



## Senior Softball

### NEWS BEYOND THE RUNS AND HITS

Sun Cities Senior Softball Club

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<http://www.geocities.com/suncitiesseniorssoftball>

#### 340 Paid Memberships Now

#### Five New Board Members to Be Elected in April

Three will be from SCW and 2 from SC. The following year, 2 will be from SCW and 3 from SC. This creates a balance on the Board. Ken Skinner is Chairman of this election. There currently are 5 candidates from SC and 6 from SCW. All are selected by Board committee (Ken Skinner, Wayne Nystrom, Dave Rinderknecht) and then voted into office by all the members. You will receive ballots from your manager. Voting deadline is March 23. Exiting board members who will serve until September are: Earl Bell, Ray Keller, Pete Roque, Bob Yates and Don Wright. We thank them for their wonderful contributions to the Club. Well done!! New Board members take their seats next September. Terms are two years. Contact Skinner at 546-8983 if you are interested in serving.

#### Vote Your Nominees to the Club Hall of Fame

The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to publicly recognize those members, past and present, which gave their time and talent to the league well above the expected. Selection is not based solely on a member's ability to play ball, but on his overall achievements that have helped this club grow and prosper.

Our Club now has the names of ten illustrious Hall of Famers posted on plaques at the two fields. Up to 5 you players will nominate more before the April 1 deadline. In all successive years, only 2 may be nominated. Any past or present member with 7 or more years in the Club is eligible. Contact your manager or a director for a nomination form. Turn your nominees' form into any Board Director. A 5-member Board selection committee will then select the final Hall of Fame inductees. One day you may be on that list!

#### Fun Time...Annual Banquet on Thursday, 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, followed by the general meeting. This will take the place of the April Board meeting. Up to 5 New Hall of Fame inductees will be announced as will the five new Board members. Directions from Sun City: Take Bell to El Mirage, which then becomes Deer Valley. Exit Dusty Trail into the Rec Center on the right. Contact your

manager for tickets at a mere \$5 each for you and your wife or significant other. All other guests are \$11.50. Plan on the banquet. It's a lot of fun and we get to see each other without our hats on...who dat??

#### Updated Club Rules to Be Distributed to All

The new rules will be distributed to all players through their managers before March ends. Plus you will be able to download the rules and the bylaws from the web site.

#### Wally Matte—Our Ace Number One Builder

Wally just built two new storage boxes in the third base dugout at Kuentz Field. Thank him when you see him.

#### Batters Box Location Relative to Home Base

Be sure the inner box lines are 6 inches from the base. Sometimes lines have been drawn nearly on the base forcing players to back up almost out of the box. Per Chief Umpire Skinner, If the ump sees improperly laid lines, he should erase the box if time cannot be taken to redo it. Play then continues without a box.

#### We're Thinking of Summer Already

Players leaving for their summer homes should consider paying Pete Roque their fall dues of \$25 before leaving. Plus the date you will be ready to play in the fall season. This avoids a last minute rush or missed dues later on, if you will not be back in time to pay.

#### Two Good Men Needed to Organize Summer League

Volunteers are needed to plan the summer league that begins in May. The league combines both National and American players. Last year, Joe DePhillips and Vern George did an excellent organizing job. Please contact Earl Bell at 214-0942 if interested. Deadline is March 21.

#### What to Do If You Plan Not to Play Softball in the Fall

Contact Loran Swanson at 214-1013 so he can accurately track your membership in his records.

#### Operator Please...

The phones at the playing fields should be used only for emergencies. At the Sun City field, be sure to dial 9 first.

#### Chief Umpire Ken Skinner Says... Safety first

Bat grips cannot be made of smooth material. Don't let the bat slip out of your hand and hit someone.

#### Dell Webb Tournament Begins This Thursday

Bud Herren is the main organizer of this giant softball tournament, which is independent of our Club, but features our local Sidewinder players. It involves about 525 players on 35 teams from AZ, CA, NE, CO, NM and Canada. Age ranges are from 60 through 75. Play will take place Thursday through Sunday, March 9-12, on 6 fields in 3 parks: SC, SC Grand and Sahuaro. If you would like to get involved with helping on the concession stands etc., call Bud at 933-7572.

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