



BATTER UP
SENIOR SOFTBALL NEWSLETTER
Sun Cities Senior Softball Association
NEWS BEYOND THE HITS AND RUNS
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 Happy St. Patrick's Day
 "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 NATIONAL LEAGUE WELCOMES LLOYD LEONARD —

— Dennis Farrar —

Born in Escanaba, Michigan. His father was a professional gofer (clubs professional) and moved the family to Mattoon, Illinois approximately in 1952. (There were several other moves prior to this move). He is one of six children in the family. He has a twin brother and they live together in Sun City.

Lloyd started and completed his schooling in Mattoon and went on to Eastern Illinois University for a BS degree in political science and an MA degree in public administration from the University of Illinois, Springfield Illinois. This September he retired after 32 years of service with the State of Illinois. He was employed 14 years as a personnel professional with the Department of Transportation and 18 years as the Labor Relations Manager with Eastern Illinois University. Lloyd said it was truly an honor serving Eastern because all his brothers and sisters graduated from this same university.

Lloyd is also a veteran of the Viet Nam war and served as an Artillery Sergeant in 1968-69 where he was assigned to the 3rd of the 18th Artillery Group attached to the Americal Division. His primary location was near the DMZ.

Lloyd is an avid golfer and he was happy to find the Sun Cities Senior Softball program a couple of months ago. He played high school baseball and once he finished college he had the opportunity to play kitten ball and softball in several Illinois cities where he lived. He was very active in community organizations.

Lloyd has two married daughters, one located in Lincoln, Illinois and the other in Springfield, Missouri. He has four grandchildren; one girl and three boys.

Lloyd is looking forward to many, many years of playing softball with the Sun Cities program. He feels very welcomed from the first day he attended the orientation program. He finds the emphasis on fun, safety and sportsmanship is practiced at all times. Meeting new people and the comradeship has been beyond his expectation. ★



LLOYD LEONARD

— Photo: Dennis Farrar

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Editor's Note:

When you see Lloyd please join me and welcome him to the game that we all love to play. I would like to thank Lloyd for sharing a part of his life with all of us. – Editor ☘



— proudly presents our —

10th ANNUAL SPRING FLING 2011

MARCH 3–5, 2011

NATIONAL LEAGUE

THURSDAY – FRIDAY

March 3 – 4, 2011

AMERICAN LEAGUE

SATURDAY

March 5, 2011

LIBERTY FIELD ★ SUN CITY WEST, AZ

COME OUT AND ENJOY THIS 3 DAYS
FUN & FRIENDSHIP EVENT
AND SEE SOME GREAT SOFTBALL!

PARKING LOT JAM NOTICE

— Julie McGlynn —



Parking Lot Problems on Thursdays, March 24 and March 31, the Stardust Theater is having matinee performances of "Damn Yankees" which means parking

will be at a premium for afternoon games.

Teams involved on both dates are Denny's, Brenda's, VFW and VW of Peoria. Teams affected only on the 24th are Edward Jones, Pruitt's, Town Cryers & Ott. ★

IS IT WORTH IT?

— Wendell Osborne, President —



In any sport we play, be it pickle ball, tennis, golf or softball, there are rules to follow if you like them or not. We are all governed by the rules and must play by the rules. We cannot make exceptions for breaking a rule. Especially if you know you are breaking a rule. This violation of the rule was using an altered bat that was known to be altered and used in the Sun City's softball club games. Some would call this a violation to a certain degree. I personally call it cheating. Some things you were taught at a young age, to always play fair, have fun and no cheating. We had a violation that occurred and that it had to be resolved. In January 2011 at Liberty Field the player was caught using an altered bat by a board member and the bat was confiscated. The player was given an opportunity to appear in the front of the Sun City West Softball board and explain his side of the offense. As part of the requirements the player had to explain he had one other prior incident of using an altered bat and was reprimanded for that violation. He surrendered the two bats to the board for destruction. He was told his punishment is a suspension until January of 2013 season. The Sun City Senior Softball Association board made this decision with input from Sun City West Softball Board members. We hope this decision will impress on the players how important that cheating or rule infractions will not be tolerated. I also hope the player understands the suspension from playing softball could have been longer. Cheating is not worth the little advantage you might get. Honesty and integrity is expected of all players participating in sports. Hopefully we may all play by the rules and we can all move on to just playing softball. ★

WEST SIDE FOOD BANK

MARCH IS PASTA, SAUCES, RICE, BOXED POTATOES, MAC & CHEESE, ETC. MONTH

— Carol Bowden & Julie McGlynn —

March is the last month the softball club collects for the Food Bank. We are on a final push to get over 1000 pounds donated for 5 months. As of February 16, your generosity has given us a total of **838** pounds!!!!



If you are a "snowbird", why not consider donating what is left in your cupboards to the Food Bank. It is located right behind the sheriff's office @ Bell & Dysart.

