



Senior Softball

NEWS BEYOND THE RUNS AND HITS

Sun Cities Senior Softball League

September 19, 2001
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League President Ken Skinner welcomes back you softball lovers! We hope you had a great summer whether locally or in snowbird land. By now, those bones and muscles should be fairly well rested and ready for exciting action. All of us are here to play this wonderful youngster's sport for fun, exercise and fellowship. Remember not to take the game too seriously. The ump's will appreciate it. Still only 25 bucks. **Now let's play ball.** (To update you snowbirds, some information dating back to April is given below.)

Combined League General membership meet, October 18, Thursday, 10:00, at Sun Bowl in SC, 107th and Peoria. Be there! Important stuff. Meet new board candidates. **Uniforms for new players** will be given out by Hugh Kelley for SCW and Steve Letko for SC. Sign up for the Saturday **Tri-City League**.

The regular ball playing schedule ended April 10. Our special thanks to the softball board officers, directors and the many other unselfish members who contributed their time and energy to the great success of the past season.

Summer league ran from April 24 to Sept 20. There were 4 sessions, so each player played with 4 teams. The 4th session mixed National and American league players, but the first three did not. Kudos to Steve Griswold, Wayne Mitchell and Glenn Carroll who organized and ran the league with the usual able assistance of Loran Swanson on rosters. These guys put in unbelievable effort to accommodate new and old players as they moved on and off teams. Our thanks also to the volunteer managers of the 10-12 teams depending on the session.

Annual Softball Banquet was held on April 12. Many have said this was the best party we've ever had. This superb banquet was hosted by the SC Club at the Mountain View Rec Center through the organizational efforts of Matt Szydowski. It was a big hit with special entertainment arranged by party animal Al Benedict who will do it again next year. There were loads of belly laughs by the 250 attendees. Steve Griswold and Bob Millslagel were inducted into the **Hall of Fame**. These two great guys have made major contributions to the league. Congratulations and continued success to you both.

Both fields will be down for over-seeding Sept 24 to Oct 19. Practice will be at Centennial Field in Surprise from Sept 19 to Oct 17, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-10:00AM.

SC and SCW Clubs to have November elections. 3 board members will be replaced in each Club. SC candidates will be announced in October. SCW candidates will be announced at the October 16 SCW meeting. It is mandatory for all SCW Club members to attend as a vote will be taken on Article VIII of the charter which allows commingling of players from SC and SCW. Contact Jim McGuire or Hugh Kelley re the election.

New Softball Rules, revised 9-1-01, will be available through your team manager when the fall season starts.

"Angels in the Outfield" have done an exceptional job. The ladies have posted numerous bulletins regarding the health status of some players during the summer. Please do your part in keeping the gals advised when you or a player you know has a health situation. We all feel bad if we don't learn about some problem until after the fact, so that we can't visit, call or send a card. Contacts: Nancy Durrer - 544-8071, Joyce Fano - 214-2287, Gail Stouthamer - 214-1515 or Ida Aprea - 214-1966.

"DAILY NEWS SUN" SPECIAL OFFERS help Angels in the Outfield. The paper will donate \$14 for each new or renewal subscription. Also special rates as follows: NEW subscribers - \$78 for a year; RENEWALS - \$97.30 for a year (regularly \$111.00). Note on your check SCSSL "Angels in the Outfield." Send to: Cathy Carlson, Daily News Sun, Box 1779, Sun City, AZ 85372 or call Cathy at 623-876-2580 and mention "Angels."

New Web Site, www.azsrssoftball.com. See: Newsletter, Standings, Game Schedules, Rosters, Field Schedules, Board of Directors, League Rules, Member Applications, Club Bylaws, Calendar, Hall of Fame, Photo Gallery, AZ weather.

SC Club members...a reminder to pay your \$25 dues. Give your checks to Don Gault by October 1. You cannot be assigned to a team until the dues are paid.

Hey good lookin'...picture time again in January. Get your personal Baseball Cards, Magazine Covers and Team Pictures made. The League will purchase a team picture for presentation to each of our sponsors. Watch the bulletin boards for details.

There are about 365 active league members, a new record!

Rest in Peace... since January, 2001. Ron Thielman, Al Platt, Fred Schultz, Barney Trapp, - organizer of Barney's Guys and Gals, Dorothy Stewart, wife of Ken Stewart, Hall of Famer, Bob Wells, Tony Sangermano, Norm Kollar, Alan Dewherst.

Remember to patronize our sponsors. Bob Stouthamer has contacted all sponsors and invited each to remain a part of our Sun Cities Senior Softball League family. Nine have already replied that they definitely want to sponsor again. The remaining will reply this week. A big thank you to each of our sponsors!

2001-2002 SOFTBALL CALENDAR

April 24-Sept 20 2001, Summer League
Sept 24-Oct 19, SC and SCW Fields closed for over-seeding
9/19 - 10/17, practice Centennial Field, Wed/Thurs, 7:30-10:00

Oct 23, fall season starts, 11 American, 13 National teams
Oct 16, SCW Club General Membership mtg, 9:00, Social Hall
Oct 18, League General Membership mtg, 10:00, Sun Bowl, SC
1st Monday, Sept-May, SCW Club Board meeting
2nd Monday, Sept-May, SC Club Board meeting
April 11, 2002, Annual Banquet, Social Hall, SCW, 11:00-2:00

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