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SENIOR SOFTBALL NEWSLETTER
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"You don't stop playing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop playing!"

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❧ WHO'S ON DECK ? ❧

— SUN CITIES SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE WELCOMES CAROL BOWDEN —

– Dennis Farrar –



Carol Bowden

Carol started coming to Arizona when her parents retired 20 years ago. In July of 2004, she finally bought her own home and became an official resident with “snow bird” status. Carol retired from teaching in December after 35 years in both public and private school systems. She has been a physical education teacher in middle and high school and coached just about everything, except basketball. She is still currently a rated field hockey umpire.

Carol also has been a softball coach in both the middle school and high school, and played until 1993. At that time she began coaching all 3 seasons and her recreational time disappeared. For many years while vacationing here, Carol would see the games in Sun City West, but never saw any women playing. When she inquired about playing, she was thrilled to find there are several ladies in the league! (You go girls!)

Carol has 2 grown children in Ohio (Cleveland and Norwalk) who both play recreational softball after work. When not on the field, Carol is working on renovating her house (way too many hours and phone calls), playing golf, bridge, swimming and maybe some tennis eventually. Carol will be returning to Beverly Hills, MI in March to coach women's lacrosse, pack and sell her house. The permanent move to AZ will be in June! Carol sports the number 10 and plays 2nd base for the National League team, Sun Country. Carol's manager, Julie McGlynn says, “Carol has good experience and knowledge of the game and is a great asset to the team”. ■

Editors Note:

When you see Carol please join me in welcoming her to the game we all love to play. If you are asked to be featured in the newsletter I hope that you will kindly respond. Thank you Carol for sharing a part of your life with all of us. Your smile tells it all – Editor ❧

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LUND'S ONGOING SUPPORT APPRECIATED

– Ernie Mueller –

I would like to inform all of you in the Sun Cities Softball League that this is the tenth year that Lund Cadillac has seen to it that our nine teams that make up our Friday and Saturday and Monday Leagues have shirts caps and balls available for us. I have gone through three marketing managers and Bobbie Monahan, a division leader at Lund Cadillac has always seen to it that the transition period with these gentlemen was always made in our favor. Over these years Lund Cadillac has spent excess of \$18,000.00 keeping us dressed for our games. If you ever go to Lund's for service, breakfast or one of their gourmet lunches, please look up Bobbie Monahan and let him know that you are with our Senior Softball Program and would like to thank him for his efforts. I would appreciate this and it would make my job a lot easier. ■

TEAM PICTURES – THIS MONTH Photo Shoot Scheduled

– Bob Stouthamer –

Calling all softball players, mark your calendars, February 22nd & 24th. These are the dates that the picture days return to the old ball park.



National League, individual player, and team pictures will be taken at the Sun Bowl Field in Sun City on February 22nd. Photos will be taken all day long by Scott Samplin of Sun Photography. Look for the advertising piece at both Liberty Field in Sun City West & The Sun Bowl Field in Sun City. Information regarding item availability and pricing will be displayed starting the week of January 31st. American League pictures will be taken on Thursday February 24th. Also at the Sun Bowl Field in Sun City. The reason Scott uses Sun City for the photos is; he has more room along the foul lines and he is able to capture the score board in the photos. If you have a favorite team shirt you would like your individual picture taken in Scott said he can accommodate you. We do request you wear your team shirt for the team photo as we give a copy of that picture to each sponsor as a gift from the league. **Please try to arrive at least a half hour before each game to allow time for the picture taking sessions.** All photos should be ready for pick up at the annual softball banquet in Sun City on March 21st. Scott is very accommodating, if you have an idea for a special photo just ask him, I'm certain he will help you out. Envelopes will also be available to present to Scott indicating items you would like to purchase along with the actual pricing. All you need do is make out a check payable to Sun Photography and he does the rest. ■

ANNUAL SOFTBALL BANQUET GETS CLOSER

– Doug Wright –



As many of you know already the date of the Annual Softball Banquet has been set for Monday, March 21, 2005 and will be from 11:00am to 2:00pm. The banquet will be held in the Sun Dial Auditorium located at the corner of Boswell Blvd. and 103rd Avenue in Sun City. The cost is \$10.00 per person and tickets will be available through your managers after the first of March.