This is not just a sport-related club.....we are proud to be a caring, blessed and helpful family of friends! On behalf of the Westside Food Bank, Julie McGlynn and myself a HUGE thank you. Be safe as you travel. ★

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



March 17, 2011

ANNUAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE BANQUET

— Wayne Conn —

All members of the Sun Cities Softball Clubs are encouraged to attend our Annual Banquet on March 23 at the Sundial Recreation Center Auditorium located at 103rd Ave and Boswell in



Sun City from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket for club members and their spouse, \$20.00 per ticket for guests. Tickets will be provided at no charge for Hall of Fame members and their spouses, as well as Sponsors (or representative) and their spouses.

The menu is as follows:

- Fresh seasonal fruits and berries
- Wild field green salad with English cucumbers and tomatoes - assorted dressings.
- Beef tips with mushroom sauce and/or
- Chicken Marsala
- Medley of fresh broccoli, carrots, and cauliflower
- Herb roasted red potatoes Montreal
- Fresh baked rolls and butter
- Assorted desserts
- Coffee and iced tea provided

Diners may bring any other beverages they wish (soda, wine, beer, etc.)

Your team managers will be issued tickets soon for sale to club members. If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Conn at (623) 977-7827. ★

☞ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ☞

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

March 3 - 5, 2011 (Thu. – Sat.)

– SCW Annual Spring Fling Tournament

Liberty Field • Sun City West

~ NATIONAL LEAGUE: (March 3 & 4)

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

~ AMERICAN LEAGUE: (March 5)

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

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

March 12, 2011 (Saturday)

– All States Games

Liberty Field • Sun City West

Contact Ozzie Ostrow at (623) 584-4742 or email Ozzie at ozlamn@aol.com for more detailed information.

March 23, 2011 (Wednesday)

– SCSSA Annual Awards Banquet

(Sundial Recreation Center) • Sun City

Contact Mike Graham at (480) 270-4636 or email Mike at webcrsn@cox.net for more detailed information.

April 10, 2011 (Sunday)

– Tin Cup Golf Tournament & Banquet

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.

Editor's Note:

Be sure to check the web site for any and all updates to the web calendar. The web calendar also includes SC Club, SCW Club, and SC League meetings, as well as other information that may not make "Batter Up" newsletters in time.

– Dennis

AS I SEE IT!

– Dennis Farrar –



As I write another "As I See It" editorial, it's hard to believe that I'm into my 45th issue as your newsletter editor. This season is about to wrap up and summer will be here before you know it.

Summer ball is just around the corner and many of you will be signing up to play during the summer sessions. Just remember to always play safe. Keep doing your stretches before and after each game. And although those donuts are hard to resist (I like them too), try to watch how many you put down. Because donuts are usually available only during regular season play, playing during the summer with warmer temps will, hopefully give us all a chance to trim down a bit.

Please join me and welcome all the new players. It seems that there are many more this time around than last year. And again play it safe.

Once again this summer I'll be heading out for my annual square dance calling tour. Leaving April 23. My trip will again take me as far as Wisconsin where my wife, Terese will fly up and join me the end of May to celebrate her mom's 90th birthday, and then fly home. I will return around July 10 and hope to start playing summer ball with many of you. Please remember, if you are also traveling this summer please travel safe. We want to see you behind the plate when that first pitch is thrown in October.

I once again would like to thank of those have so faithfully contributed articles to the newsletter every year. Remember, this is your newsletter, I'm just the editor. If you have an article that you think needs to be addressed, please email it to me for consideration. In the next month's issue of "Batter Up", I will feature the Hall of Fame Inductee(s) so be sure you get your copy early as copies are limited.

Finally, being part Irish myself, I would like to wish everyone a Happy St Patrick's Day. Especially to all the "O's" and the "Mc's" in our association.

Please remember, don't drink too much of that green Irish beer, and if you do; get a designated driver.

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

– Editor ☞

SUN CITY WEST BOARD

— Dick LeMoine, President —



On a sunny Tuesday afternoon while lingering along the fence I overheard the statement, "a handful of members do all the work." Because their conversation was about our club and our field, it made me think.

The Tin Cup has the luxury of nearly 85 volunteers. How many different faces have you seen serving food at our field? The reason our field is so great, is several members work tirelessly to help keep it that way. How many people do you think it takes for our special events to happen? Then, you have the Board, committee's, umpire instruction, announcers, popcorn, coffee and donuts, accounting, sales and any one owning a pick-up truck!!

So, do the math!! The question should not be "how many people do the work?", but rather, "do we take the time to thank all those who do?"

