

Winter League Action: L-R Outfielder Dennis McCarthy, First Baseman Bill McCoy, base runner Frank Rouse and Coach Dennis Kennedy (Photo by Core Photography)

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WOLFE & YOUNG TEAMS ARE WINTER LEAGUE CHAMPS By Larry Wolfe

The Wolfe & Associates squad, managed by Randy Rothenbuehler, cruised to the Lakes Division softball championship with a sterling record of 14-4. The Accountants bested the second place Core Photography team, managed by John Seigla, by six games. The top hitters in the Lakes Division (based upon a minimum of 120 at bats) were: Bill Stanick (.761), Dennis LePore (.748), John Seigla (.711), Al Grefsheim (.705) and Dennis McCarthy (.689).

In the Sun Division, the Young Realty team, sponsored by Terry & Susan Young and managed by Mike Gloyd, edged out the State Farm Insurance squad, sponsored by the Ralph Vasquez Agency and managed by Ron Carmichael. The Realtors finished with an 11-7 record, a game and a half better than the Insurers' 9-8 mark. The top hitters in the Sun Division (again based upon a minimum of 120 at bats) were: Steve Hilby (.786), Mike

Otman (.771), Larry Kaufmann (.767), Kim Whitney (.738) and Paul Gayer (.694).

Double elimination tournaments followed the regular season. Recaps of the two tourneys will appear in the April edition of the *Splash*. The Spring Leagues opened on February 27 and will continue into April. Check our website (www.sunlakessoftball.com) for up-to-date standings and batting statistics, as well as other news.

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We were saddened to learn of the passing of former SLSSA member and softball player Hal Mahaffey. A Celebration of Life and an informal luncheon will be held at the Palo Verde Restaurant at noon on Monday, March 19. RSVP by March 9 to Hal's wife, Dolores, at 480-895-3840 or doloreshalm@aol.com.

SAVE THE DATE! Our annual banquet will be held on Wednesday evening, March 28th. Invitations and RSVP cards will be mailed to all current members. Former members are also invited to attend. Call (480-802-2748) or email (<u>larryewolfe@msn.com</u>) if you want to be added to the invitation list.