



Senior Softball

NEWS BEYOND THE RUNS AND HITS

Sun Cities Senior Softball League

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Remember Why This Club Started Up Years Ago...

It was for *fun and fellowship* mainly. That still applies today. But some players are getting away from that concept in their drive to win, reflected by their very competitive personalities. To those players we say, remember, this is a game, not a death match. Lighten up. Relax. Have fun. Poke fun at yourself, not at others. Don't be critical. Winning or losing has no serious effect on your life. Got the idea? Good.

You Have Elected 4 New Directors to the SC Softball Club

SC softball players have elected the following new directors: Steve Griswold, Don Gault, Bob Luebben and Jim Rabbot. Congratulations to each of you. Effective 1/1/01, they will join carryover members Ray Keller, Ira Mallory and Wayne Rowland to complete the board. Their jobs begin on January 1 when the directors will get together to elect a President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer. No doubt, big things will continue to happen with this new board. We heartily thank departing members President Doug Wright and Treasurer Duncan Jewell for their significant contributions through the end of this year. A special note to super-dedicated Doug Wright who tackled and accomplished major goals willingly and professionally. Well done!

Let's Give a Hand to the New Fall Team Managers

Here's a big round of applause for all the managers. Each has volunteered to handle a dozen of you fun-loving players. Please give them your cooperation by letting them know when you will miss a game and by showing up 30 minutes before the games.

In the National League: Jack Borst, Crist Miller, Ernie Owen, Ray Murphy, Al Benedict, Steve Griswold, John Estep, Lars Hemmingson, Ron Smith, Dave Rinderknecht, Joe DePhillips, George Maurer.

In the American League: Gene Chervinko, Ray Early, Bill Cooke, Dick Dougherty, Bob Morgan, Dick LeMoine, Frank Welch, Leo Wild, Jim Pavolko, Bob Luebben and Ray Keller.

The Fall League Began on October 17th with 23 Teams

In the American League, there are 11 teams and in the National League 12 teams. A 13th team will be added to the National League in early December. The manager has not been named.

There Will Be 6 New Sponsors for the Fall Games

In the National League: Edward Jones Investments, Daily News-Sun newspaper and Gonstead Family Chiropractic. In the American League: Phoenix International Raceway, Paul Tone Agency (Farmers Insurance), Sunshine Sprinkler (and Wells Fargo replaces the Norwest Bank name). Thank you all for sponsoring us. A complete list of sponsors is on the back of this sheet. **Players, please patronize our sponsors and spread the word in your families and among your friends.**

National League to Start with 1 and 1 Count

Because of time constraints, games in the National League have been lasting only 5 or 6 innings. Therefore, beginning on November 7th, batters will start with one ball and one strike counts to speed up the games. This does not apply to the American league.

National League Will Go to 3 or 4 Drafts

There will be at least 3, and possibly 4 drafts as opposed to the usual 2 from the October through April seasons. This results from favorable feed-back during the summer season. The 2nd rearrangement of teams will begin play on Tuesday, 11/28, after Thanksgiving. All the players get to know many other players with this frequent changing of teams. This does not apply to the American league.

How's About a Higher Fence at the SCW Field?

The SCW club is negotiating with the Rec Center Board to increase the vertical height of the field by raising the fence to 12 feet from foul line to foul line. This would mean fewer homers.

Hot, Hot—Personal Baseball Cards and Pictures

Bob Stouthamer says the response forms given to you by your managers are only trickling in. Ssssoooo...we need some urgency on the subject. The October 31 deadline has passed. The new deadline for submitting your baseball-card, magazine-cover, or team-picture requests has been extended to Tuesday November 21. If you are interested, please, we urge you to respond to Bob Stouthamer as quickly as possible so arrangements may be made with the photographer to take pictures and have the finished product available before Christmas. We need your response to get negotiating power with the photographer. The prices shown on the forms are worst case. We expect to do better depending on your response. Now only 50 forms of 300 or so have been returned, most of which were positive. For control purposes, please return the forms even if you do not accept. Continue to check the bulletin boards for dates when pictures will be taken and on which fields. Call Bob at 214-1515, or his address is on the form. The pictures are of high quality by a professional, nifty mementos for you, your family and friends.

Basketball Anyone?

Dick LeMoine (975-9291) and Steve Griswold (974-5387) are trying to start up a basketball group for the fun and exercise of scrimmaging at a local gym. Please contact either gent if you are interested.

R.I.P. Alan Ruesch...Softball Was His Great Love

He fought cancer for several years, but finally succumbed late in October. This man was truly loved by all who knew him on the softball fields. There was never a dull moment with Mr. Chatter whether he was batting, running the bases, fielding or umpiring. It is a major understatement to say that Al was truly

dedicated to the game. He played and umpired seriously and well, but man, did he laugh and make others laugh with his wonderful sense of humor. He added a great deal of enjoyment to the game. We will miss your antics Al, especially those of us who were part of your softball class, the Class of '96.

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