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Newsletter of the Senior Women's Softball League

AROUND THE BASES

Albuquerque, New Mexico



By Michele Emberger

WELCOME SPRING / SUMMER SOFTBALL! HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!

Picture this.....Albuquerque, NM 2018....driving south on Eubank... approaching I-40, I can't help but look to the right and smile as I see the Los Altos ball fields. My eyes are mesmerized, reflecting on the fog of memories. A smile comes across my face, and I feel anticipation and excitement, like that of a child's wonder! Soon we will be out there.. playing, cheering, batting, and catching. (I don't know about the running! lol) How sweet it is! How wonderful...the smell of fresh air, the full moon over the Sandia's, and connecting with friends. Ohhh, Sista's how blessed are we??? Ohhh Happy Days!

I look forward to seeing all of you, hugging all of you, and smiling with all of you!
Another year of joy, excitement and benevolent fun!

Continued blessings, family. I wish all of us a year of fun, health and happiness!
See you all on the field sista's!!

Much love, Michele

Bring on our 2018 Softball Season!

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anywhere*

A Letter from Deb Parrish, Silver Gloves President

2018 Silver Gloves News

In May, Silver Gloves will celebrate 19 years of being an established organization. The senior women's softball program continues to thrive engaging women age 50 and over to play softball and remain physically active. We are proud to be affiliated with All-American Girls Professional Softball League (AAGPBL) and the New Mexico Senior Sports Foundation (NMSSF), both 501(c)(3) organizations. Our organization is focused on the importance of regular exercise and constructive activity regardless of one's age. Silver Gloves is also a working partner with the New Mexico Senior Sports Foundation, Albuquerque's Senior Women Softball League and New Mexico Senior Olympics.

To begin the new year, Silver Gloves members recently elected a new Executive Board. The new board members are:

Debbie Parrish, President

Bonnie Coleman, Vice President

Sharon Tregembo, Secretary

Lynnette Ewer, Treasurer

At Large Members: Connie Dayton, Lois Gray, Althea Montoya, Dora Rodriguez & Edna Worf

The Executive Board met on February 7, 2018, to establish an action plan for the year. Some of the high points include establishing a robust membership recruitment program; hold fundraisers to generate revenue for SG initiatives; continue player development; and co-sponsor a Social for the New Mexico Senior Olympics Softball Tournament on August 24-26. As well, we will continue to work with SWSL to support a successful spring, summer, and fall softball seasons. If you want more information about Silver Gloves or how to join, please contact Debbie Parrish at 730-2313 or any of the board members.

Debbie Parrish

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SPRING SOFTBALL

has started!

Spring league started Monday, March 12th. The teams will play at 6:30 for 4 weeks at Los Altos, Field 3.

Fan's welcome

SENIOR WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Summer 2018

We have **9** SWSL summer teams for 2018 growing from six last year!

- Patti Staloni, League Coordinator

Summer League begins April 23rd for 12 weeks

RETURNING Teams

Chicks With Sticks
High Desert Diamonds
Last Minute
Jazz
Right Stuff
4-Fun

CAPTAIN

Mary Rael
Joyce Montoya
Pauline Gutierrez
Shirley Johnson
Marlene Uribe
Josie Gonzales, Adele Thompson

NEW TEAMS

3 UP 3 DOWN
Classic Hits
Bat Attitude

Cindy Sunstrom
Althea Montoya, Tommie Gonzales
Lou Wilburn



**This is the BIGGEST NEWS in Albuquerque New Mexico!
The National Senior Games are being held here next summer, 2019!**

**To qualify as an athlete in your sport for next year (2019), you MUST participate in the STATE GAMES THIS YEAR!
August 24 - 26, 2018**

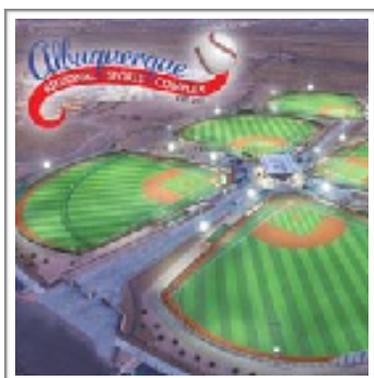
For softball, the qualifying is two-fold. First, all **players** must qualify in 2018 in a **STATE GAME** and on a **TEAM** that places 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in their bracket. You have options if you cannot qualify in New Mexico. For example, there's Mesquite, Nevada, the Huntsman Senior World Games in St. George, Utah and the Phoenix Winter Games in November 2018. Once you are a **qualified NSGA** softball player you are eligible to play in the **National Games here in Albuquerque in 2019.**

Go to the National website <http://nsga.com/states> for specific tournament information, or to post yourself to join a team.

