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2013 “Hall of Fame” Inductees

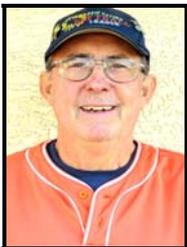
LAUREL ANDREW △ DENNIS FARRAR △ LEN WICKETTS



LAUREL ANDREW

Born in Santa Ana, CA in 1947. Raised in Mead, WA until moving to Seattle in 1967. In 1971, while stationed at the US Army Training Center at Ft Dix, NJ...it was noticed that I was a stickler for organization and detail. I was assigned to the Casualty Branch during the Viet Nam War sharing responsibility for “Soldiers Records Maintenance” and “Fallen Soldier Honor Details”.

Promoted to personal secretary to HQ Command Sergeant Major and assumed the duties of preparing the Post’s invitations/banquet menus and the Women’s Army Reception Cadre for the HQ events such as the banquet for US Army Chief of Staff, General William Westmoreland. *Read more on p. 2.*

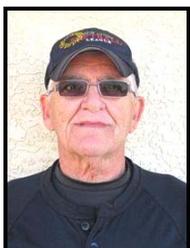


DENNIS FARRAR

Born in Muscatine Iowa and moving to Phoenix in 1955 Dennis did not play many sports except basketball in high school during lunch period and sandlot baseball. While in high school he joined the US Naval Reserves and after graduation he went active serving his tours, including 2 ½ year tour in Viet Nam.

He took an active interest in square dance calling at the age of 10, is still actively calling, traveling three months during the summer. He calls & visits family along the way to Wisconsin and back home again. Along with his singing a variety of pop and rock songs, Dennis also gets a lot of requests for one of his yodeling arrangements and most recently his infamous “Gasoline Song”. He retired from AT&T in 1997 as a computer graphic designer in the engineering

department with 28 years of service. *Read more pg. 2*



LEN WICKETTS

Leonard “Lennie” Wicketts was born in Marquette, Michigan. Growing up there, he attended grade school, high school and college all in the same building. While in high school, he met his future wife, Sally, and, two years later, they were married. Still married today, they have two sons and two daughters. Both sons are retired Air Force; Greg lives in San Antonio, Texas, and Rhett lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Both daughters live in the area; Tammy lives in Sun City and Wendy lives in

Fountain Hills. So far, the clan has produced 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. *Read more pg. 2*

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HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES cont'd

~ Laurel Andrew

1971 Played for the Ft Dix Women's Golf Team at West Point, NY. Where they won 1st Place. 1972 Played on the Ft Dix, Women's Basketball Team at Hershey, Pennsylvania. Team won nothing....I probably shouldn't have played "Center".

1974 Married her husband of 37 years, Harold "Andy" Andrew. Put in 30 Years with the United States Department of Agriculture starting out as a Loan/Grant Specialist for Water/Sewer Projects in Washington State. Promoted to Environmental Specialist for USDA: prepared and completed the Environmental "1 Point Process" for the Federal USDA and the State Agencies in Washington State.

Retired in 2000 and moved to Arizona and began playing golf at Grandview until I met Loran Swanson. Then, the REAL fun began. I quit golf and joined the women's softball league. Played on the Hot Flashes Team and became President of the Women's Softball Club.

Glenn Carroll encouraged me to join the National League. I have since played on eight different teams. Rich McAndrews offered me an N/L Managing position and the honor of being the first woman manager in the N/L.

Joined the Sun City West Coed League and became Manager of the HOT PEPPERS Team and Chairman of the Friday Coed League.

Managed the CHIPMUNK TEAM's in two Spring Flings and with the invitation from Bobby Williams, brought in the first all women team. However, the all male teams made quick work of showing us the gate.

2 yrs as Secretary of SCW Softball Club under Bob Peck and Dick LeMoine. ▲

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**~ Dennis Farrar**

Dennis was presented his 50 years of calling award at the 2007 International Callers Association (Callerlab) Convention held in Colorado Springs.

Dennis met his wife Terese Moriak at a square dance, of course, and they will soon celebrate their 23rd Wedding Anniversary in April. They are the proud parents of 2 children, Missie and Jesse and two beautiful grand-daughters, Karlie (11) and Leah (8).

