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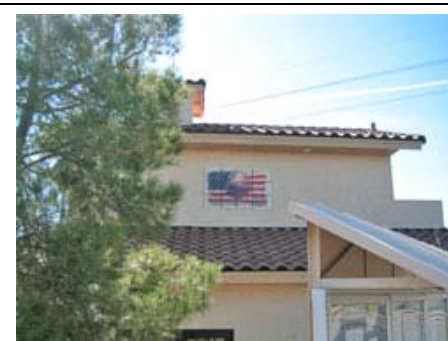
## ARTIST DONATES TO SOFTBALL LEAGUE

– Press Release



Left – Bob Stouthamer; Right – Bob Damato.

Bob Damato, recognized artisan of faux tile art in the southwestern mountain and desert regions donates one of his works of art to the Sun City West Softball Club. A player and supporter of Sun City west Softball League, Bob says, "Baseball has been the all-American sport in this country for as long as I have lived, and I want to salute that love for the sport so all can see."



Bob's tile masterpiece is now displayed on the Liberty Field Clubhouse for all of us to enjoy. Please thank Bob for his great job and donation.

The huge five feet by three feet artwork displays an American flag background with a softball centered over the foot tall letters USA. Bob cuts, formats and processes the initial image to look like a huge tile picture. After four years of perfecting his art, Bob now teaches others his secrets. "This was a dream come true, to be able to give something back to the SCWRC and the softball league for all they have done so aging ball players can still have fun. Ball playing is in our blood until the last time we cross home plate; it's in the country's blood. After all, where would the USA be without baseball, hot dogs, and apple pie?" □

*Editor's Note: Bob's artwork is mounted on the third base side of the clubhouse. Check it out, if you haven't been looking up lately.*

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# HISTORY OF THE SUN CITIES GUYS AND GALS and THE SUN CITIES CO-ED LEAGUE

– Steve Griswold –

In the 1980's when the men were playing softball on the Sun City field at 111th and Grand, at the fields in Surprise and El Mirage, and at the Del Webb field just west of Grand Avenue across from Sun City West, there were about thirty women who also played regularly.

When Kuentz Field in Sun City West was finished in 1989, the women organized a women's league with two teams, the "Late Bloomers" and the "Sun Beans." But they did not have enough players turn out to actually play games. Instead twice a week the ladies just practiced their hitting and fielding skills. Leaders of this group included Joanie Kongsvik, Freddie Herren, Lennie Wilcox and Delores Warrick.

In the fall of 1990, with the help of some of the men, they organized a coed team. Barney Trapp was highly involved. Since he was their manager, they became known as Barney's Gals. Members of the team were: Doris Burger, Lavonia Carroll, Rosemary Eppley, Dee Goodwin, Barbara Greene, Freddie Herren, Julie Marzluf, Betty Mason, Margaret Morgan, Beverly Sugar, Delores Warrick and Lennie Wilcox. On January 19, 1991, these ladies, with the help of four men, played a game and won against the "Rinkydinks," a team organized from members of the men's league by Ken Stewart (manager), Wally Maund and Ernie Mueller.

By the fall of 1992, the coed team consisted of seven gals and seven guys decked out in bright gold jerseys bearing the new name "Barney's Guys and Gals." They played a regular schedule against the Rinkydinks on every other Friday.

This schedule continued through the 1992-93 and 1993-94 seasons. In the fall of 1994, Don Williams organized another team known as

"Rinkydinks II to play the Guys and Gals on the alternate Fridays. In the fall of 1995 Dominic Reilly became manager of the Rinkydinks II and the name was changed to "Retreads." Through the efforts of Ernie Mueller, Lund Cadillac began providing jerseys for the Rinkydinks and the Retreads.

Through 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 the schedule of Guys and Gals versus Rinkydinks and Retreads on alternate Fridays continued with a season ending picnic in the spring. During these three seasons the league was growing and the Guys and Gals were also getting more gals. This was the only opportunity for women to play.

By the fall of 1998 there were 11 gals on the roster. Jerry Pivovar and Ron Smith were taken from the Retreads to organize another team which they named the "Mavericks." So the present four-team co-ed team was formed. Two gals from the Guys and Gals were assigned to each of the other three teams with Karen Hill and Joan McKenna to the Mavericks, Jan Carino and Juli Marzluf to the Retreads, and Karen Laviola and Maryann Palmquist to the Rinkydinks. Two games were scheduled to be played each Friday at Kuentz Field (now Liberty Field).

In the fall of 1996 and again in 1997, there was some agitation to deny the Guys and Gals use of Kuentz Field on Friday mornings. The main issue was that several members of the team were not residents of either Sun City or Sun City West. However when the league charter was considered with a representative of the Sun City Recreation Center, it was determined the non-residents could play as guests. So the league board voted to okay the use of the field on Friday mornings.

