



**“You don’t stop playing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop playing!”**

**February 2013**

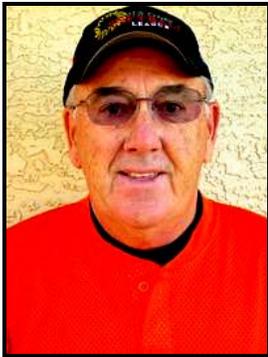
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## ☞ WHO’S ON DECK? ☞

– SUN CITIES AMERICAN LEAGUE WELCOMES RON WIEBOLD –

– Dennis Farrar –



RONALD WIEBOLD

~ Photo by Dennis Farrar

Ron grew up in Mapleton, Minnesota, about 1000 people, farming community, and the notoriety of the town is that it has the oldest Curling club in the state. He participated in all sports and a lot of hunting and fishing. Played basketball and baseball at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. Transferred to Mankato State to play baseball. Ron went into the Air Force in 1966 for four years. While home on leave from the Air Force, he met his wife, Kayla, and they married three months later. They have two great kids. Jennipher, who is a Professor at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo and Sarah who is a Quality Program Manger in Colorado Springs, Colorado. They are very proud of their two girls.

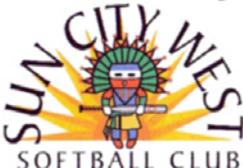
After leaving Mapleton and getting out of the service Ron and Kayla moved to Colorado Springs Co. The exciting part of Colorado, other than the beautiful mountains, was having the opportunity to represent the state of Colorado at the National Curling

Championships in Utica New York, and Chicago Illinois. They did not win, but were very competitive. They moved back to St Peter Minnesota and started a mom and pop retail decorating center. During their stay Ron had the opportunity to coach the Gustavus Adolphus College baseball team. This was a Division III college and he really enjoyed the experience. ~ Read more page 2.

↓ NOTE CHANGE OF DATE! ↓

**SUN CITY WEST**  
**SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013**



**RH JOHNSON**  
**RECREATION CENTER**  
*(Lecture Hall)*  
**6:30pm**

**PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND**

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## ☞ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ☞

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

February 2, 2013 (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 28 & March 2, 2013 (Thu. - Sat.)

### – Spring Fling Tournament Liberty Field • Sun City West

~ NATIONAL LEAGUE: (February 28 & March 1)

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

~ AMERICAN LEAGUE: (March 2)

Contact Ray Early at (623) 975-0998 or email Ray at [raymondearly@msn.com](mailto:raymondearly@msn.com) for more information.

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

March 9-10, 2013 (Saturday & Sunday)

### – All States Tournament Liberty Field • Sun City West

This is our Annual All States Tournament For more information contact Chuck Davelis (623) 594-7576 or email Chuck at: [ckavelis@aol.com](mailto:ckavelis@aol.com).

April 7, 2013 (Sunday)

### – Tin Cup Golf Tournament Deer Valley & Grandview Golf Courses • Sun City West

This is our Annual Golf Tournament For more information contact Nancy Dobbins (623) 792-8993 or email Nancy at: [nldobbs@msn.com](mailto:nldobbs@msn.com).

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.

## NEW SPONSORS

~ Ron Eppley ~

“We have added two new team sponsors for this session. They are Hayden’s flooring and Lilly’s Bar and Grill. Hayden’s flooring is located at 13033 W. Grand Ave, Surprise, AZ 85374. If you are looking for new flooring or cabinets please check them out.

Lilly’s Bar and Grill is located at 14051 W. Grand Ave, Surprise, AZ 85374 behind Trader Joe’s. They were Zen’s café.” ★

### ~ WHO ON DECK cont'd

Once again Ron got involved with curling and participated in the first play downs in the US for a team to represent the US in the Olympic Games. Did not win, but did finish 12th out of 64 teams. Very happy with experience here also. Ron was also involved with Happy Chef fast-pitch softball team. This team did a great deal of traveling and they finished 5th in the World here in Tempe in 1981. Then the tornado came and our house was damaged. Fortunately, Kayla received a job offer in Colorado Springs and they moved back to Colorado.

