



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

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**WHO'S ON DECK?**

– NATIONAL LEAGUE WELCOMES DOUG MAXWELL –

– Dennis Farrar –



**DOUG MAXWELL**

~ Photo by Dennis Farrar

Doug grew up in Kettering, Ohio then attended University of Tennessee in Chattanooga on a basketball scholarship. He spent most of his working years in Atlanta, Georgia as a CPA and CFP.

Doug met his wife Martha in Atlanta; they met on the internet thru match.com even though they were five miles apart. They have been married for 5 years. They both had previous marriages and have two children each. Martha goes by Marty but Doug calls her Smarty because she is smart & pretty. The end of 2007 they moved to Waldport, Oregon living right on the coast in the middle of the state; it's very picturesque but very cold/wet.

Doug's mother wintered in Sun City and she kept telling them to get down here for a visit and to see this place. For 2 years they put her off; they didn't know anything about Sun City or Arizona. The next year in December they reluctantly came down for a visit. They saw people swimming doing all kinds of things and bought a house before they left! They love it here.

Jay Stahl got Doug interested in softball; he went to a game and it looked like fun! Doug had not played softball in 40-45 years but enjoys it and he says, "We have good guys on our team, Farrar Chiropractic. Doug say he doesn't hit very well, but from what he seen at one of his recent games he blasted a ball in deep left field. It was caught, but Doug got it all!

Doug says he has been treating for three different cancers since July 2010; but he is closing in on it. Praise God! ★

*Editor's Note: Please join me and welcome Doug and his wife Martha (Marty) to our community of softball, and thank them 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)

January 11, 2012 (Wednesday)

**– IT Committee Third Presentation**  
**Lecture Hall • Sun City West ~ 6:30pm**

This will be the third of four presentations and is open to the Sun Cities Softball community. Contact Rick Fish at (623) 455-3399 for more information.

January 21, 2012 (Saturday)

**– League Umpires Clinic**  
**Kuntz Rec Center & Liberty Field • Sun City West**

Contact Ken Skinner at (623) 546-8983 or email Ken at [ken@azsrsoftball.com](mailto:ken@azsrsoftball.com) for more information.

**Editors Note: This should be a requirement for ALL players to play; particularly the team managers.**

February 4, 2012 (Saturday)

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

Contact Ken Skinner at (623) 546-8983 or email Ken at [ken@azsrsoftball.com](mailto:ken@azsrsoftball.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 15, 2012 (Wednesday)

**– IT Committee Fourth Presentation**  
**Lecture Hall • Sun City West ~ 6:30pm**

This will be the fourth and last presentation of this series and is open to the Sun Cities Softball community. Contact Rick Fish at (623) 455-3399 for more information.

March 1 - 3, 2012 (Thu. – Sat.)

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

Contact Ken Skinner at (623) 546-8983 or email Ken at [ken@azsrsoftball.com](mailto:ken@azsrsoftball.com) for more information.

*If you are interested in playing in the Spring Fling, please contact Ken Skinner. Be sure to check the bulletin boards and future newsletters for game times.*

March 10, 2012 (Saturday)

**– Battle of the States Tournament**  
**Liberty Field • Sun City West**

Contact Ken Skinner at (623) 546-8983 or email Ken at [ken@azsrsoftball.com](mailto:ken@azsrsoftball.com) for more information.

March 17 – 18, 2012 (Saturday & Sunday)

**– Bosom Buddies Tournament**

**Liberty Field • Sun City West**

Contact Ken Skinner at (623) 546-8983 or email Ken at [ken@azsrsoftball.com](mailto:ken@azsrsoftball.com) for more information.

April 1, 2012 (Sunday)

**– Tin Cup Golf Tournament**

**Palm Ridge Golf Course • Sun City West**

Contact Nancy Dobbins at (623) 792-8993 for more information.

Editor's Note:

*Every effort has been made to include upcoming events on this calendar. Please check the web calendar as it may be updated more frequently. Thank you.*

## TIN CUP TOURNAMENT

– Nancy Dobbins, Committee Chairperson –



Sunday April 1, 2012 is the date you want to mark on your calendars. This is the date for our annual Tin Cup Golf Tournament and Banquet. Our Tin Cup Committees are already hard at work planning this event. Golf courses have been reserved, the caterer has been signed, banners are being sold, and flyers are being printed.

