



Senior Softball

NEWS BEYOND THE RUNS AND HITS Sun Cities Senior Softball League

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A message from Ken Skinner, out-going President, Sun Cities Senior Softball League, Sun City West Softball. As the end of my term nears, I would like to reflect on the last 15 months. With the reorganization of the league and the joint meetings held in the summer of 2000, our goal was to organize in such a way that when the members returned for the 2000 - 2001 league season, they wouldn't notice any difference. We were successful in that area. I would like to thank all the members involved in that success. Without cooperation from the Sun City and Sun City West transition committee members, that would not have been possible.

On the club level, I would like to send a big thank you to all the board and club members who I called upon to help on special projects: bleacher covers, extension of outfield fence, club logo, web site, spring fling tournament, Sunday games with neighboring teams, Saturday league, shoot-out in the desert tournament, firefighters game in April, benefit softball game with firefighters in November, sign hanging, construction and installation of a new bulletin board, formation of the wonderful Angels in the Outfield. To all of you, THANKS. (In his humility, Ken left out some accomplishments which this editor added).

With the New Year, the new Sun City West Club President and board members start their terms. They will need all the support and cooperation that was extended to my board members and me. Their big project will be to get the new score booth/storage/rest rooms structure built. One big obstacle will be in convincing the SCW governing board to allow outdoor advertising on our outfield fence. This is our proposal to help finance the building project and future field upgrades. So I am sure that you will be called upon to help. Again a big THANK YOU to one and all. And I'll see you on the softball field.

New officers for 2002: Sun City: President, Steve Griswold; VP, Jim Rabbot; Sec., Bob Leubben; Treasurer, Don Gault. Directors: Jack Borst, Red Klingensmith and Gene O'Boyle. Sun City West: President, Matt Szydowski; VP, Wayne Mitchell; Secretary, Jim McGwire; Treasurer, Dick LeMoine. Directors: Greg Johnston, Hugh Kelley and Ray Murphy.

Our congratulations to the new officers chosen by the board members. The "Softball League" officers and board members, 4 from each club, will be selected by the above Presidents.

Starting in January, there will be 13 teams in each league. Never before have we played with more than 25 teams. Soon there will be 26. One team will have a bye each day of play.

Greg Johnston takes over game schedules and rosters for the National league. Loran Swanson, who continues with the American league, appreciates the help. Call Greg at 584-9064.

Tri-City League starts 1-12-02. There are sign up sheets at both fields. The Saturday league will include 2 teams from SC, 4 each from SC Grand and SCW. Wayne Mitchell, 214-6302.

SCW Club 60's team finished its first tournament recently and will play again 12-16 against Happy Trails. Looking forward to future games. Call Ron Blackwell 214-8444.

Gail Stouthamer speaks for the Angels in the Outfield. TOYS FOR KIDS, sponsored by the Rec Centers, with the Women's Club doing the collecting, was a huge success. Softball members donated over 100 toys for ages 1-12. There will be lots of happy children. The toys were delivered to West Side Food Bank. With the help of Salvation Army, they will be distributed to needy children in the area. Holiday hugs to all who helped with the collection and donation of such special gifts. Hats off to Sharon Cooke who decorated the BIG toy box for SCW collection. Talented Sharon also designed the patriotic decorations for the firemen's game. (Thank you too Gail.)

Bob Stouthamer reports the latest on the baseball pictures. All pictures will be taken by Thursday December, 20th. If you need a make up picture, be at Kuentz Field December, 20th by 9:30 AM. Because rain delayed taking some pictures, some may not be ready until after Christmas. Bob Stouthamer will give all finished pictures to team managers for distribution. All future photos will be taken in February or March to avoid bad weather. No photos are planned for 2002. (Thank you Bob.)

There are 374 active league members, another record.

Dates...Dates...Mark Your Calendars

Dec 20.....National league finishes 1st session
Jan 02.....SCW member dues are payable, still only \$25
1-3-02..... National League begins second session, ends 2-14
1-12-02.....Tri-City Saturday league starts, Amer/Nat'l players
1-17-02.....American League finishes 1st session
1-22-02..... American League begins 2nd session, ends April
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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