National rules read: In order for a team to compete, they must medal 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in their age bracket in a state tournament. The roster for these "winning" teams, feeds over and is tracked by Nationals. In the past, I have seen the "roster rule" totally eliminated (I think to get more teams to compete in Nationals). A roster may have up to 20 players. A team can pick up qualified players to fill out their rosters. Some players may be eligible to play on an older bracket team. For example, a player turns 55 in 2019. She qualified on a 50's team in 2018. For the 2019 Nationals, she can choose to play with the 50's or be picked up by a 55's team. Qualified players may prefer to play "down" on a younger team. The age bracket is determined by the youngest player on a team.



Shirley Johnson



*So now you know. Pick up the pace on practice! Take part in other tournaments so you are "on your game"! And we'll see you playing ball in Albuquerque in 2019.
Shirley Johnson*

New Mexico Senior Olympics

"You don't stop playing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop playing."



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"You know why we love this sport? Because we are around a group of ladies who want each other to succeed. The way our ladies help each other...it's so special to surround our lives with this sort of friends."

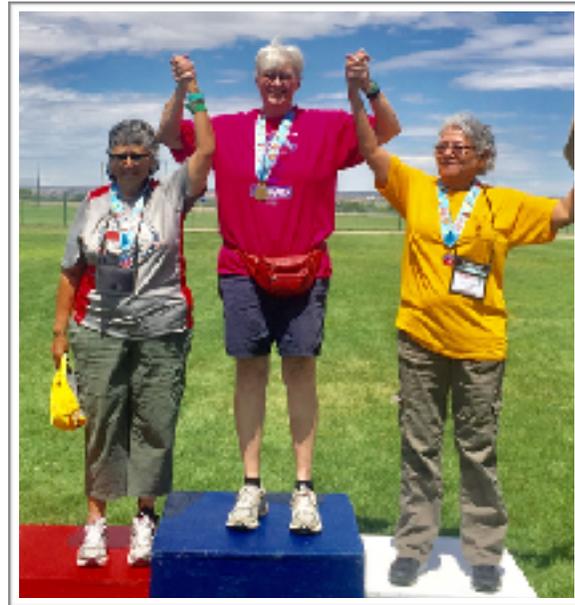


Send your photos and accomplishments and news to the newsletter gaylemaloy@gmail.com

Welcome

**New players
to the
Senior Womens Softball
League**

Susan Barajas
Lorraine Gallegos
Anne Marie Rader
Michelle Rossell
Melissa Tewanema
Lynne Wendt
Laura Wildman-Warner
Erica Cisvewski
Sharon Day
Ruth Escalante
Terri DeHerrea
Annette Moya
Janet Field
Kelly Stephen
Lillie Martinez (returnee)
Michele Williams
Lora Zachek
Paula Armijo
Lisa Crawley
Donna Gonzales
Flo Lopez
Charlene Comba
Lana Stokes
Lindsay Dustin
Ceci Cameron
Barbara Wood
Suzzane Feld
Miquela Beggs
Karen Rogers
Kris Archibeque
Valerie Gilliam



Senior Olympian Lois Gray 2017



**There's
more to
this
story...
Coming
Soon!**

1977

CJ Lind, Arvita Higgins, Josie Gonzales in 1977

JAZZ

Now ...

