BLOOD DRIVE

– Press Release

There is currently a blood drive underway to replenishment the blood that Mike Graham has had. The Blood Drive for Mike Graham is sponsored by the Sun Cities Senior Softball League.

PLEASE DONATE TO THE "MIKE GRAHAM" ACCOUNT

– MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR –

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM
THERE WILL BE TWO BLOOD MOBILES
– SUN BOWL FIELD – SUN CITY –
– LIBERTY FIELD – SUN CITY WEST –

If you are unable to give blood you can make a Financial Contribution. Bring your check made out to - "United Blood Services" to the field.

It is recommended that donors make an appointment.
American League players call – Arvid Peterson • 623-308-2316
National League Players call – Kay Peterson • 623-760-7367
They in turn will schedule appointments for them.

YOUR CLUB DUES ARE DUE

– Dennis Farrar –

Annual Softball dues of $25.00 must be paid during the month of January. Any dues received after January 31st may be subject to a $10.00 assessment fee.

Sun City Club should make checks payable to Sun City Senior Softball Club and give to Ken Doyle or mailed to him at 10117 W Royal Oak Rd., Sun City, AZ 85351.

Sun City West Club should make check payable to Sun City West Softball Club and give to Lyle Bakken, or mail to him at 14817 W Domingo Ln., Sun City West, AZ 85375.
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January 2007

UMPIRES CORNER
– Ken Skinner –

Bats, Bats, Bats

BATS WITH DENTS
In determining whether a bat with a dent should be legal or not, an umpire should utilize his/her bat ring to slide over the barrel of the bat. Should the bat ring continue to slide over the entire barrel, the bat would be legal. If the bat ring will not slide over the barrel, the bat would not be legal, and cannot be used. The intent of this rule is that bats should not have a flat surface where the ball could be hit. If the bat ring is able to slide over the barrel, the dent has not flattened the barrel and would not violate the intent of the rule.

EQUIPMENT ON THE PLAYING FIELD
No loose equipment, miscellaneous items or a detached part of a player's uniform, other than that being legally used in the game at the time, should be within playable territory. Official equipment which may be within playable territory with no penalty includes the batter's bat, the catcher's mask, umpire paraphernalia, any helmet which has inadvertently fallen off on an offensive or defensive player during the course of play or any equipment belonging to a person assigned to the game. Loose gloves, hats, helmets, jackets, balls (including the on-deck batter's bat), or any other loose equipment, miscellaneous item or detached uniform part which are within playable territory and are not being legally used in the game at the time could cause a blocked ball or interference.

A. Thrown Ball.
1. If a thrown ball hits loose equipment belonging to the team at bat, a dead ball is declared immediately. If such action interferes with a play, interference is ruled. The ball is dead, the runner being played on at the time of the interference shall be declared out, and each runner must return to the last base touched prior to the thrown ball hitting the loose equipment.

If no apparent play is obvious, a blocked ball is ruled, no one is called out, and all runners must return to the last base touched at the time of the dead ball declaration.

2. The loose equipment belongs to the team in the field, it becomes a blocked ball and the overthrow rule applies.

B. Batted Ball.
1. A batted foul ball touching loose equipment is a foul ball.
2. A batted fair ball touching loose equipment belonging to:
   (a) The offense is considered a dead ball and runners return, unless they are forced to advance when the batter-runner is awarded first base on the base hit, or
   (b) The defense is considered a dead ball and all runners, including the batter-runner, are awarded two bases from their position at the time of the pitch.

2007 BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

President – John Selby
Vice President – Don Gault
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Treasurer – Ken Doyle
Director – Larry Kubek
Director – Julie McGlynn
Director – Len Wicketts

President – Art Nelson
Vice President – Mike Hester
Secretary – Dennis Farrar
Treasurer – Lyle Bakken
Director – Bruce Brady
Director – George Karras
Director – Ernie Mueller

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!

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**WELCOME NEW LEAGUE PLAYERS**
– Loran Swanson –

Greg Houk  
William Lince  
Joe Melendes

**WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU!**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

_Upcoming Tournaments at Liberty Field_

**January 13 & 14**
– Bosom Buddies Tournament  
Contact Loran Swanson at (623) 214-1013 swanee@peoplepc.com for more information.

**February 3**
– 2nd Annual Cardiac Kids Invitational  
Contact Bill Bromley at 584-6075 or email at wbromley01@cox.net for more information. Only players who have had a cardiac event are eligible to play. This year we are including the National League Players. So sign up early.