Joining the softball family in 2003, he got involved by serving early with making coffee, and getting the doughnuts for the NL games. He has been a manager for NL teams and currently manages the Farrar Chiropractic team for the Co-Ed games. He has served on the SCW Club Board and the League Board as secretary. He has been your "Batter Up" Newsletter editor since 2004 (59 issues). Thank you for all your support and thank you to all of you who have contributed articles over these years. A special thank you goes to John Doherty for the

opportunity and the confidence to serve you as your editor.

Dennis was instrumental in putting most of the music on the computer in SCW and started announcing games through the encouragement of Loren Swanson.

He has made this Hall of Fame Brochure for the last five years (including this one).

In 2010 set up a YouTube account to share club and league events, including memorial tributes of fallen ball players. Special emphases on the construction and installation of the infield of the AstroTurf at Liberty Field in the summer of 2011. Dennis is currently on the IT committee and the chairman of the Member Search on the league website. You will find him at Liberty Field with his cameras and laptop most anytime posting the pictures to the website. In the past year, players and fans have enjoyed the music and announcing that Dennis provides, when possible at the Sun Bowl Field in Sun City for the National League games giving them a little extra flavor to their games.

Dennis never dreamed that he would be playing sports at this age, and insists that it is far less strenuous playing ball than doing yard work around the house. However he enjoys the friendships as well as the game itself. Dennis says, winning shouldn't be everything. Nobody says it's just a game when you're winning. Remember, the friendships we have along life's road and showing your compassion for each other should take precedence over winning. And as Dennis would say, "That's as I see it. Have a good game and get home safe". ▲

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~ Len Wicketts

Lennie and Sal settled in Sun City after having lived in nine states (and 23 houses!). Although Lennie has wore many hats during his working days, working at Montgomery Ward's in the late '50's, Whites Department Stores in the early to mid '60's, involved with his brother in the furniture store business early to mid '70's to being a director of a Horse Race Track for the Pueblo of Pojoaque in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Now to stay active, Lennie took a part-time job with Pruitt's Furniture and settled into semi-retirement. Driving by Liberty Field, he and Sally stopped to watch a senior softball game. Although not having played since 1985 when he was the manager/player of a team consisting of sons, a son-in-law and a brother, Lennie was intrigued and said to Sally, "I think I can still play." Sally's cousin, Wayne Nystrom, was playing in the league so they talked with him; Lennie joined the league two weeks later.

That was in 2005 and "THE REST JUST HAPPENED!" As a player, manager, Sun City Board Member, Green Team Coordinator and National League Committee Member, coupled with his inability to say "no" to anything that advances Sun City Senior Softball. On the field you'll always hear his familiar phrase when playing or watching him play, "That's a gaper"! ▲

LAST NEWSLETTER FOR THE SEASON

~ Dennis Farrar ~

This will be the last newsletter until the fall. The next newsletter will come out in November. Look for the November issue in the dugouts late October. Remember the deadline is the 20th of each month.



Also, be sure you check the web site throughout the summer to stay in touch with the latest association and club updates, including all the summer softball information, and when the Fall Season will get underway.

Thank you for all your support these past years, and especially to those of you who have contributed articles. I'm looking forward to another great new year in 2013-14. Have a safe and happy summer. ★

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

April 7, 2013 (Sunday)

- Tin Cup Golf Tournament

Deer Valley & Grandview Golf Courses • Sun City West

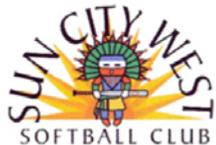
This is our Annual Golf Tournament For more information contact Nancy Dobbins (623) 792-8993 or email Nancy at: nldobbs@msn.com.

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.

SUN CITY WEST SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013



RH JOHNSON RECREATION CENTER (Lecture Hall)

6:30pm

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING SO PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND

AS I SEE IT!

~ Dennis Farrar ~

This being the last newsletter of the season the summer session is just around to corner and will be starting before we know it. If you will be playing the summer sessions, please stay hydrated and remember to drink lot of water and do your exercises.



If you are leaving soon for the summer or just taking a little time away from the game (like me) to visit the kids or grandkids please travel safe. We want to see all of you behind the plate this fall. Wherever your travel leads you, please remember to be safe off the field too.