Diane, Ann, Tommie, Sue (Cal),
Cathy, Lois, Marsha, Bonnie, Kathy
Kluver, (Cal), Ramona, Nye, Trudeau
(Cal), Connie, Shirley (Manager),



... and Then (pre 2015)

Standing: Sharon M, Lou, Mary Coach
Joe, Lois, Sharon T, Edna, Patti,
Rachel
Kneeling: Margie (Manager), Jody,
Ida, unknown



Hawaii Mayor's Tournament -
January 2018
Silver Gloves President Debbie
Parrish, 2nd from right)

The 2018 Kona Kup Senior Softball
Tournament took place January 16-18 in
Kona, Hawaii. Twelve teams competed in
the tournament with 130 senior women
players from Canada and the US. Debbie
Parrish, (Silver Gloves/Last Minute/NM
Gold) represented New Mexico playing
with Royal Blue Royalty placing 3rd in the
tournament. It was a wonderful
tournament filled with the Aloha & Mahalo



The Bulletin Board

WINTER PRACTICES

Open Practices

Thursdays - Bonnie Coleman runs the practice Thursdays (unless weather prevents) usually at 1:00 pm at either Martineztown Field or Vietnam Veterans Field. Bonnie Coleman
bon052754@gmail.com

Weekends - Shirley Johnson and Bonnie run a practice based on weather conditions. You must sign up at sjohnson@gorealize.com for actual times and location

Feel Better Soon

Sending you best wishes for a speedy recovery.

*Patti Stanalonis
 Janet Field
 Josie Gonzales
 Scott Herron
 Marsha Long
 Renee Garcia
 Barbara May
 Valerie Archuleta*

Shirley Salazar's

son, Nathan

age 31, passed away on February 8th due to a medical condition. Shirley has played in the Senior Softball league and tournaments for a number of years but most recently with Last Minute and NM Gold. Please keep Shirley and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



Hello Ladies... These beautiful babies need a forever loving home. They're fixed and get along great with children. Family is moving and can't take them. I think they re about 3 y/o. If you or someone you know would enjoy them, please let me know. Michele



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Tournaments

2018



National Games Qualifier
 Mesquite Senior Games
 P.O. Box 2079
 Mesquite, NV 89024

The "Lava Hotties" need players age 65 up to play with them at the Huntsman Senior games in October 2018.

They will take infielders or outfielders and need a couple more players on each team.

The cost is the individual registration fee which I believe is \$99.00 if a player is in any other sports the cost is \$10.00 for every other sport. No shirt cost we give them back after playing

Location is Huntsman Senior Games
 65 play October 11 - 13 60 play October 15 - 17
 at St. George Utah

They rent a house and still have some beds left if someone needs lodging

If interested, please contact Sue asap via email at sue@recycleboise.com.

HUNTSMAN WORLD SENIOR GAMES
 October 8 - 20, 2018

Prescott Arizona
 August 3 - 5, 2018

Rock N Reno
 May 25 - 27, 2018

The NEW MEXICO SENIOR OLYMPICS will be in Albuquerque, **August 24 - 26, 2018**. This will be a qualifier to play in the **National Senior Olympics in Albuquerque in 2019!** Let's see if we can organize teams in 50's, 55's, 60's, 65's, and 70s.

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SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
 NEW MEXICO 611

all teams welcome!

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:

PAY IT FORWARD NEW MEXICO

MORE THAN \$54,000 HAS BEEN RAISED FOR CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS

TIME/LOCATION	SATURDAY MAY 19 SUNDAY MAY 20	ALBUQUERQUE REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX 1801 ARROYO VISTA BLVD. N.W., ALBUQUERQUE (140 G ARROYO VISTA BLVD.)
INFORMATION	MEN, 50+ - WOMEN AND CO-ED TEAMS SLOW-PITCH ASA SANCTIONED REQUIRED \$25 ERNIE OVERSTREET	C, D, E & 50+ UPPER AND LOWER WOMENS AND COED DIVISIONS (*LIMITED TO 72 TEAMS) DOUBLE ELIMINATION OPEN DIVISION WITH UNLIMITED HOME RUNS. PLAY FOR RINGS COST IS \$300
REGISTRATION	TO REGISTER CONTACT RANDY: CALL: 505.463.8485 EMAIL: WOTSUPBRO@QQ.COM	FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND ROSTERS DUE - FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2017 **PRE-PAY AND COST IS \$250+* (PAYMENT DUE BEFORE MAY 16TH)

MANAGERS MEETING: Will be held at IBEW building on Wednesday, May 16th @ 6pm ENTRY FEE DUE AT MEETING. (ASA sanction is required.)

SPECIAL THANKS TO LAST YEAR'S PARTICIPANTS, TEAM SPONSORS, TEAMS AND ERNIE OVERSTREET.