



March 25, 2003

SC players—your dues are due by 10-1-03.

Players must pay dues by then or they will not be assigned to play ball until the dues are paid.

Summer League starts 4/22 and ends 9/23

after our regular season games end 4/10. Tex Wells (566-2002) is in charge of the American League which will have 4 playing sessions. There will be 6 teams to start with 12 players each, and end with 4 teams. The National League start date and sessions will be similar. Full details will follow. Carl Johnson (815-9708) will run the National League. All of us thank you two great guys for taking on this responsibility.

League Standings as of 3-21-03: Looks like tight races in both the National and American leagues. Good luck to you all as you approach the April 10 final games.

National: First place, Denny's TV, 13-2, Ray Murphy manager. Three way tie for second place, all with 10-4 records: Alpha One, Bill Nyblade manager; Liberty Buick, Don Goble manager; Saturn Auto, Steve Griswold manager.

American: First place, Farmers Insurance--Paul Tone Agency, 10-3 record, managed by Dick LeMoine; second place, Ron Fano manager, Florencia Pizza, 8-3; third place, The Wester, 10-4, manager Gene Chervinko.

“Dangerous” Bats banned in the National and American Leagues. This is a quote from and official posting: The governing board of the Sun Cities Senior Softball League is taking a step to promote safety in the league by banning all bats that are considered dangerous. **Any new bats must be approved by the league board before they will be considered safe for**

league play in either the American or National leagues.

*This ruling applies only to league play, not to practice or tournaments. The ruling for illegal equipment will be enforced if any unapproved bat is used. That rule includes ejection of the player using illegal equipment. To clarify what bats are currently banned, the following list is provided:

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Model</u>
Miken	Ultra I (Grey)
Miken	Ultra II (Black)
Worth	PST
Louisville Slugger	TPS Genesis
Steel	XXX
Easton	Synergy
Mizuno	Techfire Fury (Red)

Note: Before purchasing any new bats, you should check with the League board to insure it will be legal. New composite and hi-tech double wall bats may be banned as they are released.

*Composite bats are banned at all times in SCW, this includes practice and tournaments.

The season concludes using 44-375 balls. It started with 44-525 compression balls.

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

Don't miss his party! 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 are available from your manager. Please purchase them by April 1.

Two of our deserving members will be inducted into the Sun Cities Senior Softball League Hall of Fame at this gathering. You'll want to be there to cheer for them as their names are announced.

“Special Recognition Award” was adopted by the League Board. It will be given at the discretion of the Hall of Fame committee but without the narrow restrictions of the H of F

inductees. Who do you think will get it? Attend the Banquet on 4-15 and see. Could be you.

SCW softball fence billboard sponsor mats went up in early March. They're big! They're beautiful...all 12 of them. And soon there will be 13 when Budweiser joins our ranks. Pass the word. Give our sponsors your business! Here's a big thank you to these sponsors and our guys who played important rolls in bringing this project to a successful conclusion.

SCW score board and new clubhouse status. The old score board was removed so we are now operating without one. Our new board has been ready for several months, but installation cannot begin pending further action by the Rec Center. Likewise, money raised by the softball league for the clubhouse has been ready for a few months. We look forward to pending action by the Rec Center.

SCW Firemen versus SCW Senior Softball crew at Kuentz Field on Sunday, 12:00 noon on April 6th. Ken Skinner (546-8983) is making all the arrangements. Be there to see the sparks fly. The firemen are always tough, but we can do it...be there.

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. The first game, American League, is at 2:00PM. Bob Morgan, Dick LeMoine, Fred Suess and Wayne Nystom are heading this. Visit the Fun Fair, below, before you go to the games.

Do you want something on the Tri-Cities league here? _____

Put sponsor team cost info here? Check with Jim Pier. -----

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. Tait Douglas is chairman of the Awareness Committee in SC, 977-0637.

Your baseball photo cards will be ready some time during the first week of April through your manager or Bob Stouthamer, 214-1515.

<p>Dates...Dates...Mark Your Calendars</p> <p>.</p> <p>3-29-03...4th Annual SC/SCW Invitational at SC field, 2 games, National and American, see article.</p> <p>3-29-03...Fairway Fun Fair at Fairway Rec Center, 8:00 to 2:00PM, 107th Peoria, see article</p> <p>4-2-03 SC Board Meeting, 1st Wednesday of the month at 8:00AM at Lakeview Lanes</p> <p>4-6-03...SCW Firemen versus SCW Senior Softball group, Sunday at 12:00, Kuentz Field</p> <p>4-7-03 SCW Board Meeting, 1st Monday of the month, 8:00AM, Men's Club, RHJ Rec Center</p> <p>4-10-03...Regular season ends.</p> <p>4-14-03...League Board meeting, 2nd Monday, 10:00AM, SC at the Bell Rec Ctr Bowling Alley</p> <p>4-15-03...Annual Banquet at Mountain View Rec Center in Sun City, 11:00 to 2:00PM</p> <p>4-22-03...Summer ball starts</p> <p>9-23-03...Summer ball ends</p> <p>Members may attend any board meetings.</p>

Jack Ruggiero dies in SCW. Jack died this month. He played in the American league and really loved softball and the guys. We miss him.

Please patronize our team sponsors. When you buy or browse, let them know you are from the Sun Cities Softball League. This is the first time sponsors are advertising in our Newsletter.

This will be the last newsletter until after summer as the regular season ends early in April this year. Our best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy summer. Don't forget to exercise and keep in shape whether you're a local or snowbird. **And special thanks to all you wonderful players who took on the responsibility of the Board, maintenance, etc. Adios!**

<p>Comments? Inputs? Contact Editor John Doherty at 623-544-8469 with your ideas to improve this newsletter.</p>
