



Award winners Bill Stanick, Dennis McCarthy and Frank Rouse (Photo by Core Photography, LLC)

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SUMMER SOFTBALL IS HERE!

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Our second summer league began play in early May and will continue through September. We began playing “organized games” last summer with a three-team league. Due to heightened interest, this year our Summer League has expanded to five teams and the number of games scheduled has been greatly expanded. Apparently Sun Lakes can’t get enough of senior softball! Even during the dog days of summer, we still have our “Boys of Summer” out on the Field of Dreams.

The Summer League team sponsors and managers are: A-1 Golf Carts, managed by Kim Whitney; Frank Margiotta’s Farmers Insurance Agency, managed by Doug Freisen; Robson Ranch, managed by Randy Peterson; Ralph Vasquez’ State Farm Insurance Agency, managed by Jim Leckner;

and, Terry & Susan Young's Realty, managed by Rick Oien. The full Summer League schedule is posted on the Schedules Page of our website at www.sunlakessoftball.com.

Our Spring Season ended with double elimination tournaments in each of our Sun and Lakes Divisions. Tournament summaries may be found in separate articles in this edition of the *Splash*. Our annual awards were also presented during the tournaments. Congratulations to Lakes Division winners Bill Stanick (Batting Champion and Sportsman of the Year); Dennis McCarthy (Most Improved Player); and Frank Rouse (Rookie-of-the-Year). Also congratulations go out to Sun Division winners Reyes Gonzales (Batting Champion); Kim Whitney (Sportsman of the Year); Jim Leckner (Most Improved Player), and Paul Gayer (Rookie-of-the-Year).

We welcome another new advertising sponsor this month. Jim Leckner's Revelation Real Estate Agency joined our family of Sun Lakes Senior Softball supporters. In addition, Dr. Gregory Evangelista's Orthopedic Clinic renewed their sponsorship. Dr. Evangelista has been an advertiser at the Field of Dreams since 2015. Links to all of our sponsors are on the Sponsors Page of our website.

Next month's news article will include our annual "stats summary." Why are baseball and softball fans and players so preoccupied with statistics? To quote *NY Times* Pulitzer Prize-winning sportswriter Arthur Daley, "A baseball fan has the digestive apparatus of a billy goat. He can and does devour any set of stats with insatiable appetite and then nuzzles hungrily for more." Next month we'll feed the billy goat!