These thank you's should also be extended to the Wednesday crew that takes such pride in the preparation of our facility and grounds. Many softball clubs have a field, but it took the work of all our members to have one as nice as Liberty Field, so I end this little speech by simply saying, Thank You to all of you!! ★

PHOTO TRADING CARDS

— Julie McGlynn —

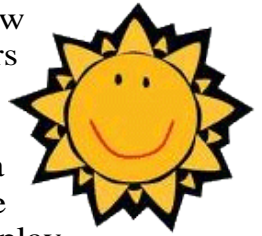


Please save one of your photo trading cards for Joe Rottmann's Sun Cities Senior Softball photo book. He has been collecting them since 2000. If you have an extra card left over from a previous year and you didn't know about the book, that's welcome too. Because he is not currently playing on a team, trading cards can be given to me. ★

GAME DAY - FIELD LOOKS GREAT - BATTER UP!

— Ray Early, Field Manager (Liberty Field) —

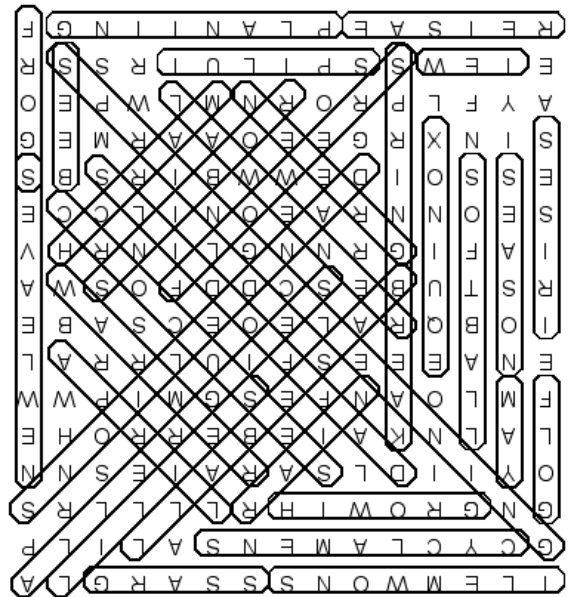
During the past few months, several volunteers have been working hard to make Liberty Field the place to be on game day, a place all of you can be proud of, a fun place to play



and watch softball. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who have been donating their time and effort in helping make Liberty Field a fun place to be.

Remember, in addition to field conditions and activities being sent out over the computer system, one can also hear about field conditions by calling Liberty Field at (623) 544-6157. Allow about 6 or 7 rings for a recorded message advising as to field closures and other pertinent information related to the field. Thank you! ★

SPRING PUZZLE SOLUTION



Remember, No Cheating?

The hidden sentence is:
APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

THANK YOU SPONSORS — WE SUPPORT YOU!

HUGE Thank You to all of our wonderful sponsors who have continued to sponsor our recreation! Your ongoing support to our league allows us to 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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This will be a memorable day! Non-stop, exciting events all day long on Sunday, April 10, 2011 in Sun City West. Win a loaded Yamaha golf car. See Danny Larette, the world's long-drive lefty champion in a live demo. Get blown-away by the special surprises at the live auction. Lots of incredible prizes and surprises will be presented at the Banquet plus tournament awards. What a day! You can invite your friends too.

Arrowhead Lexus sponsors the "Tin Cup Invitational" featured annually by the Sun City West Softball Club. The Banquet is catered by the Outback Steakhouse at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center near 135th and Deer Valley Rd. It's all happening in SCW: Two golf courses, Deer Valley and Trail Ridge; prizes for long drives, closest to the pin on all par 3s; putting for cash contest; each player can purchase a team "Mulligan;" discuss your game at the free beer garden; get lucky with "Dick's Box"...win a Yamaha golf car with custom interior, custom wheels and paint job by Desert Golf Cars (tickets are \$25 each or 8 for \$100); have fun at the Silent Auction with great choices including Ping golf equipment, Electronics , etc.; join in the excitement of the Live Auction with some very special surprise items.

Times and Formats: Sunday, April 10, at Deer Valley and Trail Ridge: Putting contest, 9-11:00AM; Golf, shotgun start 11:30AM; Format: 4-player Scramble...standard 4-man, mixed and women's flights; Beer Garden 3:30 to 4:45PM. You may make up your own foursome.

Banquet at Palm Ridge Center: Doors open for Cocktails at 5PM; Silent Auction 5-7PM; Dinner 6PM... Menu: 1) Grilled Chicken and BBQ Ribs; or 2) Vegetarian on Request. Live Auction and Surprises.

Costs per Person: Golf and Dinner \$75; Dinner only \$30; Golf only \$45.

Information and Details: Dick LeMoine, 623-975-9291.

Reservation Forms: roneppley@cox.net or Liberty Field or on line.

Participants are limited to 144 on each golf course, so sign up and pay as soon as possible. No jeans or T-shirts permitted. Dress code for dinner is casual. The entire day (golf tournament, banquet and raffle) is open to the public. Banquet attendance is not required to win the raffle.

Don't miss this remarkable day. Act Now...First Come, First Served!

John Doherty, 2/14/11