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Hall of Fame Nominations *This is everyone's opportunity to participate in this special recognition program. We are all fortunate to play in a great league with so many terrific people. Take the time now to nominate those individuals that you feel have helped to create this fun atmosphere and make our league what it is.*

This is your chance to nominate deserving people for the Sun Cities Senior Softball League Hall of Fame. Two nominees will be selected by committee and announced at the Annual Softball Luncheon at the Mountain View Rec Center in SC on April 15. Forms obtained from your team manager must be placed in special boxes at the fields no later than March 1. Nominees must have been active for at least 7 years. Other criteria has been posted.

The above is a message from Bob Stouthamer. Call him at 214-6565 or Chairman Bob Morgan at 933-6841 for more info. Other selection committee members are: Steve Griswold, Glenn Carroll and Ray Keller.

Team Pictures, Magazine Covers, Baseball Card Photos will be taken on 2/25 for the National league and 2/27 for the American at the SC Field by Sun Photography. Please be on time as pictures will be 30 minutes prior to start of your game. Follow instructions on the envelope you received from your team manager. Complete all the personal information you would like. Include a check to Sun Photography and present the envelope along with the check to the photographer when your individual photo is taken. If you would like your individual photo taken in another uniform, that is permissible, but all team photos must be taken in Sun Cities Senior Softball League uniforms. All of our Sponsors will receive a team photo. This helps solidify our relationships with the sponsors.

All finished photo work will be back to you in about three weeks. What great gifts for the Grandchildren, Sons, Daughters, Friends, Former Business Associates, etc., not to mention the great memories of our own. Joe Rottmann, one of our National League Players, keeps an Official Sun Cities Senior Softball League scrapbook and Joe would appreciate your donating a baseball card for inclusion in the book. Give Joe a call and look at the book as time permits. Don't be left out. Join in the fun.

Pricing is as follows: 8 Baseball Cards, \$12.00; 16 Cards, \$22; One Magazine Cover, \$12; One Team picture, \$10; One Wheaties Box with Photo, \$10; One 12 Month Photo Calendar, \$12; Four Photo Bookmarks, \$8; Two Photo Key Chains, \$10.

Questions? Call Bobby Stouthamer 214-6565.

SCW players--dues are now overdue. Late fee applied after 2/1/03. The \$25 goes to \$35. To continue playing, pay immediately please.

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 on good food and entertainment from 11:00AM to 2:00PM. Tickets will be available from your manager starting March 4.

SC general membership meeting 219 at 10:00AM at Fairview Rec Center, 107 Peoria.

SCW general membership meeting 2-17 at 11:00AM in the R. H. Johnson Lecture Hall.

Third Annual Spring Fling Tournament will run 3 days from March 7-9 at Kuentz Field and be associated with the SCW 25th Anniversary. So expect a lot of surprises, special guests and concession stands. We are shooting for 8 teams: 4 teams from SC/SCW plus teams from SC Grand and Arizona Traditions. American and National league players will be accepted until 4 teams are established. Informational Emails and flyers will be coming. Contact Ken Skinner, 546-8983 to sign up for the good times.

National league rules changes submitted by Jack Borst, Chairman of the Rules Committee.

#1 Courtesy pinch runners from home plate shall not cross the designated runner line until the ball has been struck. Runners observed leaving early shall cause the batter to be automatically called out. Primary responsibility for this call goes to the base umpire although either umpire may call it.

#2 Players on bye day will be responsible for their assigned duties including getting their own replacement if necessary.

#3 The clock on the first game of the day will start at the designated time regardless of whether the teams are ready. Umpires have the responsibility to expedite play at all times. Stalling is not to be tolerated. Managers must get their teams on and off the field without delay.

#4 No composite bats will be allowed in National League game play.

#5 Substitution rules: Managers may call in advance to obtain substitute players only for the first game of the day.

Thereafter managers may select substitutes only from the teams on the field from the previous game. No exceptions. A substitute list of those players willing to play extra games will be provided to the managers. All other substitute rules will apply, i.e. players may substitute only two times a week and not for the same team.

See attached for important American League rule changes from your rules committee.

Composite bats stay in the American league. The bat survey is complete (see attached), thanks to the 72% who returned the survey and wrote comments. The league has decided to go with a different ball, 44 cor 375 compression versus present 525. The new ball should be in play soon. The bat issue remains as is until more is learned from the ball change.

4th Annual SC versus SCW Invitational takes place on 3/29 at the SC field. Players from each city's American league will play one game and the National league another. Bob Morgan, Dick LeMoine and Wayne Nystom are heading this. Visit the Fun Fair, below, while you are near by.

SC promotes softball awareness at Fairway Fun Fair on 3/29. From 8:00 to 2:00PM tables will be manned by our uniformed players to encourage residents and newcomers to include softball in their activities. To volunteer, call Tait Douglas, chairman of the Awareness Committee at 977-0637. Other members are: Roy Nelson, Mike Graham, Wayne Nystrom , Bob Morgan.

Dates...Dates...Mark Your Calendars

2-17-03... SCW general membership meeting at 11:00AM in the R.H. Johnson Lecture Hall

2-19-03...SC general membership meeting at 10:00AM at the Fairview Rec Center

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

2-26-03...Combined board meeting of SC, SCW, SCG boards at Falines Restaurant at 9:00AM

3-3-03 SCW Board Meeting, 1st Monday of the month at 8:00AM, Men's Club at RHJ Rec Center

3-5-03 SC Board Meeting, 1st Wednesday of the month at 8:00AM at Lakeview Lanes.

3-7-03 to 3-09-03....SCW 25th Anniversary Spring Fling Tournament, 3 days, see article above

3-10-03...League Board meeting, 2nd Monday at 10:00AM in SC at the Lakeview Lanes

3-29-03...4th Annual SC/SCW Invitational at SC field, 2 games, National and American, see article.

3-29-03...Fairway Fun Fair at Fairway Rec Center from 8:00 to 2:00PM, 107th Peoria, see article above.

4-5-03...National League All Stars versus firemen Couch Potatoes at SCW, food, drinks, auction

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

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

Members may attend any of the board meetings.

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