



## Senior Softball

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### Sun Cities Senior Softball League

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**Sun Cities Senior Softball League Board.** This new group is responsible for daily operation of the League, which consists of SC and SCW Softball Clubs. There are 7 reps (appointed by SC and SCW Club Presidents) with voting rights, 3 from SC and 4 from SCW: President, Ken Skinner; Rules Chairman, Ira Mallory; Reps of the National League, Dave Rinderknecht and Steve Griswold; Reps of the American League, Dick LeMoine and Bob Luebben; Sponsor Chairman, Matt Szydlowski. Administrative Director, Loran Swanson, non voting.

**SC Board of Directors.** President: Steve Griswold; VP, Jim Rabbot; Sec., Ira Mallory; Treasurer, Don Gault. Directors are: Bob Luebben, Wayne Rowland and Ray Keller. Steve Letko and Bob Millslagel keep the grounds assisted by Jack Sikes.

**SCW Board of Directors.** President, Ken Skinner; VP, Dave Rinderknecht; Secretary, Jim McGuire; Treasurer, Field Manager and Safety, Dick LeMoine (Bob Kuhn and Ed Eckhardt take care of the ball field grounds); Sponsor Chairman, Matt Szydlowski; Equipment and Purchasing Director, Hugh Kelley; Director in Charge of Saturday Play, Bill Bromley.

#### **The January-April Winter-Spring League Has 24 Teams.**

There are 13 in the National and 11 in the American.

#### **American League Game Times Going Back to 75 minutes.**

Immediately. The games used to be 70 minutes.

#### **Congrats to Winners of the Fall-Winter Games**

The American League finished in December: Dick LeMoine lead his Farmers Insurance team to a first place victory followed by Ray Early's Phoenix International Raceway team. The National League finished late November: It was a tight one with Steve Griswold and his Daily News Sun team taking first with 9-2. Al Benedict lead Sun Health with 8-2-1.

**Bye Teams Do the Officiating in National League.** Both umps and score keepers are supplied from the Bye team, whose members may continue to substitute also. This new system is working very well.

#### **SCW Has Changed Its By-Laws for \$25 Payment by April 1**

Players will pay by 4/1 or earlier, whereas before, they could pay as late as October. This will allow the people who put the teams together in the fall to know in advance who will play. Under the old system, it was difficult to put teams together at the last minute, and then there were no-shows to boot. The Rec

Center has also asked the SCW Club to operate on a calendar year instead of the old fiscal year from October to September.

**Hall-of-Fame Ballots Available Now from Your Manager** The ballots explain criteria for candidate selection. Two new members will be selected for 2001. Return your ballot by 2/8.

#### **Why Rules Vary Between American and National Leagues**

Some rules are different due to the level of competition. Time rules vary due to the shorter time allotted for each game in the National league—more games are played.

**Where Do You Go for Uniforms?** See Hugh Kelley for the SCW Club and Steve Griswold for the SC Club.

**The SCW Club Will Host a "B" Softball Tournament March 8, 9, 10 & 11.** "B" players, get your teams together. Teams from Pebblecreek, Arizona Traditions and SC Grand will be invited. Contact Ken Skinner, 546-8983, for details.

**SCW Rec Center Will Install Covers Over Both Bleachers at Kuentz Field.** At a general meeting, members voted to pay \$4000 as 1/3 the cost. Installation date of the fabric covers is February 8, if all goes well. Players and fans will appreciate this welcomed improvement. We thank the Rec Center for paying most of the cost! And the new, higher Kuentz Field outfield fences supplied by the Rec Center mean homers must travel 265-270 feet versus the old lower fence at 240 feet. Neighboring home owners appreciate this modification.

**Frost Delay at SCW.** Open practice is now from 8:30-10:30 until 2/18. It will then revert to 8:00-10:00.

#### **Annual Banquet to Be Held April 12.**

The banquet will be hosted by the SC club at the Mountain View Rec Center. Mark your calendars. If you can volunteer to help the committee, contact Matt Szydlowski, 546-1949.

#### **New Tri-Cities Senior League Played First Game 1-6-01**

Some players wanted to have games on Saturdays, so this league was formed. It consists of 8 teams: 2 from SC, 3 from SCW and 3 from SC Grand. Each city's field is used every third week. Players from the American and National leagues are mixed as are ages and genders. With the interest in Saturday play expanding, there is a possibility of more teams being added. If you are interested in playing, contact: SCW, Bill Bromley, 584-6075; SC, Steve Griswold, 974-5387.

#### **Which One of Our Members Has Managed 20 Teams in 10 Consecutive Years?**

We are indeed fortunate that this player loves the game so much that he contributes again and again. He has a great personality plus a smile for everyone. And you absolutely cannot keep him quiet during the game. Our hats are off to Mr. Involvement, Bob Morgan. We owe ya, Bob.

**How About Summer Ball in Logan, Utah?** Bob Murray has reserved a field. Learn more by attending a presentation at SC or SCW on 1/24/01. SC: Masonic Fellowship Center, 118810 107<sup>th</sup> Ave, from 10-12:00 noon. SCW: Desert Palms Church, 13459 W. Stardust Blvd, from 2-4:00 PM. Call Bob for details.

**Score Keepers Note.** Some of you are not giving packets of this Newsletter to managers on game day. Please do your part.

**335 Paid League Members.** More than last year at this time.

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