



October 21, 2003

Isn't it great to be back playing ball again! If you didn't play this summer, be sure to exercise those muscles well before playing too hard. Remember, dem ole bones aren't 21 any more. Let's have a great time without getting overly serious. Respect all other players regardless of their skill levels. Treat each player as you would like to be treated, including the umps—they are us. Let fun and friendship rule the game. There is no trophy. And don't forget to thank all the board members who worked for you through the summer. What an organization! What manicured fields. Still only \$25. Can you believe it!

DON'T MISS THIS...YOU ARE INVITED
SCW Club House Ground Breaking

Bob Stouthamer will emcee a "ceremonial" ground breaking at Kuentz Field on Saturday 10-25 at noon. Be there for the excitement, the dig, Rec Center Board officials, Governing Board members, other dignitaries, cheer leaders, singers, the Jazzy Palms, pictures, lots of free hotdogs and Pepsi, etc. Then watch two exciting games, one American league and one National. **All softball members—please wear your uniforms whether playing or not.** All the above follows the SCW 25th anniversary parade that starts at 10:00. Our softball contingent will parade in that celebration in golf carts sporting sponsor signs.

If all goes well, club house construction should start in two weeks or so. Kudos to all our members, the Rec Center and sponsors who made this happen!

Our new Pepsi scoreboard features large, bright numbers plus time and temperature 24 hours a day. New shrubs decorate the base of the outfield fence.

Here's a first--women managers. To the best of our knowledge, no women have managed our official Tuesday-Thursday teams since the League started in 1979. Well guess what! The National League now has two women managers, namely Jan Carino and Julie McGlynn. Congratulations ladies.

Vote on Candidates for the Board of Directors. You will be given ballots sometime in November at both ball fields. Please make intelligent votes by getting to know the candidates. We thank the candidates for volunteering for these high paid jobs. All of us appreciate the Directors who are leaving after serving well for two years. A full complement of Directors is seven each in SC and SCW.

In Sun City, 3 Directors will be elected: From the National League: Ken Dorian, McDonald Greene, Larry Kuberka, Bill Nyblade (vote for 2). From the American League: Ernie Owens, Mike Graham (vote for 1). Directors leaving after 2 years of service are Jack Borst, Gene O'Boyle and Red Klingensmith. Directors staying for another year are Tait Douglas, Carl Johnson, Ray Keller, Doug Wright.

In Sun City West, 4 Directors will be elected: From the National League: Bill Allen, Glenn Carroll, Jim Hansen, Fred Suess. From the American League: Jim McGuire, Art Nelson, Jim Pavolko, Rich Wells, Bob Freeman, Ed Eckardt. Vote for 4 of the above 10. Directors leaving after 2 years are Greg Johnston, Ray Murphy, Wayne Mitchell plus an open slot. Directors staying for another year are Dutch Walton, Lyle Bakken, Mel Schiebel.

Summer league started 4/22 and ended 9/11. Carl Johnson ran the National League and Tex Wells the American League. There were 4 playing sessions. All of us thank you two great guys for the smooth operation and good times.

Fall-Winter Season Started 10-21-03. It goes through 1-13-04. There will be a holiday break from 12-19-03 through 1-5-04.

League draft and uniform distribution. The draft took place on 10-3 for both the 13 American and 15 National league teams. Uniforms were distributed during the general membership meeting on 10-14.

Amended SCW Club by-laws. Be sure to get your copy from Greg Johnston, 584-9064, if you don't have it already.

NW Valley Senior Softball Tournament. Tex Wells ran this 3-week-end tournament in September. There was one bracket of fourteen teams from SC, SCW, SCG, Traditions and Pebble Creek. SC/SCW supplied 5 teams including the Gals and Guys, Chiefs, Jazz, Green Team and Jay Hawks. SCG won, but Ray Early's Jay Hawks came in a respectable third. There were many comments

about the competitive fun and how well the tournament was run. Good going Tex.

News from our successful April Banquet. Two of our members were inducted into the Sun Cities Senior Softball League Hall of Fame at the SC Mountain View Recreation Center. They are **Loran Swanson and Bill Bromley**. Both of these players are heavy contributors and deserving of the awards. An "Individual Achievement Presentation" was made to 92-year-old **Phil Batow** who played at the beginning of the league in 1979 and is still going strong. **Paul Vetromila** organized this most entertaining, enjoyable and packed banquet.

SCW fence billboard sponsor mats. There now are 13 beautiful mats. Plans are for 7 more. Call Greg Johnston if you know of any prospects. Be sure to give our sponsors your business and let them know you are with our League.

Split league vote. As of now, there will be a full membership vote sometime in December. Details to come. Any change would not take effect until start of the second session, Jan. 20.

SC 10-1-03 dues are now overdue. Players not paying will not be assigned to play ball until dues are paid. SCW dues are payable 1-1-04.

Guess who managed 12 years without a skip. Bob Morgan in the American league is still playing but has finally passed on the manager bat after 24 softball seasons. What a guy.

Golf Cart Donated by Southwest Golf Cars. A big thank you to Nancy McIntosh who donated a field utility cart with rear carrier to SCW.

Dates...Dates...Mark Your Calendars

10-25-03..."Ceremonial" Ground Breaking, new SCW clubhouse, 12:00noon, Kuentz Field

11-3-03 SCW Board Meeting, 1st Monday of the month, 8:00AM, Men's Club, RHJ Rec Center

11-5-03 SC Board Meeting, 1st Wednesday of the month at 8:00AM at Fairway Rec Center

11-10-03...Joint League Board meeting, 2nd Monday, 10:00AM, SC at the Bell Rec Ctr Lanes

11-12-03...SC General Membership Mtg at Fairway Auditorium in Sun City, 10:00AM

Members may attend any board meetings.

American and National League banned bats. The governing board of the Sun Cities 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 and not 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 the illegal equipment. To clarify what bats are currently banned, the following list is provided.

Manufacturer

Miken
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Worth
Worth
Louisville Slugger
Steel
Easton
Mizuno
Mizuno

Model

Ultra (Grey)
Ultra II (Black)
Edge
Velocit-E II
PST
Wicked
TPS Genesis
XXX
Synergy
Techfire Fury (Red)
Crush (Orange)

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. **As a rule of thumb, new bats with a list price of less than \$200 will probably be okay. More expensive bats may be at risk. (The above is from Mike Graham)**

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

Phone or address changes? Be sure to notify Loran Swanson, 214-1013, for our records.

Bob Rehberg died this summer. He was a pillar of the game, in both the American and National leagues. He was a coach and teacher. We all should be such a good person and so fine and considerate a player. Our appreciative ball players filled the chapel service.

Please patronize our team sponsors. They pay \$450 the first year and \$175 each year thereafter. When you buy or browse, let them know you are from the Sun Cities League.

Our league now has 403 happy members.

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