



Around The Horn

The Palm Creek Softball Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome

The Palm Creek Softball Executive Board is proud to present the January issue of the Palm Creek Softball Monthly Newsletter!

Our intent is to provide timely communication of events, activities and **information** that is of interest to the Palm Creek Softball members. We hope that the Newsletter along with our Sports Engine website and Facebook page will be an effective set of communication tools in the future. Please have patience with us as we learn how to bring both Palm Creek Association and League information to you!

If you have any feedback, please send it to Scott

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Bob Uecker, journeyman catcher: "I signed with the Milwaukee Braves for \$3,000. That bothered my dad at the time, because we didn't have that kind of dough to pay out, but eventually we scraped it up."

Jim Bouton, former Seattle Pilots pitcher and co-author of the best-selling baseball book "Ball Four": "Baseball players are smarter than football players. How often do you see a baseball team penalized for too many men on the field?"

Yogi Berra, New York Yankees icon, asked if a group of nude "streakers" who ran across the field were men or women: "I don't know; they had bags over their heads."



New players/volunteers In December 2023

Dave Bushong	Debbie Brundage	Debbie	John
Kirk Weidner	Keith Olson	John	Yarnell
Jerry Duruz	John Kantz	Greg	Cooke
Steve Morse	Kevin Fore		

Help Needed

January and February are busy times, and we'll need lots of volunteers. We'll be hosting several tournaments on the weekends, in addition to our league games. Please look for opportunities to volunteer on our field maintenance crew, or become an Umpire, Announcer or Scorekeeper. It takes a tremendous effort to bring several games a day, all week long for two months straight. Please lend a hand! Thanks.

The DIBS sessions are posted for the following positions: Umpire, Scorekeeper, Announcer, Rec Ball (Open/drop-in), Field Prep.

https://palmcreeksoftball.sportngin.com/dib_sessions

There are other volunteer needs also. Such as Photography and 50-50 sales at tournaments. Contact anyone on the Board using this link:

<https://palmcreeksoftball.sportngin.com/board>

News to Me?!

American "C" Division Member-At-Large Transition

We would like to thank Richard Young and wish he and his family the best of luck as he has a job opportunity in North Dakota. At the same time, we would like to welcome Lori Scott as the new American Division Member-at-Large.



The Silver Sliders were undefeated in their first tournament at Sun City West, taking gold over 6 teams from the Phoenix area! Come cheer on our very own ladies' team Saturday and Sunday January 6-7 right here at Palm Creek! The Sliders tournament is always filled with fun, lots of fans, and high-quality softball. Get ready to make some noise, cheer for your friends, grab a bite, and enjoy two full days of fun, starting at 8am! Jan 6-7





FYI

Christmas party

On December 12 at the Bistro, we had the softball Christmas party. Everyone brought Christmas goodies, snacks, and desserts. Marnie led a gift exchange game that was quite fun, and Mike Cobb led us in Karaoke! Attached is a video of the event. If you missed it, I am certain that it will become an annual event!

Youtube.com :

<https://youtu.be/csjNVNgMLjM?si=uEkk6XGg8s7Dh2ml>

FALL LEAGUE ALL STAR GAMES

Our recent (December 4,2023) inaugural ALL STAR Games were a “hit” - pardon the pun.

American League All Stars are as follows:

John Martini, Larry Kwasny, Buck Buchanon, Bill Beyer, Frank Yanez
Jerry Joseph, Dave Weaver, Lynn Dawson, Jean Louis Dumont, Irwin Olfert, Lori Scott,
Tony McClure, Tommy Petersen, Cory Lariviere
John Stark, Henry Clarke, Rob Brand, Richard Young, John Downs,
Dave Conn, Stonewall Jackson, Elden Guy
Dan Distelrath, Bryan Keller, Larry Lemelin, Tom Toothman

National League All Stars are as follows:

Randy Petersen, Marty Weis, Dale MacDonald, Mike Fox
Tim Rud, Don Treat, Greg Wojtal, Steve Bennett
Ray Lee, JJ Jordan, Jerry Lowe, Brian Webb
Jim Hurst, Larry Ginn, Allen Lundy, Brad Payne
Rick Sereda, Bill Sturgeon, Maurice Parobec, Steve Bonzer
Gary Gitmed, Kari Toivola, Chad Kearns, Ross Holcomb



OUR NEXT SPORTS EQUIPMENT PATIO SALE

Keep January 20th: 8-noon at the Sports Pavilion open on your calendar. Our December sale was a good success raising for the club \$665+1 as John Farell would say. Start rounding up all your spare sports equipment to donate or consign. Where: Sports Pavilion
When: Saturday January 20th, 8am - Noon
Who: Palm Creek Softball Club
What: Clean out your garage, closets, shed, sports bags, and drop off your unwanted sports related goods* either;

- at the softball field Tower during the week at games (except bikes)
- between 7:30-8:00am on the Saturday of the sale for:
 - o Donation
 - o Consignment Sale (20% to Palm Creek Softball Club)

* - Unwanted sports related goods such as golf clubs, pickleball paddles, bicycles, tennis racquets, softball bats & gloves. Clothing however will not be accepted.



CAN/AM WEEK

That's right, a whole week of CAN/AM activities park wide starting February 19 and ending on the 25th

This February the Annual Can/Am Softball games are expanding to a week of sport clubs competition and events. The games are being designed so that Palm Creek residents can spend the week watching and supporting their favorite sports and country.

Monday - Volleyball

Tuesday - Poker

Wednesday - Tennis

Thursday - Thaddeus Rose Band Dance in the Ballroom

Friday - Softball & Happy Hour with Mike Cobb at the Sports Pavilion

Saturday - Golf & Pickleball

Sunday - Awards Picnic at Palm Creek Park

Lawn Bowling tentatively Tuesday or Thursday

The softball club will be selling Can/Am T-shirts (below) as a fund raiser through January and February.





Winter 2024 League Schedule

Winter (YES, 2024) Regular season Play starts –January 2

NOTICE: Because of the very busy winter season, No Rec ball on Mondays.

Tournament season is here and Palm Creek is excited to host five tournaments this year.

Jan 6-7 Our Women's team, the Silver Sliders, will host Rock Shadow Queen Bees, Sun City West Hot Flashes, Sun City Twisted, and Mesa Renegades.

Jan 12-13 Our **brand new** Division 2 team, the Gila Monsters will host Robson Desert Rats, VDO Explorers, Apache Junction Roadhaven, and one more yet to be named team.

Jan 27-28 Our Division 1 team, the Vipers will host Robson Sandstorm, Saddlebrook Mustangs, Mesa Outlaws, and Mesa Misfits.

Feb 2-3 Our 70+ team, the Desert Dawgs, will host Robson 70s, Mesa Rockies, Fiesta Grande 70s, and Apache Junction Roadhaven.

Feb 16-18 Our Division 3 team, the Coyotes will host Robson Rampage, Saddlebrook Rattlers, Mesa Rockies, Fiesta Grande, and Sun City Sidekicks.



Spotlight

This Month's Spotlight person is Tim Rud. Complete story at this link:

<https://palmcreeksoftball.sportngin.com/page/show/8167653-spotlight-writeup-for-the-spotlight-section-of-the-newsletter>

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