



BATTER UP

SENIOR SOFTBALL NEWSLETTER

Sun Cities Senior Softball League
News Beyond the Hits and Runs

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

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☞ WHO'S ON DECK? ☞

– SUN CITIES WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WELCOMES JUDY GRINTJES –

– Dennis Farrar –



JUDY GRINTJES

~ Photo by Dennis Farrar

Judy was born and raised in Farmersville, Illinois as Judy Aherin. She graduated from Raymond Lincolnwood High School in 1971 and Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. Judy worked for the Illinois Department of Revenue for 35 years as an auditor and manager. She married Case Grintjes in 1979, and they have two children - Nathan and Tina. Nathan lives in Glendale, Arizona and Tina is the ice box of Fargo, North Dakota. Judy's knowledge of Sun City West comes from her in-laws, they moved to Sun City in 1979 from Madison, Wisconsin for the warm weather of Arizona. Everyone in both of their families love sports and Sun City provides these activities all year round.

Judy played slow pitch softball for 40 years. It all started with her father pitching to her and her sister every night, one would hit and the other would field balls. She has played first base most of her playing days. She loves the game and the people that

she has met and plays with. Judy enjoys playing here in Sun City West with the Hot Flashes and on Farrar Chiropractic Co-ed team on Friday.

Editor's Note:

Please join me and welcome Judy and her husband, Case 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 Judy and Case for sharing a part of your life with all of us.. – Editor ☞

SUN CITY WEST
SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012



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

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

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☞ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ☞

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

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@azssoftball.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 - 6:30 pm

This will be the four 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.

CANCELLED

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@azssoftball.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@azssoftball.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@azssoftball.com for more information.

April 1, 2012 (Sunday)

– Tin Cup Golf Tournament (2 golf courses) Deer Valley & Grandview • 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.

AS I SEE IT!

— Dennis Farrar —



If you haven't had the chance to check out the YouTube videos you've missed some great events.

To get to the videos just go to www.youtube.com/azssoftball. As

I write this month's editorial there are a total of 22 videos for you to watch.

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 ☞

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 in Sun City.

Your generous donations are making it possible to pay for the new, larger (therefore more efficient) coffee urns gracing our table on 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 there we are also providing cold pop for those late, hot afternoon games. Thank you, "The Brewing Sisters", Pauline, Nancy and Mary. ★

WESTSIDE FOOD BANK FEBRUARY IS PEANUT BUTTER & JELLIES MONTH

— Carol Bowden & Julie McGlynn —

Greg Owens has begun delivery of all item collected to a food bank in Sun City. He has indicated the need is still great and they are grateful for all our donations. The generosity of the softball club is noteworthy! It is a wonderful feeling to share more than we are given. THANK YOU! ★

MAR. Canned goods



NATIONAL LEAGUE SPRING FLING TOURNAMENT 2012

— Bob Williams —



The National League Spring Fling is an eight team double elimination tournament, which will be held at Liberty Field March 1 and 2. This is not a fund raiser, but a FUN raiser for the players in a carnival atmosphere. The "Fling" gives a taste of tournament play that a lot of our players don't normally experience. Current National League rules will apply, but we will not use the 1, 1 and 1 restriction.

All National League players are encouraged to sign up. **Don't sign up unless you are available to play both days of the tournament.** You may sign up online (click on Events) or on the signup sheets located in the Club House at Liberty Field. Signups will be closed when we reach 100 players. The first 96 will be drafted to teams and the last 4 will be placed in a placement pool. Managers selected will have a player draft to create the eight tournament teams. Team shirts will be provided.

The first place team will receive special Spring Fling 2012 Championship T-shirts and the second, third and fourth place teams get token awards. Team pictures will also be taken of the top four teams. Hot dogs and soft drinks will be provided both days. We will be looking for volunteers for set up, cooking and clean up.

If you have questions or would like to help cook, please contact me at 566-2894 or you can email me at bigbadbob43@gmail.com.

Mark your calendar now so you can be part of the fun! ★

Angels In The Outfield VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

— Kay Williams, Chairperson —



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, donated items for us to raffle or sell to fund the \$50 memorials when a player passes away, 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.