While in Colorado Springs, Ron worked for Keller Homes, and was the Quality Control/Warranty Manager. The highlight of his experience was that they did an Extreme Home Makeover for TV. What a great time. Yes, the house was actually built in four and one half days. What a fun and exciting time.

Then it was time to retire and Kayla and Ron sold their house and bought a motor home. They traveled for four years checking out Florida, South Texas, and here. Being impressed with all the community and all the facilities; this was the place to stay. The fact that there was softball and golf available did not hurt. Retirement isn't what he expected, it is better. ★

Editor's Note:

Please join me and welcome Ron and his wife Kayla to the game that we all love to play, especially at our age. It brings out the little kid in all of us again. Thank you Ron and Kayla for sharing a part of your life with all of us.. – Editor ✍

## WHAT'S BREWING?

— The Brewing Sisters —



We would like to thank the National League Softball Club members for their positive response to the coffee and doughnuts at the Sun Bowl Field in Sun City. Your generous donations are making it possible us to keep the refreshments coming. Especially, on the cold Tuesday mornings. Many of you have told us how much you appreciate what we do and so we, in turn, appreciate being able to provide the service. Let us know if there's something we can do better and remember, we are also providing cold pop and water for those late, hot afternoon games. Thank you for your continued support, "The Brewing Sisters", Pauline, Nancy and Mary. ★

# AS I SEE IT!

~ Dennis Farrar ~

The Spring Session is well underway and the new players keep stacking up. The "Green Team" is putting out a lot of new players each Monday. Rating and assigning these players to a team and having enough field time to play will be challenging, But I'm sure that the committees will figure it out some how.



Speaking of new players. I hope that all of you are doing your stretches. I see that some of you may not be. Pulled quads and hamstrings are getting pretty common around the ball fields so please do your stretching before and after you play.

The leagues Hall of Fame banquet will be in the planning stages before long. Make sure you get your tickets when you can. More information on this will be posted and in the newsletter as it becomes available. So be looking for it.

I'm still working on the photo campaign in the "members search" on the web site. So, if you have not had your photo taken, please let me know so I can make the arrangements to get with you. This will always be a work in process so I appreciate you helping me on this. As a reminder, the photos are used to help the Angels and the managers to put a face with a name. That's all.

Finally, my wife Terese and I would like to wish all of you a Happy Valentine's Day, and please remember those who serve us and protect our freedom.

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

—Editor ✍

# NEW APPOINTMENTS

~ Bob Dobbins, SCWSC President ~

Tex Wells was appointed Food and Beverage Chairman and will be responsible for the purchase of all food and beverages for our club. This includes beverages in the refrigerator and for special events.

Nancy Dobbins has been appointed "Events Coordinator" for our club, and Ken Skinner will be helping her. If anyone is involved with a special event, or is interested in starting a new special event, the contact person is Nancy Dobbins. She will check field availability and then contact the necessary people for this event. ★

# Food Bank

"Give what you can, as often as you can"

~ Julie McGlynn & Carol Bowden ~

Food bank collections are being split between two programs, the Valley View Food Bank in Sun City and the St. Mary's Food Bank in El Mirage. Valley



View is located one block north of the Sun Bowl field, near the SE corner of 107th and Peoria Ave.

In **February** please be generous with your **Peanut Butter and Jelly** donations, but remember you are not limited to the monthly themed items! Any unexpired shelf-life food products are welcome too. Monetary donations can be sent by mail or delivered onsite since there are many non-food items that are bought in bulk through contracts with stores, such as toiletries, diapers (huge need!), toilet paper etc.

November and December donations to Valley View totaled a little over 60 lbs. and St. Mary's received about 100 lbs. Keep up the good work! It's difficult to imagine how great is the need, and disheartening to see a wide range of people, from young couples with children, to seniors with grand- and even great-grand children. ★

