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Sun Cities Senior Softball Club

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340 Paid Memberships Now

A Message from Our President Earl Bell Regarding Commingling of Softball Players from SC and SCW

"We have had an exciting year. The last 6 months have kept your executive committee busy with the SCW rec center board members, as well as the center's General Manager. Our purpose was to convey to them the strong commitment of our members' position in continuing our commingling of softball players from both SC and SCW.

"We are pleased to report that, on 5/25, the SCW board approved our continuance to form teams from each city, as has been done in the past, for league play on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have expressed our appreciation to the board members for their time and patience in giving us an opportunity to convey to them every players deep commitment to see this issue satisfactorily resolved. There are changes however.

"SCW will have a chartered softball club that will be limited to residents of SCW. (Sun City has had a similar chartered club for several years.) Each chartered club will have its separate board and officers and will have a treasury that represents each club's membership. We are exploring the possibility of creating an umbrella entity that would have the day-to-day responsibility of operating the overall league. This operation would be responsible for and answer to the two-chartered softball clubs. This concept is still in its infancy and lots of questions have to be answered before we can conclude that this is the best for our league operation.

"In closing, I would like to thank all of you for your patience and support in this lengthy and somewhat trying and frustrating experience. In addition, I want to thank Dave Rinderknecht, Ken Skinner and Pete Roque for their attendance and voice in each of the many meetings held to reach our successful goal."

...and Earl, all the players are indebted to you for your personal efforts in hammering out the agreement.

New SCW Board and SC Steering Committee

In view of the above, a board was elected for SCW. The members are: Ken Skinner, Pres.; Dave Rinderknecht, VP; Dick LeMoine, Treasurer; Jim McGuire, Secretary;

and Directors Hugh Kelly, Bill Bromley and Matt Szydowski. A steering committee for SC will handle the transition until a new Board and officers are elected in the fall. Members are: Don Wright, Ray Keller, Ira Mallory, Wayne Nystrom, Wayne Roland, Steve Griswold, Charlie McKassen, Duncan Jewell, Steve Letko and Doug Wright. If an umbrella group is needed, the SC members will be: Ray Keller, Ira Mallory, Don Wright, Wayne Roland and Wayne Nystrom.

Ladies to Join Our Softball Ranks in the Fall

The league is open to all members in good standing in SC and SCW. For the first time in many years, about 4-6 ladies will join our league. Did you know that both men and women played softball when it all started in 1979?

Five Inducted into Our Softball Hall of Fame

We are extremely proud of these new Hall of Fame inductees who were honored during the April 13 Annual Luncheon and induction ceremony. The following were awarded plaques for their many fine contributions to our Club: **Bud Herren, Lou Hurley, Steve Letko, Matt Szydowski and Doug Wright.** Local newspapers showed their pictures and had nice write-ups about each of these selfless individuals who gave of themselves in so many different ways for the betterment and well being of our Club. There are now 15 members of the Hall of Fame. Two or less per year will be inducted in following years.

Regular Season Ended in April Followed by Playoffs

There were 10 American and 14 National league teams. Champions were: National League, Citizens Utilities, Dale Lobdell, Manager; American League: a first place tie between Ken Meade Realty under Bob Morgan and Florencia Pizza under Ray Keller. Well done! A fun play off involving most of the teams followed on 4/18, 4/20.

The Fall League Begins Around Mid October

Based on over-seeding schedules, we expect to start the fall league no earlier than October 17th.

Steve Griswold, Glenn Carroll Organize Summer Ball

These two great guys planned the summer league that began May 2 and ends September 7. It consists of 11 teams of 12-13 players each. On June 6, the last game with these teams will be played. On June 8, realigned teams will start up. Later, the teams will be realigned again. This team shuffling allows our members to play on different teams and to get to know many other players personally. Managers are selected by team members.

Thank You Volunteer Umpires and Score Keepers

The following members have been working all the summer games thus far: Umpires: Jerry Pivovar, Jim Tramel. Score keepers: Wayne Mitchell, Fritz Vargocko. This means the rest of us worry less about these duties.

HAVE A HAPPY --- SAFE --- FUN SUMMER!

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