

Tim Baldwin sprints toward first base in a recent contest. Umpire Ken Brenden follows the play while on deck hitter, TJ Tjernlund, looks on. (Courtesy of Core Photography, LLC.)

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PLAY BALL! AGAIN! By Larry Wolfe

The Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association's Winter Season opens on Tuesday, January 5th. For the first time, our league will have seven teams vying for the title. Each team plays a 24-game schedule. Team sponsors are: A-1 Golf Carts, Brenden Financial Planning, Farmers Insurance (Frank Margiotta Agency), Mutual of Omaha Bank, State Farm Insurance (Ralph Vasquez Agency), Terry & Susan Young West USA Realtors and Wolfe & Associates Tax & Accounting Services. Team managers for the Winter Season are Ken Brenden, Mike Gloyd, Gary Hatch, Gary Hillabolt, Larry Kaufmann, John Seigla and TJ Tjernlund.

Our Fall Season ended on December 17th. Entering the final week of the season, Manager Larry Kaufmann's A-1 Golf Carts team held a slim onegame lead over Manager Mike Gloyd's West USA Realty squad. The top hitters, based upon a minimum of 50 plate appearances, were Chuck Myrick (.800), Larry Kaufmann (.779), Bill Corso (.766), Tim Baldwin (.761), Chuck Swanson (.740), Dennis Bernaiche (.727), Ken Brenden (.723) and Bill Cheney (.722). Go to the Stats Page on our website (<u>www.sunlakessoftball.com</u>) to see the final team standings and the players' batting statistics for the Fall Season.

We also have a recreational program that takes place on Monday and Saturday mornings. These are informal get-togethers and include batting practice and pick-up games. Start times are at 9 a.m. See the website for more information.