

Sun City Summerlin Softball Club

November Bulletin

Members of the Club:

We are now six weeks into our season and most of the early kinks have been worked out and things are running fairly smoothly. Thanks to all who have stepped up and in to resolve issues as they occurred. If you have a suggestion to improve operations you can bring them to the attention of your manager, commissioner, or a board member.

New Members. We welcomed 7 new members since our previous monthly bulletin, Tom Champley, Bill Dennis, Louis Gonzales, Steven Niemi, Steve Phillips, John Pribyl, and Al Youmans.

Uniforms. With an additional 14 new members since we rostered our teams in August, we have placed another uniform order to outfit our new players per their team assignments. We will distribute the shirts and hats as soon as they arrive.

Treasurer Notes. The following expenditures were incurred during October: \$268.05 for our picnic and \$91.50 on field-related expenses. Picnic costs were lower because we had some left over supplies from the Grand Opening. We also made multiple deposits of new member dues.

Scoreboard. Many thanks to John West and Specialist Real Estate for refurbishing our scoreboard with a fresh coat of paint and new lettering. John and a colleague donated the scoreboard 16 years ago and it had become faded and peeling but now looks like new. Thanks also to Rich Mohnk who cleaned the bulbs so the numbers are brighter and easier to see. We still have some electronic issues with the board and console, but we are working with the Community to make the necessary repairs.

Game Times. For now, game times begin at 8:30. We will adjust to 9:00 when the Managers and Commissioners determine the early morning temps are becoming an issue. We will announce the change by email blast the week prior to the change. Two week forecast for 89134 have early morning temps in the low 50s w/winds averaging 5 mph. We would like to begin follow-on games within 10 minutes of the earlier game concluding, so as soon as Managers have their teams ready, we will get started.

Visitor Dugout Water Fountain. We expect the fountain to be installed by the end of this month. Community Maintenance has received it and are scheduling installation.

Quarterly Field Maintenance. The SCS Board also formally approved a contract with CG&B to perform quarterly maintenance on our field for the coming year. This will involve inspecting the surface and grooming it where needed to make the surface smooth and consistent throughout the infield. Looks like the first service will be in late December or Early January and should not interfere with our activities.

Golf. Congratulations to the White team for capturing the Fall Tournament title, with 2nd place going down to the wire with the final foursome deciding the outcome in favor of the Reds. Many thanks to Comfort Keepers for providing gift certificates for closest to the pins - unfortunately, Schrambo somehow took home both certificates. Thanks to Tom Popek and Roger Van Praet for organizing this great event. Our Spring Tournament has been moved up to Thursday, March 22nd at Highland Falls due to other events and course maintenance. We encourage all members to join us for our Tuesday golfing outings at one of our great courses. Check the website for tee times and courses and come out for some friendly team competition. We play a scramble format so players of any ability can participate and contribute. There is a nominal \$ incentive which is subordinate to the trash-talking rights to the winners that week.

Picnic. Our Fall Picnic was a great success with ample food, fun, and fellowship at Desert Vista. We adjusted the time to accommodate the popular car show which several of our members participated and many attended. Thanks to all for being flexible with that and coming out that afternoon. In fact, it was so popular that we will have our Spring Picnic at 3-5 PM on Saturday, April 14th at the Desert Vista Community Center. It will be indoors to protect us from the unpredictable Spring winds which have disrupted this event in the past. Thanks to all the spouses for bringing such delicious side dishes and desserts to share...and, of course to Tom Popek and his grilling crew - Mark Walsh, Ed Schimmels, and Terry Fowler for cooking and serving.

Summit Coffee. Community Food & Beverage will be offering coffee for \$1 w/free refills so stop by for a cup and club fellowship after games and practices. You may have noticed that Rick and his crew are offering new services to increase patronage and recently the SCS Board approved some new equipment to support expanded operations, including a catering truck, ovens, etc.

Sportsmanship. Members are reminded that provisions of our Club Bylaws discourage patterns of abusive, profane, unsportsmanlike, or embarrassing behavior by anyone during our events and activities. Moreover, such behavior is an affront to fellow members and to those who attend our games, including spouses and community members who may be on the walking track. Each member is responsible for their behavior, but we expect Managers to monitor their team members and Commissioners to do the same for their Managers.

We wish for you and your team a most enjoyable season...stay healthy as we have many games to go.

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