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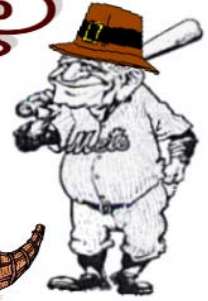
SENIOR SOFTBALL NEWSLETTER

Sun Cities Senior Softball
NEWS Beyond the HITS and RUNS



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Happy Thanksgiving



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

November 2013

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OUT WITH THE OLD; IN WITH THE NEW

~ SUN BOWL FIELD GETS AN EXTREME SUMMER MAKEOVER ~

~ Dennis Farrar ~



~Photo by Dennis Farrar

The newly painted clubhouse from the parking lot.



~Photo by Dennis Farrar

Towards right field, the first base dugout and grandstands.



~Photo by Dennis Farrar

Towards left field & third base dugout. See the higher fencing around the field now.

The biggest news happening over most of the summer months while many of you were gone was ... Sun Bowl Field in Sun City, Arizona received a must needed update. "Out with the old; In with the new". The outfield was redone, the dugouts made larger, a higher outfield fence, and other needed items were addressed as well. This is a great improvement of what we played on in the past. Special thanks to the Sun City Softball Board and the Sun City Recreation Board for getting this accomplished. I know all of us will be looking forward in playing the Annual Veteran's Day Tournament (*read more p. 4*) which will be held on November 9. This day will also be a new grand opening celebration in which many dignitaries and special announcements will be part of this milestone event. Everyone is welcome to participate, so, whether you are eligible to play the games that day or not ~ come on out and enjoy the fun, food and all the festivities that are planned. ★

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**SUN CITY SOFTBALL CLUB GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
Monday, November 4
11 AM
Talisman Hall
10433 Talisman Road
(Lakes East Golf Course.)
Sun City, Arizona

☞ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ☜

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

November 9, 2013 (Saturday)

**– 3rd Annual Vets & First Responders Games
Sun Bowl Field • Sun City**

Contact Jim Keinath (623) 399-8055 or email Jim at: jimkeinath@gmail.com for more information.

November 19, 20 & 21 (Tue., Thu. & Fri.)

**– Annual Angels "Toys for Kids" Drive
Liberty Field • Sun City West**

Please bring an unwrapped new toy (or 2) with you to the game. Angels will be waiting at the tables on the sidewalk near the parking lot at Liberty Field to take your gifts or cash donation (in case you want us to shop for you). Gifts are needed for toddlers to teens. For more information contact Kay Williams at: (623) 566-2895 or email Kay at: kwil30680@cox.net.

December 11, 2013 (Wednesday)

**– "2nd Annual" SCW Christmas Party
Briarwood Country Club • Sun City West**

This is the second Annual Christmas Parties. There will be a cocktail hour, dinner and dancing.. For more information contact Nancy Dobbins (623) 792-8993 or email Nancy at: nldobbbs@msn.com.

December 27-28, 2013 (Thursday ~ Friday)

**– "One Pitch" Fun Day Tournament
Liberty Field • Sun City West**

This will be a one pitch games just like last year. There will be lots of fun, food, and fellowship. Contact Rich McAndrews or Art Nelson for more information.

February 1-2, 2014 (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 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 27-28, 2014 (Thu.- Fri. - Sat.)

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

More information will follow when available.

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.



**TOYS FOR KIDS
NOVEMBER
19 AND 21
LIBERTY FIELD
SUN CITY WEST**

**NOVEMBER 22
SUN CITY FIELD**

**Please bring a new unwrapped toy
or cash donation to brighten
the holidays for boys and girls
in our community this year.
Gifts are needed for all ages -
toddlers to teens.**

*Thank you in advance from Angels in the
Outfield and the children of the West Valley*

ANNUAL CLUB DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY

~ Dennis Farrar ~



This is only a reminder that your Annual Softball dues of \$25.00 must be paid during the month of January.

Any dues received after

January 31st 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 a Board Member.

Sun City West Club should make check payable to Sun City West Softball Club and give your check to a Board Member. ★

Special Note: Please do not start paying your dues until after December 1. Checks will be deposited after that. Thank you.

Angels in the Outfield

...a heartline for our softball family

~ Kay Williams, Chairperson ~



Welcome back to all the players who spent the summer where it was supposed to be cooler, greener, wetter, stormier, etc. and to all the Sunbirds who weathered our heat in Arizona.

