



Camp Hilby's Doug Friesen swings away on Opening Day

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Fall Softball Season is Underway By Larry Wolfe

Our Fall Softball Season opened on October 29th and will continue through December 20th. This session's team sponsors and managers are as follows: In the Lakes Division: A-1 Golf Carts (Manager Dave Kratz), Core Consulting (Larry Maggard), First Response Roofing (Dennis Kennedy) and Young Home Team Realty (Gary Hillabolt). In the Sun Division: Camp Hilby (Marty Hobby), Redeemed Team Realty (Ron Carmichael), Spooner Physical Therapy (Mike Gloyd) and Wolfe & Associate (Kim Whitney).

The season got off to an interesting start with A-1 Golf Carts topping Young Realty on opening day by a score of 35-28 in one of the highest scoring games in recent

memory (ever?). Additionally, two players in the Lakes Division got off to incredible starts with Core Consulting's Frank Rouse opening his season by going 17 for 17 at the plate while A-1's Dan Malachuk started out going 19 for 20! Wow! Due to an early press deadline, you'll need to go to the Stats Page on our website (www.sunlakessoftball.com) for up-to-date standings and stats.

As the African proverb conveys that "it takes a village to raise a child," that phrase could also apply to running a softball league. Our Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association is administered by an elected Board of Directors. Current members are Doug Warwick (President), Vern Rodgers (Vice President), Cyndy Hilby (Secretary), Larry Wolfe (Treasurer) and Members-at-Large Dave Kratz, Bob Molter and Randy Neumann. Dennis LePore is our coordinator of umpires and scorers/scoreboard operators. Primary scorers are Cyndy Hilby, Vern and Janet Rodgers and Bob Molter with help from Gary Hillabolt and Larry Maggard. Primary umpires are Joe Byrne, Denny Davidson, Craig Porcharadt and Larry Wolfe with help from Garnet Hammer, Gary Hillabolt and Randy Neumann. Jim Entwistle is our statistician and Doug Friesen is our webmaster while Bill Jacobson and Gary Hillabolt are the field prep and maintenance crew. These volunteers are the keys to our successful program.

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Softball riddle: What's the difference between a senior softball player and a puppy? Answer: The puppy will eventually stop whining!! 😊