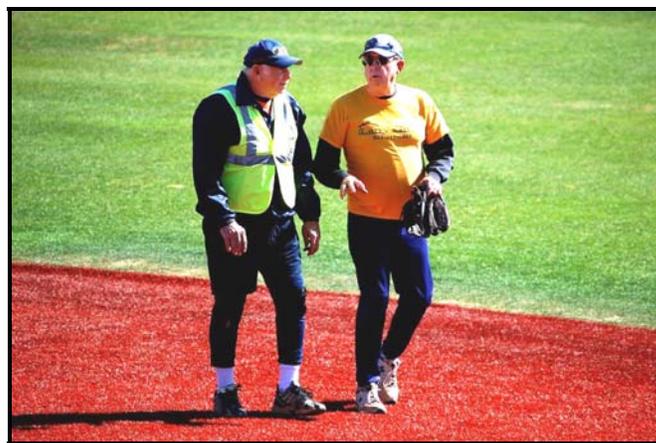
Remember, all players, especially the new ones, please put your name on all bats and gloves and other equipment to make it easier to get them back to you should they be left at the field. If you leave them you can always check the lost and found area to recover your item(s).

Finally, I wish to thank all of you for the extreme honor of being inducted into the SCSSL Hall of Fame. I have enjoyed serving you and will continue to do whatever I can to make our softball league the best it can be.

Have a Happy April Fool's Day and try don't play too many tricks on others. Ha, Ha.

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

~ Editor ✍



~ Photo by Sheila Cook

Base umpire, Ray Keller (left) and Dennis Farrar (right) having a little chat as Dennis comes off the field between innings at the Annual Spring Fling held on February 28, 2013 at Liberty Field in Sun City West, Arizona. Was Dennis questioning a call Ray made or was he telling Ray that he had to stretch out his medium shirt to even get in on? ★

NATIONAL LEAGUE SPRING FLING TOURNAMENT 2013

~ Bob Williams, NL Tournament Coordinator ~



The National League Spring Fling was held at Liberty Field, February 28 and March 1 with eight teams putting on a great show for the fans. The fling has flung and it was good, and it was my privilege to be the coordinator again this year.

Congratulations to Larry Reed's Championship Desert Suns, Dennis Horvath's second place Aces, Roger Stone's third place Volcanoes and Pat Cooke's fourth place Stampedeers. The other managers were Lyle Bakken, Wayne Mitchell, Rich Collings and Carol Bowden. Both new and old managers did a great job! Thanks to all the players who stepped up to make this such a success and to all the fans who cheered us on.

Any event like this takes many pairs of hands and volunteers to make it a success. Special thanks to my wife, Kay. Thank you to Ken Skinner and Ron Blackwell for officiating the consolation and championship games. A special thanks to Jim Tramel and Duane Newkirk who spent two days scorekeeping and running the scoreboard and to Vic Gotelaere who announced several of the games. Thanks also to Dennis Farrar for all of his work in the booth and on the field and to our two field managers, Ken Skinner and Dennis Horvath.

Thanks to Don and Linda Swanson, Gary and Kathy Beymer, Carol Ottum, Elaine Boldt (who cooked all day both days!), Jan Peterson and Sharon McAndrews who helped us set up, cook and clean up. You ate us out of house and home: we went through 480 hot dogs and buns, 300 bags of chips, 6 flats of brownies, 3 cases of water and 350 cans of soda and tea. I think a good time was had by all!

Kay would like to thank her National League Angels who sold Angels merchandise on Thursday. They were Sylvia Johnson, Lorraine Frey, Karen Downes, Jan Carino, Martha Emmons, Gladys Harrison, Laurell Ostrow, Pam Sevier and Ann Mitchell. Special thanks to Ann for scheduling the ladies who worked.

Our apologies to anyone we may have missed, but we are extremely grateful. This was a fabulous tournament and we could not have done it without you! ★

ANNUAL VET'S TOURNEY ON CALENDAR

— Jim Keinath, Sun City Club President —

The 3rd Annual Vet's Tournament is scheduled for November 9, 2013 at Sun Bowl Field in Sun City. You will be able to sign up at either field or under "events" on the web site. More information will be posted on the tournament as it becomes available.



We are looking for "dates served" for all veterans so we can honor them by the era when they served our country. We had no women participate last year and we are encouraging women to sign up also. The tournament will again be open to first responders (police and firemen) as it was last year.

Please put your name on all bats and gloves and other equipment to make it easier to get them back to you should they be left at the field. ★

SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB UPDATE

~ Bob Dobbins President ~

The SCW Board met with the Rec Center on Wednesday March 13, 2013 to discuss the formation of a Sun City West League in addition to the comingled league. The Rec Center has approved this request and the SCW board has scheduled an "Informational meeting" on Monday April 1, 2013 at 6:30 pm at Palm Ridge Rec Center. This meeting is to discuss the formation of this new league and answer any questions that may be asked. This would be a great meeting for all of our new club members to attend to learn more about our club.



