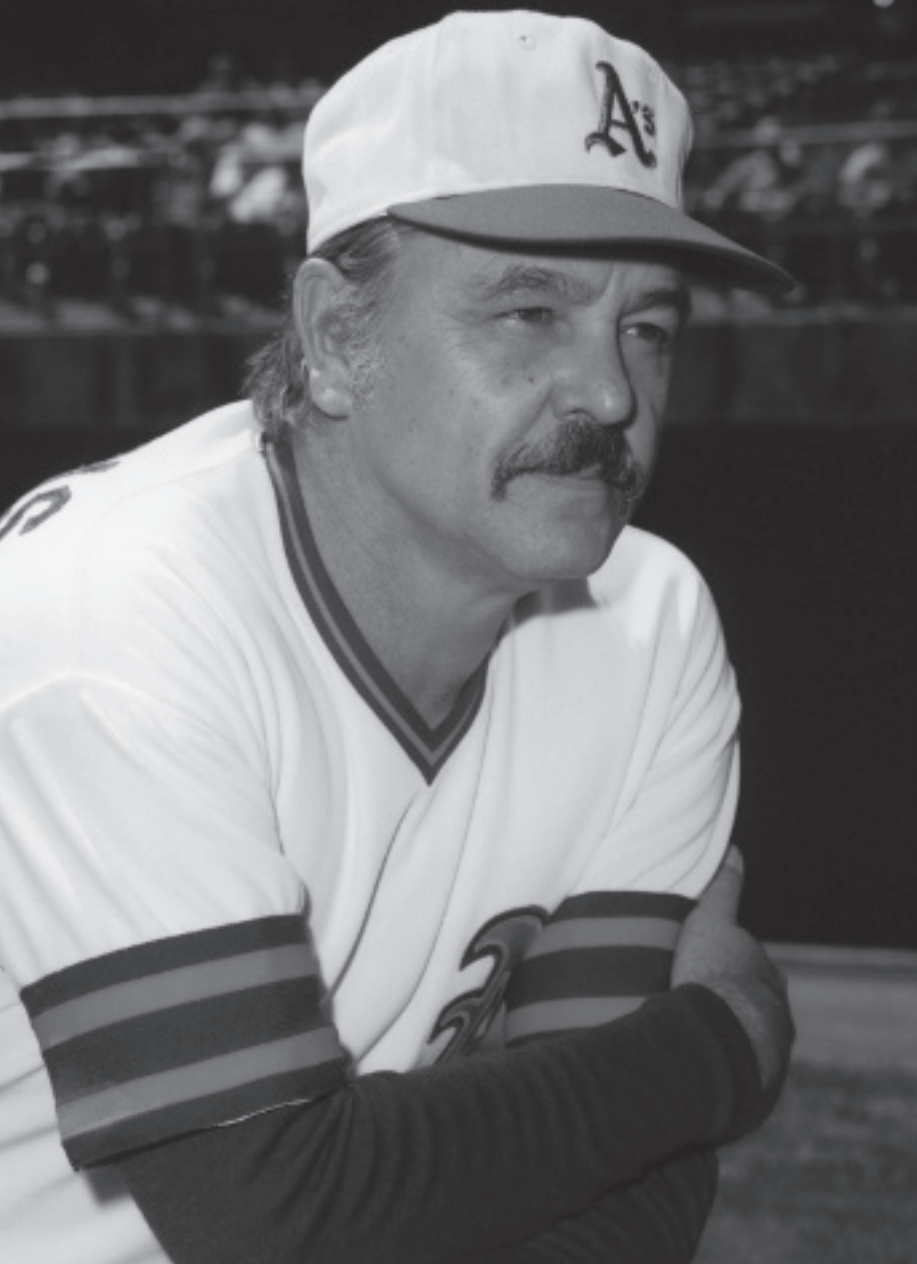


The A's salute former manager Dick Williams on his selection to the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Williams, who guided the A's to back-to-back World Series titles in 1972 and 1973, managed for 21 seasons with six different teams, recording a .520 career winning percentage.



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The 2008 season marks the Oakland A's 40th Anniversary season in the East Bay. The A's will celebrate the event with a season-long promotional campaign highlighting the championship tradition, the players and memorable moments that have contributed to the glorious and colorful past of one of baseball's most successful franchises over the last 40 years. Since moving to Oakland for the 1968 season, the A's have made 15 postseason appearances and have captured four World Series championships, six American League pennants along with 14 West Division titles. The A's have compiled the fourth best winning percentage in all of baseball over the past 40 seasons and only the New York Yankees (6) have won more world championships. A's players have also been well-decorated over the past 40 years, winning seven Most Valuable Player awards, five Cy Young awards, six Rookie of the Year awards and 20 Gold Glove awards. In addition, four players—Jim "Catfish" Hunter, Rollie Fingers, Reggie Jackson and Dennis Eckersley—along with manager Dick Williams, paved their paths to the Hall of Fame through Oakland.

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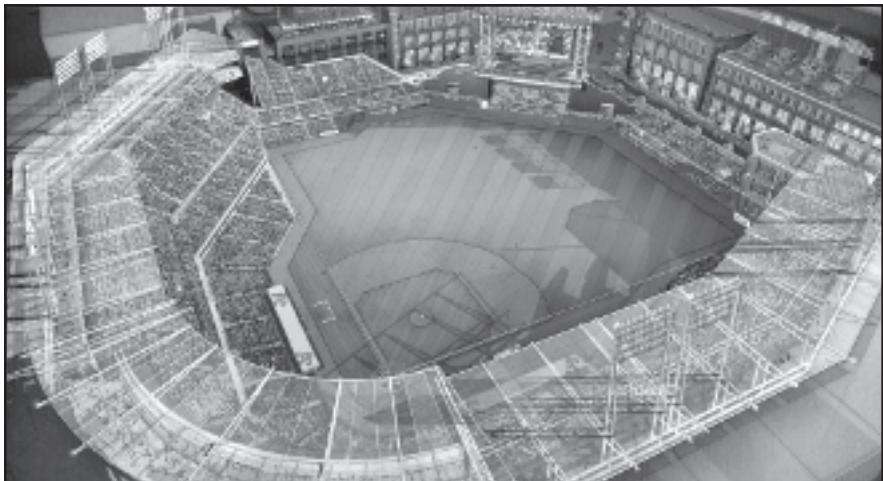
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Cisco Field – Future Home of the Athletics

On November 14, 2006, Oakland A's owner and managing partner Lew Wolff announced the A's had agreed to purchase a 143-acre parcel of land in the City of Fremont from Cisco Systems, with the intent of constructing a new, state-of-the-art baseball park that will become a destination attraction for fans throughout the Bay Area and beyond for generations to come. Six months later on May 10, 2007, Wolff completed the land transaction agreement with Cisco and ProLogis giving the A's ownership group control of 226-acres of land in the Pacific Commons area of Fremont, enabling the new Cisco Field and baseball village proposal to move forward, pending approval from the City of Fremont.

The state-of-the-art baseball-only stadium will be named Cisco Field as part of a 30-year naming rights agreement with one of the world's leading companies. With a projected seating capacity of 32,000, Cisco Field will be the most intimate ballpark in the Major Leagues.

A significant portion of the 226-acre area will be devoted to a new real estate development with residential, retail and other commercial components. This ballpark village will include a maximum of 3,150 new multi-family housing residences. It is envisioned that a significant number of the units will be designed as townhouse/row housing, creating urban streets reminiscent of the brownstone neighborhoods found in the eastern United States.