## THANK YOU!

# 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](mailto:McSoftball@prodigy.net) or cell 410-279-3741. ★

# Angels In The Outfield

~ Kay Williams, Chairperson ~

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

The Recreation Center of Sun City West has designated February as Volunteer Appreciation Month. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and sincere appreciation to all the members of our softball family who volunteer in so many ways. Special thanks to the Angels who have sold our Angels merchandise, painted our Angels pins, worked both days of the toy drive, help cook hot dogs for special events and all of you who notify me when a player or family member is injured or ill. Special thanks to the Sun City Angels for providing coffee and donuts on Tuesday's at the Sun City field for National League games. Your efforts are greatly appreciated! You all are truly the heartline for our softball family. Next time you see a volunteer at the fields, tell them **THANKS FOR ALL THEY DO FOR OUR SOFTBALL FAMILY.**

There are some upcoming events where we can use some volunteers. On February 2 we will need some volunteers to sell Angels merchandise at the Cardiac Kids Tournament at Liberty Field. Also, February 28 and March 1 is the National League Spring Fling at Liberty Field. We can use folks to set up, cook and clean up both days and sell Angels items. Just call me at (623) 566-2894 or email me at [kwill30680@cox.net](mailto:kwill30680@cox.net) if you would like to help.

### NEW MERCHANDISE ITEM IS COMING!

By popular demand we are bringing back the red and black Sun City West hats. The cost of the hats will be \$20. If you want to pre-order one, just let me know. The money raised funds Angels operating expenses and provides for the \$50 memorial when a player passes away. ★

## HOW DO I CLEAN MY HAT?

~ John McFarland ~



Use Murphy's soap on the bill and inside rim along with any other areas that you get extremely dirty. Scrub with brush (lightly) then rinse, put plastic bags inside cap and leave in shaded area on patio til dry. It will come out like NEW. ★

*Editor's Note: Thank you John. I'm looking forward to finally getting my hat clean again.*

## SUN CITY WEST BOARD

~ Bob Dobbins, President ~



The 2013 board would like to thank the outgoing members of the 2012 board for all their work and efforts. Dick LeMoine, Jack Harrison and Tim Harmon have gone off the board and new board members, Bob Dobbins, Ron Eppley, and John McFarland have been added to the board.

I am looking forward to many of the new ideas that have been brought forth by the board members and committee chairmen. There have been many suggestions that will make our league and club more efficient, safer, and look nicer. We will keep you posted thru emails and the Liberty Field updates. Thank you, ★

## SUN CITIES WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

~ Carol Bowden ~

The women's team has been plagued by the cold weather and flu this month. Our only opportunity to play will be Jan. 26 at Sun City Festival. We have been invited to play an exhibition game during a pause in their championship weekend events. Festival is trying to encourage the women of their community to get more involved in softball.

On February 9, the HOT FLASHES will be playing at Sun City Grand with a game time of approximately 2:30.

We have invited a team from Mesa, the Desert Stars, to Liberty Field on Feb. 16th for a double header. Game time is 10am. ★

## SPONSOR OF THE MONTH BRENDA'S KITCHEN

~ Ben Zeppa ~

"Where good food and good people come together"

Today my wife and I decided to take a drive and visit one of our Sun Cities Softball sponsors, Brenda's Kitchen. I always try to go out of my way to patronize sponsors of our softball organization and since I was hungry we headed for Brenda's. Brenda's Kitchen is located in a small strip mall at 13200 N. 113<sup>th</sup> Ave in Youngtown, right off Highway 60. Their hours of operation are, Monday through Friday, 6am to 2pm.

I must say that Brenda's gives you a completely different dining experience than any other eating establishment that I have visited. When we walked through the door we were greeted by two employees who got us a really nice booth in a corner of the room. Sitting there a really nice feeling came over me. It seemed as if I had been here many times before. There was a good crowd of people there and although this was my first visit, I felt like I knew everyone there. Did I mention that I really felt comfortable? I asked our waitress if Brenda was there and she pointed her out to me. Brenda was working the counter and her husband was working, preparing orders in the kitchen. She came over to our table and we introduced ourselves. I told her that Brenda's sponsorship of our senior softball program was greatly appreciated and that I hoped that she would be a sponsor in the future.

How was the food you say? I had a 1/2 pound Cheeseburger and my wife had a 1/3 pound Patti Melt. Both choices were really good. My wife has had hundreds of Patti Melts all over the United States and she rated Brenda's Patti Melt in the top ten. I had a great time at Brenda's and I will definitely be back. I would not be surprised if the staff called me by name the next time I go there. Yes, they are THAT nice.

