



March 16, 2004

AT LAST...IT'S NEARLY READY! The New SCW Clubhouse will be dedicated Saturday April 17 at Liberty Field. This is a change from the original March 21 date. You don't want to miss this important event and the special guests. We'll celebrate with a fun dedication ceremony that begins at 12:00 noon and lasts 30-40 minutes. There will be lots of ball games involving both the National and American leagues. The games start at 8:00AM and continue the rest of the day. See the attached article for details of our Clubhouse History from 2001 to 2004, and the new "courtyard" depiction.

Nope, it's not paid for. There have been a lot of rumors that the SCW project is already paid for. This is not so. Remember that most sponsors pay over three years. Our best estimates are that all will be fully paid sometime in 2006. So hold your horses. The project will cost about \$175,000 to \$180,000 based on our best estimates at the time of this printing. There are a number of last-minute changes being made. Again, our appreciation goes out to club members, sponsors and Rec Center who made this wonderful project happen. See the attached article.

Annual Softball Banquet is set for April 15 at the Palm Ridge Rec Center in SCW from 10:45AM to 2:00PM. Mark your calendar. The league subsidizes ticket cost of this happy event chaired and organized by non other than Jim McGuire. New Hall of Fame members will be named. And the food promises to be delicious. Don't miss the party! Get your tickets from your manager between March 16 and April 6.

16th bill-board sponsor is Axberg-Heartburg-Willis, "The Ethical Alternative." This fine company deals with tax management, estate preservation, insurance services and investment management. Give them a call at 623-773-9099

Saturn of West Phoenix has coupons attached for wash/oil/lube for \$14.95 or complete auto detail for \$99. Take advantage of these good deals from this excellent sponsor of both the Saturn softball team and a billboard mat.

Spring Fling Tournament was a winner. Ken Skinner initiated this double elimination tournament and Bill Allen was the man who ran it like no other. From March 5-7 there were 8 National league teams that played their hearts out. Del Stolps maroon team won over the Fred Suess green team in the final. The winners were awarded T-shirts. The bleachers were full. Everyone enjoyed drinks and snacks. We thank all of you organizers, helpers and players who contributed to making this so much fun.

**YOU GOTTA BE THERE...
"Sponsor Appreciation Golf Tournament"
And Dinner-Dance
Monday April 26.**

You will not believe the quality and quantity of exceptional prizes and awards available not only to the golfers, but also to the guests.

Don't miss this fun outing and party at the Briarwood Country Club! See the attached update for full details. The deadline for sign up is April 8. Make checks payable to Scott McLearie, not to the softball club. Special thanks to Scott and his committee for putting this incomparable party together for our pleasure.

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| Don Kucharek | Foursome formation |
| Loran Swanson | Table seating |
| Joe Muldoon | Check in, handicaps |
| Ken Skinner | Contests |
| Dennis Raczak | Dinner check in |
| Dick LeMoine and | |
| Matt Szydowski | Publicity, prizes |
| Bill Bromley | Golf carts |
| Paul Turley | Posters, tickets |

The Summer League starts April 20. Tex Wells will again organize the American league and Carl Johnson the National. Thank you for stepping up to lead us all in some fun summer play. Here are the preliminary plans approved by the Joint League Board. There will be three sessions: April 20 to June 8 (15 games); June 15-July 22 (13 games); July 27-September 7 (13 games), followed with field reseeding.

By popular demand, the National and American leagues will be combined during the second and third sessions. Eight teams are expected to start on 4/20. On 3/25, the National League Committee will start the survey to determine the player pool for summer.

Be there for the 4th annual "Bob Morgan/Dick LeMoine Invitational." A big 9-inning shootout between SC and SCW players is on March 21 at Liberty Field in SCW. At stake are "bragging rights" alone. All potential softball spectators are invited. The guys are arranging hot dogs and drinks. The wives and other supporters provide mouth-watering goodies like potato salad, baked beans, noodle salad, desserts, etc. All Free!

National League players, please note this important information for the fall season. The National League Committee has approved the following procedure. For players not participating in the summer sessions: you must contact a National league representative (Fred Sues 546-9262 or Carl Johnson 815-9708) and let him know you are back and ready to play for fall session. You must physically be here. If we don't hear from you, you will not be placed in the player pool. Team selections will be made around October 15. You may also contact Mike Graham 974-3793. Mike is maintaining the master player list for the Sun Cities.

American League players, please note this regarding summer and fall play. Toward the end of this session, forms will be handed out to all the managers in the American league. On this form, each player should indicate if he plans to play this summer, preferred position, and date of return for the fall session. Players that will not be available in the fall until after the 11/1 will not be drafted, but put in the player pool.

