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Sun Cities Senior Softball League
NEWS Beyond the HITS and RUNS
Happy New Year

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

January 2011

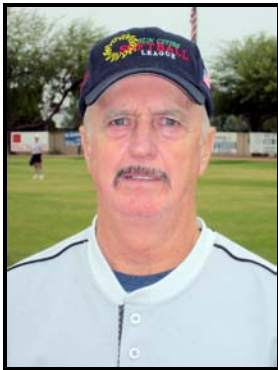
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WHO'S ON DECK?

– NATIONAL LEAGUE WELCOMES BOB BOLDT –

– Dennis Farrar –



BOB BOLDT

~ Photo by Dennis Farrar

Bob Boldt is a newcomer from Eagle, New York. Eagle is like an engagement – it's halfway between Bliss, New York and Freedom, New York. In his younger days Bob played hardball but moving to Sun City West he his introduced to softball for the first time.

Bob and his wife, Elaine have two boys and a daughter, and have been married for 52 years. Upon retirement from the dairy farming, one boy and a daughter continue to operate the farm with their families, milking 350 Holstein cows twice a day.

When Bob isn't playing softball is passion is wood-working. He has the top of the line wood-working machinery at home and likes to spend his spare time behind his wood lathe and other machines working on various projects.

Bob currently is playing for the Grandview Terrace Team who is managed by Rich Collins. ★

Editor's Note: Please join me and welcome Bob and his wife Elaine to our community, and thank you for sharing a part of your life with all of us. ~ Dennis Farrar

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**FINAL REMINDER –
 DUES ARE DUE BY JANUARY'S END**

– Dennis Farrar –



Just a last reminder – If you haven't paid your Annual Softball dues of \$25.00, they will be delinquent after



January 31. Any dues received after January 31 may be subject to a \$10.00 assessment fee.

Sun City Club should make checks payable to Sun City Senior Softball Club and give your check to one of the Board Members.

Sun City West Club should make check payable to Sun City West Softball Club and give your check to one of the Board Members. ★

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(PLEASE NOTE - SOME OF THE DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

February 5, 2011 (Saturday)

– Bill Bromley Memorial Cardiac Kids Tournament Liberty Field • Sun City West

Contact Ken Skinner at (623) 546-8983 or email Ken at ken@azsrssoftball.com for more information.

Only players who have had a cardiac event are eligible to play. This event is open to both the National and American National League Players. So sign up early.

February 19-20, 2011 (Saturday & Sunday)

– Bosom Buddies Tournament Liberty Field • Sun City West

Contact Ken Skinner at (623) 546-8983 or email Ken at ken@azsrssoftball.com for more information.

March 3 - 5, 2011 (Thu. – Sat.)

– SCW Annual Spring Fling Tournament Liberty Field • Sun City West

~ NATIONAL LEAGUE:

Contact Bob Williams at (623) 566-2894 or email Bob at kwill30680@cox.net for more information.

~ AMERICAN LEAGUE:

Contact Ken Skinner at (623) 546-8983 or email Ken at ken@azsrssoftball.com for more information.

Be sure to check the bulletin boards and future newsletters for game times.

April 10, 2011 (Sunday)

– Tin Cup Golf Tournament Palm Ridge Golf Course • Sun City West

Contact Larry Bond at (623) 214-6758 or Dick Lemoine at (623) 975-9291 or email Dick at lemoineaz@aol.com for more information.

UMPIRE CLICKER

– Julie McGlynn –

This clicker is designed for the left hand, with the thumb at the roller and the ring or little finger anchoring it. Roll the thumb upward to record a strike. Roll the middle finger downward to record a ball or an out. As balls and strikes are recorded, the index finger moves as needed at the top to help stabilize the clicker. Change the inning with the middle or ring finger. With practice, it will become easy to use without looking. ★

Editor's Note:

Be sure to check with Julie to find out where you can get your hands on one of these.