Do yourself and Sun Cities Softball a favor and give Brenda's Kitchen a visit. When you do tell her that you are another Sun Cities softball player who appreciates her support. Brenda's Kitchen, Home of a Mug and a Hug! ★

## UMPIRES CORNER

~ Ken Skinner, League Chief Umpire ~



**(Slow Pitch) (Seniors)** The pitcher may take a position from the front edge of the pitcher's plate to six feet behind the pitcher's plate within the 24 inch width of the pitcher's plate with both feet firmly on the ground.

**EFFECT:** Delayed Dead Ball, illegal pitch ruled. Some have interpreted this to mean that the pitcher has to have both feet within the 24" pitcher's plate. In all other Slow Pitch we allow the pitcher to have one foot on the pitcher's plate and the other on, behind or to the side of the pitcher's plate but not within the 24" pitcher's plate. The same is true about the Senior pitching box, one foot in and the other foot in, on the line or outside the 24' wide box. The emphasis here is both feet on the ground. ★

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR ANGELS?

### ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD CONTACTS

Kay Williams (chairman)	566-2894
Ann Mitchell (co-chairman)	214-6302
Bob Renberg (chaplain)	544-9572

### National League

Elaine Boldt	374-6239
Karen Downes	680-3216
Joe Emmons	243-7576
Gladys Harrison	556-4845
Sharon McAndrews	544-2837
Sherrie Marchetti	476-7741
Barbara McCart	556-1248
Linda Swanson	584-4178

### American League

Carol Davelis	594-7576
Ron Johnson	815-9893
Sharon Lemoine	975-9291
Mary Nelson	556-9263
Jan Peterson	584-3265

# AMERICAN LEAGUE

~ Bob Dobbins, Chairman ~

The American League finished the fall session with Gonstead Chiropractic defeating Camino Del Sol on Thursday, the last day of the session. Here were four teams fighting for first place up until the last two weeks of the season. Congratulations to Gonstead and all the other teams that played in the fall session.

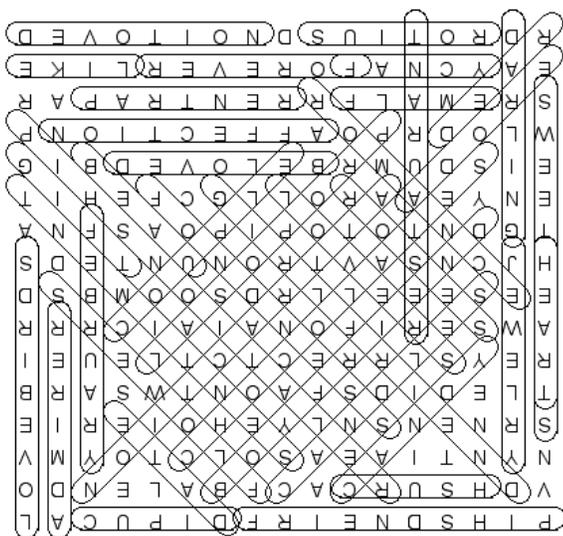
That being said, we are all looking forward to a new session with new teammates as we move into the spring 2013 session. There have been a lot of new players coming off the green team the last several weeks, so there are many new faces. When you see a new player, please go up to them and introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcome. There will be 14 teams in the American League this session so there are some things I would like to mention. To get 7 games in, in one day, we must all be aware of what is going on. We need to keep the game moving. This means being ready to enter the batter's box when it is your turn to bat, hustle in and out on the field, and pitchers get a courtesy runner so you can get your gear on. It will be difficult getting in 7 games in one day because of darkness, so we must all do our part in keeping things moving. If games are running late we have a couple of options. One is to go to a 1-1 count, one is to only play 6 innings, and there are others, but we would like to keep everything as is without going to these measures.

