



Senior Softball

NEWS BEYOND THE RUNS AND HITS

Sun Cities Senior Softball League

December 11, 2000

www.geocities.com/azssoftball

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All

The second session of the National League runs from 12/5/00 to 2/6/01 and the third starts 2/8. The American League ends 12/19 followed by a one-day mini tournament 12/21. The Winter-Spring session starts 1/9/01 and ends in April.

Speed Up the Games....A Note from Umpire Ken. Managers:

Have your players at the field a half-hour early. Be ready to play as soon as the game before yours is finished. Have your players hustle on and off the field between innings. *Players:* Hustle on and off the field between innings. *Umpires:* Hustle the players on and off the field. Keep focused on the game. Do not visit with your buddies between innings. Move the game along. Allow 1 minute or 3 pitches between innings. Be aware of the time left on the clock. *Score keepers:* Start the clock at game time. Remind the umpires of the time left on the clock as the game goes along.

Some Scorekeepers, especially in the National league, are not checking detailed directions in the towers or reading simple instructions on the score sheets. Runners are scoring without any indications of how they got on base. There seems to be some confusion about 3rd base and 1st base, as sometimes entries are backwards. Managers, please use full names for new players who are not on the rosters and for subs. Otherwise it's very time consuming for Bob Murray and Jan Strock to collect accurate info for the newspapers stories we all enjoy. Bob Murray has been doing a great job on this for a long time. Now he needs a replacement. Someone please step forward and offer to take his place. Call Bob Murray 584-5397. American league scorekeepers, make sure the score sheets get to SCW at the end of the day for Jan Strock.

Hey-Hey Baseball Cards, Magazine Covers, Team Pictures

A note from Bob Stouthamer: Dates have been set to take Baseball Card, Magazine Cover & Team Pictures...January 16th and 18th, 2001. One day the photographer will be at the SC Field and the other at the SCW Field. Team pictures will be taken of each team. No one is required to buy these photos although they will be available if you so desire. The league will be presenting team photos to each of our sponsors so participation in this session will be greatly appreciated.

Those of you that have signed up to buy will need to see Bob Stouthamer. Bob has the envelopes needed for you to supply information that will go on your cards. Payment is required at the time the pictures are taken. Payment should be included in

the envelope Bob gives you for your personal information. Envelopes should be given to the photographer when pictures are taken. *Baseball Cards* are 8 for \$10.00, 16 for \$18.00, 24 for \$25.00. *Magazine Covers* are \$12.00 each, *Team Pictures* are \$10.00 for an 8x10 photo in a cardboard frame. If you failed to complete the form Bob sent out initially, you still have time to sign up. Just contact Bob, 623-214-6565, for the envelope and do it quickly so you can fill in your personal data now and not at the last moment. Please check the bulletin board regularly, as this will be the place you will receive information on the picture taking schedule and location.

Grandview Terrace, an American League Sponsor, invited their entire team to tour their facility and stay for a special Softball luncheon. A team picture was taken and everyone had a grand time. Thanks to *Grandview Terrace*, Bob Luebben, Manager of the team and all of the players for attending.

Phoenix International Raceway, an American League Sponsor, has invited the entire league and spouses to attend an open house at the track on Monday, December 11th. We appreciate the backing of this premiere raceway sponsor.

Who Is Responsible to Stow the Electronics and Lock Up?

At the end of the last game of the day, scorekeepers must store the scoreboard electronics in their proper place. If you don't know where, ask someone. Recently, doors have been left open, subjecting valuable equipment to theft. The home team is responsible to lock all cabinets and doors. The home team manager must make sure the field is secure before leaving.

The Sun City West Softball Club will meet December 12 to determine if players want to help finance 1/3 the cost for a cover for the bleachers.

The Sun City West Recreation Centers will be replacing the outfield fence at Kuentz with a 10 foot fence by the first of the year. No cost to the softball club. Thank you!

How About Summer Ball in Logan, Utah? Bob Murray has reserved a field. Call him for details--a dozen interested so far.

Alan Ruesch Memorial 1-26-2001 from 1-4 PM

The family will hold a memorial at the Palm Ridge Rec Center. You are invited. The caterers need a headcount for planning purposes. Please sign up on the attendance sheets to be posted at all games January 9 and 11. Spouses are OK too.

Softball Jackets for Sale...Now you can buy a Navy-blue, wind breaker jacket with the Sun Cities Softball Logo on it. A sample button-down, lined jacket, with logos front and rear, will be at the Sun Bowl field only, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, for you to examine. Your name is embroidered. Sizes are L, XL and XXL. **The \$22.58 price includes sales tax.** Make your check payable to First American Sports. Ordering deadline is 1-18-01. Your jacket will be available around 2-15-01.

Use This Coupon to Order Softball Jacket

Print Your Name Clearly _____
Phone Number _____ Size (L, XL, XXL) _____

Print Personal Name you want on jacket _____
Give coupon and \$22.58 check to Ray Keller or Board Member

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