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SENIOR SOFTBALL NEWSLETTER

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Happy Labor Day

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

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☞ A NEW DAWN AT LIBERTY FIELD ☞

— PLAYERS EAGERLY ANTICIPATE ON GETTING TO PLAY SOME BALL; - A NEW FIELD —

— Dennis Farrar —



This is only a fraction of the photos and videos taken during the renovation of Liberty Field. Grading down 6" for the A/B and Granite Fine that will be applied before the actual turf is installed.



This is a photo that was taken early the morning of August 30, 2011 as the sun was coming up over Liberty Field in Sun City West, AZ. The Astro Turf is in and all the lines are down in place. The rubber will go on next.

Photos by – Dennis Farrar

Be sure to check out all the videos on YouTube. The address is www.youtube.com/azsrssoftball. Enjoy!

SUN CITY WEST
SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011
RH JOHNSON
RECREATION CENTER
Lecture Hall
6:30pm
Please come out and be a part of this important meeting and see what your club has in the works for you.

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**NEXT "BATTER UP" NEWSLETTER WILL BE NOVEMBER
DEADLINE - OCT 20th**

SOFTBALL CLUB ELECTIONS

—Dennis Farrar —



Remember our Sun City & Sun City West Softball Club Boards will be having their elections in the next couple of months. If you are interested in running for your respective

board and serving the next two years please let someone on the current board know.

You can also check the website or the next newsletter (November) for details as they become available. Don't miss this opportunity to serve your board. We need you! ★

Angels In The Outfield

—Kay Williams, Chairperson —

ANGELS ON THE MOVE



In May, Sun City West Board President Dick LeMoine appointed me as Chairman of the Angels in the Outfield. Over the summer several changes have been made:

1. We now have designated bulletin boards for the Angels at both fields. There you will find the latest information on members of your softball family who have been injured, had surgeries, family illnesses, deaths etc.
2. On these boards you will find the contact information of the National and American League representatives if you need to get information to us:

American League	Karen Leisten	623-337-7245
National League	Kay Williams	623-566-2894
	Mary Mitchell	623-979-5940
	Joe Emmons	623-243-7576

3. We have a new and improved website. To find out all the latest Angels news go to azsrsoftball.com, click on Organizations, scroll down to Angels, click here and this will take you to our home page.

In addition to the latest information there are links to:

[In Memoriam](#) where you will find information on players who have passed away

[Angels Purpose](#) where you can learn what the Angels do

[Contact Angels](#) which will connect you to my email to send me information

[Current Angels](#) lists the current members of our committee

[Angel Gallery](#) has pictures of Angels At Work!

[Angel Events](#) **WATCH THIS SPACE** for future fundraisers.

If you would like to join our band of Angels please call or email me. I need both American and National League players, spouses and significant others to keep us informed so that we may follow up with appropriate action, i.e. phone calls to players/family members, posting on the web page (with player approval), sending cards and sending memorial donations to the charity of the family's choosing when there is a player death.

Angels also will work at special events, including the annual toy drive in late November.

In the next issue we unveil some other new items for Angels.

In Memoriam

Over the summer we have lost the following members of our softball family:

Jay Lamont	1934-4/22/11
John Estep	1932-6/16/11
Bernie Lobenstein	1924-8/5/11
Greg Johnston	1932-8/12/11
Earl Mudge	1925- 8/20/11

Two of our players lost their spouses:

Linda Welch (wife of Mike)	6/2/11
Janel O'Leary (wife of Carl)	6/10/11

VFW POST 10695

— Ron Eppley —



I'm the manager of the VFW sponsored softball team and also a lifetime member of VFW Post 10695. I'm on a recruiting mission for the local Post. The Post needs HELP. The current members are getting up in age and help is needed to continue a very worthwhile organization to help our veterans. OK, what does the Post do to help our veterans?

1. Once a month, conducts BINGO at the VA hospital for the many veterans who reside there fulltime. They really look forward to this event.
2. Collects clothing for the homeless vets. They really appreciate it.
3. Collects and distributes gifts at Christmas for hospitalized vets here in Phoenix and Prescott. You would not believe how emotional this can get. To some, the VFW is the only people that care about their feelings and well being, and are sometimes the only "relative" they have.
4. Make phone calls to homebound vets. Just to let them know that someone cares.
5. Assists widows/widowers of veterans.
6. Place American flags at the National and local cemeteries gravesites on certain holidays. Then of course, they need to be collected afterwards.
7. Perform Honor Guard duties at veteran funerals as requested.
8. Buddy Poppy sales at various stores.
9. Other duties to make various events happen, such as parades, dinners, socials, etc.