MENU

- Fried Chicken
- Pork Tenderloin
- Potatoes
- Gravy
- Walnut Stuffing
- Fresh Fruit in season
- Baked Beans
- Rolls & Butter

A Chicago Cubs minor League player in 1952, Emil Flaim is now a renowned entertainer who has worked with some of the greats including Elvis Presley. He has played a number of restaurants in the valley and has spent many hours entertaining in nursing homes and retirement communities. Also a presentation of the new inductees into the Softball Hall of Fame. Please plan to attend this wonderful annual event. ■

ASU Fast Pitch Softball

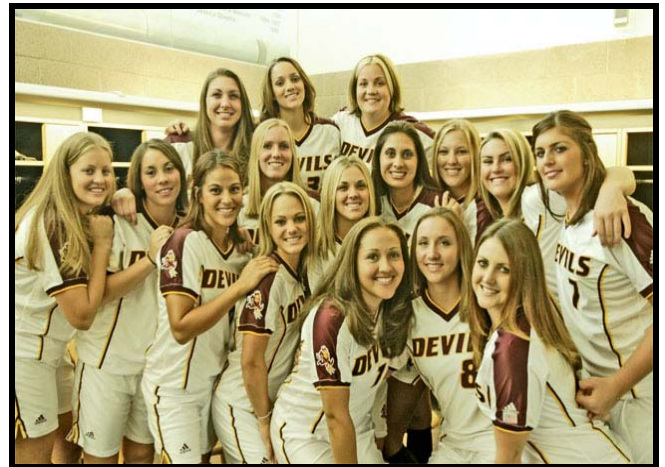
– Tait Douglas –

Arizona State University

vs.

University of California

(2004 College World Series Champions)



FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 1, 2005

If you are interested in going we are traveling by bus. Meet at Bell Recreation Center in Sun City parking lot (south of Bell and 99th Ave). Watch the bulletin boards for details concerning cost, game time, departure and return times and sign up sheets. ■

UMPIRES CORNER

– Ken Skinner –



When two umpires are working together their responsibilities are:

Plate Umpire – Calls balls & strikes; All foul balls; Calls **ALL** fly balls to the outfield; With multi runners has responsibility for the lead runner after he passes second base. Has tag up responsibility for 3rd base.

Base Umpire – Makes calls at the bases; No runners on, has responsibility for the batter-runner all the way to third base; Watches for interference, obstruction, runners leaving too soon and missing the bases; With multi runners has responsibility for the following runner.

One of the biggest mistakes I observe is when there is a fly ball both umpires are watching the catch. The base umpire should be watching the batter-runner to see if he touches the base and watches for interference and obstruction. If there are runners on 1st or 2nd watch for the tag up. Let the plate umpire call the catch in the outfield.

January 15 Umpires Clinic Report:

Thirty-Five league members attend the January 15 umpires clinic. Ken Skinner and Bill Buxton conducted the clinic. They watched a video from Merle Butler of the ASA National Teaching Staff. The video covered what the pitcher can and cannot do; Plate mechanics; and what the batter can and cannot do. Then they went out onto the field and worked on the two umpire mechanics.

The video is available to all league members it is in VHS and DVD format. Contact Ken Skinner if you are interested. **Remember you are borrowing it not owning it.**

NEW DATE SET FOR CLUBHOUSE DEDICATION

– Matt Szydlowski –

Due to a rain-out last month the long anticipated Liberty Buick Clubhouse Dedication has been rescheduled for February 26, 2005 at 11:00 AM. Beautiful Liberty Field is located at R.H. Johnson and Stardust in Sun City West. Everyone is invited, but there will be special guests like the team and bill board sponsors, Recreation Center Governing Board members, Administration and Staff.

