



January 21, 2003

**The new League President is Ray Keller.** He was selected by board members of the SC and SCW clubs as was Dutch Walton who is the new Secretary. There is no VP. We wish you both success in over-seeing this outstanding League.

**Here are your fall-season champions.** In the National League: Sun country, 14-5 (.737), managed by Ray Pena; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Gonstead Chiropractic, 14-6, managed by Phil Shadlesky. In the American League: Heritage Traditions, 12-6-1, managed by Wayne Mitchell; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Wester News, 11-6-1, managed by Gene Cherninko. Congratulations to you hot shots! The games couldn't have been tighter.

**What's happening with the SCW scoreboard and the padded advertising panels** is a question that is asked daily. The mats for 12 sponsors have been delivered to Sonora Sign along with the advertisers' artwork. Sonora Signs then takes this artwork and transfers it onto the mats via a 6' x 12' decal. The mats, when finished, will be returned to us, and hung on the fence. This will all happen sometime during the next three weeks.

When we start hanging the signs, the Rec-Center will install the new scoreboard. A press conference will then be held at the field and the media will be given complete details of our new clubhouse and the process that has allowed us to obtain these new facilities and scoreboard. This media event will also be used by the Rec-Center as an introduction to Sun City West's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Clubhouse is scheduled for ground breaking around late March.

The above report is from Dick LeMoine who is managing the project for our league.

**SCW \$20,000 player contribution goal has been reached** thanks to our 171st donation. 63 percent of the members gave to the clubhouse-building fund. So here is a big "congratulations." Sponsors of the fence mat ads will make up the remaining dollars. Our gratitude goes to Ken Skinner and Hugh Kelley for their outstanding efforts in managing the contribution program. So, between the players and sponsors, money is there to start the new building.

**The Winter-Spring season of ball playing** will begin on 1-21 and end on 4-10. There will be 13 American and 15 National teams. Managers, thanks for volunteering and for your dedication.

**SCW players--dues are now payable.** Late fee applies after 2/1/03. The \$25 goes to \$35.

**SC will host our Annual Banquet on 4-15-03.**

It will take place at the Mountain View Rec Center near Sun Bowl Field. Beef and chicken will be catered by the SC Rec Center. The cost is \$8 for members and spouses and \$10.95 for guests. Plan to come for good food and entertainment from 11:00AM -2:00PM.

**To schedule SC Field time** for practice or team play, call Red Klingensmith at 583-4155.

**SCW General membership meeting 2-17-03** at 11:00AM in the Lecture Hall.

**Third Annual Spring Fling Tournament will run 4 days** from March 6-9 at Kuentz Field and be associated with the SCW 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are shooting for 8 teams: 4 National league teams from SC/SCW plus teams from SC Grand and Arizona Traditions. If National leaguers do not fill 4 teams, the needed players will then be drawn from the American league. Informational Emails and flyers will be coming. Contact Ken Skinner, 546-8983 to sign up.

**Our League finished 2002 with a record 400 happy members.** Great fun, and still only \$25.

**Buying a new bat? Be aware** that the League is discussing possible banning of all composite bats. They're hot. Player safety is the issue.

**A word from chief umpire Ken Skinner:** "Hey, a big "well done" to all of our members who attended the umpire clinic. The ole umpire has noticed ya, and your lookin' good. You're getting in the correct positions to make those close calls. It seems that some of you paid attention to the ramblings of the ole umpire. Thanks...."

**Three 2002 League contributors were not mentioned** in the last newsletter. Al Benedict and Ed Sullivan played important entertainment roles at the Annual Banquet. Bob King has worked well on field maintenance in SC.

**Some crates of softballs have been missing after practices.** Please keep an eye on this.

**It's Picture Time!** Team pictures and individual baseball card photos will be taken on February 25th and 27th. All pictures will be taken in Sun City at the Sun Bowl field. Team pictures will be taken before the start of your regularly scheduled games so please arrive at least 30 minutes before your game time. Within the next few weeks, your team managers will have envelopes with all the details on the cost of each item should you elect to

purchase any of the items Sun Photography will be offering this year.

Simply select what you want and complete the information requested on the envelope. Then prepare a check made out to Sun Photography. Give the photographer the envelope when your picture is taken. That's it. Watch for samples of the various items you can purchase this year. They will be available for you to see at both fields in early February.

And that's a note from Bob Stouthamer, 214-1515. Thank you Bob.

**It's recruiting time...Hey Sun City...Angels in the Outfield need your help!** A lot of our members in SC seem to think the Angels are for SCW only. Not so, never was. From the start, the Angels have sent letters, flowers, cards, and written bulletin board notices for injured, sick or hospitalized members of both SC and SCW. It's a league thing. So spread the word to your spouses that they can contact Kay Peterson in SC at 974-9775 to join in the Angels hit parade.

Many players have told stories of how great it was to get so many cards, phone calls, etc. during and after illnesses. It's a very special and marvelous feeling to know your fellow players care about you. Who spreads the word? The Angels. So please join. In SCW, contact Joyce Fano 214-2287 or Gail Stouthamer 214-1515.

**Phone number for the Sun City field.** This should be used for emergencies only, 623-876-0635. A phone will be available in SCW when the new clubhouse is built.

**Scorekeepers...we really need your help.** Our 2 newspaper reporters, Jan Strock and Jan Carino, can get very frustrated trying to translate score sheets. This is especially true of the American league. Please don't use your own scoring system. There are dozens of them (some unusually creative). Use the simple, standardized one on the laminated instruction sheet at the scoring tower. The scorer must fill in all blanks and then sign his name in case the reporter needs to call for a clarification.

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

**2-10-03...** League Board meeting at 10:00AM in SC at the Bell Rec Center Bowling Alley

**2-17-03...** General SCW membership meeting at 11:00AM in the Lecture Hall

**2-25 and 2-27-03...** Baseball card pictures at SC

**3-6-03 to 3-09-03....**SCW 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Fling Tournament, 4 days, National League mainly

**4-10-03...**Official season ends.

**4-15-03...**annual Banquet at Mountain View Rec Center in Sun City, 11:00 to 2:00

**SCW Board Meeting,** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 8:00AM, Men's Club at RHJ Rec Center

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**League Board Meeting,** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 10:00AM

**Members may attend any of the board meetings.**

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

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