

Competitor Profile

Stafford Maurer – Cooking up Fun at the Golden Age Games!

Stafford Maurer, 73, is one enthusiastic National Veterans Golden Age Games participant. Competing in croquet, shuffleboard, discus and air rifle, Maurer's energy is endless. An avid competitor, he reaches out to everyone at the event, helping staff, volunteering support and cheering for his fellow athletes.

In 1998, Maurer became a personal trainer and attendant for another local Fresno Golden Age Games team member. When he went to the event, he caught the Golden Age spirit and returned the following year to participate himself. An outstanding senior athlete, Maurer has brought home numerous medals for the Fresno team ever since. "I look forward to the Games every year," Maurer says. "I

have made many friends at the Golden Age Games." The sentiment is shared by many of his fellow competitors, who list the camaraderie of the Games just as highly as the tough competition that is offered at the various events.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Maurer served in the Army Signal Corps in both Korea and Japan. Currently, he resides in Fresno and is a valuable member of the Fresno National Veterans Golden Age Team, helping with the team's luggage, schedules and offering continuing encouragement to the other participants.

Maurer is an active member in the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Kiwanis, the Edison Social Club, and Groceries Manufacturing Representatives. In addition to his athletic prowess and community service, he is also well known for cooking up a mean barbeque for any size crowd – at tailgates, American Legion events, camping adventures and for the Kiwanis.

"Staff" Maurer – chef, volunteer, athlete and cheerleader. This is one veteran who is sure to cook up some tough athletic competition at the 2006 National Veterans Golden Age Games in Hampton this May!

