



Senior Softball

**NEWS BEYOND THE RUNS AND HITS**

**Sun Cities Senior Softball League**

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**New SCW clubhouse update.** The Rec Centers have approved the blue prints as submitted by Dick LeMoine who is hawking this program. Currently the prints are at Maricopa County going through the building permit process. There are some complications to be cleared. Keep your fingers crossed.

**New league officers elected.** Directors from the boards of the SC and SCW ball clubs elected Matt Szydowski as President and Bob Luebben as Secretary. This was done at the first monthly league meeting on 1-18-02. We thank these two men and congratulate them for performing this double duty of overseeing the well-being of both ball clubs. You'd be surprised at the time and effort expended by all board members of both clubs to ensure smooth sailing of the league.

**How are our teams picked?** In the American league a draft was held on 1-14. It involved 13 managers taking turns picking players who were pre-rated #1, 2 or 3 by all the managers. In the National league, players are not rated, but are shuffled according to their playing positions. Players are assigned to teams by several members who know the players. We commend Steve Griswold (SC) and Dave Rinderknecht (SCW) who did the assigning for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session recently. The 3<sup>rd</sup> session will be handled by Gene O'Boyle and Jack Borst from SC; Greg Johnston and Ray Murphy from SCW. Thank you!

**Make your Hall of Fame nominations.** All members are eligible to nominate other qualifying members, two of which will be inducted this year by the Hall of Fame nominating committee of five. Forms that state the nomination criteria will be available from your manager before the end of January. The forms should be returned by 2-15-02 to your manager or to a member of the committee...Chairman Bob Luebben, Charlie McKassen, Steve Griswold, Ray Keller and Ken Skinner.

**Some jerseys are still missing.** Double check that you have turned in all of yours... please.

**Our yellow, leather-covered balls are a hit.** Did you know that we went to the new balls because they are easier to see on offense and defense and they can be used for two games? They cost less to use even though the cost per dozen is more. The balls also maintain their integrity longer for batting practice.

**Appeals yes, but there are no official protests.** All concerns are settled on the field during the games. We are all members, friends and team mates. Go easy.

**New National league rule** reads as follows: E. Playing Rules. Team Organization. Each team will consist of a minimum of 11 players. When additional players are assigned, all will bat, and at the manager's discretion, each may play at least 5 innings on defense. The remainder of the rule does not change.

**New rule in American league for courtesy runners** reads as follows: E.3. Courtesy Runners. Courtesy runners for designated players only. Exception: If a player becomes injured during play, he may then have a courtesy runner. Courtesy runners will be allowed at second base. If a batter-runner is awarded additional bases, a courtesy runner will be allowed. A player is limited to being a courtesy runner once per inning and twice per game. Any infraction of the use of courtesy runners constitutes an automatic out of the courtesy runner upon appeal of the opposing team manager.

**Volunteer for our Angels.** A note from Gail. Angels in the Outfield recently sent a newsletter to all of its volunteers asking

them to reaffirm their involvement, share their thoughts and ideas, and consider stepping into a leadership roll within the group. Is your spouse interested in a job that **does not require long hours, but does offer immeasurable rewards of satisfaction and the camaraderie of caring people?** Have them call Nancy Durrer at 623-544-8071. Last year found us assisting with various large fund raisers. 2002 finds us returning to our stated mission of reaching out to members of the softball league who are in need. Limited fund raising will only be done so we might meet our small budgetary needs. Please help us keep the Angels growing and caring.

**Can you Juggle? Swing on a trapeze? Sign up now to entertain at the April 11 Annual Banquet.** If you've got talent, serious or otherwise, now's the time to show it off. Our own Al Benedict, Master of Entertainment, could use you talented folks in the show that involves softball members or those related. Bring out those hidden talents like singing (in the rain or otherwise), acrobatics, playing a musical instrument, blowing bubbles, contortions, telling jokes, tossing your cookies, etc. Call Al at 546-8599.

**Summertime Softball in Utah.** On January 29, there will be presentations from 9-11:00 in SCW and from 1-3:00 in SC. See bulletin boards for details or call Bob Murray at 584-5397 or Bob Damato 584-5640. Call 800-538-2663 for a free video.

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

- 1-22-02.....** American League begins 2nd session, ends April 9
  - 2-6-02.....** SCW general member meeting, Lecture Hall at RHJ Center, 10:00AM.
  - 2-14-02.....** National League second session ends
  - 3-7-02.....** Spring Fling, National League only through 3-10-02
  - 4-11-02.....** Annual Banquet, RHJ Social Hall, SCW, 11:00-2:00
  - SCW Board Meeting,** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 8:00AM, Men's Club at RHJ Center
  - SC Board Meeting,** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 8:00AM.
  - League Board Mtg,** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month, 10:00, Men's Club
- Any member may attend any of the board meetings.

**R.I.P. Mel Lindenberg** died at 69 of Leukemia. Angels in the Outfield made a donation to Hospice of the Valley, at the family's request. Mel played in the National league.

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