Softball games will be played starting at 9:00 AM. A co-ed game will also be featured. Food and drinks will be provided by Bashas'. Don't miss the fun! ■

AS I SEE IT!

– Dennis Farrar –



Starting off this month's editorial, I would like to let you know that a lot of you are reading the newsletter because the boxes are empty in the dugouts. I know that many of you pull the newsletter off the internet web site, and that's good. You not only get a color copy but this helps keep our printing cost down for the league. If you have internet access the web address is: www.azssoftball.com. Also, check out the listed sponsors. Please remember to support them. Make a special effort to visit their business and let them know that you appreciate their involvement. They have given us advertising dollars so we can continue to enjoy our game.

I would also like to take a moment to welcome the newer players to the game since last month. Please get involved. Ken Skinner periodically has umpire classes for you to attend. It's frustrating to be ready to play a game only to find out the umpires have not been trained or the players don't or won't learn how to keep score. By getting involved you will get more out of playing the game, and we thank you. Managers – you're the leaders. New players look up to you to show them direction. Besides, everyone can't ride in the wagon all the time, sometimes we need to take our turn and pull the wagon. So please take your turn. Thanks.

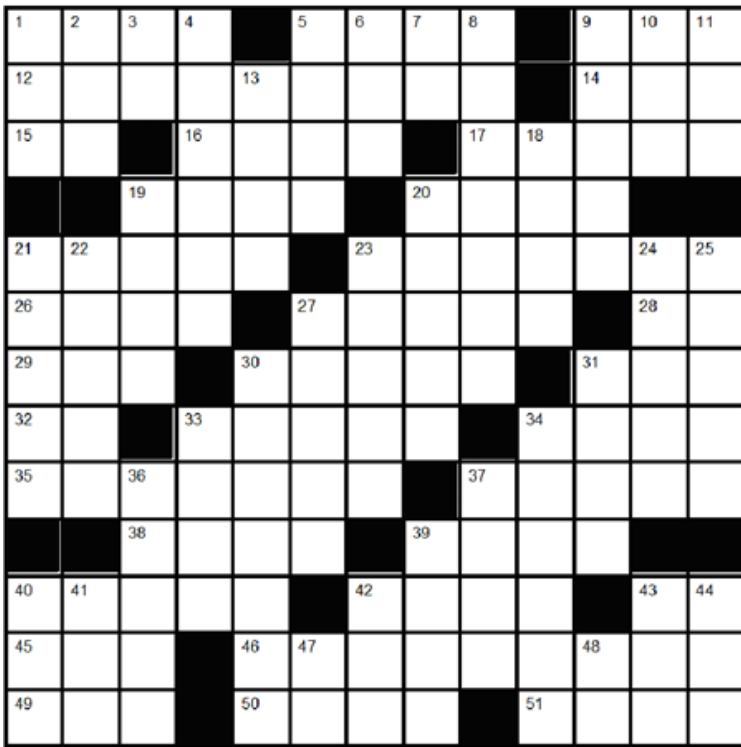
Speaking of new; many of you may know this already but I would like to formally put out the word that the Friday Mixed League has two new teams. Besides Guys & Gals, Rinkydinks, Retreads, and the Mavericks we welcome the newest teams, Farrar Chiropractic & Acupuncture of Sun City West and The Bakken's, which is another team sponsored by Lund Cadillac. Game times on Fridays are: 10:00am, 11:15am and 12:30pm. If you haven't seen any of these games stop by Liberty Field in Sun City West and watch a game or two. You will see a lot of familiar faces.

Finally, I'd like to apologize for getting the newsletter out a little late this month. A trip to the cold northwest put a little damper (and cold) in my fingers.

That's how I see it! Have a good game and get home safe.