Prior to the formation of the co-ed league, around the summer of 1996,

Loren Swanson organized a "Green" team. Each Monday morning the Guys and Gals played one or two games against the Green team at the Sun City field. This provided more playing time for the Guys and Gals and an opportunity for new players to get some practice and game experience before being assigned to a team. The program is on going, but since women are now included in the league with men, no new gals have been added to the Guys and Gals in the last few years.

Barney Trapp died in 2000. In the summer of 2001, The Madison of Sun City West became at least a partial sponsor of the team. "The Madison's Guys and Gals" were supplied with complete new uniforms having white pin stripes with blue lettering. In 2003, The Madison discontinued sponsorship so the name was changed again. The team is now the "Sun Cities Guys and Gals" with new purple and white pin stripes thanks to Dolores Warrick who has been the manager since the early years. In addition to Dolores, original Guys and Gals still playing are Lavonia and Glenn Carroll, Marilyn Miers, Duane Newkirk and Vic Antink.

In 2005 two other co-ed teams were organized. Farrar Chiropractic, managed by Dennis Farrar and The Roadrunners, managed by Lyle Bakken. This brings the total Friday co-ed teams to six. Also this year, under Loran Swanson in Sun City West, a 100% women's tournament team has been formed for the first time. It will compete against women's leagues from other cities. Now there are about 50 members of the all-new "Hotflashes." □

## **LOOK SHARP - BE SHARP IT'S THE RULE - NOT THE EXCEPTION**

– Ray Early –

With the new season getting underway and new players having joined the league I would like to remind all of you to keep our socks pulled up, shirt tucked in and our hats on at all times. Our sponsors are paying good money to sponsor our teams and we owe it to them and our other teammates as well as to the spectators to look our best. **THIS IS NOT AN OPTION – IT'S A LEAGUE RULE.** If players continue to abuse this rule they are subject to be suspended from playing in future games. Let's all do our part so this doesn't happen. Managers and teammates help us, by kindly reminding others of the league dress code.

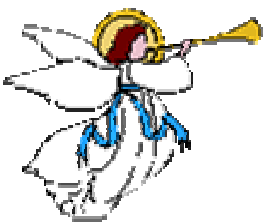


So, tighten up them belts, pull up those pants, shocks and shorts. And please remember to tuck those jerseys in. If you are a resident of Sun City West you can see me for replacement socks, pants or shorts if you need them. You can also tell your manager and they can let me know. On behalf of the league, thank you for your complete cooperation in this matter.

*“This is Ray Early, the Voice of the Hot Flashes, rounding third and heading home.” ☺*

## **Toys For Kids Angels in the Outfield Fund Raiser**

– Gail Stouthamer –



**When: Tuesday, Nov. 29 & Thursday, Dec. 1st. - During every game.**

**Where: Liberty Field, Sun City West.**

The SCW Softball Club will be participating in the annual Toy Drive sponsored by the Recreation Centers of Sun City West and hosted by the Women's Social Club. We will be collecting new, **unwrapped** toys for children from infancy to 17 years of age. Items for older children are especially needed, such as soccer and basket balls and electronic games. The toys will be distributed to local needy children by the West Side Food Band and the Salvation Army.

While collecting the toys, Angels in the Outfield will be accepting donations for coffee, doughnuts and treats. This is their annual fund raiser. So, come hungry and enjoy!! ☐

## **No Smoking Policy at Liberty Field**

– Bob Stouthamer, President –



At the Sun City West Softball Club Board Meeting of September 5, 2005 a motion was made to implement a policy regarding enforcement of Liberty Field's no smoking policy.

The board voted to adopt the following:

Liberty field and its immediate surroundings have been designated as a no smoking area. A designated smoking area has been established and posted as such.

- **The first offence – Players choosing to disregard this policy will receive a written letter advising them of the no smoking policy.**
- **The second offense – will result in a two (2) game suspension from games played at Liberty Field.**
- **The third offense – will result in a twelve (12) game suspension from games played at Liberty Field.**

**Spectators will be asked to comply with the no smoking policy as well as the participants.**

**This policy will be implemented with the start of our fall 2005 softball season. ☺**

## UMPIRES CORNER

– Ken Skinner –



### Pitcher's Box

A pitchers box consisting of the area from the front of the pitchers plate, 50 feet from home plate extending back 6 feet shall be used. The pitcher must release the ball after coming to a complete stop with one foot or both feet in contact with the **pitchers plate** or **within the pitchers box**. One foot must remain in contact with the plate/box when the pitch is released with an underhand motion. A step simultaneous with the release of the ball may be taken in any direction, with the free foot. The pitcher must be facing the batter when delivering the pitch. The catcher must remain within the lines of the catchers box until the pitched ball is batted, touches the ground or home plate, or reaches the catchers box. This area should be chalked off. This box allows the pitcher to release the ball from 50 feet to 56 feet from home plate. □

