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To Mr. Bob Sisk

Dear Bob Sisk,

It is with great pleasure that we received your letter of January 2006. The letter was not received until the end of March.

Many things have happened since your visit to Montbrison with the "Desert Rats Chambley" team. The BCM is still in existence. The tournament just ended and the BCM placed 6th in the National III competition.

For technical reasons, and predominantly financial ones, the women have created their own club (BCMF). Their tournament, too, just ended and they placed 6th; but theirs was in the National II competition.

You wrote that several members of your team are deceased. All the members of our team, as it existed then, are still alive and available whenever we call upon them.

The picture of the man, as shown on the program of the 12th International Tournament, is that of our manager (in dress clothes) ROGER GUILLOT, who is now 83 years old. He regularly attends the boys' and the girls' games, as well as meetings of the Committee of the former members of the BCM. We consist of a dozen volunteers and we help out the youths' teams of both clubs.

In this same picture is No. 6 (Louis Prats), who, several years after your stay here, married the daughter of the owners of the Hôtel du Lion D'Or" where you stayed. You and the daughter are on the picture you sent.

The address on the envelope read No. 19, rue des Légouvés. That was the address of the former secretary of the BCM, Mr. Jean Soleillant (91 years old), who contacted you directly. He was here for Easter to hand out the trophies for the International Tournament. The tournament was held but the formula has been changed since it now consists of junior leagues. I am enclosing this year's program.

For financial reasons, and also because of a supercharged timetable, the Senior League Tournament has been modified and has been replaced by a Junior League Tournament. These changes have, of course, affected our organization, and we, the former members, are deeply saddened by the change. However, we cannot but salute our young successors which were able

to present us with a great Junior League International Tournament. They are eager to promote the BCM and put their hearts and their means to assure a smooth transition of the tournament.

Our team (I don't know what he means by team 1st), has won the French Championship three times already – in 1966, in 1973, and in 1981 (in the Federal Division I and II).

In 2004, we celebrated the 70th anniversary of our club and we were able to gather a lot of former members, players, fans, and supporters.

Enclosed, please find the Junior League International Tournament program for 2006; a booklet on our Club, which was published to commemorate the 60 years of the BCM; and a cassette in connection with the 70 years.

We thank you for your correspondence and we are pleased to extend our warm and sportive regards. (I had to translate this verbatim!)

For the BCM, the BCMF, and the Former
Members of the BCM

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