



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

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~ BATTER UP GETS NEW EDITOR ~

~ AFTER 12 YEARS & 78 ISSUES DENNIS FARRAR TAKES A WALK ~

~ Lorali Holt ~



LORALI HOLT

~ Photo by Dennis Farrar

Hello! As I sit here contemplating how to introduce myself in an article for the Batter Up Senior Softball Newsletter, I am thinking to myself what would Dennis write? But, as the incoming editor of this wonderful resource and informational paper, Dennis reminded me that I must use my own voice, and write in my own style. So, here goes:

My name is Lorali Holt, pronounced LoraLee, all one word. I am a retired school teacher from Newman Lake, Washington, a beautiful community right on the border between Spokane, Washington and Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. My husband Eric and I came down to the Phoenix area two years ago for a quick weekend visit, kind of a fact finding mission as we began to think about where we would like to spend our winters in the future. Well, to make a long story short, we made an offer on the third house we visited and as we sat at the airport that night our realtor called to say it was accepted. Because I was still teaching,

we spent a total of two weeks down here that year. Last year was a true year of discovery for us. I immediately wanted to join every club, visit every pool, and learn to play pickle ball. Eric just wanted to golf! Then I discovered Liberty Field! Woohoo, as the mother of two sons, my springs and summers had always been packed with ballgames and here was a ball field practically in my own backyard. I was hooked and couldn’t wait to watch more softball. As a former volleyball player and cheerleader, I was nervous about joining a team, but I knew I wanted to play. Thank you Senior Softball for giving me that chance and thank you to all of the men and women of the Coed and National Leagues for being so patient, so kind, and for inviting me into this wonderful softball community. I am loving it!!! *Read more... p.2*

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FINAL REMINDER –

2016 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 place in an envelope and deposit in the mailbox.

Sun City West Club should make check payable to Sun City West Softball Club and place in an envelope and deposit in the mailbox. ★

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

February 6, 2016 (Saturday)

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

This is the 10th Annual. Contact Ken Skinner at (623) 546-8983 or email Ken at ken@azsrssoftball.com for more information. Only players who have had a cardiac event are eligible to play. This event is open to all league players. So sign up early.

March 24, 2016 (Thursday)

– SCSL Hall of Fame Banquet Palm Ridge Recreation Center • Sun City West

Contact Dick LeMoine at (623) 760-5456 or email Dick at lemoineaz@aol.com.

April 3, 2016 (Sunday)

– Tin Cup Golf Tournament (2 golf courses) Deer Valley & Grandview • Sun City West

Contact Dick LeMoine at (623) 760-5456 or email Dick at lemoineaz@aol.com for more information or to volunteer.

Editor's Note:

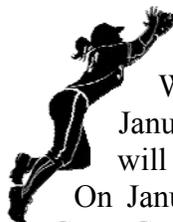
Every effort has been made to include upcoming events on this calendar. Please check the web calendar as it may be updated more frequently. Thank you.

Batter Up Gets New Editor cont'd...

As I mentioned, I have two sons, Zach and Keith, a daughter-in-law named Megan, a soon to be daughter-in-law named Caitlin, and as of last June, I am finally a grandma! I love to watch baseball and football, live or on TV. The Seahawks and Mariners are my teams, but the Greenbay Packers are a legacy in my family and the Gonzaga Bulldogs men basketball team can count me as there number one fan! Enough about me, I can't wait to learn more about all of you, so please stop by to say hello and let me learn more about you and Senior Softball. ★

WOMEN'S LEAGUE HOT FLASHES

~ Carol Bowden ~



The Hot flashes have a very busy schedule over the next three months.

We will be playing at Liberty Field on January 9th and also on the 23rd, at 9am. We will play two games on each of those dates.

On January 16th -17th, the team will travel to Casa Grande to compete in a tournament. In February, the team will be playing on the 13th and 17th, followed by more games in March!

Practices are on Fridays at about 2 o'clock. All women are welcome to join us. ★

FOOD BANK

~ Carol Bowden & Julie McGlynn ~

There is no food bank any longer. There are other opportunities if you want to continue to donate.

Thank you again and again



CO-ED LEAGUE UPDATE

~ John McFarland, Commissioner ~

We are still looking for women to play in the Co-Ed League, Any skill level. We have lots of people who are willing to work with the women to make them feel very wanted and to improve their skills. Please contact me if you are interested at (623) 556-5694. ★

Good pitching will beat good hitting any time, and vice versa.