– Editor ✍

CROSSWORD PUZZLE – EASY 18



Across

- 1. At the apex
- 5. Sandal or pump
- 9. Turf
- 12. Disassemble:
2 wds.
- 14. Dried grass
- 15. Vocalized
pause
- 16. Musical
twosome
- 17. Shipping box
- 19. Come to earth
- 20. Sailing vessel
- 21. Constructed
- 23. Black eyes:
slang
- 26. Dollar bills
- 27. Playground
item
- 28. 'Casey ___ the
bat'
- 29. Assist
- 30. Adhere
closely
- 31. 'The ___ is cast'
- 32. City road:
abbr.
- 33. Poker 'money'

- 34. Get out of bed
- 35. Large veranda
- 37. Prying tool
- 38. Comfort
- 39. Wishful desire
- 40. Disgrace
- 42. Uncommon
- 43. Provided that
- 45. Thin cushion
- 46. Indian ceremony
during droughts:
2 wds.
- 49. Paid notices
- 50. Smoke and fog
- 51. ___ the mark,
obeyed

Down

- 1. Had lunch
- 2. British sailor
- 3. All right!
- 4. Bicycle parts
- 5. Hurried
- 6. Fedora, for one
- 7. Either's partner
- 8. Kind of engraved
picture
- 9. Form; outline
- 10. Cereal-grain
morsel
- 11. Tint
- 13. Female
relative
- 18. Finger
ornament
- 19. Told untruths
- 20. Leg bones
- 21. Brag
- 22. Join together
- 23. Steal: slang
- 24. Elevate
- 25. Take the helm
- 27. Carve
- 30. Pursuers
- 31. Do a jackknife
- 33. Stuff
- 34. Say again
- 36. 'Does' a book
- 37. Noble's title
- 39. Be suspended
- 40. Health resort
- 41. Possessed
- 42. ___ Grande,
U.S. border river
- 43. Skating
surface
- 44. Gave food to
- 47. Where ___ I?
- 48. Not at all

SUN CITIES NATIONAL LEAGUE IN ACTION !!!



A.E. Lewis manager, Ira Mallory puts it in high speed getting home safe in a 16-13 win against Liberty Buick on Tuesday, February 8, 2005.

– Photo: Dennis Farrar



A.E. Lewis player and Hall of Famer, Steve Letko rounds 3rd going for home to help his team to a 16-13 win against Liberty Buick on Tuesday, February 8, 2005.

– Photo: Dennis Farrar

WELCOME NEW LEAGUE PLAYERS

- Lorán Swanson -

Since January 1, 2005



- Bob Broesch
- Phil Cook
- Jay Finlay
- Al Goodall
- Dick Hall
- Bob Latterall
- Terry O'Brien
- Ken Richards

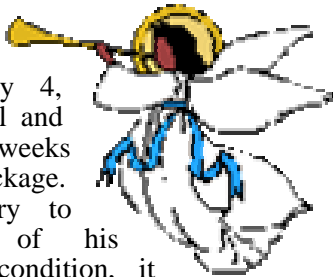


A HEARTY WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU !

Angels In The Outfield

- Gail Stouthamer -

Al, father of Bob Stouthamer, passed away on Friday February 4, 2005. He became quite ill and was hospitalized about 3 weeks ago with an intestinal blockage. Because it was necessary to immediately stop all of his medications due to his condition, it became a real challenge to keep him comfortable and get him stabilized again. Gail remembered quieting her kindergarteners in years past by rubbing their shoulders, a technique that soothed Al as well. Bob and Gail and many of you who visited Al and enjoyed his smile will surely miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob, Gail and their family. No local services are planned.



Elmer Edgell's wife, **Louise**, passed away February 2, 2005. We will pass along more information when it becomes available.