A total of approximately 540,000 square feet of high-quality retail/residential mixed use is also planned for the project with a significant portion of the retail area serving as a regional lifestyle center and neighborhood retail in a "Main Street USA" environment adjacent to the ballpark.

The estimated cost of the Ballpark Village project is approximately \$1.8 billion. The project will be primarily financed by a combination of private equity and real estate development proceeds generated by the ballpark and the surrounding village.

360 Architecture, with offices in Kansas City, Mo., Columbus, OH and San Francisco, and Gensler, with offices worldwide, will serve as the primary design companies for the ballpark.

Cisco Field will be located in Fremont, which is approximately 22 miles to the south of McAfee Coliseum, five miles north of the Santa Clara County line and 12 miles from downtown San Jose. With a population of over 210,000 people and an area of 92-square miles, Fremont is the fourth most populous city in the Bay Area and California's fifth largest city in area. The ballpark site is proposed to be located on the west side of Interstate 880 off the Auto Mall Parkway.

The partnership with Cisco also includes a broad marketing and business agreement which will underscore the A's commitment to create a unique fan experience by leveraging state-of-the-art network technology throughout the ballpark and franchise operation. As a result, Cisco Field will be one of the most technologically advanced stadiums in the world and will demonstrate the positive role technology can play in sport, entertainment and connecting communities. Cisco's technology will be used to enhance every facet of the stadium, from ticketing and concessions to management of game day operations.

The partnership allows Cisco to utilize the facility for corporate and community events and to create a Cisco Customer Solutions Center at the ballpark in an effort to showcase the use of networking technology in a stadium. Cisco becomes the "Official Technology Partner of the A's and Cisco Field" and the A's will deploy Cisco technology to serve the needs of Cisco Field and the baseball village.

Groundbreaking on the project will commence once the A's gain approval from the City of Fremont, Alameda County and other government agencies, with construction time taking between 24-36 months.

Cisco Field Fact Sheet

Cisco Field

- A 32,000-seat, open-air, natural grass baseball-only facility.
- The A's and Cisco, the worldwide leader in networking for the Internet, have agreed to a 30-year naming rights deal on the park.
- Cisco Field will be one of the most technological sports venues in the world, with state-of-the-art technology featured throughout the ballpark and village.
- Cisco Field will be designed by 360 Architecture and Gensler. The general contracting company has not yet been selected.

Site

- Cisco Field will be located in the City of Fremont, which is in southern Alameda County. The ballpark site is approximately 22 miles to the south of McAfee Coliseum, five miles to the north of the Santa Clara County line and 12 miles from downtown San Jose.
- The 143-acre parcel, known as "Pacific Commons," is located on the west side of Interstate 880 off the Auto Mall Parkway.
- With a population of over 210,000 people and an area of 92-square miles, Fremont is the fourth most populous city in the Bay Area and California's fifth largest city in area.



Accessibility

- Cisco Field will be accessible via Interstates 880, 680 and Highway 237.
- Public transportation will be available from both the commuter train station as well as BART.
- Approximately 9,000 parking spaces will be available within a comfortable walking radius of the ballpark, approximately 500 more than is currently available at the Coliseum.

Seating

- With a seating capacity between 30-34,000, Cisco Field will be the most intimate ballpark in Major League Baseball.
- Although exact distances between the baselines and first row of seating is still to be determined, it's safe to say Cisco Field will offer fans some of the closest vantage points in all of baseball.
- Cisco Field will be designed with multiple seating "neighborhoods," including field level box seats, 66 four-person mini-suites, lower reserved seats, 41 16-person suites, rooftop box seats, outfield seats, outfield rooftop, decks, clubs and restaurant seats.
- Seats down the baseline will be angled to provide more focused views to the infield.



- Cisco Field will have a variety of suite and premium seating options, including the intimate four-person mini-suites, which will be located just 15 rows from the playing field, 16-person suites cantilevered over the lower reserved seating with access to shared club spaces; party suites available for single games as loge boxes; and terrace viewing tables with access to premium clubs.
- Cisco Field's design offers multiple locations for standing room-only areas, including along the edges of the adjacent rooftops, bars, balconies and ledges, with all locations offering dramatic and exciting views of the playing field.

Fan Comfort and Convenience

- Cisco Field will undoubtedly be one of the most technologically advanced sports venues in the country, if not the world. The possibilities to enhance the fan experience seem endless. Cisco's technology will be used to enhance every aspect of the ballpark.
- Cisco Field will offer significantly more restroom facilities than McAfee Coliseum and will be conveniently located throughout the ballpark.
- The new ballpark will be designed with a greater number and variety of concession stands and specialty food opportunities than the Coliseum.
- Concourses and Cisco Field will be wide and comfortable, designed to offer a continuous view of the playing field and connection to the game.
- The outfield concourses will be public streets that will close shortly before game time, similar to Yawkey Way outside of Fenway Park. These areas will have numerous fan amenities and interactive opportunities, along with food vendors, access to clubs and restaurants and a continuous view of the playing field.

Groundbreaking

- It is the intent of the A's and Cisco to begin groundbreaking on the ballpark as soon as possible, pending permits and approval.
- With the cooperation from local and state government, we believe the stadium will be open within 24-36 months of groundbreaking.

Project Estimated Cost

- \$1.8 billion for the entire project, excluding land cost.



Executive Profiles

Lewis Wolff

Owner and Managing Partner



Heading a limited partnership group that purchased the Oakland A's on April 1, 2005, Lew Wolff has wasted no time on putting his stamp on one of baseball's most successful and storied franchises.

Shortly following the completion of a memorable 2006 season that saw the A's secure their fifth postseason appearance in seven years and advance to the American League Championship Series, Wolff ushered in a new era of A's baseball in the Bay Area with his announcement of the control of a 200-acre parcel of land in the City of Fremont, with the intent to build a new ballpark for the A's. The transaction also includes a 30-year naming rights agreement with Cisco Systems, the worldwide leader in networking for the Internet. Estimated to open sometime before the 2013 season, Cisco Field will be the centerpiece of a baseball village that will also feature residential housing, restaurants, retail shops and other community attractions.

Wolff's impact on the Bay Area sports landscape is not limited to baseball. In May of 2006, he reached an agreement with Major League Soccer in an attempt to bring professional soccer back to the Bay Area. The expansion Earthquakes will return to action this spring, playing their home games at Santa Clara University's Buck Shaw Stadium while Wolff continues to work on securing a soccer-only facility for the team in the South Bay.

Under Wolff's ownership, the A's continue to be one of the most community-minded organizations in all of sports. Last year alone, the A's Community Fund donated approximately \$600,000 to various community programs. In 2006, the Wolff family implemented "Dinner on the Diamond," which has raised over \$162,000 the last two years for the A's Community Fund. Lew is also an active participant in the A's Home Run Readers program.

It's no wonder *The San Jose Mercury-News* has ranked Wolff first in its annual listing of the Bay Area's 25 Most Powerful Sports Figures in each of the last two years.

Along the way, the personable Wolff has made a favorable impression among those who follow the team on a regular basis with his easy-going, straight-forward manner and quick-witted humor.

Wolff is the founder of Wolff Urban Development and co-founder of Maritz-Wolff, entities that are involved in the development, acquisition and management of a wide range of commercial, office, parking and hotel properties in a number of California cities including San Jose, Los Angeles, Pasadena and Burbank to name a few.

