



Senior Softball

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Sun Cities Senior Softball League

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New—Jack and Jill softball game with a very “soft” 16” ball for all from SC and SCW...Pot Luck Picnic...No uniforms, equipment or skill required, just a desire to share a good time!

The plan is to have lots of fun on Sunday afternoons while gathering with folks from the softball group. Guys and gals alike, married or single. What a great opportunity for the ladies to get together as a larger group rather than just the few who regularly attend the games. It's a fellowship thing regularly scheduled for Sundays for a while, till we tire of each other.

We encourage this to be a very mixed group, definitely not just the men. Bring your body, healthy or not, plus some picnic goods such as hot dogs, burgers, potato salad, dessert, etc. Bar-B-Q, soft drinks and tables will be provided. Bring your own beverages other than soft drinks, plus chairs and a pot luck dish to share with others. If interested, call Dick and Sharon LeMoine at 975-9291. Times, places and other details will be posted later. Oh, by the way, there will be a game, with a *very soft ball and bat*. No one should get hurt. All equipment will be provided. No gloves are necessary. No special skill is required by you non-athletes. No excuses not to attend. It's time to party!

Softball Showdown, SC vs SCW, Monday February 26... Don't miss this grudge game!

Both Bob Morgan from SC and Dick LeMoine from SCW say they have the better team. Each city's roster was considered before representative players were selected by these two managers. The shoot-out will take place at 2:30PM on 2/26 at

the SC field. Don't miss it! Be there to see your town team in action and to see who eats crow!

Full uniforms must be worn at all of our official softball games

You are out of uniform if you do not wear the *entire* outfit supplied to you by the league. That includes: long or short blue pants, team-sponsored jersey, blue hat, and long white and blue hose. Some players have been wearing ankle stockings, full sweats, red hats, non-standard jerseys or casual shorts and pants. This is an organized league, not a pick-up league. The few who have begun to break the uniform rules may lead others to think it's OK. It isn't. Besides, you guys look awfully cute wearing the right stuff.

There are some good reasons for being partially out of uniform. If a player cannot offer reasonable justification, action will be taken by the umpire. First offense, a warning. Second offense, suspension from a game. For uniforms, see Steve Griswold in SC, Hugh Kelley in SCW.

Album to be developed for all you good lookin' players in the Sun Cities Sr. League

Bob Stouthamer (214-1515) and Joe Rottmann (972-2930) are organizing the album. Active and inactive members may contribute their pics. Bob has already collected many baseball card pics from the players who recently had their photos taken by the pro photographer. If you have not yet given him one of the card-photos, please do so. All other photos should be given to Joe. You don't have to be in uniform in the pic, but that would be ideal. Try to provide something about the size of a baseball card, or as close as you can get to that. No 8x10s from all you beautiful people please. The album will be kept in the SC equipment room for all to see during games. Thank you Joe Rottmann for initiating this idea long ago. Now it's happening.

SCW Rec Center Has Installed Covers Over Both Bleachers at Kuentz Field

The Rec Center paid 2/3 the cost of the beautiful, green fabric covers. Our fans and players alike are already enjoying them. We thank the Rec Center for this improvement.

Annual Softball Banquet April 12 at 11:00AM in SC...can you handle this much fun?

The banquet will be hosted by the SC Club at the Mountain View Rec Center. Mark your calendars. You won't want to miss the very special entertainment that you have not seen before. Two of our members will be inducted into the Hall of Fame and honored at this party. The cost is \$6 per person for active members and their spouses and \$11.95 for all others. Tickets will be available from team managers after March 13th. If you can volunteer to help the committee, contact Matt Szydowski, 546-1949.

Enter the Spring Fling softball games for our National league players March 8, 9, 10 and 11

Dave Rinderknecht is in charge of the games that will be played from Thursday through Saturday. Any player who was in the National league in the year 2000 or 2001 is eligible. The entry fee is \$6 per player. All games will be played at Kuentz Field in SCW. Every team is guaranteed to play at least one game per day. Teams from other cities will also be allowed. This is the first year that this tournament is formalized. For further info, call Dave at 214-9769.

Crrruunch...There she goes! Dick LeMoine was the first to hit a homer over the new SCW fence. It was a center-field explosion.

Some people are talking about angels--you should know about "Angels in the Out Field"

How do we get the word out when one of our members or a spouse is seriously hurting, is hospitalized or dies? Prior to forming our new Angels in the Out Field, there was no system. Now you simply call our angles, Ida Aprea (214-1966) or Nancy Durrer (544-8071). They take over everything from cards to bulletin board or other communications. This is a wonderful approach. All we have to do is advise Ida or Nancy when we learn of some member problem. If you are interested in more details, call them.

Did you know that one of our active National league players is 90 years old?

Phil Batow, one of the original 1979 players, still enjoys the game immensely. He does not attribute his long years to the game of softball (darn), although it may have contributed. Truth be told, he will not be 90 until March 29th. It's great to have you with us Phil.

All League Players—This is a reminder to pay your \$25 dues by April 1. This enables us to better anticipate our needs for the fall.

All you dunkers--meet on Mondays to play basketball, it's a great way to keep in shape

Meet in Surprise on Mondays from 1-3:00PM for scrimmaging with other ball players. Anything goes, from one on one to five on a team. There is a full court or multiple half courts at 15810 Hollyhock. Call Steve Griswold or Dick LeMoine for more info. More players are needed. Let's get dem ole bones jumpin' again...

Thank you John Christensen and Cal and Barbara Shipmen.

John donated a Pentium 200 computer with Windows 95 and Quicken to keep our records. The Shipmen's donated a late model color printer.

348 active league Members

That's more than any time since our league started in 1979. Everyone wants to join the fun. It's a tribute to our hard-working volunteers.

Some of our current or past members have died in recent months

Tony Sangermano died at age 69 of cardiovascular disease. Chris Grom died in January. Jim Marsh died at age 68. Ron Thielmann died at 66 of a heart attack. Allen Platt died at 65 of a heart attack. Mel Schiebel heroically applied CPR, but Al died in the dugout during a game...the way some of us would like to go.

Remember to patronize our sponsors ...they're our kind of people.

Comments? Inputs? Contact editor John Doherty at new phone number 544-8469 with ideas to improve this newsletter.