– Dennis

NATIONAL LEAGUE 15th ANNUAL SPRING FLING TOURNAMENT

–Bob Williams –

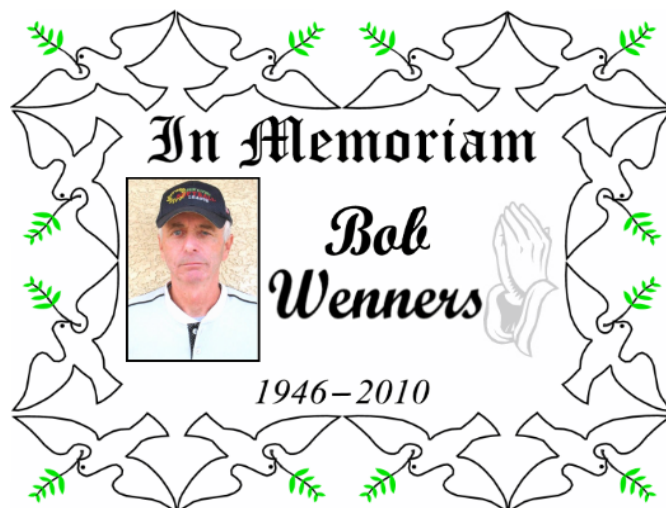
The National League Spring Fling is an eight team double elimination tournament, which will be held at Liberty Field March 3 and 4. This is not a fund raiser, but a FUN raiser just for the players in a carnival atmosphere. The "Fling" gives a taste of tournament play that a lot of our players don't normally experience. Current National League rules will apply.

All National League players are encouraged to sign up. **Don't sign up unless you are available both days of the tournament.** You may sign up on line or on the signup sheets located in the Club House at Liberty Field. Signups will be closed when we reach 100 players. Managers selected will have a player draft to create the eight tournament teams. Team shirts will be provided.

The first place team will receive special Spring Fling championship T-shirts and then second, third and fourth place teams get token awards. Team pictures will also be taken of the top four teams. Hot dogs and soft drinks will be provided both days. We will be looking for volunteers for set up, cooking and clean up.

If you have questions, please contact Bob Williams at 566-2894 or you can send him an email at kwill30680@cox.net.

Mark your calendar now so you can be part of the fun! ★



NATIONAL LEAGUE COMMITTEE NEWS

—Ben Zeppa—

NEW MANAGERS – The National League will have some new managers for the upcoming 2010 Winter/Spring Session. We will also have twelve teams in our league.

Following is a list of the Winter/Spring Session teams and their managers:

Desert Rose	Dennis Christenson
Brenda's	Glen Carroll
VFW	
Daily News	
Edward Jones	Ray Murphy
Pruitt's Furniture	Len Wicketts
Liberty Buick	Ben Zeppa
V W of Peoria	Larry Kuberka
Farrar Chiropractic	Bob Williams
Larry Ott Reality	Laurel Andrew
Northern Trust	Joe Emmons
Denny's TV	Frank Venturelli
Grandview Terrace	Rich Collings
Town Cryers Realtors	Gary Beymer

PLAYER SURVEY – The National League Committee conducted a Player Survey this month collecting valuable data so the committee can make intelligent decisions on the structure and the operation of the National League. One of the items being collected was information on who would be playing in the next session. It is very important that we have that bit of data so we can determine how many teams we will have playing in the session. By our count it looks like we will have fourteen teams playing in the Winter/Spring session.

Another question that we asked of our National League players was, what time saving ideas would you suggest, that we could implement, that would help us to expedite our games in a timely manner. It does not happen on a regular basis but time saving measures would help us get that last game started as near to 3:30 as possible so the players playing the last game could have some light to play by. Keeping the games on schedule would also make sure that all the teams could play a full seven innings in their scheduled games. Asking the players for suggestions was an eye opening experience. We received some time saving suggestions that we had never considered. Following is a list of time saving suggestions that our players suggested:

*The batter would come to bat with a one ball, one strike count on them when they enter the batter's box. This would cut down on the amount of balls pitched and we would probably have fewer foul balls hit to Left and Right field.

*Schedule our games on three days rather than two. Adding an extra day would reduce the games that have to be played in a day.

*Reduce the infield warm up from the first three innings to the first inning only. The pitchers would still have their allotted warm up and would not be affected.

*Fifty/Fifty Five minutes on the time clock for a game instead to the present Sixty minutes.

*Reduce the maximum runs that can be scored in an inning from four to three.

*Start the first game at 8:00am instead of the regular 8:30.

*Reduce all games to sixty minutes, no exceptions. When that time expires, finish the inning and the game is over.

*Use a double bye and only play six games a day.

*Do nothing.

These time saving suggestions are under review and nothing will be implemented until it is decided and agreed upon by the Association Board, National League Committee, and the National League Managers.