Hope everyone had a great summer as we now look forward to the start of the Fall softball season.

Angels have a great web page. Just go to azsrssoftball.com and click on Organization, scroll down to Angels, single click and you will find the latest news about your fellow players. Other links will take you to the photo gallery, the Current Angels link gives you a list of those wives, significant others and players to contact to report player incidents or you can email me information by going to Contact Angels. Also check the bulletin boards at both fields to read the news about our softball family. (We only post items on the web page with players/family approval.)

Once again we will be selling our Angels logo hats, SCW hats and greeting cards. Support the Angels by buying our merchandise or with your cash donations. The monies are used for \$50 memorials when a player passes away, cards, stamps and other operating expenses.

We can always use more Angels to be our eyes and ears at the games, send cards, help with the toy drive, assist with special events at both fields, etc. Please call me at (623) 566-2894 if you would like to get involved. ★

HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY



November 11, 2013



TOYS FOR KIDS 2013

~ Kay Williams, Chairperson ~

Can you believe it is time to start planning for our annual toy drive at Liberty Field? Once again we will be working with the Sun City West Women's Club on this project. This year the Women's Club has asked for our input on where these gifts should go. **If you have a charity or group that would benefit from our donations, please let me know by November 10 and I will forward it to them.**

The **American League** drive will be at Sun City West on Tuesday, **November 19** and the **National League** drive will be at Sun City West on Thursday, **November 21. There will also be a National League collection on November 22. NOTE: The Friday drive will be held in SUN CITY.** Please bring an unwrapped new toy (or 2) with you to the game. Angels will be waiting at the tables on the sidewalk near the parking lot at Liberty Field to take your gifts or cash donation (in case you want us to shop for you). Gifts are needed for toddlers to teens.

Please contact me if you would like to work a shift at the tables on either day . I also need workers at 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 5 to work at the Women's Club to help put out the toys for the party on December 6 when Santa arrives about 10 am to visit the children from Nadaburg School.

On December 6 they will be distributing toys to needy children in our area.

Last year we set a record by donating 39 bags of toys, 23 bicycles and \$900 1,330 in cash. I challenge you to top that!

Help us show the children of our area the generous spirit of Sun Cities softball players! ★

From the President

~ Bob Dobbins, President ~

The fall 2013 session is rapidly approaching and everyone is getting the "itch" to get back on the field. We have had a lot of new player's coming during the summer months and will have record numbers of players for the fall.



The sound system has been installed and sounds great. We will now have a tablet upstairs to access the music on the computer. The club has approved netting to be added to the right field fence to protect the neighbor's houses. This will be raised before American League games and lowered after the games. It will also be used when batting practice takes place.

I would like to personally welcome back all the snow birds and all the new players. I know everyone is excited about starting a new year. ★

IT COMMITTEE UPDATE

~ Rick Fish, Chairman ~

The IT Committee reminds all SOFTBALL players that they can keep up to date on the news and current events around softball electronically by checking the following:

1. Make sure that your contact information is kept current and that you are subscribed to the E-News if you want to receive electronic updates. Simply go to www.azsrssoftball.com and click on the "[Click HERE to Subscribe to the Sun Cities Senior Softball League E-NEWS](#)" and type in your email address.
2. If your phone number, address or email address changes...update your new information with your league administrator (Bob Dobbins-American League, Rich McAndrews-National League, Barb Waddell-CoEd League, Carol Bowden-Women's League, or Carl Johnson-70's League). All CONTACT information can be found on the Contacts page of our website. ⇨

3. Sign-ups for EVENTS can be made ONLINE under Events
4. If you want to be listed in the Members Directory, make sure your information is current with Dennis Farrar (editor@myselfonline.us). Pictures are taken at the start of each non-summer session for posting...so, contact Dennis. ★

3rd ANNUAL VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS GAMES

~ Jim Keinath, Chairman ~



Welcome one and all to the 3rd Annual Veterans' and First Responders Games, being held in conjunction with the Grand Re-Opening Celebration at Sun Bowl Field. The festivities are scheduled for November 9, 2013 beginning at 8:30 AM at the Sun Bowl field in Sun City. (107th Ave. and Clair- 1 block South of Peoria). The activities are expected to last all day.