There is also a General Membership meeting on Wednesday April 10, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Lecture Hall. At this meeting we will conduct club business including voting on the new SCW League. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending these two important meetings. ★

IS THIS THE NEW TECHNOLOGY?



...and who will be the recipient of this masterpiece?

FOOD BANK

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

~ Julie McGlynn & Carol Bowden ~



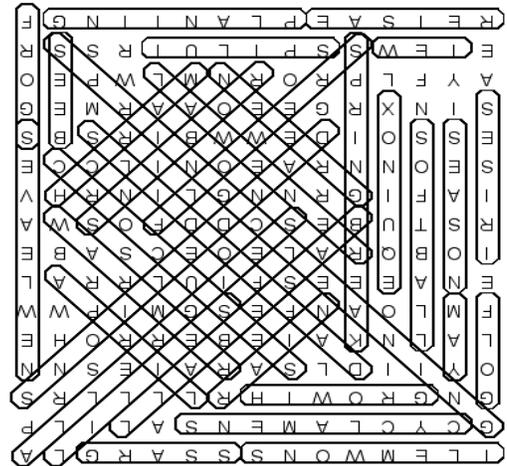
Nearly 750 lbs of food has been donated to the Valley View and the St Mary's Food Banks since November. If you're a Snowbird heading back home soon, drop off your unexpired food items. Donations will be

accepted until April 12. A big "THANK YOU" to everyone! ★

❧ Old Chinese Proverb ❧

Hard work without talent is a shame, but talent without hard work is a tragedy.

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

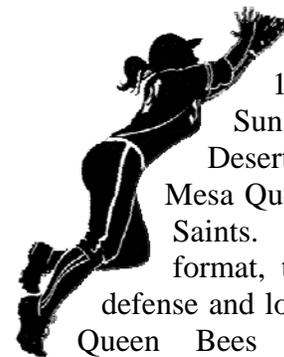


Remember ~ NO CHEATING?

The hidden sentence is: APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

HOT FLASHES TOURNEY

~ Carol Bowden ~



The HOT FLASHES hosted a 6 team tournament March 16, 17. The teams included; Sun City Grand Diamonds, Mesa Desert Stars, Surprise Sassy Sisters, Mesa Queen Bees and Phoenix Golden Saints. With a double elimination format, there were lots of hits, good defense and lots of games. On Saturday, the Queen Bees and the Diamonds were eliminated. That meant on Sunday, it was anyone's tournament to win. It came down to the final game of our own HOT FLASHES vs. Sassy Sisters. In the end, the game finished 7-4 for Sassy. A great tournament was played and watched. Thank you's go to all our fans, Tex Wells and his bar-b-que crew plus Nancy Dobbins and all of her volunteers in the umpiring crew. Our tournament manager, Peg Barcelo, did an excellent job of securing the teams and working with the SCW softball board to make sure the tournament was a special event for all involved. Great fun, good times, good friends.

The HOT FLASHES will play their last 2 games of the season on April 6 and 12 at Liberty Field. Both games begin @ 10am. Again thanks to all for making our season special! ★

SUN BOWL FIELD RENOVATION

~ Jim Keinath, Sun City Senior Softball Club President ~



The Sun Bowl Field is scheduled for renovation starting April 8. The American League game scheduled for the Thursday April 11th will be played at **Sun Bowl on Monday April 1st**. The National League games scheduled for Tuesday April 9th will be played on **Monday April 8th at Liberty Field**. The times for all games in both leagues remain as scheduled. Our thanks to both Bob Dobbins and Rich McAndrews for working with us while our field is down for renovation. The contractors are going to remove 6 inches of infield dirt and will replace it with an infield mix similar to what is currently being used at the Rio Vista fields off Thunderbird just west of the 101 expressway. The slope of the outfield will also be similar to the Rio Vista fields. We have requested a Bermuda grass be planted in the outfield that goes dormant early to help with reseeding in Sept. – Oct. We have also requested that the fence be higher to make the walking track around the field safer. That is currently out for bid, but has not yet been approved by the RCSC board. We are expecting our renovated field to be finished in time for a normal start in the fall. ★

THANK YOU SPONSORS

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A **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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