PLAYER RATINGS – The National League Committee reviewed and adjusted 204 National League players to ensure that their rating was an actual reflection of their abilities. Some players went up in their rating, and some went down, while other players ratings remained the same. Using data that is collected from our score sheets, we have compiled On Base Batting Percentages for all our National League players. This is one bit of information that we use in determining a players rating. It is not perfect, but it is better information about a player's batting ability than we ever had. Ron Eppley, who collects the score sheets and compiles the raw numbers says that the paper scorekeepers are doing a much better job keeping the score. If anyone wants to learn to keep the paper score you should consider sitting down with one of our scorekeepers and get some tips on the do's and don'ts of scorekeeping. I am sure that one of our scorekeepers would be more than happy to share their knowledge with you. ★

CLUB BOARDS ELECTION RESULTS



President – Dick LeMoine
 Vice President – Ron Eppley
 Secretary – Laurel Andrew
 Treasurer – Don Swanson
 Director – Wendell Osborne
 Director – Jack Harrison
 Director – Tim Harmon

President – Wayne Conn
 Vice President – Paul Moye
 Secretary – Julie McGlynn
 Treasurer – Chuck Wittreich
 Director – Bill Buxton
 Director – Jim Keinath
 Director – Gale Rector
 Director – Len Wicketts

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL OF YOU!**

HALL OF FAME

– Mike Graham –

Now is the time for all good members to nominate members for the Hall Of Fame.

The requirements are:

- Must have been a member for at least 7 full years which means they must have joined before January 1st 2004.
- Must have made significant contributions to the league.

Nomination forms are attached to this newsletter.

Please nominate members you feel are deserving and document significant contributions in the areas of managing, board membership and other contributions to the league. Please nominate again even if the person has been nominated before and even if someone else is nominating them this time. More information is good.

Lists of eligible members will be available at both fields. You can turn in nominations to Mike Graham, Art Nelson, Tex Wells, Ben Zeppa or Preston Lee.

All nominations must be in by January 31st. ★

Angels in the Outfield

2010 Toys For Kids Totally Awesome

– Linda Graham –

A huge Thank You to our softball family for your generous support of the Toys for Kids event! The totals are in. Joyce Fano and her attending "Angels" Linda Graham, Ann Mitchell, Linda Murray, Nancy DiBiasio, Sharon McAndrews, Phyllis Freeman, Sheila Cooke and Linda Swanson delivered 27 bags of toys, 2 bikes, a toy kitchen and a toy vanity to the Sun City West Women's Club. In addition, we joined with sponsor Liberty Buick to support Toys for Tots and delivered 16 bags of toys to them. Joyce enjoyed a couple of shopping trips to buy toys with the cash donations (more than \$300). Thanks again for your support and to the "Angels" who greeted and bagged and delivered. There will be many smiles because of you all. ★



TIN CUP TOURNAMENT

– Larry Bond –



Sun City and Sun City West Softball Clubs will hold the annual Tin Cup Golf Tournament sponsored by Arrowhead Lexus on April 10, 2011. Golf will be followed by banquet at Palm Ridge Rec. Center. Golf will be played on Deer Valley and Pebblebrook courses; players may compose own foursomes if noted on reservation forms, Raffle planned possibly with very unique prizes. Numerous golf prizes as always. Reserve April 10, 2011; join in the fun and support the softball program.

If questions contact Larry Bond (623) 214-6758 or Dick Lemoine (623) 975-9291. ★

JANUARY IS SOUP, CHILI OR STEW MONTH

(Cans only please)

— Carol Bowden —

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday and are ready to start the New Year. Where does the time go? How can it be 2011? I still remember being 45! and working! Time does fly when you are having fun.

The St. Mary's Food Bank has been the grateful recipient of almost 520 pounds of food from our softball club! This is an amazing achievement for just November and December! We have 3 more months to go and should easily surpass our 900 pounds from last year.

In **January** we will be collecting soups, chilies and/or stews. Keep your eyes on those grocery ads!

I generally get to the food bank on Fridays and manage to see how many people are there for assistance. The need is great and your generosity is greater. Keep up the good work! ★

- JAN. Canned soups, chili, & stews
- FEB. canned fruits, vegetables
- MAR. pasta & sauces

THANK YOU!




Bill Bromley Memorial Cardiac Kids Tournament

Liberty Field • Sun City West, AZ

Saturday, February 5, 2011

ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS WHO HAVE HAD A "CARDIAC EVENT" ARE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY

Come join the fun and support your favorite team and player(s)

LEAGUE PLAYERS CONTACT:
KEN SKINNER
ken@azsrssoftball.com ★ (623) 546-8983

AS I SEE IT!