*Note: All umpires please take note of the above and leave Ev Kouffman alone.....:) (Just a little umpire humor)*

## AS I SEE IT!

– Dennis Farrar –



Most of you are probably back and ready for another great season of softball. I played all summer in between our inside house remodeling. My wife Terese, and I have been working on this since the end of July and we hope to get this project completed before Christmas? Then it's unpacking the boxes stored in the garage and the rest of the house. It's like moving in again without have to pay the preservation fee again.

I would like to welcome the new players to the league and especially the woman players. It's great to see what Loran Swanson has done to get the women enthusiastic about playing the game. Thanks Loran for your commitment and loyalty. Keep up the good work.

I would also like to thank the reporters to the newsletter. It sure makes my editor's job a lot easier. It's good to see so many of you taking an active role by participating by getting the information to me. It is also good to see the news from another perspective beside what I have to write.

Finally, I would like to remind that some of us can get so involved in the game that we forget about our own safety. Although we may from time to time see some fielders dive for hit ball, it may also put you out of the game. Remember, safety first. It's better to miss a play and play more games that to dive for a play and get hurt and miss a few games or even worst, the rest of the season. Also remember the outfielders need to communicate with each other. Call for those fly balls. No collisions, please. Enjoy the game and another great season of softball.

That's how I see it. Have a great game and get home safe. □

– Editor ✍

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE 1

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**Across**

- 1. Stop, to Dobbin
- 5. Type of bracelet
- 10. Chamomile drinks
- 14. Intentions
- 15. Years
- 16. "M\*A\*S\*H" star Alan \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. Slalom runners
- 18. Skirt fold
- 19. Pennant
- 20. Small and trim
- 22. \_\_\_\_\_ out (make do with difficulty)
- 23. Reputation
- 24. Aquatic mammals
- 26. Byron's before
- 28. Unexplained situation
- 31. Joy or sadness
- 35. Devours
- 36. Important periods
- 38. Sample
- 39. Hole in one
- 40. Dance club
- 42. "\_\_\_\_\_ Loves You"
- 43. That place
- 46. British fellow
- 47. Took to court
- 48. Hair fibers
- 50. Hot and spicy
- 52. Boise's state; abbr.
- 53. Magic lamp dweller
- 54. Percussion instrument
- 57. Martian's ship
- 59. Heavenly drink
- 63. Stand up
- 64. Flat-bottomed boat
- 66. Carryall
- 67. Garden of Paradise
- 68. Moves sideways
- 69. Selves
- 70. Sunset direction

71. Judges

- 72. Engrossed
- Down**
- 1. Stinging insect
  - 2. Long walk
  - 3. Leave out
  - 4. Aids
  - 5. Emerged
  - 6. Nothing
  - 7. Leg joints
  - 8. Plumbing problem
  - 9. Admire
  - 10. Crisp, shiny fabric
  - 11. Jazz's Fitzgerald
  - 12. Eve's partner
  - 13. Wise person
  - 21. Duffer's peg
  - 25. Song's words
  - 27. Molder
  - 28. Veal and mutton
  - 29. Pleasure boat
  - 30. Man the helm
  - 31. Get away
  - 32. Magazine edition
  - 33. Different thing
  - 34. Wanting
  - 37. Cigarette residue
  - 41. Candor
  - 48. Clothing
  - 45. Terminal
  - 47. Phantom
  - 49. Smear
  - 51. Baked dessert
  - 53. Thin canyon
  - 54. Sketched
  - 55. Go by horse
  - 56. Manipulates
  - 58. Lose color
  - 60. Caesar's garment
  - 61. On the summit of
  - 62. Remainder
  - 65. Precious stone



John Stevenson (#23) swings the bat in the win. John is new to our league and plays left field for Sun Country. Please welcome him to the game when you see him. Julie McGlynn, team manager looks on from the dugout.

*- Photo by Dennis Farrar*



Phil Batow (#4) starts another great season of senior softball. Phil is the catcher for Sun Country. Phil has been playing softball since 1978. Wow what an accomplishment!