Good luck to all teams and welcome all new players to our softball family. ★

## THANK YOU SPONSORS — WE SUPPORT YOU!

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- Camino Eye Care
- Canyon State Air
- Caufield Law
- Cool Touch
- Cranstoun Court Jewelers
- Daily News Sun
- Denny's TV
- Desert Golf Carts
- Desert Rose Concrete Coating
- Edward Jones
- Fast Signs
- Farrar Chiropractic & Acupuncture
- Golden Eagle Dist (Budweiser)
- Gonstead Chiropractic
- Grandview Terrace
- Ken Meade Realty
- Larry Ott Realty
- Liberty Buick
- Lund Cadillac
- Northern Trust
- Mary Inman Realtor
- Paul Tone Farmer's Insurance
- Pinnacle Financial Service
- Pruitt's Furniture
- Reategui Law Firm
- Rosie's Italian Café
- Town Cryers
- Van's Pro Shop (Golf)
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## ∞ VALENTINE'S DAY ∞

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### PASSING THE GOLDEN "K" BALL AROUND AT THE ONE PITCH TOURNAMENT



~ Photo by Dennis Farrar

Dave Bergman shows off his well earned golden "K" Ball for having struck out. You earned the award by striking out while batting at the "One Pitch Tournament" held at Liberty Field over the holiday break December 27~28, 2012.



~ Photo by Dennis Farrar

Matt Vencel also shows off his golden "K" Ball but Dave and Matt were only two that were sporting this one around the crowd in the stands. Some players sported this around more than once.

## NEWS FROM THE SUN CITY WEST EVENTS COORDINATOR

~ Nancy Dobbins, SCW Softball Club Events Coordinator ~

### ~ February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8th Annual Bill Bromley Memorial Cardiac Kids Tournament

This is a charitable event with all proceeds going to The Sun Health Foundation to support cardiac research. All players that play in this tournament have or have had heart problems. The first game of the day will start at 9am. The grill will be fired up for lunch. Come on out to support our players and this very worthy cause.

### ~ February 4<sup>th</sup> – National League ½ Pints vs American League ½ Pints

Ozzie Ostrow has put together two teams of players all under 5'6" to play each other. This promises to be a fun game to watch. Come on out!

### ~ February 16<sup>th</sup> – The Hot Flashes vs The Desert Stars

The Hot Flashes (our women's team) will be hosting The Desert Stars from Mesa in a double header. The first game is scheduled for 10am. Hot dogs will be served after the second game. Come on out and support our women's team.

### ~ February 17<sup>th</sup> – Sun City West vs Festival

Sun City Festival will be bringing three teams to our field to play three of our teams. Once again, we will be firing up the grill for lunch. Games start at 10am. Come on out!

### ~ Tin Cup - April 7<sup>th</sup>

Registration forms have been emailed out to all members with email addresses, and mailed out to those who don't. Registration forms can also be found at Liberty Field or by contacting Nancy Dobbins.

The date has been set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sun City West Christmas Party. Mark Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> on your calendars now! ★

## IT COMMITTEE UPDATE

~ Rick Fish, Chairman ~

As we start the 2013 Softball year your IT Committee would like to remind you of how we work.

Both the American and National Leagues use email as the primary method of communication. It is important that you keep your League Chairperson informed of your current email address and phone number. Contact names and numbers can be found on the CONTACTS page of our [www.azsrssoftball.com](http://www.azsrssoftball.com) website (<http://azsrssoftball.com/contacts.html>). It is YOUR responsibility to update your League Committee chairperson of any change to your email, phone or address.

Dennis Farrar will be updating our Member Directory throughout the year. You can use the online directory to locate information regarding other members.

Links to Rosters and Schedules are located on each League webpage of our [www.azsrssoftball.com](http://www.azsrssoftball.com) website. You can also access rules and league guidelines from the links on your league webpage.

Our website also contains links to both clubs, Angels in the Outfield and Hall of Fame web pages. Don't forget to check out our Photo Gallery and Video links on the [www.azsrssoftball.com](http://www.azsrssoftball.com) home page. If you want to receive our E-News notifications, be sure and sign up from our home page.

We also encourage you to support and use our Sponsor services located at the Sponsors link on each webpage.

If you want to buy equipment, we have a Sporting Goods link on our website with a number of vendors listed.

If you want to stay updated on what your club is doing, both clubs post the minutes to their respective Board meetings on their Organizational web pages. ★

~Your IT Committee