— Dennis Farrar —

Well another year has gone and a new one is coming on. What New Year's resolutions did you promise yourself this year? Don't know about you, but I gave up on this long, long ago.



Congratulations to all the newly elected officers for the association and clubs. I hope that all of you will get out and support them.

I think most of you by now have had a chance by now to check out the new videos on the web site. I have had a lot of great comments on how you like this new feature and addition. I have been adding videos on a regular basis so be sure you check them out at www.youtube.com/azsrssoftball or go to the web site at www.azsrssoftball.com and give a look. If you have something you think would be of interest to the club or association and would like to have me shoot it; let me know and I will try to accommodate your wishes. This is an excellent tool to give those of us who can't make an event to watch it on video. I believe will all should strive to make our web site better and interesting.

Finally, my wife Terese and I would like to wish you a Happy New Year and we I hope that all of you that made a new years resolution that you can keep.

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

— Editor ✍



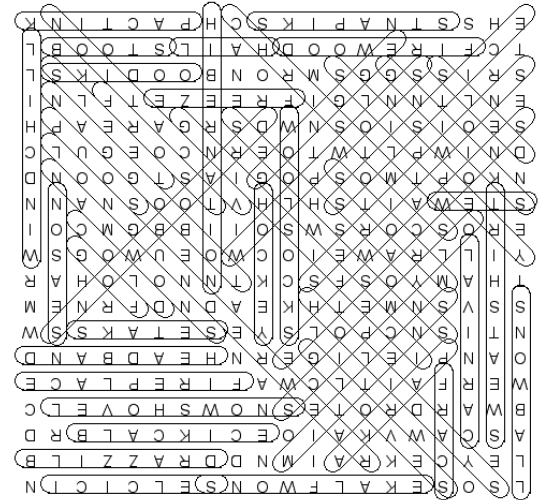
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WORD SEARCH PUZZLE SOLUTION



Remember, No Cheating?

The hidden sentence is: ONE KIND WORD CAN WARM THREE WINTER MONTHS

❧ WINTER ❧

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a Japanese proverb.

BLIZZARD BOOTS CARNIVAL CHRISTMAS COLD EGG NOG FIREPLACE FIREWOOD FOG FREEZE FROST GLOVES HAIL HEADBAND HIBERNATION HOCKEY HOLIDAYS ICE FISHING ICICLES KNIT CAP LONG UNDERWEAR MITTENS OLYMPICS PARKA SCARF	SEASON SKATES SKI DOO SKI PANTS SKIING SLED SLEET SLIPPERY SNOW CASTLE SNOW PLOW SNOW SHOVEL SNOW TIRES SNOWBALL SNOWBOARD SNOWFLAKE SNOWMAN SNOWSHOES SOLSTICE SOUP STEW STORM SWEATSHIRT TOBOGGAN VACATION WIND CHILL WOOL SOCKS	L S O S E K A L F W O N S E L C I C I N L E Y C E K R A I M N D D R A Z Z I L B A S C A W V K A I O E C I K C A L B R D B W A R D R O T E S N O W S H O V E L C W E R F A I T L C W A F I R E P L A C E O A N P I E L I G E R N H E A D B A N D N T I S N C P O L S Y E S E T A K S S W S S V S N M E T H K E A D N D F R N E M T H A M Y O S F S C K T N N O L O H A R Y I L L R A W E I O C W O E U W O G S W E R O S C O R S W S O I I B B G M C O I S T E W A I T S H L H V T O O S N A N N N K O P T M O S P O G I A S T G O O N D D N I W P L T W T O E R N C O E G U L C S E O I S I O S N W D S R G A R E A P H E N L T N N L G I F R E E Z E T F L N I S R I S S G G S M R O N B O O D I K S L T C F I R E W O O D H A I L S T O O B L E H S S T N A P I K S C H P A C T I N K
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★ ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD 2010 TOY DRIVE AT LIBERTY FIELD ★



Nancy Dibiasio (left) and Joyce Fano (right) stop long enough to pose for a picture at the annual Toys For Kids Drive held each year in December at Liberty Field in Sun City West, AZ.

~ Photo by Dennis Farrar



Joyce Fano holding up one of many toys collected at the annual Toys For Kids Drive.

~ Photo by Dennis Farrar

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_____