*- Photo by Dennis Farrar*

## Sun City Club All Hands Meeting November 14th

– Mike Graham –



The Sun City Softball club will have an "All Hands Meeting" on Monday, November 14th from 9:00 until 11:00. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at the Bell Bowling Alley. All Sun City Softball Club members are encouraged to attend. The board is anxious to hear your concerns and suggestions for the Club. In addition, the 8 candidates for the 2006 Club Board will be introduced. Elections will be held on November 22nd for American League members and November 17th for National League members. □

## WELCOME NEW LEAGUE PLAYERS

– Loran Swanson –

Laurel Andrew  
Carol Arnold  
Thomas Austin  
Joni Bell  
Anita Boler  
Maurice Burrell  
Bob Burris  
Herb Clark  
Richard Collings  
John Dodson  
Joel Erwig  
Jayne Ferraro  
Joe Gallo  
Fred Grautman  
Karl Grumbach  
Elaine Guest  
Ray Hicks  
Jake Hiebert  
Jim Keinath  
Jeanie Kelsay  
Bonnie Law  
Gerry Manguso

Margaret Morgan  
Paul Move  
Paul Noye  
Larry Ott  
Rachael Ott  
Cindy Pederson  
Diane Perry  
Judy Plutchak  
Roger Pribnow  
Sheila Rohrer  
Carol Shepherd  
Jerry Sheridan  
Teresa Smith  
John Stevenson  
Lynda Strobel  
Judy Taylor  
Sandra Treese  
Angela Underwood  
Martha Wasserman  
Margorie Waugh  
Judy White  
Dave Windebank  
Vergie Worland



**WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU !**



## SUN CITY WEST ELECTION RESULTS

**Lyle Bakken  
Dennis Farrar  
George Karras  
Ernie Mueller**



## CONGRATULATION TO ALL !

The Sun City Board election results will be posted in the next Newsletter.

## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

“Catching a flyball is a pleasure, but knowing what to do with it after you catch it is a business.”

- Tommy Henrich

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION

## CHEERS TO THE GAL'S OF 2005

– Bill McKenna –

Here's to the gals who play softball each week  
On the coed teams filled mostly by men  
They're not intimidated; they have such a desire to play  
And each week they keep proving they can

They're scattered around on teams in the "B" League  
And one gal plays on a team in the "A"  
They can play any position, any place on the field  
And here's a line up to prove what I say

They have Karen in left field and Lavonia in right  
And Joan loves calling signals in back of the plate  
Jay and Julie share duties over on first base  
Carol at second base, play's that position just great

They have Pat at shortstop she's got a great arm  
Peg is at third base, she's really an ace  
Jan and Elaine shag everything in left and right center  
These are two gals who can play any place

There's Kay at rover, that's another great glove  
And Annette at utility she's a gal who can run  
These gals come to play, some of them three times a week  
And when out on the field these gals really have fun

Coed softball isn't that new, there were teams in the late eighties  
However with just a few teams the gals soon dropped out  
In ninety-two Barney Trapp started his "Guys & Gals" team  
He asked Dolores Warrick to enlist any gals still about

Dolores has been playing and managing "Guys & Gals" from that  
time  
Fifteen years at the helm and she's still going strong  
Some of the gals in today's coed league stared by playing for her  
Then moved into the men's league where they knew they belonged

Today there's a new team of all gals starting to work out  
Loren Swanson's "Hot Flashes" will be a tough team to beat  
We know most of these gals, we played someplace with them  
So, how about we come out to watch them compete.

**"CHEERS TO THE GAL'S"**

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## Banquet Survey

Plans have already been made for the 2006 annual softball league banquet, but we would like your input for planning the 2007 banquet. Please complete this survey with your inputs on what would make our annual softball banquet more attractive to you.

**When you complete this form please hand it in to any League Board Member.**

**Date:**

- **Time of year**  
 Before season ends                       After season ends
  
- **Day of week**  
 Monday    Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday  
 Sunday
  
- **Time of Day**  
 Morning    Afternoon    Night

**Type of event:**

- Casual banquet as we now have
- Informal picnic type of event
- Formal dinner/dance
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost:**

- Less than \$10
- Greater than \$10 and less than \$20
- Greater than \$20

I won't attend no matter what type of banquet we have.

**Other Comments:**

# Tri-City League Questionnaire

We are trying to determine the best way to move forward with the Tri-City league. Please provide us input through this questionnaire to help us determine the best way to form the league. The league will play on Saturdays and utilize fields from all the participating communities.

**When you complete this form please hand it in to any League Board Member.**

- I currently play in:     American League                       National League
  
- I am interested in playing in a Tri-City league:  Yes                       No
  - If so, Please print name here: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- I would prefer teams to be formed by:
  - Creating balanced teams comprised of players from all communities
  - Teams would be created from players from each individual city. That is a Sun City West team would only have players from Sun City West etc.
  
- I would like to include players from The Traditions
- I would like to include players from Happy Trails

**Additional Comments regarding the league:**