Sun City Summerlin Softball Club February Bulletin

Members of the Club:

Membership. We welcome John Coats and John Wood to our club, bringing our paid membership to 116. Within that total is a sizable group (~20) of paid members that are not regularly playing in our games due to injuries, medical conditions, lack of interest, or moved away.

Annual Club Fair. The Community will showcase nearly 70 clubs at its annual fair on February 21 at the Desert Vista Ballroom. Your club will have a table to promote our activities to prospective resident members. VP Gary Kuehl is coordinating our participation so let him know if you would like to assist. Set-up begins at 5:30 pm, the doors open at 6:15, and the fair runs until the crowd leaves. Mike Warzocha is developing a display highlighting our members, activities, and equipment.

Monthly Club Showcase. Beginning in March, the Community will be hosting a showcase for clubs to meet with new residents and promote their activities and membership benefits. The Residents Forum-sponsored monthly Happy Hours were not an effective venue for clubs to promote their activities so the new Executive Director, Mitzi Mills, is providing this new opportunity to promote club membership to new residents. More to follow as the Community puts out details.

Treasurer Notes. The club had expenditures totaling \$225 which included web site expenses, umpire gear, and sponsor notification costs.

Visitor Dugout Water Fountain. Thanks to the SCS Maintenance Department for installing the fountain the dugout. Home dugout advantage reduced for rest of season.

Game Times. Beginning next Monday, February 12, we will begin our first game at 8:30 with follow-on games starting at approximately 10:00 and 11:30 (Wednesdays).

Weekly Summary. We have received positive feedback on our weekly email. It is intended to assist managers, players, and umpires so that we minimize someone showing up at the wrong time or day for his scheduled games. If you have suggestions for additions to the summary, let us know.

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.

Election Committee Volunteers. Thanks to Tom Popek and Russ Roskens for volunteering to serve on the committee with VP Gary Kuehl. If you wish to volunteer to run for one of the 4 Board positions contact any member of the committee. Or, if you wish to nominate a fellow member for a position, please do so. The Committee will contact your nominee to determine if he is willing to serve on the board. Our election will be held up on the field during the week of April 23-27 so you may vote once (Chicago members) on a day you are playing.

Club Constitution & Bylaws. The Clubs and Community Organizations Committee (CCOC) of the SCS Board has been working on a project to lessen the Community's administrative burden on its 70 chartered clubs. Among the steps they have taken are to reduce the number of required reports and forms from 17 to 4, streamline the CCOC Procedures Manual from 25 pages to 3, and delegate more authority to club boards and members in determining how their club will operate. This will result in each club having to revise their Constitution (and associated Bylaws) to spell out in more detail how the club intends to fulfill its purpose rather than have all clubs conform to a one-size-fits-all set of procedures and rules. We welcome this opportunity and will be taking steps to review our Constitution and Bylaws and, if appropriate, propose necessary and useful revisions to our members for their vote at our General Membership Meeting in May. The CCOC will host a constitution workshop for club boards after the SCS Board approves the revised CCOC Manual at their March Meeting. In the meantime, we will send out the current club Constitution and Bylaws to each member and post them on the website for your information. These were last revised a few years ago by Jim Parker and his board so it is time for a fresh look. If you are interested is assisting your Board with their review and drafting of proposed changes, let Jim Herhusky know. We expect to begin work on this in the next couple of weeks.

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

Sun City Club Fair - Wednesday, February 21 @Desert Vista Ballroom (6:15) 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 (4

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