Many of you may think that we have enough volunteers and don't need any more help. That is absolutely not true. An event as large as this needs many volunteers. Our committee leaders are always looking for people to serve on their committees. Some of our committees are banner installation, photography, golf carts, beer garden, ticket sales, and revenue production. These are only a few of the many committees it takes to run The Tin Cup.

Remember, that The Tin Cup helped pay for the many improvements at Liberty Field, and will continue to help pay for future improvements. This is OUR club, and it took many, many volunteers to make it what it is today. You can help our club continue to grow by volunteering, and The Tin Cup is a good way to start.

There are many club members, but only a few committee leaders. Don't wait for us to ask you for your help, ask us what you can do to help. You can talk to me at the field or call me at (623) 793-8993 to see where you can help. ★

# American League

— Bob Dobbins, Committee Chairperson —

The American League is in preparations for the upcoming spring 2012 session. Originally we were looking at 15 teams for the spring session. Since the emails have been sent to all players in the American League we have dropped from 166 players to 148 players. As you know there will be many changes from now until draft day. Realistically we are looking at either 13 or 14 teams.

The American League managers meeting is set for January 4, 2012 at 8:00 am in the Stampede room at the Men's Club. The American League draft is scheduled for January 11, 2012 at 8:00 am in the Lecture Hall.

There are still many new players going to the green team and several new players reportedly coming in between now and the draft. It is very exciting to see so many new players moving in to our communities that are interested in playing softball. Maybe it is because they have seen our artificial turf infield on our website.

There is a lot of work to do from now until the draft, so if your situation has changed, please let us know so we can adjust accordingly.

The American League Committee hopes that all of you players and our families had Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. ★

## ATTENTION PLAYERS & FANS Donuts & Coffee at Sun City

— Pauline Dewey —



Please remember when partaking in coffee and donuts to put in your donations at Sun Bowl Field in Sun City. As of now the Sun City Softball Club is not giving us any funds to offset our costs. For your enjoyment, we hope to make enough donations to continue the "fat-pills" and "cup of Joes" on our Tuesday National League game days. We are also hoping to get enough to purchase some new coffee pots. Please help us make our goal and give generously. ★

*Thank You!*

# THOUGHTS OF NEW YEAR



Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account. ~ Oscar Wilde

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to. ~ Bill Vaughn

Many people look forward to the New Year for a new start on old habits. ~ Author Unknown

I do think New Year's resolutions can't technically be expected to begin on New Year's Day, don't you? Since, because it's an extension of New Year's Eve, smokers are already on a smoking roll and cannot be expected to stop abruptly on the stroke of midnight with so much nicotine in the system. Also dieting on New Year's Day isn't a good idea as you can't eat rationally but really need to be free to consume whatever is necessary, moment by moment, in order to ease your hangover. I think it would be much more sensible if resolutions began generally on January the second.

~ Helen Fielding, *Bridget Jones's Diary*

May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions. ~ Joey Adams



**CLUB BOARDS ELECTION RESULTS**



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 Director – Len Wicketts  
 Director – Chuck Wittreich

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL**

**ORDER YOUR LEAGUE JACKETS**

— Ray Keller —

Once again it is time to think about ordering your League Softball Jackets. You may have seen some of the players wearing them already with the cooler weather upon us. To order your jacket just complete and cut out the order form below and give it to me along with your check. You may also call me for more information and to make the arrangements to pick up your jacket when it comes in. Remember, all jackets must be pre-paid when ordering. Thank you and enjoy. ★

(Cut On Line)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print clearly)

Colors: **RED BLUE**  
(Circle One)

Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**  
(Circle One)

<b>LEAGUE</b>	
AL	NL
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<small>(Check box)</small>	

Name on Jacket (Please print clearly)

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First Name                      Last Name (Optional)

**Make checks payable to Ray Keller**  
 Tel: (623) 977-1469 for more infomation  
**Cost: \$24.50** Add \$1.00 for XXL

(Cut On Line)

**Angels in the Outfield**

**ANGELS TOY DRIVE SOARS OUT OF SIGHT!**

— Kay Williams —



**Wow! Wow! Wow!** The generosity of our softball family hit it out of the park this year with the most successful toy drive ever!!!