Paul Haney was taken to the Urgent Care center during the last game on 02/10/05. A line drive glanced off his glove and hit him in the left side of his mouth. Luckily, neither his teeth nor his glasses were broken. Unluckily, it took 20 stitches to close up all the gashes on the inside of his mouth. Paul says he is ready to go back playing ball tomorrow, but with the rain already falling and more to come, he may get the break he needs. Jan, Paul's wife, wants to thank everyone for taking such good care of her husband.

Editors Note: Excerpt from Nancy DiBiasio's email to Gail Stouthamer...

Tony DiBiasio - Tony was released from the hospital Friday afternoon and is now at home resting. His left hamstring was torn in three separate places, and

additionally, and most damaging, was a chipped bone associated with the hamstring muscle. That chipped bone had to be repaired and that was done late Tuesday night. According to the orthopedic surgeon the only treatment left now is for Tony's entire left thigh to be secured in a fitted "sleeve" and to have as little activity as possible. So, for the next 6-8 weeks Tony has been restricted to NO walking except within the house and to go for medical appointments. And for that he must use a walker! He is not, as you might expect, pleased; especially about the walker. But after listening to all those telephone messages of concern from his fellow softball players and from the calls and visits by such a wonderful bunch of men and women in our softball league, his spirits have lifted wonderfully. We are both most appreciative to be among such good people. He's already asking me to drive him to the ball field where he plans on resuming his score and game reporting duties! I don't know, Gail, it must be a guy thing - they are all crazy, and I'm not sure I can keep him from doing so (except that he can't drive yet).

Thanks for your concern, especially at a time of Bob and your own personal loss. I'll be in touch.

- Nancy DiBiasio

Editor's Note: Let's please keep all these families in our prayers.

DID YOU KNOW?

What takes longer, running from first to second, or from second to third? Second to third, because you have to go through a shortstop.

Softball is better than baseball because the Seventh Inning Stretch means stand up and go home.

D	E	O	T	G	O	M	S	S	D	A
E	C	A	N	D	A	I	N	A	D	P
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E	P	E	O	P	E	S	E	A	S	E
R	E	V	E	L	E	C	E	R	R	E
E	S	I	S	R	I	S	P	H	C	S
E	D	I	E	G	N	L	I	C	L	A
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E	T	A	R	C	T	E	U	D	E	R
Y	H	A	T	A	R	P	A	E	K	T
D	O	S	O	H	O	P	O	T	A	A

CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION - EASY 18

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Soups

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Second Annual SCW Softball / Golf Tournament

A DAY OF GOLFING FUN IN THE SUN AND AN EVENING OF DINING AND DANCING

at the Sun City Country Club, located at 9439 N. 107th Avenue in Sun City. There will be contests including "Long Drives", "Closest to the Pin" on all Par 3's and Putting for Cash. Each team may purchase one or two "Mulligans". Incredible prizes and surprises will be presented at the dinner party along with the tournament awards. Entries are limited to 144 for golf and 300 for dinner; so sign up and pay as soon as possible. Dress code for dinner is casual. No jeans or T-shirts permitted.

DATE: Sunday, April 3, 2005
TIME: 11:00 – 12:00 Putting Contest
12:00 Shotgun
BEER GARDEN: 5:00 – 6:00 Free Beer
DINNER: 6:00 – 7:00 (Cocktails, Wine available)
PRIZES & AWARDS: 7:00 – 7:30
DANCING: 7:30 – 10:00

FORMAT:
Four man Scramble (*Assigned Foursomes*)

COST:
Golf & Dinner - \$65.00
Dinner Only - \$25.00
Golf Only - \$40.00

LOTS OF PRIZES! • LOTS OF CONTESTS! • LOTS OF FUN!

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Mail check and this form to:

Wayne Mitchell • 22508 N. Hermosillo Dr. • Sun City West, AZ 85375 • Phone: 214-6302

NAME _____ HANDICAP: _____

GOLF DINNER SPOUSE GUEST TOTAL: _____

MENU: STEAK & SALMON, VEGETARIAN UPON REQUEST

Make check payable to SCW Softball Club