If you are a Veteran or a First Responder and wish to play, please go on-line to www.azsrssoftball.com and sign up under events or contact Jim Keinath.

Even if you don't intend to play, please come help honor our Veterans and First Responders and celebrate the re-opening of our newly renovated field.

A picnic lunch will be provided (donations accepted), along with a few other surprises.

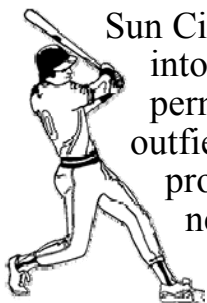
The Sun City Softball Club requests that you bring any unneeded, gently used clothing or new socks or underwear to donate to needy Vets.

Players and spectators are encouraged to wear baseball caps supporting their service branch or affiliation. It would also be fun to see a photo of you "back in the day". ★

Hope to see you there!

BATTING CAGES

~ Ron Eppley ~



Sun City West softball club is looking into two (2) batting cages to be permanently installed behind the outfield fence at Liberty field. This project will cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000. Some concerns are security, maintenance, usage, costs to use, noise, etc. Currently the closest slow pitch batting cages are at Rio Vista sports pavilion on Thunderbird Drive. Very few of our club members go there, it's considered to be just a little far to go. Several machines have been looked at on line and the only one that could be found with a pitching arm and could use our seamed balls was the Iron Mike-MP4. A committee consisting of Ron Eppley, Bob Dobbins, Rich Fish and Ken Skinner has been established for this project. If a club member has suggestions or concerns please contact a committee member. ★

~ In Memoriam ~

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

Floyd Carley	May 25
Wesley Honer	June 30
Jerry Manguso	August 5
Jack Markle	August 10

Over the summer we have lost the following wives of our members:

Jan Murray	April 24
Mary Lou Shriver	May 5
Chris Huett	July 19
Phyllis Freeman	August 2
Stephanie Lerch	September 17
Sharon Cooke	September

ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELDS CONTACTS

Kay Williams	Angels Chairman	623-566-2894
Ann Mitchell	Angels Co-Chairman	623-214-6302
Bob Renberg	Chaplain	623-544-9572

National League

Elaine Boldt		623-374-6239
Karen Downes		623-680-3216
Joe Emmons	National League Rep	623-243-7576
Gladys Harrison		623-566-4845
Barbara McCart		623-556-1248
Ann Mitchell		623-214-6302
Linda Swanson		623-584-4178

American League

Carol Davelis		623-594-7576
Ron Johnson	American League Rep	623-815-9893
Sharon LeMoine		623-975-9291
Sherrie Marchetti		623-476-7741
Mary Nelson		623-556-9263
Jan Peterson		623-584-3265

FOOD BANK

~ Carol Bowden & Julie McGlynn ~

NOVEMBER IS

CANNED FRUITS & VEGGIES MONTH



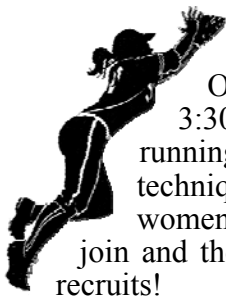
Now that the softball season has started, it is time to get the food bank collection going! A box will be at both Liberty Field and the new & improved (beautiful!) Sun City field.

Julie McGlynn will be collecting items each week to take to either the West Valley Food Bank in Sun City or the St. Mary's Food Bank in El Mirage. As always, any donation is welcome, no matter what it is! Thank you for being generous, thoughtful and blessed with bounty! ★

Nov. - canned fruits & vegetables
 Dec. - cereals, breakfast foods
 Jan. - pastas, sauces
 Feb. - soups & stews
 Mar. - peanut butter and jelly

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

~ Carol Bowden ~



The HOT FLASHES will begin their new season on Monday, Oct. 28 with a practice from 1:30-3:30. Glove skills, drills, batting, running and timing are only a part of the techniques we work to improve. All women in the Sun Cities are eligible to join and the team is always looking for new recruits!