Wolff's ownership interests in representative hotels and resorts include properties such as The Carlyle in New York City; Four Season Hotels in Nevis, West Indies, Houston, Carlsbad; The Ritz-Carlton in St. Louis; Fairmont Hotels in San Jose and San Francisco; Rosewood managed hotels including The Mansion in Dallas, Little Dix Bay, Virgin Gorda, Inn of the Anasazi, Sante Fe plus other brands such as Marriott. In addition, Maritz Wolff has a 50 percent interest in the Dallas-based Rosewood Management Company, which owns and operates luxury hotels and resorts throughout the world.



Wolff began his career in real estate economics and appraisal in his hometown of St. Louis, Mo. before relocating to Los Angeles. In addition to his real estate analysis work, he also served as the president of the 20th Century Fox Realty & Development Company where he managed Fox' worldwide real estate activities.

Wolff is a former minority owner of the St. Louis Blues, the Golden State Warriors and the San Jose Missions, a now-defunct minor league baseball team. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, a master's degree in business administration from Washington University in St. Louis and is also a member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers (MAI).

He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Major League Baseball's Enterprises, which oversees national television and radio contract negotiations, national sponsorship and licensing programs as well as the overall marketing of the industry.

Lew resides in the Westwood section of Los Angeles with his wife, Jean. The Wolffs have three children and two grandchildren.

Athletics Ownership

Ownership	Years
Benjamin F. Shibe	1901-1912
Benjamin F. Shibe, Connie Mack	1913-21
Connie Mack	1921-54
Arnold M. Johnson	1954-60
Charles O. Finley	1961-80
Walter A. Haas, Jr.	1980-95
Steve Schott, Ken Hofmann	1995-2005
Lewis Wolff	2005-Present

Michael Crowley



President

The 2008 season marks Michael Crowley's 11th year with the Athletics' organization and his 10th as president after being named to the position on September 28, 1998. His tenure is the second longest among those who have served in the same capacity since 1968. A limited partner in the Athletics ownership group, Crowley is responsible for the overall day-to-day functioning of the Athletics' organization both on the business and baseball sides of the operation, working directly with owner and managing partner Lew Wolff.

In a dual role, Crowley also serves as president of the Major League Soccer's San Jose Earthquakes, who are scheduled to begin play this spring.

After spending three years in the San Jose office of Price Waterhouse and nine years with I.C.I./Fuller O'Brien Paints, Crowley joined the Athletics organization in July 1997 as vice president and chief financial officer. Considered a key figure in the A's resurgence as one of baseball's premier franchises, Crowley has been committed to fielding a championship caliber team with homegrown talent. He works closely with General Manager Billy Beane on key player decisions and issues relating to the baseball operations overall objectives and philosophies.

Crowley has developed a business model whose goals and objectives are to provide an affordable entertainment product on the field as well as delivering the absolute highest levels of customer service to fans attending games at the McAfee Coliseum. While Crowley stays involved with all aspects of the organization's business affairs, including finance, sales, marketing, public relations and community affairs, he has been at the forefront of building an outstanding team that continues to deliver outstanding value.

Crowley's leadership skills and business acumen were evident as he played an instrumental role in the negotiations surrounding the team's acquisition of a 143-acre parcel of land in Fremont, which will serve as the future home of Cisco Field. He will continue to take a lead role in the development of the ballpark and surrounding village.

Crowley continues the Athletics' tradition of intense commitment to the greater community. Under his leadership, the A's organization continues to be active in the Oakland community and surrounding areas. The Oakland A's Community Fund supports charitable organizations in their efforts to improve educational programs, aid the underprivileged, assist in crime prevention, service children, seniors and those who work to improve the quality of life throughout the Bay Area.

In 1999, Crowley and his wife, Kathy, played a key role in implementing Breast Cancer Awareness Day, which has raised over \$875,000 for the American Cancer Society over the last eight years. Crowley currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP), which aims to create a respected, influential and nationwide family of schools that are successful in helping educationally underserved students develop the knowledge, skills and character to succeed in college and the competitive world beyond. He also served on the board of top business executives and community leaders which attempted to land the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in the Bay Area.

A native Californian, the 44-year old Crowley graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1985 with a degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting. He earned his MBA from Duke's Fuqua School of Business in 1992. In November of 2002, Crowley was named one of Street & Smith's Sports Business Journal's "40 Under 40", honoring the nation's top sport executives under the age of 40.

Mike resides in Cupertino with his wife Kathy and their three children.

Past Presidents of the Oakland A's

President	Years
Charles O. Finley	1968-80
Roy Eisenhardt	1981-86
Walter J. Haas	1990-92
Sandy Alderson	1993-95; 1997-98
Steve Schott	1996
Michael Crowley	1998-Present

Postseason Bests

Most Postseason Appearances

Yankees	47
Dodgers	24
Athletics	23
Cardinals	22
Giants	22

Most World Series Won

Yankees	26
Cardinals	10
Athletics	9
Red Sox	7
Dodgers	6

Most Postseason Wins

Yankees	202
Cardinals	98
Athletics	78
Braves	76
Red Sox	73

Most LCS Appearances

Yankees	12
Athletics	11
Braves	11
Cardinals	9
Pirates	9
Orioles	9

Most LCS Games Won

Yankees	39
Braves	27
Cardinals	26
Athletics	23
Mets	22

Baseball Operations

Billy Beane

Vice President, General Manager



Considered one of the most progressive and talented baseball executives in the game today, Billy Beane has molded the Athletics into a perennial postseason contender since taking over the general manager's duties shortly following the 1997 season.

Under Beane's watch, the A's have compiled 901-718 (.557) record over the last 10 seasons, which is the third-best record in the American League and fourth best in all of baseball during that time frame, won four American League West titles (2000; 2002-03; 2006) and secured one AL Wild Card spot (2001). Over the last eight seasons dating back to the 2000 campaign, the A's have compiled a 740-555 (.571) record, which is the second-best record in the Majors next to the New York Yankees (773-519 (.598) mark and have posted 90 or more wins in six of the last eight years. The A's five postseason appearances since the 2000 season are the fourth most among all Major League teams, trailing only New York-AL (8), Atlanta (6) and St. Louis (6).

In addition, Oakland A's players have garnered numerous individual accolades during his tenure as general manager. Jason Giambi and Miguel Tejada earned American League Most Valuable Player awards in 2000 and 2002, respectively. Barry Zito was named the American League's Cy Young Award winner in 2002 while Bobby Crosby and Huston Street earned back-to-back AL Rookie of the Year honors in 2004 and '05.

Beane continually remolds a team that has posted the Major League's second best record over the last eight seasons, as third baseman Eric Chavez is the only holdover from 2000 club that captured the American League West Division title. Over the years, his ability to land players such as Kevin Appier, Johnny Damon, Mark Ellis, Cory Lidle, Jermaine Dye, David Justice, Billy Koch, Justin Duchschere, Keith Foulke, Ted Lilly, Ray Durham, Jose Guillen, Mark Kotsay, Octavio Dotel, Jason Kendall, Dan Haren and Jay Payton has proved instrumental in keying several playoff runs.

Under Beane, the A's have adopted an organizational philosophy that stresses plate discipline and pitchers who command the strike zone. Young players on the lowest-level minor league teams receive the same doctrine on developing a solid understanding of the strike zone and control pitching as do the players in the majors.

Beane's executive talents and the organization's baseball philosophy were the subject of Michael Lewis' best-selling book *"Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game,"* which opened the eyes of many of the top sports executives and business CEOs in the nation. As a result, Beane remains in great demand on the national speaking circuit, where he regularly addresses top companies on his management approach of identifying and using undervalued assets to create and sustain a competitive edge. He also sits on the board of directors of several companies, including Bell-Easton Sports, ProTrade and NetSuite, Inc.

