



# Senior Softball

## NEWS BEYOND THE RUNS AND HITS Sun Cities Senior Softball League

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### Dick LeMoine spearheads program for SCW improvements.

Dick was backed by Ken Skinner and Matt Szydowski when he made his package presentation to the Rec Center reps in a lengthy meeting this week. They reacted very favorably to his plans for a new multi-level building at Kuentz Field with scoring tower, meeting room, rest rooms, concession area, inside storage, plus several other improvements. No guarantees, but if all goes as we hope, the complex will be operational by the end of 2002. This is hot off the press, so please standby for further info.

### Thank you team managers for volunteering

**AMERICAN LEAGUE:** Tom Aloï, Gene Chervinko, Ray Early, Vern George, Hugh Kelley, Dick LeMoine, Bob Luebben, Jim McGuire, Scott McLearie, Wayne Mitchell, Bob Morgan, Frank Welch.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE:** Jack Borst, Ray Murphy, Wayne Nystrom, Gene O'Boyle, Jim Tramel, Al Benedict, Bill Nyblade, Lyle Bakken, Joe Calcagno, Fred Suess, Steve Griswold, Carl Johnson, Jack Harrison.

**10-23 opening-day ceremony honors Ken Stewart.** Players from 25 teams gathered to see Ken throw out the ceremonial first pitch. The Hall of Famer was paraded in a golf cart before an applauding crowd. Lots of love.

**November 4<sup>th</sup> firemen's benefit fundraiser.** The 3 games raised \$2,425 which the firemen will divide between two designated funds. Many thanks to all who participated and helped in so many ways like baking, set up, obtaining raffle items, announcing, etc. The homemade food and goodies were delicious. All you ladies and guys who contributed...Thank you...Thank you! Special acknowledgments to Ken Skinner, Gail and Bob Stouthamer. You've done it again!

**Board election results in SC and SCW.** In SC, new board electees are Red Klingensmith, Jack Borst and Gene O'Boyle. On 1/1, they will replace Ray Keller, Ira Mallory and Wayne Rowland. Those staying on the board are Steve Griswold, Bob Luebben, Jim Rabbot and Don Gault. The runners up were Bill Nyblade, Don Wright, Bob Millslagel.

In SCW, new board electees are Ray Murphy, Greg Johnston and Wayne Mitchell. On 1/1, they will replace Ken Skinner, Bill Bromley and Dave Rinderknecht. Those staying on the board are Hugh Kelley, Jim McGuire, Dick LeMoine and Matt Szydowski. The runners up were Lyle Bakken, Mel Schiebel and Bob Check.

Let's all congratulate the new board members who, with the remaining board personnel, will play important roles in the future of our clubs. Our sincere appreciation to all those who ran for election. All good candidates indeed.

**Tri-City League starts 1-12-02.** The Saturday league will probably include 2 teams from SC and 4 each from SC Grand and SCW. Mixed Amer/Nat'l.

**Umpire school on Nov 26...yer outta here!** Yielding to popular demand, Chief Ump Ken Skinner will present another school. Meet at Kuentz Rec Center Multi-Conference room at 10:00AM. The field will also be used for instruction. Watch the bulletin boards for more details. Don't miss it!

**Home plate mat has been widened to 22" from 19".** The plate itself is 17". This speeds up the game. SC has a runners plate. SCW on order.

**SCW has purchased two 70# practice mats.** They will be used over the batters box for all practice games to protect the expensive clay (same as used by the pros) in the batter's box. The mats will be moved to the back stop before regular games. After the final game, the home team will be responsible to rake out and wet down the batter's box. Then the mats will be dragged back to the batter's box and remain there until the next official game. Both National and American leagues will use the mats which are the same as those used in practices by the pros...Mariners, Padres, etc.

**Score keeping controls have been left out again and again.** Luckily they have not been stolen. The home team is responsible to secure the field after the last game. This includes putting away the controls.

**Steve Griswold reports 20 jerseys are still missing.** Check the attic, under the car hood, the out house. The no-sponsor summer jerseys are: 1 blue, 1 gold, 2 navy, 4 white, 5 gray, 5 blue/gray. Also 2 Tri-Star blue.

**Hey good lookin'...picture time again. Here's a report from Bob Stouthamer who says it's not too early to secure those very special Christmas Gifts.** Arrangements have been made to take team pictures, baseball cards, & magazine cover photos on December 4th & 6th at The Sun Bowl Field in Sun City.

Sun Photography, the company that took such great pictures for us last year, will once again be taking all photos. They have guaranteed that they will be READY FOR CHRISTMAS! Grandchildren, former business associates, and family members can enjoy photos of you having the time of your life. Join in the fun and be sure to show up at least 30 minutes before your regularly scheduled games to insure sufficient time for your individual photo and your team picture. The League will once again give each of our sponsors a team picture as a way of saying Thank You for their support.

Pricing will remain the same as last year.

8... Baseball Cards.....	\$10.00
16...Baseball Cards.....	\$18.00
1...Magazine Cover.....	\$12.00
1...Team Picture.....	\$10.00

Purchase envelopes will be available from your managers on November 27th & 29th during your regularly scheduled games. Be sure to fill them out in advance with all your personal data. Make your check payable to Sun Photography. Then simply give your order envelope along with your check to the photographer when your photo is taken.

Remember to give a baseball card to Joe Rottmann (972-2930) for inclusion in The Official Sun Cities Senior Softball League scrap book. Joe is the keeper of the book. If you have not had the opportunity to review the scrap book, see Joe. He would be delighted to show it to you.

Monitor the bulletin boards for additional details. Other questions call Bobby Stouthamer at 623-214-6565. For those individuals playing on the Monday/Friday league, if you are interested in having your individual

photos or team pictures taken, call Bobby. He will be happy to arrange a time and place for you to participate. *Thanks Bobby for the great update.*

**Toys for Kids.** The League is assisting the Rec Centers of SCW in collecting toys to bring holiday joy to needy area children. Unwrapped toys for ages 1-12 will be collected at the ball fields by the Angels on Thursday Dec 6th. Any questions call: Gail Stouthamer 214-6565.

**Old timers with clippings or scrap books on the early days of the league...**contact John Doherty, historian, 544-8469.

**There are 371 active league members, another record!**

**Dates...Dates...Mark Your Calendars**

**11-26-01**.....Umpire school by Ken Skinner at Kuentz, 10:00AM

**Jan 02**.....SCW member dues are payable, still only \$25

**1-3-02**..... National League begins second session

**1-12-02**.....Tri-City Saturday league starts, Amer/Nat'l players

**1-22-02**..... American League begins second session

**2-6-02**..... SCW general member meeting, Lecture Hall, 10:00

**3-7-02**..... Spring Fling, National League only through 3-10-02

**4-11-02**..... Annual Banquet, Social Hall, SCW, 11:00-2:00

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