There are some upcoming events where we can use some volunteers. On February 20 at 10 am Sun City West is holding a parade in celebration of Arizona's 100th birthday. The softball club will have an entry in the parade. If you would like to help or march in the parade, just let me know. Also, March 1 and 2 is the National League Spring Fling at Liberty Field. We can use folks to set up, cook and clean up both days. Just call me at 566-2894 or email me at 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. We hope to have them within a few weeks. If you want to pre-order one, just let me know. ★

SUN CITIES WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

— Carol Bowden —

The "HOT FLASHES" played their first double header at the beginning of January. Much to our chagrin, we lost both games. We continue to work on improving, both in the field and at bat. Monday practices at 12:30 help us hone our skills.

We have added several new players to our program including: Barb McDonald, Judy Grintjes, Connie Horvath, Maureen Scuderi, Stephanie Sedak and Winnie Conway. It is rewarding to see many new faces in our program and we hope the women will always feel welcome.

All of us will be traveling to Sun City Festival on Jan. 28 to play 2 5-inning exhibition games. The other teams joining us will be from Sun City Grand & Surprise. All the women traveling to Festival will be involved, so look for some spectacular play. Our hope is to encourage the women of Festival to form a team and join our west valley league. Game time begins at 12:30.

Our next double header will be played in Sun City on Feb. 4 at 1pm. Come and watch all the local talent and fun we have playing! ★

SCW SOFTBALL CLUB GETS NEW SPONSOR

— Ron Eppley, Chairman —

One of our newest Billboard sponsor "Arizona Smiles Dentistry" who is also a new National league team sponsor, has volunteered to pay \$100.00 each month to the first player who hits the "DENTIST" Billboard during a league game. So far Jim Anderson received \$100.00 for the month of December and Kent Lindberg for the month of January. Please consider this sponsor if you need dental work. ★



**Sponsor: Dr. Terry Lee, M.D. Board
Certified Radiation Oncologist**

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(Left) Dr. Terry Lee, M.D. Radiation Oncologist and (Right) Pat Cooke who is the manager for this new National League Sponsor.

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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Tin Cup Invitational 2012

Golf... Banquet... Beer Garden...Awards...Contests...

Prizes...Surprises...Silent and Live Auctions...Triple the Fun...

This will be a memorable day! Non-stop, exciting events all day long on Sunday, April 1, 2012 in Sun City West. Win a loaded Yamaha Golf Car. Get blown-away by the special surprises at the live auction. Lots of incredible prizes and surprises will be presented at the Banquet plus tournament awards. What a day! You can invite your friends too.

Arrowhead Lexus sponsors the "Tin Cup Invitational" featured annually by the Sun City West Softball Club. The Banquet is catered by the Outback Steakhouse at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center near 135th and Deer Valley Rd. It's all happening in SCW: Two golf courses, Deer Valley and Grandview; prizes for long drives, closest to the pin on all par 3s; putting for cash contest; each player can purchase a team "Mulligan;" discuss your game at the free beer garden; get lucky with "Dick's Surprise Box"; win a Yamaha golf car with custom interior, custom wheels and paint job by Desert Golf Cars (tickets are \$25 each or 8 for \$100); have fun at the Silent Auction with great choices including Ping golf equipment, Electronics , etc.; join in the excitement of the Live Auction with some very special surprise items.

Times and Formats: Sunday, April 1, at Deer Valley and Grandview: Putting contest, 9-11:00AM at both courses; Golf, shotgun start 11:30AM; Format: 4-player Scramble...standard 4-man, mixed and women's flights; Beer Garden 3:30 to 4:45PM at Deer Valley; final putt off 4pm at Deer Valley. You may make up your own foursome.

Banquet at Palm Ridge Center: Doors open for Cocktails at 5PM; Silent Auction 5-7PM; Dinner 6PM... Menu: 1) Grilled Chicken and BBQ Ribs; or 2) Vegetarian on Request. Live Auction and Surprises.

Costs per Person: Golf and Dinner \$80; Dinner only \$30; Golf only \$50.

Information and Details: Dick LeMoine, 623-975-9291 or Nancy Dobbins 623-792-8993. Reservation Forms: Liberty Field or on line at the league website azsrsoftball.com.

Participants are limited to 144 on each golf course, so sign up and pay as soon as possible. No jeans or T-shirts permitted. Dress code for dinner is casual. The entire day (golf tournament, banquet and raffle) is open to the public. Banquet attendance is not required to win the Custom Golf Car raffle.

Don't miss this remarkable day. Act Now...First Come, First Served!

John Doherty, 2/22/11, 623-544-8469