He was named *The Sporting News'* Executive of the Year in 1999 and earned Major League Baseball's Executive of the Year honors by *Baseball America* magazine following the 2002 season. In November of 2001, Beane was named one of *Street & Smith's Sports Business Journal's* "40 Under 40" list, honoring the nation's top 40 sports executives under the age of 40. In 2004, he was rated 16th on *Street & Smith's Sports Business Journal's* list of Baseball's Heavy Hitters.

Beane joined the A's front office staff in 1990 as the club's major league advance scout. In 1993, former A's President and General Manager Sandy Alderson promoted him to the assistant general manager's position when Walt Jocketty left the organization to accept the assistant general manager's job in Colorado. Alderson handed over his general manager's duties to Beane on October 17, 1997.

A first round draft pick (23rd overall) of the New York Mets in the 1980 June Free Agent Draft, Beane played six major league seasons as an infielder, outfielder and catcher for the Mets, Minnesota Twins, Detroit Tigers and Oakland A's. His final season in uniform was 1989 when he was a utility player on the A's World Championship team. Beane retired as an active player in the spring of 1990.

A native of San Diego, Calif., Beane attended Mt. Carmel High School and UC San Diego, where he studied economics. Billy and his wife, Tara, reside in Danville with their twins, Brayden and Tinsley. He also has one daughter, Casey.

Past General Managers of the Oakland A's

President	Years
Charles O. Finley	1968-79
Billy Martin	1980-82
Walt Jocketty, Dick Wienek	1983
Sandy Alderson	1983-97
Billy Beane	1997-Present

Some of the names listed may have held other titles than general manager.

A's Among the Best Under Beane's Watch

Major League's Best Records Since 1998

Club	Wins	Losses	Pct.
New York-AL	985	631	.610
Atlanta	943	675	.583
Boston	916	703	.566
Oakland	901	718	.557
St. Louis	894	724	.553

Major League's Best Records Since 2000

Club	Wins	Losses	Pct.
New York-AL	773	519	.598
Oakland	740	555	.571
St. Louis	736	559	.568
Atlanta	734	560	.567
Boston	730	565	.564

Trades Made by Billy Beane

1997

- Nov. 7 Acquired P Kenny Rogers and cash considerations from New York-AL in exchange for a player to be named later (IF Scott Brosius on November 18).
- Nov. 26 Acquired P Doug Bochler and IF Jorge Velandia from San Diego in exchange for P Don Wengert and minor league IF David Newhan.
- Dec. 4 Received cash considerations from the Yakult Swallows in exchange for P Mark Acre.
- Dec. 8 Acquired P Mike Fetters from Cleveland in exchange for P Steve Karsay.
- Dec. 19 Acquired IF Kurt Abbott from Florida in exchange for P Eric Ludwick.

1998

- March 17 Traded OF Ernie Young to Kansas City in exchange for cash considerations.
- March 25 Traded P Doug Bochler to Detroit for cash considerations.
- April 8 Acquired C Mike MacFarlane and cash considerations from Kansas City in exchange for OF Shane Mack and a player to be named later (minor league P Greg Hansell on May 8).
- June 9 Acquired a player to be named later (minor league P Ara Petrosian) from Colorado in exchange for IF Kurt Abbott.
- June 23 Acquired IF Bip Roberts from Detroit in exchange for a player to be named later (minor leaguer IF Jason Wood on July 18).
- July 12 Acquired P Tim Worrell from Cleveland in exchange for minor league IF Adam Robinson.
- July 31 Acquired IF Ed Sprague from Toronto in exchange for minor league P Scott Rivette.
- August 10 Traded P Mike Fetters to Anaheim for cash considerations.

1999

- March 30 Acquired a player to be named later (minor league P Scott Chiasson on June 10) from Kansas City in exchange for P Jay Witasick.
- July 23 Acquired minor league OF Terrence Long and minor league P Leonar Vasquez from New York-NL in exchange for P Kenny Rogers.
- July 29 Acquired P Omar Olivares and IF Randy Velarde from Anaheim in exchange for minor league OF Jeff DaVanon, minor league OF Nathan Haynes and minor league P Elvin Nina.
- July 31 Acquired P Kevin Appier from Kansas City in exchange for P Brad Rigby, minor league P Blake Stein and minor league P Jeff D'Amico.
- July 31 Acquired P Jason Irsinghausen and P Greg McMichael from New York-NL in exchange for P Billy Taylor.
- August 17 Acquired OF Rich Becker from Milwaukee in exchange for minor league P Carl Dale.
- Dec. 13 Acquired P Justin Miller from Colorado in exchange for P Jimmy Haynes. (Trade was part of a four-tam deal in which Colorado traded Haynes, C Henry Blanco and P Jamey Wright to Milwaukee; Milwaukee then traded IF Jeff Cirillo, P Scott Karl and cash considerations to Colorado; Colorado traded IF Vinny Castilla to Tampa Bay; Tampa Bay traded P Rolando Arrojo and IF Aaron Ledesma to Colorado).

2000

- February 18 Acquired OF Jeremy Giambi from Kansas City in exchange for P Brett Laxton.
- March 30 Acquired C Sal Fasano from Kansas City for cash considerations.
- May 11 Traded P Ron Mahay to Florida for cash considerations.
- July 28 Acquired P Jim Mecer and P Todd Belitz from Tampa Bay in exchange for minor league P Jesus Colome and cash considerations.
- July 31 Acquired IF Mario Valdez from Minnesota in exchange for minor league C Danny Ardoin.
- Nov. 17 Acquired minor league P Ryan Cullen and minor league P Aaron Harang from Texas in exchange for IF Randy Velarde.
- Nov. 20 Acquired P Eric Ireland from Chicago-NL in exchange for OF Matt Stairs.
- Dec. 7 Acquired P Chad Bradford from Chicago-AL in exchange for minor league C Miguel Olivo.

2001

- Jan. 8 Acquired P Roberto Hernandez and P Cory Lidle from Tampa Bay in exchange for OF Ben Grieve and cash considerations; traded P Roberto Hernandez, C A.J. Hinch, minor league IF Angel Berroa and cash considerations to Kansas City for OF Johnny Damon, minor league IF Mark Ellis and cash considerations.
- March 28 Traded P Omar Olivares to Pittsburgh for cash considerations.
- March 28 Acquired IF Eric Hinske from Chicago-NL in exchange for minor league IF Miguel Cairo; as part of the deal, the As also refused the return of Rule 5 Draft selection P Scott Chiasson.
- May 22 Traded C Sal Fasano to Kansas City for cash considerations.
- June 19 Acquired OF Rob Ryan from Arizona in exchange for minor league OF Ryan Christenson.
- July 3 Acquired OF Ron Gant from the Colorado Rockies in exchange for minor league OF Robin Jennings.
- July 25 Acquired OF Jermaine Dye from Kansas City in a three-team trade in which Colorado sent infielder Neifi Perez to Kansas City and Oakland sent minor league OF Mario Encarnacion, minor league IF Jose Ortiz and minor league P Todd Belitz to Colorado.
- Sept. 4 Acquired P Mike Fyhrie from Chicago-NL in exchange for minor league OF Mike Wenneer.
- Nov. 2 Acquired minor league IF Adam Morrissey from Chicago-NL in exchange for IF Mark Bellhorn.
- Dec. 7 Acquired P Billy Koch from Toronto in exchange for IF Eric Hinske and P Justin Miller.
- Dec. 14 Acquired OF David Justice and cash considerations from New York-NL in exchange for P Mark Guthrie and P Tyler Yates.

