



President Sam Giordano with Spirit Award winners Cyndy Hilby and TJ Tjernlund (Photo by Core Photography)

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HILBY & TJERNLUND NAMED SPIRIT AWARD WINNERS By Larry Wolfe

Over 120 members and guests attended the annual Sun Lakes Senior Softball Banquet in the Oakwood Ballroom. Association President Sam Giordano acted as emcee for the program. Jesse Washington opened the program with sterling renditions of the U.S. and Canadian national anthems.

After a satisfying meal provided by the IronOaks banquet & catering staff, Sam continued the program with a brief “State of the Association” address. He then introduced the two new recently-elected Board members, Ron Carmichael and Gary Hatch. Outgoing members Mike Core and Gary Hillabolt were thanked for their years of service.

He also recognized the 2017-2018 team sponsors: A-1 Golf Carts, Brenden Financial Planning, Core Photography, Frank Margiotta's Farmers Insurance Agency, Jim Leckner's Revelation Real Estate Agency, Ralph Vasquez' State Farm Insurance Agency, Wolfe & Associates Accounting Services, and Terry & Susan Young's Realty Agency.

Mike Core, the organization's official photographer and humorist, then presented his annual entertaining slide show presentation of "The Best of Geezer Ball." Few were left unscathed!

The highlight of the program was the presentation of the annual "Spirit of Sun Lakes Softball Awards." The awards are given to those members who go "above and beyond" in support of our program. The award was initiated in 2010 with the first Spirit award earned by the late Dr. Roger Spark. This year's winners were Cyndy Hilby, scorer extraordinaire, and TJ Tjernlund, the Stats man.

Thanks to Banquet Coordinator Pat Wolfe and all of the above-named program participants.

In other news, we welcome a new advertising banner sponsor, AAA Car Buying. They are a special services division of the American Automobile Association (AAA) with Bob "Soup" Campbell the local rep. We also thank A-1 Golf Carts for renewing their advertising banner; they've been advertising at the Field of Dreams since 2003.

The following Board of Directors and Officers were recently elected for the 2018-2019 term: President Sam Giordano, Vice President Bill Corso, Secretary Steve Hilby, Treasurer Larry Wolfe and Board Members-at-Large Ron Carmichael, Gary Hatch, Jim Leckner and Jesse Washington.