~ Bob Veale, 1966

2015 ANGELS FINAL TOY DRIVE RESULTS

~ Kay Williams, Chairperson ~



Dennis and Judy Raczak are greeted by Pam Willie as they donate a beautiful girls bike.



Two of Santa's best elves, Carol Stannard (left) and Elva Rodriquez (right), collect more toys.



Pam Wille and Co-Chair Gwen Keinath admire two new bicycles donated by one of our players.



Kathy Goings and Linda Peterson work during the American League games on Tuesday.



Loads of toys for girls and boys!

A Big
**THANK
YOU!**



Kay Williams, Angels In The Outfield Chairperson

2015 FINAL TOY DRIVE RESULTS

I am happy to report the final results for the 2015 toy drive. We had an excellent response. Our totals for this year are:

- Seven new bikes (last year we had 12)
- Twenty-three 39-gallon bags of toys and diapers and other items for newborns to five year olds (last year we had 18)
- \$1,601 in cash (\$1,801 last year in 2 days) The cash was used to purchase thirty-eight, \$25 super market gift cards, and 29 additional gift cards to restaurants and movies.

From 2007 to 2015 Sun Cities Senior Softball players have contributed 282 trash bags full of toys, 37 new bicycles and \$8,690 in cash used to purchase toys, clothing and gift cards.

This year's donations were distributed to children and families served by Dysart Community Center, El Mirage Family Health Center, 2 Nadaburg elementary schools, and an Army veteran's group that provides assistance to the families of deployed service men and women and the VFW.

This drive would not be possible without the help of our Angels who worked 3 days to take your toys and your money. Special thanks to my Co-Chairs Ann Mitchell and Gwen Keinath for all of their assistance scheduling volunteers and working the drive. Angel volunteers this year were: Carol Davelis, Elva Rodriquez, Carol Stannard, Bonnie Eckardt, Mary Ann Miller, Jan Kolacek, Carol Rigsby, Sharon LeMoine, Karen Downes, Pam Wille, Judy Raczak, Stacy Goings, Linda Peterson, Carolyn Lavis, Alise Ford, Sharon McAndrews, Mo Klein, Sally Wicketts, Charlotte Mulkins, Ginger Welch,

Laurell Ostrow, Bev Sandberg, Gladys Harrison, Ann Gay and Dottie Colli.

Thanks to our players, spouses and fans for opening your wallets and your hearts, once again demonstrating your generous spirit. You are the best!

Once again you brought smiles to many area families!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

OUR SPONSOR HELP FUND PROJECTS... PLEASE SUPPORT THEM

~ Ron Eppley, Advertisement / Sponsor Committee ~



Our club has done and continue to do many projects to the softball field which has added to the playing condition and appearance of the field. These upgrades would not

be possible without our sponsors contributions. I'm asking that you take a look around at the billboards, banners and the team sponsors so you know what service is represented. Then patronize them and when you do please let them know you are from the softball club. When it comes renewal time it will make my job much easier knowing that their advertisement money is well spent.

There are business cards in the clubhouse for all our sponsors, so if you may need their service please stop by the clubhouse and pick up one of their cards. Thanks. ★

YOU MAKE THE CALL

~ Dan Burke, Umpire ~

The runner crosses over the Strike Mat.

YOU MAKE THE CALL.

Answer in this newsletter. Can you find it?



AS I SEE IT!

~ Dennis Farrar ~



Good news! I'm sure a lot of you have heard already ... We have a new Batter Up Newsletter editor. Yea! Her name is Lorali Holt. A retired school teacher who just can't wait to get her fingers moving again. Thank you Lorali for stepping up. I know that all the players appreciate that.

In the beginning, I will be assisting Lorali making the transition so keep those articles coming in. Many of you have spoken. I know that there is a desiring need for the newsletter because many of your comments to me have been that you hated to see the newsletter go and it probably won't be missed until you don't get one anymore. Thank you all for your support and well wishes. I know that Lorali will have some new and refreshing ideas and that's good. Looks like she'll be publishing her first issue in February. Please give her the same support that you have given me over the years. I wish her all the best.

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

THANK YOU SPONSORS — WE SUPPORT YOU!#

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PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS

YOU CAN FIND OUR SPONSOR'S BUSINESS CARDS IN THE RACKS IN CLUBHOUSE AT LIBERTY FIELD

YOU MAKE THE CALL: Rule 8.9 (2) crossing or touching home plate/strike mat the runner shall also be called out if he touches or crosses over any portion of either home plate or the strike mat. The ball remains alive.

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.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE JANUARY 20, 2016

HALL OF FAME

Nomination Form

I would like to nominate:

Comments:

Submitted by:

_____ Date _____