2002

- Jan. 2 Acquired minor league C Mike Kremblas from Toronto in exchange for C Tom Wilson.
- Jan. 14 Acquired IF Carlos Pena and P Mike Venafro from Texas in exchange for P Mario Ramos, IF Jason Hart, OF Ryan Ludwick and minor league C Gerald Laird.
- March 18 Traded P Luis Vizcaino to Texas for P Justin Duchscherer.
- May 22 Acquired OF John Mabry from Philadelphia in exchange for OF Jeremy Giambi.

July 5	Acquired P Ted Lilly, minor league OF John-Ford Griffin and minor league P Jason Arnold from the New York Yankees as part of a three-team, seven player trade in which the A's sent IF Carlos Pena, P Franklin German and a player to be named later (P Jeremy Bonderman on Aug. 22) to Detroit for P Jeff Weaver and cash considerations. The A's then sent Weaver to New York to complete the deal.	Dec. 15	Acquired IF Keith Ginter from the Milwaukee Brewers in exchange for minor league P Justin Lehr and OF Nelson Cruz.
July 25	Acquired Ray Durham from Chicago-AL in exchange for minor league P Jon Adkins.	Dec. 16	Acquired P Juan Cruz, P Dan Meyer and OF Charles Thomas from the Atlanta Braves in exchange for P Tim Hudson.
July 30	Acquired P Ricardo Rincon from Cleveland in exchange for minor league IF Marshall McDougall.	Dec. 18	Acquired P Kiko Calero, P Danny Haren and minor league C Daric Barton from the St. Louis Cardinals in exchange for P Mark Mulder.
Nov. 13	Acquired P Roy Smith from Cleveland for cash considerations.		
Nov. 16	Traded P Cory Lidle to Toronto for minor leaguers IF Mike Rouse and P Chris Mowday.		
Dec. 3	Acquired P Keith Foulke, C Mark Johnson and minor league P Joe Valentine in exchange for P Billy Koch and two minor league players to be named later (P Neal Cotts and OF Daylan Holt on December 16).		
Dec. 15	Acquired IF Erubiel Durazo from Arizona in a four-team trade in which the A's sent a minor league player to be named later (P Jason Arnold on December 16) to Toronto; Toronto then sent IF Felipe Lopez to Cincinnati; Cincinnati then sent P Elmer Dessens to Arizona.		
Dec. 16	Acquired P Buddy Hernandez from San Diego in exchange for IF Jose Flores.		
2003			
Jan. 2	Acquired P Jeremy Fikac from San Diego in exchange for a player to be named later or cash considerations.		
July 30	Acquired OF Jose Guillen from Cincinnati for minor league pitchers Aaron Harang, Joe Valentine and Jeff Bruksch		
Nov. 18	Acquired OF Bobby Kielty from Toronto along with a player to be named later or cash for P Ted Lilly		
Nov. 26	Acquired OF Mark Kotsay from San Diego for C Ramon Hernandez and OF Terrence Long		
Dec. 15	Acquired P Frank Brooks from the New York Mets for a player to be named later		
Dec. 15	Acquired C Michael Barrett from Montreal for a player to be named later (Dionnar Martinez).		
Dec. 16	Acquired a player to be named later from the Chicago Cubs for C Michael Barrett		
Dec. 16	Acquired P Mark Redman from Florida for P Mike Neu and a player to be named later (minor league P Bill Murphy on December 23)		
Dec. 18	Acquired P Chris Hammond and cash from the New York Yankees for P Eduardo Sierra and minor league IF J.T. Stotts		
Dec. 21	Acquired C Damian Miller and cash from the Chicago Cubs for a player to be named later (Chris Mowday)		
2004			
March 29	Acquired a player to be named later from the Los Angeles Dodgers for OF Jason Grabowski.		
April 17	Acquired Kirk Saarloos from the Houston Astros in exchange for P Chad Harville.		
May 12	Acquired a player to be named later from the Toronto Blue Jays for IF Frank Menechino.		
June 24	Acquired P Octavio Dotel with cash from the Kansas City Royals in exchange for minor leaguers P Mike Wood and IF Mark Teahan.		
Nov. 27	Acquired Jason Kendall from the Pittsburgh Pirates in exchange for P Mark Redman and P Arthur Rhodes.		
		July 13	Acquired OF Jay Payton and cash considerations from the Boston Red Sox for P Chad Bradford; acquired P Joe Kennedy and P Jay Witasick from the Colorado Rockies for OF Eric Byrnes, minor league IF Omar Quintanilla and cash considerations.
		Dec. 5	Acquired P Chad Gaudin from the Toronto Blue Jays for a player to be named later (Dustin Majeewski).
		Dec. 13	Acquired OF Milton Bradley and IF Antonio Perez from the Los Angeles Dodgers in exchange for minor league OF Andre Ethier.
		2006	
		March 26	Acquired P Brad Halsey from Arizona in exchange for P Juan Cruz.
		March 31	Acquired P Juan Dominguez from Texas in a three-team trade in which the A's sent IF Freddie Bynum to Chicago (NL) and P John Rheinecker to Texas. The Cubs also sent John Koronka to Texas.
		Nov. 28	Acquired IF Donnie Murphy from the Kansas City Royals in exchange for cash considerations.
		Dec. 7	Acquired OF Ryan Golecki from Tampa Bay in exchange for cash considerations.
		2007	
		Jan. 23	Acquired P David Shafer from the Cincinnati Reds for a player to be named later (Julio Manon) in exchange for a P Kirk Saarloos and a player to be named later (Dan Denham).
		April 27	Acquired OF Chris Denorfia from the Cincinnati Reds for two players to be named later (Marcus McBeth and Ben Jukich) and cash considerations.
		April 29	Acquired OF Ryan Langerhans from the Atlanta Braves for a player to be named later.
		May 2	Acquired OF Chris Snelling from Washington in exchange for OF Ryan Langerhans.
		June 9	Traded C Adam Melhuse to the Texas Rangers in exchange for cash considerations.
		June 29	Acquired P Andrew Brown from San Diego in exchange for OF Milton Bradley and cash considerations.
		July 16	Acquired C Rob Bowen and P Jerry Blevins from Chicago (NL) in exchange for C Jason Kendall and cash considerations.
		Nov. 18	Acquired P Kristian Bell and P Graham Godfrey from Toronto in exchange for IF Marco Scutaro.
		Dec. 14	Acquired P Brett Anderson, P Dana Eveland, P Greg Smith, IF Chris Carter, OF Aaron Cunningham, OF Carlos Gonzalez from the Arizona Diamondbacks in exchange for P Dan Haren and P Connor Robertson.
		2008	
		Jan. 3	Acquired P Gio Gonzalez, P Fautino De Los Santos and OF Ryan Sweeney from the Chicago White Sox in exchange for OF Nick Swisher.
		Jan. 14	Acquired P Joey Devine and P Jamie Richmond from the Atlanta Braves in exchange for OF Mark Kotsay and cash considerations.

Baseball Operations

David Forst

Assistant General Manager



David Forst begins his ninth season with the Athletics and his fifth as assistant general manager. He was appointed to his current position in February of 2004 after serving as an assistant to the general manager and coordinator of professional scouting. His primary duties include assisting Billy Beane in all player acquisitions, contract negotiations and player evaluations.

The 31-year old Forst graduated Cum Laude from Harvard University in 1998 with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology. He played baseball for the Crimson for four seasons and earned third team All-America honors as a senior in 1998.

