



Senior Softball

NEWS BEYOND THE RUNS AND HITS

Sun Cities Senior Softball Club

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334 Paid Memberships Now

The Club has 37 new members since Sept. We hope the new comers are enjoying this fun Club as much as the old timers. Most fun, best buy in town!

The Next Board Meeting is on March 1

The next meeting will be at the usual place, the Men's club in SCW at the R.H. Johnson Rec Center, at 8:00a.m. Members are welcome to attend, although seating is limited.

Wayne Rowland Joins the Softball Board

Wayne will fill the unexpired term of Bob King who has resigned. We thank Bob for his contributions.

Five New Board Members to Be Elected in April

Three will be from SCW and 2 from SC.

Grandview Terrace Is New Sponsor

Grandview Terrace is the 10th team sponsor in the American League. Welcome.

Reminder on the Game Start-Clock Procedure

The scorekeepers should start the game clock at the designated game start time for the first game, whether or not the teams are ready to start. This helps avoid delays in all following games throughout the day. The National League plays 70 minutes, American League 75. We encourage all players to be on time, which means at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start time. "Warm up dem bones!"

Rule Change for Both Leagues Re First Base

When a play is being made on the batter-runner, he must touch the orange part of the double bag. If he touches the white bag, he is in jeopardy of being put out if the defense appeals before he returns and touches the base. The defensive player must touch the white portion of the bag to record an out.

Exception: If the defensive player at first base is pulled into foul ground as a result of a bad throw, this player can also touch the orange base and

record an out prior to the batter-runner reaching the base. The batter-runner can use either the white or orange portion in this case. (Rule 2, Sec 3-H-1-d)

Courtesy Runner Rule Remains Unchanged

At least for now, the rule is the same as it has been. American League note this, as on 2/3, some teams used a different approach. The board is considering a rule change. Official rule changes cannot be verbal, but must be posted or in writing.

The Umpire Declares "Last Inning," Then What?

If 3 minutes or less remain after the last out of an inning, the ump may then declare, in advance, that the next inning is the last. This applies even if the next inning is, for example, the 5th or 6th. There is no limit to the number of runs that can be scored in any previously designated "last" inning.

Annual Luncheon on April 13

The annual lunch and general membership meeting will be combined as usual. Mark your calendars for the Palm Ridge Rec Center in SCW at 11:30a.m. Lunch begins at noon, then a general meeting.

Umpire and Scorekeeper No-Shows Hurt Games

Players, be on time for your critical duties as umps and scorekeepers. Managers, you are responsible for your players to get substitutes as needed for all games, but in particular for the first games. Some players have ignored their duties. Nuff said.

Some National League Game Score Sheets Need Improvements...Big Time

Problem #1. In three of the last seven games, score sheets showed all singles...no doubles, triples or home runs, according to our Newspaper Reporter Bob Murray. Now Bob is such a nice guy, he didn't want this to go into the newsletter, but I thought it should. So, in my own words, here it goes.

For all you guys who can't read the instructions on the score sheets or on the instruction sample panel, please do this: Enter 1 for a single, 2 for a double, 3 for a triple, and HR for a home run. Piece of cake.

Problem #2. Whoever picks up the sheets in SC after the last game should be sure all sheets are there. Some sheets have been blank or missing, so someone has to go back and pick them up. Problem #3. Some are not signing the sheets.

Comments? Inputs? Contact editor John Doherty at 876-1153 with your ideas to improve this newsletter.