



NEWS BEYOND THE RUNS AND HITS

Sun Cities Senior Softball League

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You elected new board members. Here are your new leaders for their 2-year terms in 2002 and 2003. They will replace about half of the current board members. In Sun City: Ray Keller, Tait Douglas, Doug Wright and Carl Johnson.

In Sun City West: Lyle Bakken, Dutch Walton, Mel Schiebel and Ken Skinner. All of us congratulate you and thank each of you for volunteering.

New SCW clubhouse update. There are now 11 sponsors for fence billboards that could appear around the first of the year if all goes per plan. Dick LeMoine and the sponsor committee have done an outstanding job. The goal is to have 20 sponsors ultimately. With sponsor funds and the player funds below, the Rec Center can begin ground breaking around February 15, 2003.

The sponsors are: *Century 21, Paul Tone Farmers Insurance, Sanderson Lincoln-Mercury, Arrowhead Honda, Ramada Express-Laughlin, Ak-chin Casino, Wells Fargo Bank, PFG Direct, Sun Country Credit Union, Basha's and Peoria GMC.*

Bob Freeman has donated new fans, a range and microwave oven. Paul Nagelson gave a new refrigerator. Thank you both very much!

SCW Clubhouse Building Fund. \$18,245 has been contributed by 143 (54%) of SCW players as of 11-18. If you have not participated yet, please do, no matter how much or little you can give. Contact Hugh Kelley at 546-7629.

Our SCW Pepsi-sponsored scoreboard has been ordered. It features 24" LED numbers plus time and temperature. The board should be installed by Christmas if all goes per plan.

We have 387 very happy league members.

Chief Umpire Ken Skinner to present Umpire Clinic on Dec. 14, Saturday, at Kuentz, SCW. Gather in Meeting Room 3 at 9AM, followed by a field training session. Everyone is invited, whether you are an umpire or scorekeeper. Don't miss this. The more you know, the more you enjoy the game.

Here's the rule on 60-minute game times with the compliments of umpire Ken Skinner. After 60 minutes have expired, that inning will be completed and one additional full inning will be played. There will be no run limit in the final inning.

Ok, what happens when the game is tied in the 7th inning? Let's say time expired in the 6th inning and no time was left on the clock when the 3^d out was made. If the game is then tied at the end of the 7th inning, the game is over. There is no 8th inning to break the tie.

If you still have time on the clock when you start the 7th inning and the score is then tied after the last of the 7th, you will play one more inning. Remember, time for the next inning starts when the 3rd out is made.

Example: The 3^d out is made in the bottom of the 6th inning, and there are 2 minutes left on the clock. That is when the 7th inning starts (with 2 minutes left). So if the game is tied at the end of the 7th you will play one more inning. Remember, you have unlimited runs in the 7th inning but revert to 5 runs in the 8th inning.

Revised playing rule for American League. A player arriving late for a game, after a substitute has already been added to the line up and the team has batted through the line up, will not be allowed to enter the game.

Be careful about purchasing bats that do not conform to ASA rules.

American League managers please note this. Jan Strock, who writes to the newspapers with our baseball game scores, has two reminders. 1) After SC games, the home team manager is responsible to get all the score sheets to the SCW scoring tower. 2) Be sure to use first and last names on the score sheets to make it easier on Jan.

Let's applaud our current team managers for the fine job they are doing for us. They put up with our excuses and abuses and still pamper us. Here is a list of these wonderful guys shown at random:

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Bill Nyblade, Jim Tramel, Larry Melanson, Fred Suess, Ray Murphy, Lyle Bakken, Phil Shadlesky, Ira Mallory, Walter Maund, Gene O'Boyle, Fred Stark, Steve Griswold, Jack Harrison, Ray Pena, Al Benedict.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Tom Aloji, Gene Chervinko, Hugh Kelley, Paul Nagelson, Ray Early, Dick LeMoine, Bob Luebben, Jim McGuire, Scott McLearie, Wayne Mitchell, Bob Morgan, Mel Schiebel, Ron Fano.

The Rec Centers have done a great job in reseeding the SC/SCW fields and preparing them for play. Isn't it a pleasure to play on such beautifully manicured fields? Also, special thanks go to our players for handling field maintenance in SC and SCW.

Tri-City League sign-up sheets are at the bulletin boards in SC/SCW. The Saturday games start on Jan. 11 and go to April.

Softball jackets for sale. Now you can buy a Navy-blue, windbreaker jacket with the Sun Cities Softball Logo on it. The button-down, lined jacket, with logos front and rear, will have your name embroidered. **The \$23.50 price includes sales tax.** Fill in the coupon below. Give the coupon and your check (payable to First American Sports) to Ray Keller, 977-1469. The deadline is 12-10-02.

Print Your Name Clearly _____ Phone Number _____ Clearly Print Personal Name you want on the jacket _____ Size (M, L, XL, XXL) _____ Check for \$23.50 _____

Team pictures and individual baseball card photos will be taken in late February per Bob Stouthamer. This new schedule allows many players that are not in the Sun Cities in December and early January to receive photos as well. Actual dates and pricing information will be posted once they are received from the photographer.

An "Identity Theft" presentation will be made by Northern Trust on 12-9-02 in the SCW Lecture Hall from 1-3:00PM. Arizona has a big problem with this type of serious theft. Take your spouse. Invite guests. See the attached sheet for details.

It's time for our Angels to grow their funds. On Dec. 3rd and 5th, at SC and SCW ball fields, Angel

volunteers will be selling treats at all games and accepting donations. Come hungry and ready for fun, fellowship. See the attached sheet for details.

Our wonderful ladies, Angels in the Outfield, will once again collect "Toys for Kids". Please bring your new, unwrapped toys for ages 1-12 on Dec. 3rd and 5th at Kuentz Field, SCW, for very needy area children. See the attached sheet.

Please patronize our team sponsors. When you buy or browse, let them know you are from the Sun Cities Softball League. See attached list of sponsors.

Dates...Dates...Mark Your Calendars
12-3 and 12-5-02, "Angels" sell treats at all games. In SCW, they will also collect unwrapped "Toys for Kids," ages 1-12
12-9-02... SCW board meeting 8:00AM, Men's club (exception to usual 1 st Monday meeting). League meeting at 10:30AM
12-9-02, "Identity Theft," SCW Lecture Hall, 1:00-3:00PM. Spouse or friends OK too
12-14-02... Umpire Clinic, Kuentz, Meeting Room 2 at 9:00AM, then to the field. All members are invited.
12-20-02 to 1-6-03... No Tuesday.-Thursday league softball games. Holiday break.
1-6-03... , first meeting of new SCW board, Men's club, 8:00-10:00AM
1-13-03... League mtg, 10:00AM, Men's club, SCW
3-6-03 to 3-09-03... SCW 25 th Anniversary Spring Fling Tournament, 4 days
4-17-03... annual Banquet at Mountain View Rec Center in Sun City
SCW Board Meeting, 1 st Monday of the month at 8:00AM, Men's Club at RHJ Rec Center
SC Board Meeting, 1 st Monday of the month at 8:00AM at Fairway Rec Center.
League Board Meeting, 2 nd Monday of month, 10:00AM, Men's Club at RHJ Rec Center, SCW
Members may attend any of the board meetings.

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