A native of Encino, Calif., Forst resides in Berkeley, Calif. with his wife Rebe.

Eric Kubota

Director of Scouting



Eric Kubota is in his 24th season with the Athletics organization and his seventh as director of scouting. His primary responsibilities focus on all of the club's scouting efforts, both on the major and minor league levels, as well as overseeing the organization's scouting operation in Latin America.

Kubota has overseen the club's last six drafts that has produced 17 players who have found their way to the major leagues with various clubs, including current A's Joe Blanton (2002), Huston Street (2004) and Travis Buck (2007). Five players selected in the 2004 draft—Dallas Braden, Danny Putnam, Kevin Melillo, Connor Robertson and Kurt Suzuki—made their Major League debuts with Oakland last season. Kubota's talents as an evaluator helped assemble the majority of the A's minor league system that has combined for a 2310-2071 (.527) record over the last six seasons, which is the third best combined record of all of the Major League affiliates.

Prior to assuming his current position, Kubota served as the club's supervisor of international scouting for three seasons, overseeing the scouting staff and player evaluations in the Dominican Republic and Venezuela.

Kubota, 43, began his baseball career in June of 1984 while he was an undergraduate at the University of California, Berkeley, spending the better part of six seasons working in the A's media relations department. In November of 1989, he joined the baseball operations staff as an assistant director of scouting, handling daily administrative duties of the scouting department, including preparation work for the Rule 4, Rule 5 and June Drafts, compiling the team's prospect book and preparing statistical information.

He was elevated to Pacific Rim coordinator in November of 1996, where he acted as a liaison between the A's and Asian baseball teams in addition to his scouting duties in Northern California and Hawaii.

Eric graduated from Cal in 1986 with a bachelor of arts degree in political science. He resides in Roseville with his wife, Karen and their two children.

Keith Lieppman

Director of Player Development



Keith Lieppman begins his 17th season as the organization's director of player development, with responsibilities in the assignment, development and evaluation of players throughout the A's farm system, which consistently ranks among the best in the game. He also coordinates field instruction for the entire minor league system.

Lieppman has managed on all levels of the A's minor league system, most recently with the Triple A Tacoma Tigers from 1985-87. He began his baseball career in 1971 as a minor league player for the A's.

Lip is a graduate of the University of Kansas with a degree in journalism. He resides in Prescott, Ariz. with his wife, Corinne and twins, Burke and Lauren.

Minor League Overall Organizational Standings 2000-2007

Rank	Organizational	Win	Loss	Pct.	Rank	Organizational	Win	Loss	Pct.
1	Cleveland Indians	3159	2659	.543	6	Oakland Athletics	3026	2781	.521
2	Minnesota Twins	2980	2622	.532	7	Los Angeles Dodgers	2915	2748	.515
3	New York Yankees	3206	2832	.531	8	Toronto Blue Jays	2997	2844	.513
4	Houston Astros	3125	2829	.525		Detroit Tigers	2943	2793	.513
5	Pittsburgh Pirates	3058	2803	.522		Seattle Mariners	3005	2856	.513

Billy Owens

Director of Player Personnel

Billy Owens begins his 10th season with the Athletics and his fifth as director of player personnel, where his responsibilities include providing input and recommendations for potential trade and free agent signings along with evaluation in the area of amateur scouting.

Prior to moving into a front office position, Owens spent five seasons as a hitting coach in the A's minor league system, with stops at Southern Oregon (1999), Vancouver (2000-01) and Arizona (2002-03). In addition to his coaching duties, Owens also assumed scouting responsibilities as an area scout and was promoted to East Coast Scouting Coordinator in 2003.

A third round pick (72nd overall) by the Baltimore Orioles in the 1992 June Draft, Owens played seven seasons of minor league ball with the Baltimore (1992-96) and Houston organizations (1997-98) before joining the A's as an area scout.

A native of San Jose, Owens attended the University of Arizona, where he played both baseball and football. He was a football, basketball and baseball standout at Bellarmine College Preparatory and is a member of the school's hall of fame. Billy O makes his off-season home in Scottsdale.



Ted Polakowski

Director of Minor League Operations

Ted Polakowski enters his 10th season as director of minor league operations. He oversees all aspects of the club's training facility in Phoenix as well as handling budgeting and purchasing responsibilities for the organization's entire minor league system. He also assists in the management of the A's baseball operation in the Dominican Republic.

Polakowski joined the A's organization in 1984 as an athletic trainer for the Idaho Falls affiliate. He also headed up training staffs in Pocatello (1985), Medford (1986-87) and with the A's team in the Arizona Fall League (1988) before moving into administrative duties on a full time basis in 1989. He was promoted to his current position prior to the 1999 season.

A native of Somerville, N.J., Polakowski graduated from Arizona State in 1984 with a degree in health education and sports medicine. He currently resides in Mesa, Ariz. with his wife, Cheryl and their four children Kimberly, Matthew, Krysta and Michael.



Chris Pittaro

Director of Professional Scouting

Chris Pittaro enters his 18th season in the Oakland organization, his first as director of professional scouting. He spent the previous six seasons as national field coordinator after serving as an area scout and national cross checker with the Athletics since 1991.

Drafted by the Detroit Tigers in the 1982 June First Year Player Draft, Pittaro made his Major League debut with the Tigers in 1985, batting .242 in 28 games. He was traded to the Minnesota Twins in 1986 and spent parts of the '86 and '87 seasons on the Twins big league roster. He retired during the 1988 season.

Pittaro attended the University of North Carolina from 1980-82 before signing with the Tigers following his junior season. After he retired as a player in 1988, he enrolled in Rider College in New Jersey where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in finance in 1991, graduating summa cum laude.

A native of Hamilton, NJ, the 46-year old Pittaro resides in Robbinsville, NJ with his wife Lisa and three children.



Joe Sparks

Major League Advance Scout

Joe Sparks begins his fourth season as the A's advance scout after serving as the hitting coach at Triple-A Sacramento in 2004. Prior to joining the A's organization in 2004, he spent eight seasons as the Major League advance and special assignment scout for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Sparks won nine championships and nine manager of the year awards during his 19-year minor league managerial career. He held managerial positions at Triple-A Toledo and Triple-A Iowa for five seasons, at Triple-A Omaha for four seasons and Triple-A Indianapolis for three years. He also served one-year managerial stints at Single-A Duluth, Single-A Appleton and Double-A Knoxville. Sparks also coached on the Major League level with the New York Yankees (1990), Montreal Expos (1989), Cincinnati Reds (1984) and Chicago White Sox (1979). He spent the majority of his 13-year playing career as a minor league infielder in the New York/San Francisco Giant farm systems.

Sparks currently resides in Phoenix, Ariz. with his wife, Mary. Their son, Greg, serves as the A's minor league roving hitting instructor.



Randy Johnson

Special Assistant to the General Manager

Randy Johnson begins his sixth season as a member of Billy Beane's staff. He will be involved in evaluating talent on all levels of the organization with special emphasis on scouting in the Southern California area.

Prior to his appointment with the A's, Johnson spent eight seasons in the Detroit Tigers organization, where he served as a special assistant to the general manager and coordinator of pro scouting. Prior to joining the Detroit organization, he spent two seasons (1994-95) as a major league scout for the San Diego Padres and also worked as an area scout for the Padres from 1990-92. Johnson worked as a regional cross checker (1993) and area scout (1992) with the Colorado Rockies.

Johnson played 11 seasons of professional baseball, including three seasons in the major leagues with the Atlanta Braves (1982-84) and compiled a .267 career batting average. He also played two seasons in Japan with Hiroshima and another season in the Senior Professional League before officially retiring in 1991.