The VFW Post 10695 is asking for your help for needed items for the homeless veterans here in Arizona. The store is located at 1620 E McDowell Rd, Phoenix, AZ. The store is under the Direction of United for Change, a 501 3 (c) organization. All donations are given to transitioning homeless Veterans and are tax deductible.

Needed items include:

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| TVs | TV converter boxes | Radios |
| DVD players | VCRs | TV stands |
| Lamps of all kinds | End tables Coffee tables | |
| Couches | Chairs | Dinette sets |
| Small desks | Dressers | Chest of drawers |
| Night stands | Floor and table top fans | Tools |

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| Vacuum cleaners | Counter top microwaves | Small kitchen appliances |
| Pots and pans | Eating utensils | Cooking utensils |
| Dish – 4 place settings and higher | Cleaning supplies | Cash donations |
| Beds | Mattresses | Sheets and Blankets |

The VFW, the Veterans stores and the homeless Vets greatly appreciate your help.

The VFW post 10695 meets once a month, every third Tuesday at 1:00pm at the Foundation building, across the street from Liberty field.

The point of contact for the VFW post is George Bell (623) 556-8299 or contact me – Ron Eppley (623) 505-7826

If you are eligible to join the VFW and are interested in transferring or joining this Post please contact me, Ron Eppley, 623-505-7826 or email roneppley@cox.net. ★

70's SOFTBALL LEAGUE

— Jack Harrison —



The Seventy's Softball League is composed of players from the National League; two teams from Sun City and two teams from Sun City West. We play two games each on Saturday starting at 10:00am.

We play approximately half our games at the Sun City Field and half at Sun City West Field. Depending on over-seeding timing our season will start on October 29, 2011 and end on April 7, 2012.

Our team rosters are currently filled. If you want to get on our Sub/Replacement list contact Steve Griswold at (623) 974-5387 for Sun City or Jack Harrison at (623) 556-4845 for Sun City West. ★

AMERICAN LEAGUE

— Bob Dobbins, Chairperson —

The American League and National League committees met over the summer months to discuss moving forward without an Association board. Several meetings were held and recommendations were made to the Sun City West board for consideration at the September 12th board meeting.

The American League had five teams in the first summer session, four teams in the second session and three teams in the third session. In the third session double headers were played to even the number of games and games were interlaced with teams from the National League. It was a great experience alternating games between the two leagues and made for a fun session.

All players who indicated that they were playing the fall 2011 session were sent emails saying they indicated they wanted to play in the fall session and if this was not correct they were to contact Bob Dobbins. Likewise, players who indicated they did not want to play in the fall session were also sent emails and if this was not correct they were to contact Bob Dobbins. Players with no email addresses were called on the phone.

Going forward this will be the procedure for contacting players as to whether they will or will not be playing a session. It is a great feature of our League database that keeps everyone informed of their playing status. Please remember that if you change your email address or if you shut it down during the summer please let us know.

The American League Committee is working on the fall session and right now it looks like we will have 12 teams for the fall session. We hope everyone had a great summer and are looking forward to all the snowbirds returning for the fall session. ★

LIBERTY FIELD UPDATE

— Ray Early, Field Manager —

Work at the field is moving right along. The Astro Turf has been rolled out and is completely covering the infield. On Thursday, Aug. 25 workers will begin the work of gluing the seams together and trimming the turf to fit the infield. We had reported earlier that the turf would come with the foul lines, batter's box, etc. already incorporated in the turf. We were in error in this regard as the field will be

marked when installed. We apologize for the error.

Dennis Farrar continues to put a lot of time and effort into producing a video of this whole process. Dennis has completed his third segment of A NEW DAWN AT LIBERTY FIELD. You can see these video's by going to the azssoftball.com website and clicking on videos. (Do not click on where it says LIBERTY FIELD UPDATE, as this is no longer available.) Dennis will begin making a video of the turf being applied to the field along with the field marking process. This will be a most interesting segment to see when he has it completed. After viewing these videos, I'm sure you will agree that Dennis has done an excellent job of not only taking the pictures, but also editing. EXCELLENT JOB DENNIS!!!

Because of the record breaking heat this month, the recreation center has requested that we delay the reopening of the field by one week. This will give the ground crew the opportunity of reseeding the outfield allowing for a good, healthy stand of grass by opening day. This will also give the ground crew a better opportunity to incorporate grass growth with the new turf. As a result, Liberty Field will reopen on opening day, Tuesday, Oct. 25. The American League will start the new season with an 8:30 start. We will have this information available on the bulletin boards at the field.

FIELD DEDICATION

In addition, we will have a field dedication ceremony to be held on Saturday, Oct. 22. Tex Wells will be manning the grill for hotdogs, along with baked beans, chips, soda and bottled water.

