

Sun City Summerlin Softball Club
January Bulletin

Members of the Club:

Champions! Congratulations to Gary Suggett's Grays for taking the National League first half championship with a sparkling 24-4 record! The race for second went down to the final game today with George Geyer's Whites besting Paul Flynn's Blues resulting in a tie for second with 11-17 records. Right behind a game back were Joe Griffin's Reds. In the American League, Dom Vittori's Blues took honors with a fine 18-11 record with a close second (~2 Games) going to Tom Popek's Whites and third to Terry Fowler's Reds. All teams start fresh on Monday with 0-0 records and we are hoping for tight races in both leagues. Thanks to our Commissioners, Managers, Umpires, and Vicki for an enjoyable and competitive first half.

Mid-Year Adjustments. Both Commissioners have met with their Managers and have taken steps to better balance the teams within their respective leagues for the second half of the season. No "trades" were made; rather, new or returning players were assigned to teams to fill position gaps or offset injuries. The goal was to strengthen parity while keeping teams as intact as possible. If all goes according to plan for the 2nd Half, each team will end up 14-14 and we will have playoffs both for the second half and the overall season...Thanks to the league and team leaders who accomplished this for our club and its leagues.

Membership. We welcome Hank Cluess and returning Charley Bush to our club, bringing our paid membership to 114.

Annual Club Fair. The Community will showcase its nearly 70 clubs at its annual fair on February 21. Your club will have a table to promote our activities to prospective resident members. VP Gary Kuehl will coordinate this event so let him know if you are interested in participating. More details to follow...

Treasurer Notes. The club had expenditures totaling \$369 which included additional umpire shirts, website maintenance fee, ice packs, and postage related to sponsor communications.

Annual Audit. The Club's financial records were reviewed and found to be in order and reported to the Community Association. Thanks to Al Romano for conducting the audit and to Rob Robinson and Doug Riach for keeping close track of our financial matters.

Fence Signs. You probably noticed the new distance markers on our outfield fence. We thought Mike Warzocha constructed and installed them so everyone could better see how far they hit the ball. He has denied doing this so we are in the dark. If you did this, let us know so we can acknowledge...We probably should put out a couple more for the street (375) and parking lot (450) so that FreddyC and Rob can measure their shots. Thanks to Mike for the HR +/-/Even signs that help keep things in order for the AL.

Visitor Dugout Water Fountain. After months of delay, we received word from Sun City maintenance that they expect to run the line and install the fountain in the next 1-2 weeks. We'll see and follow up until it is installed. Stay thirsty, my friends...in the meantime, visiting team players have full water rights after being thrown out at first base...all this after "installed" is a joke.

Game Times. We continue to have our first games begin at 9:00 and will continue until the weather warms and the Commissioners request a time change back to 8:30.

Weekly Summary. We are going to issue a weekly email summary of that week's game results, current standings, and the coming week's schedule to assist managers and keep players informed. We will try this through February and continue it if you find it helpful. We will include umpire assignments, Tuesday tee time reminders, and other timely information. Let us know what you think and how we might improve it.

Repeat Notice - Help Your Manager! As soon as you know that you will be missing a game, let your manager know so that he can adjust the lineup, plan fielding rotations, and arrange for a substitute(s). (Added) EVEN if you wake up in the morning and just can't pull yourself together to go up and play. Your manager will then be able to negotiate and "horse trade" with the opposing side.

Results. A reminder to the winning managers to notify Bob Altomondo of your game results so he can update the standings on the website. We will use those in sending out our Weekly Summary.

Umpiring. Thanks to all who have been serving the league as an umpire. We have more than 30 members who have volunteered to perform this necessary and thankless service on behalf of the other 85 members. It is incumbent upon all members to respect their efforts during the games and thank them afterwards. If this was an easy and fun activity, we would have 115 umpires. Don't be one of those players who makes their job even more difficult and unpleasant. Think of a season without umpires and we leave it to the catcher and infielders to make the calls...enough said!

Softball Junkies. If 2-3 times during the day each week isn't enough for you, Las Vegas has their winter leagues forming at Veterans Memorial and Lorenzi Parks. Games are in the evenings on MTWF 6:30-9:30. More info at 702-229-4616 or at recreation.lasvegasnevada.gov (Per the Summerlin insert in the Review-Journal)

Election Committee Volunteers. We are seeking two members to join VP Gary Kuehl on the Election Committee. The Committee will develop a slate of officer candidates for the annual election ballot. We would like a volunteer from each league so if you are interested, please contact Gary up at the field or give him a call at 702-321-1045.

Death Notifications. Over the years your club has been hesitant and inconsistent in notifying members of deaths in our club family. Apparently in the past announcements were made without obtaining approval from the member and/or family and so it was discontinued or not consistent from year to year and board to board. Your board has discussed this and feel it is appropriate that we do this for members and spouse/household resident IF AND AFTER receiving permission and details (wake, funeral, memorial, etc.) from our member or surviving spouse. Please contact Jim Herhusky if you learn of a current or former member or spouse passing and we will make an appropriate announcement after we have been cleared to do so.

Key Calendar Dates. Mark your calendars for the following major events:

Sun City Club Fair - Wednesday, February 21
Spring Golf Tournament @Highland Falls - Thursday, March 22 (10:00)
Spring Picnic @Desert Vista - Saturday, April 14 (3-5PM)
Election of Officers - April 24-27
General Membership Meeting & Banquet @Summit - Wednesday, May 9 (4PM Meeting/5PM Social & Dinner Buffet)

Your Board - Jim, Gary, Bob, & Rob

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