Johnson, 51, attended Palomar (CA) Junior College before transferring to San Jose State where he earned baseball all-league, all-district and Academic All-America honors in 1978. He was also an all-state junior college place kicker for the Palomar football team in 1975.

Johnson resides in Escondido, Calif.



Farhan Zaidi

Baseball Operations Analyst

Farhan Zaidi enters his fourth season as baseball operations analyst. His primary responsibilities include providing statistical analysis for evaluating and targeting players in the amateur draft, free agent and trade markets. He also assists on arbitration cases, minor league contracts and works closely with the coaching staff during the season in analyzing data from advance scouting reports.

Prior to joining the A's, Zaidi served as business development associate for Small World Media, the fantasy sports division of The Sporting News and also worked as a management consultant for the Boston Consulting Group.

Zaidi, 31, earned his bachelor of science degree in economics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1998 and a master's degree in economics from the University of California, Berkeley in 2001. He currently resides in Berkeley.



Pam Pitts

Director of Baseball Administration

Pam Pitts enters her 27th season in the organization and her 16th as director of baseball administration. Her responsibilities include managing the day-to-day business side of the baseball operations department, including governing all major and minor league staff contract administration, player records, waivers, payroll issues and transactions. She started her baseball career with the A's in November of 1981 as the minor league and public relations secretary. Pam resides in Danville with her husband, Dan Dunn.



Administration

Steve Johnston

General Counsel

Steve Johnston, who was appointed to his position of general counsel on January 10, 2006, is responsible for all legal, insurance and human resource matters concerning the organization.

Johnston joined the A's from Chicago-based Jim Beam Brands Co., where he managed and advised U.S. and international offices on legal and business risks in various areas, including commercial and corporate transactions, compliance and regulatory matters, promotions law and marketing directives, sales and pricing guidelines and corporate development.

Prior to joining Jim Beam Brands Co., Johnston was an associate at the Chicago-based law firms of Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw (2000-2003) and Gardner, Carton & Douglas (1998-2000).

A native of Davenport, Iowa, Johnston earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Grinnell College in 1992 and his Juris Doctor from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, Mo. in 1998. Steve resides in Danville with his wife, Angela and sons Ty, Brady and Will.



Jim Leahey

Vice President, Sales and Marketing

Jim Leahey enters his second season with the A's in the role as vice president, sales and marketing, a position he was appointed to on December 1, 2006. He oversees all areas of the team's sales and marketing efforts, including advertising, ticket sales, corporate partnerships, merchandise and luxury suites.

Leahey joined the A's front office staff after spending 14 years with Sony Corporation, most recently as general manager and vice president for Sony's Peripherals and Enhancements Group. In that role, Leahey was responsible for leading marketing activity and directing strategy for Sony's market-leading accessory business, which included product categories such as headphones, camcorder and digital still camera accessories, and memory stick flash media.

He joined Sony Corporation in 1990 and quickly ascended the executive ladder. After progressing through a series of business planning and product development roles, he was promoted to manage product planning for North and Latin American television products in 1998. In 1999, Leahey relocated to South America where he directed all marketing activities for Sony Peru as group marketing manager. In 2001, he was promoted to the position of general manager and country manager of Sony Peru, directing sales, marketing, finance, administration, operations and service, a position he held until returning to the U.S. operations in 2004.

Leahey earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Brown University in 1988 and his Master's in business administration from the Harvard Business School in 1993. Jim resides in Danville with his wife, Kira and their three children.



Ken Pries

Vice President, Broadcasting and Communications

Entering his 18th season with the Athletics organization, Ken Pries was promoted to his current position of vice president, broadcasting and communication in March of 2000 after serving as the team's senior director for broadcasting and communications for the previous three years.

In his current position, Pries oversees all of the A's television and radio matters, in addition to the club's community relations, public relations and Diamond Vision departments.

Pries is responsible for negotiating all of the teams broadcast agreements which include the A's Radio Network, cable partner FSN Bay Area, and over the air rights holder KICU Action 36 Cable 6. The A's televised 121 games locally in 2007, including 40 games produced in High Def by FSN. KICU has been the broadcast home of the A's since 1999.

Last season, the A's Community Fund distributed approximately \$600,000 to various projects and made donations to over 1,500 various charities throughout Northern California. The annual A's Community Fund Golf Tournament held at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton raised over \$130,000 and the Ninth Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Day raised over \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society and the Northern California Cancer Center. The A's Eighth Annual MUG Root Beer Float Day raised over \$35,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The Second Annual Dinner on the Diamond featuring A's players and staff raised over \$100,000 for the A's Community Fund and Camp Okizu.

Prior to joining the A's organization in 1991, Pries worked seven years with KSFO radio, where he was an executive producer for A's broadcasts, as well as Stanford football and men's basketball broadcasts. Before enjoying a seven-year stint at KSFO, Pries worked as a sports coordinator at KNBR radio from 1979-84, where he worked on the station's broadcasts of San Francisco Giants baseball games, along with University of San Francisco and Golden State Warrior basketball games.

A native of Alameda, Pries attended San Francisco State University, where he majored in broadcast communicational arts. He resides in San Ramon with his wife and their two children.



David Rinetti

Vice President, Stadium Operations

David Rinetti enters his 28th season with the A's organization and his ninth as vice president, stadium operations.

In his current position, Rinetti coordinates event management, oversees all game day employees, including ushers, security officers, ticket takers, parking attendants, grounds crew, etc. and also assists in all construction-related issues at the McAfee Coliseum. He is also the team's liaison with local law enforcement agencies and Major League Baseball's Security Department. In addition, Rinetti sits on the team's venue and design development committee that is responsible for developing a non-site specific prototype for a new baseball-only facility for the club.

The 43-year old Rinetti began his career with the A's in 1981, serving as stadium operations assistant, where he organized in-stadium promotions and giveaways. From 1987-93, he managed game day operations and maintenance of the A's luxury suites. In 1994, he was promoted to director of stadium operations and was elevated to vice president in March of 2000.

Rinetti also worked with Major League Baseball's Security Department at the 1995 and 1998 World Series in addition to the 2002 All-Star Game.

A 1986 graduate of California State University-Hayward with a degree in business administration, Rinetti resides in Pleasanton with his wife, Adrienne.



Keith Wolff**Vice President, Venue Development**

Keith Wolff enters his third year as vice president, venue development for the A's while also retaining his position as president of Wolff Urban Development, a real estate development, acquisition and management company based in West Los Angeles and the Bay Area. In his role with the A's, he is responsible for the daily efforts in the team's quest to secure a baseball-only facility in the City of Fremont.

Wolff has over 20 years of experience within the real estate industry with an emphasis on hotel, office, industrial and retail project assets. He has extensive background in all facets of commercial real estate, including property acquisition, entitlement, development, leasing, repositioning and disposition.

Wolff graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of the Pacific with a bachelor's of science degree in business administration and also served as valedictorian of his graduating class. He received his Master's Degree in business administration from Harvard University in 1993.

Keith and his wife, Amelia, reside in San Francisco.

**Paul Wong****Vice President, Finance**

Paul Wong enters his 13th season with the Athletics organization and eighth as vice president, finance. He is responsible for all of the club's financial technology and telecommunications affairs, including overseeing the accounting and computer information systems departments, management of the company's annual budget and cash flow, the preparation of financial forecasts, reports and tax returns for the company and Major League Baseball, as well as analyzing and implementing the company's technology and telecommunication requirements.