**March 1–4**
– Extended Spring Fling Tournament
  ✮ National League Games  – (March 1 & 2)  
  Contact Rich McAndrews at: (623) 544-2837.
  ✮ American League Games  – (March 3 & 4)  
  Contact George Karras at: (623) 584-7346.
If you are interested in playing, please contact your respective contact above. Be sure to check the bulletin boards and future newsletters for times.

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**NEW VINTAGE SOFTBALL LEAGUE**
– Mike Hester –

Anyone wishing to play in a newly forming Vintage Baseball League please Contact Mike Hester for information. The league will be playing at Victory Lane Sports Park and play will be governed by the rules of the game played in the 1890’s. This league is currently in the planning stages and plan to start in early ‘07. ★

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**TIN CUP 2007**
– Mike Hester –

We are currently in the planning stages for the Tin Cup Golf Tournament for 2007. Mark April 16th on your calendar for a great day of golf and fun at Briarwood Country Club. Awards banquet and dancing will follow the golf tournament. Last year we gave away a new golf cart, along with many other valuable prizes. This year we will have a new LEXUS for some lucky person.
Anyone wishing to help in the planning of this event please contact Mike Hester. Remember only 106 days till the 4th Annual Tin Cup Golf Tournament. ★

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**A WORD FROM OUR NEW SCW PREZ**
– Art Nelson –

I have some big shoes to fill.
Everyone should thank Dick LeMoine for all his hard work, not only for stepping in as your President last year, but for all the hours he has spent to make SCWSC and SCSSL to be the best organized clubs I have been associated with. THANK YOU DICK LEMOINE. You have elected a very good board, who will listen and work very hard for you. But this is your club and this club runs on people who do a lot more than just play softball. Be apart of that group, ask what you can do to help, be a volunteer. Be apart of the best club in Sun City West. ★
NORTHWEST VALLEY
WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

– Herb Clark –

The Sue Palke Diamonds remained in second place in league play with a tight 5-4 win over the Sun Cities, Larry Ott Realty Sparks on Saturday at Sun City West Liberty Field. Both teams featured stellar defensive plays, including some gems from Rock Kane, Connie Rosano, Norma Bland, and Anita Britton. Offensively the Diamonds were led by Sudzy Elfritz with two hits, including a triple and two RBI's. Connie Rosano chipped in with a triple in her two hits, and Anita Britton added two RBI's.

The Sparks made a strong comeback in the last inning of the game. Carol Bowden led the team with two hits including a triple. The Sparks had several defensive gems from Diane Perry, Pat Williams, Laurel Andrew, and Linda Strobel.

League play resumes on January 6th.

BOSOM BUDDIES
TOURNAMENT

– Loran Swanson –

The second annual Bosom Buddies Tournament will be held January 13 - 14, 2007, at Liberty Field in Sun City West, beginning at 9:30 AM on Saturday. Five games will be played on Saturday and four on Sunday with seven women's teams will be competing. It’s tragic that during a woman's lifetime she has a 1 in 7 chance of getting Breast Cancer. Thankfully there is a local organization named Bosom Buddies, to help those who have been diagnosed with Breast Cancer. Bosom Buddies has local support groups and informal meetings for survivors and others with an interest in breast cancer. Meetings are held in various locations throughout the Valley, all are welcome and there is never a charge to attend. They have a variety of literature, videos, books and lots of handouts. For those in need, they provide an assortment of donated wigs, bras and prostheses. Sometime they even have mastectomy swim suits and hats you can have. ★

AS I SEE IT!

– Dennis Farrar –

Well here we are starting another year. I hope that you have made your New Year’s resolution already? If not, you’re like most of us. We don’t make any because it’s hard to keep them.

Again, I would like to thank you for all your positive comments on your newsletter. However, I can’t take all the credit. You should thank those folks who contribute the news each month. When you see these individuals, please thank them for their contribution. The more folks that write articles, the more variety we have to read. I’m just the editor and that’s the way I like it. When others contribute you get a more interesting ideas and thoughts.

I would like to take a moment to welcome all the new players. I know that most of you know this already, but, I would like to remind all of you to put your name and phone number on your bat(s) and glove(s). This is very important. If you forget them at the ballpark, you can be contacted and they can be returned to you. On that note – please double check to be sure that you only pick up your items and not your teammates. Gloves and bats can look alike if you’re in a hurry and just grab thinking they belong to you.