Our first game will be Nov. 16 @ SCG, 2pm. It will be a 9-inning game! Our intense rivalry with the team from SCG will provide an enjoyable experience for the spectators. The remainder of our games with them is as follows:

- Dec. 14 @ SCW
- Jan. 11 @ SCG**
- Feb. 8 @ SCW
- Mar. 8 @ SCG**
- Apr. 5 @ SCW

Games are, also, being scheduled with teams from the Mesa area. Hopefully, Ozzy's Half-Pints will be up to the challenge again this winter! (Throwing down the gauntlet, Ozzy)!

Our annual tournament will be March 15, 16. We will host 5-8 teams for a weekend of competitive fun. ★

Come and watch! We are awesome!

American League Committee

~ Bob Dobbins, Chairman ~

The American League Committee has been working very hard during the summer and early fall to get ready for the fall session. The American League and the National League combined for the 2nd and 3rd summer sessions. The pitching screen was mandatory in both sessions.

Both committees worked on coming up with playing dates and days of play if the vote is approved to form a Sun City West League. If this happens there will have to be separate committees for the SCW League and the Co-mingled league. Summer play would stay comingled even if a SCW League is approved.

The American League Committee has changed a few rules starting the fall session. The mercy rule will be changed from 15 to 12. Courtesy runners will be the player who made the last out. If a player leaves a game due to non-injury there will be no penalty. ⇨

All committee members will help in enforcing the rules. The fall session will have 14 teams of 10 players. We will not play with a rover this session. We look forward to the start of a new and exciting season. Good luck to everyone. ★



Sun City West Softball Club Christmas Party

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
Grandview Terrace

14515 W Granite Valley Dr. ~ Sun City West, AZ

Cocktail Hour 5:00-6:00pm

Dinner 6:00pm

~ **MENU** ~

Chicken Oscar or Filet
Twice Baked Potato
Vegetable Medley

Salad
Dessert

BYOB

Door Prizes

Dancing with "The 8 Tracks Band"
7:00pm – 10:00pm

Price \$30.⁰⁰

Visit our website to print out the flier for the dinner selection and payment information.



~ Dennis Farrar ~

Like many of you, going to the dentist is not my favorite destinations, but regular dental hygiene is a must for all of us. I recently changed dentists after issues with my previous dental experiences here in Sun City West. I am so glad I made the change. My wife Terese really enjoyed her experience and so I said why not? She received a \$25.00 discount for referring me. They take many insurance's like mine, and I know what my costs will be for covered and non covered procedures before it's done.

Dr. Santoch Saini and staff made me feel so comfortable and were very professional in their manner. No one in the office made me feel ashamed or belittled. I know by having this professional demeanor and attitude towards their patients they will be very successful here. When you go in you will be greeted with friendly smiles from the staff. You will also see that they are a team sponsor by their team pictures of many of you on the wall. Be sure to tell them that you are a softball player. They are all sporting pink (white) shirts in support and participation of breast cancer awareness month. Stop by the office and see Beth for more details.

If you don't have a dentist or you have had an experience like me. Let me suggest that you give them a chance to gain your trust. They have mine, and I'm glad I made the change. THANK YOU! ★



Left to right: Beth (Front office coordinator), Pamela (Front office coordinator), Diane (Back office manager), Jacque (Hygienist), Gwen (Hygienist), Julie (Hygienist), Dr. Saini, Kathie (Doctor Assistant), & Mike (Office manager). ©

NATIONAL LEAGUE RULE CHANGES EFFECTIVE OCT. 29, 2014

~ Rich McAndrews, NL Committee Chairman ~

Listed below are the **major rule changes** for the National League.

2. Substitutes

Substitutes F. Exception No. 2 - **Added to the Rule. If a team has 12 players whose pitcher is missing and no other player can pitch. Manager may substitute for the pitcher only. Rule 2D applies.**

Substitutes I. Exception No.5 - **Will be deleted from the rules.** - Rule allowed managers to substitute for a one (1) rated player when team strength dropped below twelve (12).

Substitutes M. - **changed to read - Substitute players maybe placed anywhere in the lineup.**

3. Courtesy Runners

G. - Addition - A courtesy runner from home or any base must be the player making the last out. If no outs are recorded it would be the last batter not on base.

7. Pitchers Screen (Optional)

Both Sun City and Sun City West Softball Clubs will provide a pitchers screen to be used by the pitcher should they choose to do so. Should opposing team pitcher not want to use the screen, the team using the screen are required to remove screen from the mound and place along fence by the on deck circle in a timely manner.