Wong came to the Athletics in January of 1996 as a controller after serving four years with KPMG Peat Marwick in Oakland as a supervising tax specialist and senior auditor and two years as an accounting analyst for Pacific Gas and Electric Company in San Francisco.

A native of the Bay Area, Wong earned his bachelor of science degree in business administration from California State University, Hayward in 1990. He currently resides in Oakland with his wife Trisha and son, Zachary.

**Behind the Scenes****Steve Sayles****Head Trainer**

Steve Sayles enters his first season as head athletic trainer after serving as an assistant trainer on the A's major league staff from 1998-2007. The 2008 season will also mark his 26th season in professional baseball. Prior to joining the A's staff in 1998, he spent 15 years as a trainer in the San Diego Padre organization, including a five-year (1993-97) stint as the head trainer of the Padres Triple-A affiliate in Las Vegas. A native of San Diego, Sayles graduated from San Diego State in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in athletic training. He lettered in baseball and was a college teammate of Tony Gwynn and umpire Kerwin Danley. He also played professionally in the San Diego Padres minor league system. Soupy and his wife, Jessica, make their off-season home in Las Vegas, Nev.

**Walt Horn****Assistant Trainer**

Walt Horn enters his first season on the A's major league training staff after spending the past 30 years working in the A's minor league system, including the last 24 campaigns on the Triple-A level. Horn joined the A's organization in 1978 after being named head trainer for Double-A Jersey City Indians. He served as the A's Double-A trainer for six years through the 1983 season before being promoted to Triple-A Tacoma for the 1984 season. He remained with A's Triple-A affiliates in Tacoma (1984-94), Edmonton (1995-98), Vancouver (1999) and most recently, Sacramento (2000-07). He is a four-time Pacific Coast League Trainer of the Year (1992, '96, '02 and '04) and has also headed up training staffs at two Triple-A All-Star Games (1993 and 2005). A native of Fruitland, Idaho, Horn graduated from Boise State in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in physical education with an emphasis on athletic training. He makes his off-season home in Mesa, Ariz. with his wife Stacy. He has two children, Kassandra and Cameron.



Clarence Cockrell

Strength and Conditioning Coach

Clarence Cockrell enters his seventh season as the A's strength and conditioning coach after serving as the minor league strength and conditioning coordinator for the Detroit Tigers for two seasons. He is responsible for all aspects of the players year-round conditioning program, fitness testing, pre-game preparation and nutrition. Prior to joining the Tigers organization, Cockrell spent two seasons in the Arizona Diamondbacks organization, where he served as the strength and conditioning coordinator at Double A-El Paso (1999) and Single A-South Bend (1998). A 1991 graduate of Youngstown State with a bachelor of science degree, Cockrell was a member of the Penguins track team from 1987-91 and served as a team captain his final two seasons. He also was a member of the football team in 1987. Upon graduation from Youngstown State, Cockrell served as the Penguins assistant track and cross country coach from 1992-97. CC makes his off-season home in Phoenix, Ariz. with his wife Laneah and their son, Casey (6) and twins Mirah and Jada (3).



Yoshi Nishio

Major League Massage Therapist



Larry Davis

Coordinator of Medical Services

After spending the past 10 seasons as the A's head trainer, Larry Davis moves into his first year as coordinator of medical services. In his newly created position, Davis will oversee and administrate all health and injury issues throughout the organization. The 2008 season marks Davis' 36th year with the A's organization, the first 11 which were spent in the organization's farm system. He joined the major league training staff in 1984 and served as an assistant trainer until his promotion to head trainer in 1998. A native of Tucson, Ariz., Davis attended the University of Arizona where he majored in physical education. He began his baseball career in 1973 as the head trainer, traveling secretary and equipment manager of the Tucson Toros, then Oakland's Triple-A affiliate. He remained in that capacity for 11 seasons as the affiliate moved to San Jose, Vancouver, Ogden and Tacoma. Larry makes his home in Mesa, Ariz. with his wife, Suzi.



Clubhouse and Staff

Mickey Morabito

Director of Team Travel

Mickey Morabito enters his 29th season as the Athletics director of team travel. He is responsible for arranging the transportation and accommodations of the team during spring training and the regular season with additional responsibilities in spring training scheduling, payroll and ticketing. He has the sixth longest tenure among all Major League traveling secretaries and ranks fourth in service among his American League colleagues. Morabito's career in professional baseball spans four decades, dating back to 1970 when he served as a batboy for the New York Yankees. He worked in the Yankees public relations department for seven seasons, working as an assistant from 1974-76 before taking over the director's duties in 1977. While with the Yankees, he managed the club's media relations efforts during the club's back-to-back World Championship seasons of 1977 and '78. Morabito joined the Athletics organization in the spring of 1980, handling dual roles as the club's director of public relations and traveling secretary. During his long career, he has been a part of six World Series teams, three with the A's and three with the Yankees. A native of Brooklyn, NY, Morabito attended Lafayette High School in Brooklyn and later earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in physical education from Hunter College in New York City. A fan of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, fine dining and hockey, Mickey makes his home in Alameda. He is married to Barbara Ranalli of Redondo Beach.



Steve Vucinich

Equipment Manager

A fixture of the A's organization ever since the club moved to Oakland in 1968, Steve Vucinich enters his 15th season as the club's equipment manager after serving as the visiting clubhouse manager from 1974-93. An Oakland native, Vucinich joined the A's organization as a ball boy in 1968 when the franchise relocated from Kansas City. From 1969-73, he served as an assistant in the home clubhouse before being named visiting clubhouse manager in 1974. Vucinich is a past president of the Major League Baseball Equipment Manager's Association and also serves on the advisory committee for Major League Baseball Properties. Vucinich graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Alameda and Chabot College in Hayward. An avid golfer, he makes his off-season home in Scottsdale with his wife Valerie and daughter, Kayla.



Mike Thalblum

Visiting Clubhouse Manager

The 2008 season marks Mike Thalblum's 28th season in the A's organization and his 15th as the visiting clubhouse manager. He began his baseball career when he was 13 years old, serving as a clubhouse assistant in the team's spring training clubhouse in Phoenix. In 1985, Thalblum relocated to Oakland to work in the visiting clubhouse with Steve Vucinich and then in 1992, moved across the hall to the home side where he worked with the late Frank Cienczyk for two seasons. In 1994, he assumed his current position as the visiting clubhouse manager. A native of Scottsdale, Ariz., Mikey and his wife, Janine, make their home in Dublin with their son Stewart Robert, who is named after former A's pitchers Dave Stewart and Bob Welch; and Jonathon David.



Clay Wood

Head Groundskeeper

The 2008 season marks Clay Wood's 14th season as the head groundskeeper of the McAfee Coliseum and his 19th in the Athletics organization. Under his direction, the Coliseum's playing surface is considered by players to be among the best in the major leagues. Clay joined the A's organization in May of 1989 as part of the club's spring training field maintenance team. A native of Fort Worth, Tex., Wood earned his Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from Arizona State University. Woody and his wife Lisa make their home in Walnut Creek with their son, Tyler, and daughter, Katie.



Medical Consultants



Allan Pont, M.D.
Team Physician



John Frazier, M.D.
Team Orthopedist



Elliott Schwartz, M.D.
Internal Medicine

Additional Clubhouse Staff



Brian Davis
Clubhouse Assistant



Cliff Clavin
Clubhouse Assistant



William Angel
Clubhouse Assistant



Adam Rhoden
Video Coordinator



Matt Weiss
Umpire Attendant



Casey Chavez
Bullpen Catcher