



The scoreboard at the Field of Dreams will be lit up every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from now through April as we play our fall, winter and spring sessions.

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Play Ball! Again!

By Larry Wolfe

The Fall Sessions for both the Lakes and Sun Divisions “kicked off” (Oops, that’s a football term, not softball!) on October 29th and will continue through December 20th with each of our eight teams playing an eighteen-game schedule (nine doubleheaders). This session’s managers in the Lakes Division are Gary Hillabolt, Dennis Kennedy, Dave Kratz and Larry Maggard. The Sun Division managers are Ron Carmichael, Mike Gloyd, Marty Hobby and Kim Whitney. Thanks for stepping up, guys!

After a long, hot summer, opening day is like a holiday for softball players (maybe something like Christmas morning for a six-year-old?). Although nearly half of our guys played in our summer league, it’s now back to all hands on deck. Opening day isn’t just another game; there’s that little extra excitement and a faster beating of the heart. And there’s those magical words of Play Ball!

This is the start of the 35th year of league play for Sun Lakes Senior Softball. Even though our program was founded in 1985 by Jack Lander, we didn't have enough guys for a league until 1990. From 1985-1989, we had only one or two travel teams that played other senior teams throughout the Phoenix area. Then by 1990, we had enough players to form four teams and a real league. And we've been growing ever since, now with eight teams, a recreational program and a ladies' team.

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We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Billy Kee's wife, Beverly. They were married for over 43 years. Beverly was often at the Field of Dreams cheering on Billy and his teammates. She will be missed. Our condolences to Billy and his family.