Score sheets may change. The League board is considering changes to the existing sheets to make them easier to use for write-ups in the newspapers and write ups for the web site. The new sheets would contain a legend as to what would be entered for each time at bat. It would make it easier to deal with courtesy runners. In addition, clinics would be held to explain how to keep score and how to operate the equipment at both fields. New "cheat sheets" would be created for the scoring towers at each field.

Your softball pics are needed for the photo album. Joe Rottmann keeps an album of all guys and gals in the league. Remember to contact him after you get your recent pictures, call 972-2930. He keeps the album at home, but you can ask him to take it to the field or see it at the Softball Banquet on April 15.

All balls should be 375 44 COR after 3/25. The harder 525 balls will be used up, except for the ones carried over in the practice baskets.

Want to sell or buy some used softball equipment? Go to our web site "Message Board." www.azsrsoftball.com.

Change makes the Canceled Game Rule the same for the National and American leagues. National league notice March 9, 2004. Change to National league rule: D.4, Canceled games. Only a league representative shall cancel games. When any game is canceled due to inclement weather or poor field conditions, succeeding games at that field will be canceled. When part of the day's schedule is completed and the weather closes the field, completed games will count for the record.

League representatives responsible for canceling games and notifying National and American managers are: Doug Wright 933-6347 (Sunbowl, Sun City). Matt Szydlowski 546-1949 (Liberty Field, Sun City West). Managers, if you have any questions concerning weather or field condition, please call the reps.

I would like to thank Carl Johnson and Mike Graham for info given on plans, rules, etc.

A New Web Site has been created to post the American and National League game scores.

The articles are posted as written by Tony DiBiasio or Kay Peterson. You can actually see what was submitted to the paper since articles are quite often edited by the paper staff for length. The site will contain all the recaps for a given season so you can review past articles. <http://members.cox.net/bmeup>.

John Doherty retires as newsletter publisher. Your new contact is Dennis Farrar.

When Dennis heard about the great pay for this job, he jumped at it. This guy is very computer savvy to say the least and has also done publications. So it's a natural for him. When the time comes, you may see some fancy footwork from him. Dennis and his wife Terese moved into SCW in February 2003. He plays in the National league. Please give him your personal welcome and complete cooperation. Thanks for volunteering Dennis.

This is John's last newsletter. It really was fun interacting with players and developing everything that was fit to print between 1997 and now. Though the pay was great, the golden parachute was too much to resist. So for now, adios amigos. See you on the field.

Newsletter holder boxes were recently rigged in each of the four dugouts. This will make it easier to distribute the letters and managers no longer are involved. Be sure the lids are kept closed so rain or dust stays out. Do not put your gloves or other equipment in the boxes as some players have already done. Bright pink signs will be posted above the boxes when newsletters are available.

Ken Skinner emails the letter to 220 members, plus the letters are on the web site for quick reference. Be sure to take a printed newsletter at the fields to see sponsor ads and the other pages of interesting info like the SCW Clubhouse history and the approaching first "Sponsor Appreciation Golf Tournament" and Dinner Dance. The newsletters on the web sites or the emailed letters do not include important attachments such as those.

What's with all these tie games? The American league has had an amazing 9 ties this session as of 3/12 and the National league 5 ties. Paul Tone and Sue Pahlke have 3 each.

Cigarette butts are still a problem around the fields. It takes someone's time to clean up after you. Discard butts properly, like in the tall holders provided by the Rec Center in SCW.

Dates...Dates...Mark Your Calendars

4-5-04...SCW Board Meeting, 1st Monday of month, 1-3:00PM, Men's Club, R H Johnson Rec Center

4-7-04...SC Board Meeting, 1st Wed of month at 8:00AM, Lakeview Rec Center bowling lanes meeting room.

4-12-04...Joint League Board meeting, 9:00AM at the new SCW Clubhouse.

4-17-04...SCW Clubhouse Dedication, Liberty Field, near Kuentz Rec Center. See article.

4-15-04...Annual Softball Banquet in SCW. 10:45 to 2:00PM, Palm Ridge Rec Center. Tickets \$10. See your manager.

4-26-04...The First "Sponsor Appreciation Golf Tournament" (and Dinner Dance). At Briarwood Country Club, SCW. See article.

Members may attend any board meetings. Pick a date to see what's going on firsthand.

Check "Lost and Found" at SC/SCW. There are jackets at SC and jackets, glasses, plus white and large set of blue shin guards at SCW.

If you want to change leagues, note that this cannot be done "during" a playing session.

Our League has about 400 happy members.

Patronize our billboard and team sponsors. When you buy or browse, let them know you are from the Sun Cities Senior Softball League. See the attached ads.

HAVE A HEALTHY AND HAPPY SUMMER

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