Our annual Toys for Kids event, in conjunction with the Women's Social Club of Sun City West, was held November 29 and December 1 at Liberty Field. The two day drive resulted in 36 bags of toys and two bicycles being donated and over \$900 in cash which was used to buy children's clothing, blankets and grocery store gift cards for needy families. Your generosity put smiles on many children's faces in the west valley this holiday and food on a lot of tables who weren't sure where their next meal would come from.

It was my pleasure to coordinate the drive this year. This year's band of Angels working the toy drive were as follows: Tuesday: Carol Davelis, Sherrie Marchetti, Carole Richline, Terry Oliver, Pam Willie, Jan Peterson, Pat Bromley, Mary Nelson, Ruth Renberg and Thursday: Barbara Smith, Pauline Dewey, Elaine Boldt, Jill Grell, Nancy Hoven, Pam Sevier, Ann Mitchell, Linda Swanson, Gladys Harrison, Lorraine Frey, Carol Ottum, Bev Sandberg, Carol Owens, Sharon McAndrews, Karen Downes and Kay Williams. Thanks to all the ladies who received the toys and money and special thanks to all the players and their spouses who so generously donated to the drive.

This year's donations were distributed to children served by Dysart Community Center, Maricopa Integrated Health Systems, Nadaburg School, Wittmann Community Center, and a veteran's group that provides assistance to the families of deployed service men and women and the VFW.

Thanks for opening your wallets and your hearts, once again demonstrating the generous spirit of Sun Cities softball players! ★

**Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus!!**

# 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 2012? 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 4, 2012

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@azsrsoftball.com](mailto:ken@azsrsoftball.com) ★ (623) 546-8983

# AS I SEE IT!

— Dennis Farrar —



Another year has gone and a new one is coming on. Time seems to just be flying by. I hope that you are ready for another one?

More and more people are coming into our softball activity I wonder if this is the sign that the "baby-boomers" are finally making the move to retirement.

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 softball 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/azsrsoftball](http://www.youtube.com/azsrsoftball) or go to the web site at [www.azsrsoftball.com](http://www.azsrsoftball.com) and give a look. If you have something you think would be of interest to the clubs 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 we all should strive to make our web site better and interesting.

Finally, my wife Terese and I would like to wish you and your families 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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## "THE BALL PLAYER"

— Al Leachet —

The ball player stands in the outfield  
He's holding his cap, he's there all alone  
This place that he's in, it's his second home  
He's played his last game and he's all done  
It doesn't really matter if he's lost or he's won  
The faint smell of popcorn it lingers in the air  
The lights are dimmed and the stands are bare  
The roar of the crowd is faded and gone  
His team has left, with tears in their eyes  
He's going to a league where no one dies  
The fields are a beautiful green, the stands are gold  
The players stay young, they never grow old  
It's a place where the best ball players go  
We all want to go there, but the rosters are set  
If you have faith and grace, you may get there yet  
To play ball is our eternal reward  
For our manager and coach is none but the Lord.

*Editor's Note: Thank you Al for your permission to reprint this beautiful poem you wrote. ~ Dennis Farrar*



Joe passed away on December 26, 2011 and a candle light memorial service will be held to celebrate Joe's life on Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Liberty Field, by the George Karras Memorial Fountain. Angels Chaplain, Bob Renberg will conduct the casual service. Candles will be provided for those attending. All players are encouraged to attend. ★



★ **2011 ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD TOYS FOR KIDS** ★  
~ Liberty Field – Sun City West, AZ ~  
Another successful Toys For Kids Drive. Thank you all who donated to  
make this Christmas happy for those kids!



⇐ Angels Terry Oliver, Pam Willie and Pat Bromley collected American Leaguer's toys and money.



⇐ National League Angels Kay Williams, Karen Downes, Nancy Hoven, Jill Grell and Ann Mitchell prepare to fill up another big bag of toys for the children of the west valley.



⇐ Did you know Santa plays in the American League and donated 2 new bicycles again this year?

**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.

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**HALL OF FAME**

***Nomination Form***

I would like to nominate:

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Comments:

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Submitted by:

Date

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