Anyone wishing to help Tex with preparation and operation of the grill please contact him at (602) 330-4384. The time of the event will be announced at a later date. Sponsors, billboard advertisers and all of you will be invited. So mark your calendars and plan on attending. This information will also be posted at the field.

Thanks to volunteers like Dennis and club members like you, we are working at making Liberty Field the place to be on game day, a place where EVERYONE is invited to come early – stay late. ★

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🌀 BASEBALL 🌀

Find and circle all of the Baseball words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message - a Humphrey Bogart quotation.

APPEAL
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BASE
BATTER
BUNT
CATCH
COACH
DEAD BALL
DEFENSE
DOUBLE HEADER
DUGOUT
FAIR BALL
FAIR TERRITORY
FLY BALL
FORCE PLAY
FORFEITED GAME
FOUL BALL
FOUL TERRITORY
FOUL TIP
GROUND BALL
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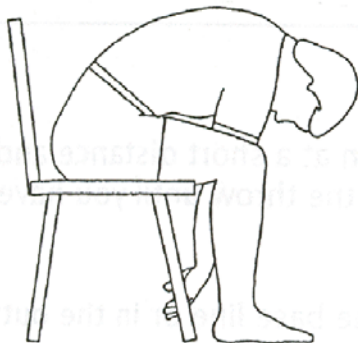
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Don't forget to do your stretches before and after each game

LOW BACK STRETCH

- Sitting on the bench with legs apart.
- Slowly bend forward & reach between you legs. Hold stretch.
- To return to starting position, place hands on knees and push up.



UPPER BACK STRETCH

- Hold onto fence or rail with both hands.
- Keep you elbows straight and lean back as shown until a gentle stretch is felt between you shoulder blades.
- Hold stretch.



AS I SEE IT!

— Dennis Farrar —



This year will mark my eighth season as your Newsletter Editor. I have seen so many changes in our play and now I think I'll witness the biggest to date.

As I write this month's editorial Liberty Field is undergoing a transformation. There is "A New Dawn at Liberty Field." I have tried to capture the day-to-day progress on video and post the videos to YouTube. By now, many of you have had a chance to view them. Just when I think we have improved the field beyond our dreams; Ray Early, like George Karras – dreams get bigger. Soon we will all be enjoying our labors on a field that is like no other in this area, and few get the experience to know what it's like. I'm sure this will get the attention of many of the other fields around our community. Knowing Ray Early, he will have other projects up his sleeve on opening day so you won't want to miss that first game that is played. Although artificial turf is known to have fewer injuries, we all want to play it safe and don't forget to do your stretches before and after your game.

I would also like to thank Ott Realty for providing us with our summer jerseys. Remember to thank him if you haven't already. Thanks Larry & Rachael for your contribution.

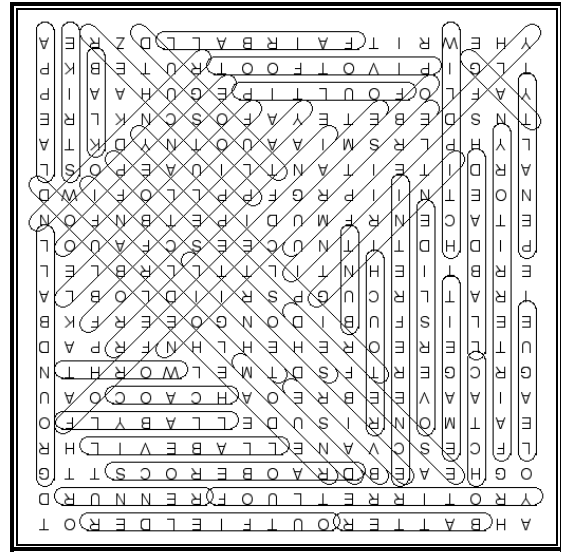
If you are new player since last session remember to check out the web site. The IT Committee is doing their best to make sure that you are well informed on what's going on. Check it out!!

The next newsletter will be the November issue. The deadline for the November issue is October 20. Newsletters will be in the dugouts at both fields.

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

— Editor ✍

"BASEBALL"



WORD SEARCH PUZZLE SOLUTION

Remember — NO CHEATING?

Hidden sentence: A HOT DOG AT THE BALL PARK IS BETTER THAN STEAK AT THE RITZ

DONATE THAT OLD GLOVE

— Julie McGlynn —



Glove need repair? Got an old glove that can be fixed and donated to a local school program? Contact Julie at McSoftball@prodigy.net or cell 410-279-3741. ★

HAPPY LABOR DAY



SEPTEMBER 5, 2011

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 _____