A batted ball hitting the screen is a dead ball strike. If you hit the screen twice in the same at bat you are out. Balls thrown into the screen are live. The screen must be in line with the edge of the pitchers rubber and can be a maximum of 4' in front of the rubber. Pitchers can be defensive and field any ball they can. If a pitcher is hit with a batted ball, live ball, no penalty.

As you know our rules are posted on the web site and we would encourage all players to take the time to read them. It is the N. L. committees hope that all pitchers think seriously about using the screen. However, if you do use the screen it **must** be used correctly. Which would include the pitcher stepping behind the screen once he or she has delivered the pitch. ★

AS I SEE IT!

~ Dennis Farrar ~



This year will mark my ninth season as your Newsletter Editor. Thank you all who have helped make each season a memorable one. Many of you have taken the time to send in your articles for publishing. The Batter Up newsletter would not be the same without you. So I hope that all you will remember to thank them as you pass each other on the field. Their names are listed at the top of each article.

Something new! I now have added a QR (Quick Response) code in the header at the top of each newsletter going forward. You will now be able to scan and download a "pdf" copy of the newsletters with your mobile devices. Try it out. Enjoy this addition to your newsletters, and thank you for your continued support. Now you can read and save your newsletters on-the-go. Have fun!

"Batter Up"! Can you believe we are all saying that now? As you pick up this newsletter you are probably playing ball at either Liberty Field in Sun City West, or the Sun Bowl Field in Sun City. Speaking of Sun Bowl Field; it has had a complete makeover this summer while many of you were gone. Please thank the Sun City Recreation Board and the Sun City Softball Club Board for getting this much needed improvement. This being said, Liberty Field has been ongoing some patch and repairs too. Like some of you, I thought the artificial turf would have held up better, but I guess playing on it almost every day doesn't help preserve it as well. We can all be grateful that we play at our age. Who would have imaged that the game of softball would be in our mind after retirement.

Many of the "older" and new players are taking the field this session and some will return by the year's end or early January. Please welcome them to our league and remember to it shouldn't be all about winning. Play with integrity, by the rules and let's all have fun with each other.

Finally, my wife Terese and I would like to wish all of you a Happy and bountiful Thanksgiving holiday. Always be thankful and grateful each and every day, it could be your last.

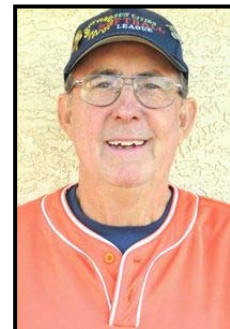
That's how I see it. Have a great game and get home safe. ☺

— Editor ✍

PHOTOS CAMPAIGN RESUMES

~ Dennis Farrar ~

Being involved in the Membership Search on the web site I'll be on a campaign to take pictures of all the new players that have joined or softball leagues when play resumes. I will also be taking pictures of those players I may have missed last year. I hope that all of you will cooperate in this ongoing endeavor. The pictures will be taken at Liberty Field in Sun City West on regular league game days and are used by the team managers and the Angel in the Outfield for "in-house" purposes only. Thank you for your cooperation. ★



PROPER UNIFORM CARE

To preserve the life of our team jersey's there are several washing instructions that you should adhere to.



- Please do not use bleach.
- Turn jersey inside out when washing.
- Do not use fabric softener.
- Hang dry instead of using dryer.

~ Thank You ~

Editor's Note: Also just as important, please **remember to button or snap your pants at the top and zip the zippers too** so as not to snag the thread of your jerseys during the washing.

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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Arvid & Kay Peterson Realtors ©
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A-Z Denture Center
AZ Smiles Dentistry
Bashas'
Bell Ford
Bell West Chiropractic
Brenda's Kitchen
Bug Stuff
Camino Del Sol Funeral
Camino Eye Care
Canyon State Air
Caufield Law
Convenience Carpet Cleaner
Cool Touch
Cooler Tymes
Cranstoun Ct Jewelers
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YOU CAN FIND OUR SPONSOR'S BUSINESS CARDS IN RACK AT LIBERTY FIELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE

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.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE JANUARY 15, 2014

HALL OF FAME

Nomination Form

I would like to nominate:

Comments:

Submitted by:

Date