Finally, someone will come around to ask you about mid-March when and if you are leaving for the summer. The purpose of this is to help line up the summer league play and to help get the fall league play organized. The spring session will go from Tuesday, January 17 thru Thursday, April 6. The first summer session is set to begin on Tuesday, April 18. The end has not yet been determined. So, if you are going away for the summer, be sure to let them know when you are leaving and when you will return. You may also want to give your cell phone number to the person(s) doing the canvassing, because if no one can reach you at your home number, you may not be put on a team for the fall session. There may be more details on this in the next issue.

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

– Editor ☺
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1. Owl’s comment
5. Billed hat
8. Baby’s father
12. Amiss
13. Bread for pastrami
14. Sad exclamation
15. Timid
16. Although
17. Snuffer
18. TV’s McMahon et al.
20. Writer Christie
22. Afternoon party
25. Europe’s “boot”
27. Annual data book
29. Doc
34. Think ahead
35. Flight record
37. Fabricated
38. Annie’s dog
40. Construct again
42. Tease
44. Lay eyes on
45. Auto-trim metal
49. Chrysler’s Iacocca
51. Motel offering
52. Chaos
54. Skin condition
55. Pigeon’s cry
56. Naught
57. BPOE member

DOWN
1. Pig product
2. Have unpaid bills
3. Mine material
4. Tot
5. Singer Gayle
6. Favorable vote
7. Flower leaf
8. Comic Carvey
9. Very many
10. Hundred yard——
11. Voyaging
19. Commotion
21. Exercise place
22. “Lights out” tune
23. She, in Madrid
24. “... Called Horse”
26. Oak nut
28. “Bonnie—— Clyde”
30. Flightless bird
31. Raised platform
32. Out of work
33. Admit defeat
36. Earth science
39. Sweet potato’s kin
41. So long!
43. Comes close
45. Infant’s bed
46. Garden tube
47. Actor’s part
48. Sign of the future
50. “Five—— Pieces”
53. Immerse briefly
55. Pigeon’s cry
59. Outfit
60. Stain
61. “I’ve—— Lonely Too Long”

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ABOUT SUDOKU
Sudoku is the Japanese word combining “number” and “single”. It’s origin stems from an 18th Century game by a Swiss mathematician. His game was named “Latin Squares”. This is a truly international game.

SUDOKU PLAY & RULES
The puzzle is solved when each ROW, each COLUMN, within the puzzle contains the numerals 1 through 6 with each number appearing once. GOOD LUCK!

Many of you have asked me to include some Sudoku Puzzles in the newsletter. So starting out the New Year I thought it was appropriate to honor your request. Let me know how you like the new flair, and I will include more puzzles in future newsletters. Thank you again for your support.

—Dennis Farrar, Editor
Catch IT Early!

WOMEN’S INVITATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

January 13 – 14, 2007
Liberty Field • Sun City West, AZ

Game Time starts at 9:00am
– Benefit for –

BOSOM BUDDIES
Breast Cancer Support Group

Come join the fun and help fight breast Cancer. All the profits from the tournament Will be donated to Bosom Buddies.

Thank You for your support!

For more info: (623) 214-1013 • swanee@peoplepc.com

WHERE’S YOUR BAT?
– Dennis Farrar –

Last season it was brought to my attention that some of the players have put their bat on the package tray in the back window of their car. Remember, driving your car with a bat in the back window can be fatal! A quick slam on your brakes to avoid a rear-end collision your bat becomes a missile that could potentially kill you. I have reprinted this in hopes to remind all players to think first, before you act. Please think safety both on, and off the field. ★

SUDOKU PUZZLE SOLUTION
(Remember, no cheating?)

CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION
(Remember, no cheating?)
A huge Thank You to all of our wonderful sponsors who have continued to sponsor our recreation! Without your ongoing support our league would not exist as we know it. You are truly a blessing that has helped us more than you will ever know, and allows all of us another chance to be that “little kid” again.

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Hall of Fame Selection

Do you know of a softball player who is or has worked to make our softball program in Sun City and Sun City West better?
If you do, please submit a nomination form available from your team manager or in the club house of Sun City or Sun City West.

The process has been simplified for your convenience.
1. Get a nominating form from your team manager or at the club house. You can also use the form in the Newsletter.
2. Name the person you would like to nominate.
3. Sign and date the form. (No co-sign required)
4. Put the form in an envelope, drop in the box at Liberty Field (by the west bleachers).
5. A review panel will do the rest

When we receive your nomination, you will be notified that your selection has been recorded.

Please get involved, this could be your way of saying Thank You to a deserving person.

HALL OF FAME

Nomination Form

I would like to nominate:

Comments:

Submitted by: ___________________ Date __________