



Sweet swingin' Steve Hilby prepares to bash another one as catcher Sam Giordano and umpire Dennis Bernaiche look on. (Courtesy of Snappy Studios)

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COVID-19 Curtails Spring Softball Season By Larry Wolfe

The COVID-19 virus did what heart attacks, knee and hip replacement surgeries, rotator cuff surgeries, old age and many other maladies couldn't do: stop our guys from playing senior softball! Our Spring Season was postponed on March 18 and later canceled, wiping out over half of the remaining season along with our season-ending tournaments and our annual banquet.

After playing only eight of the scheduled eighteen games in the Sun Division's Spring Session, the Brenden Financial Planning team, managed

by Mike Gloyd, had jumped off to a great start with a 7-1 won-lost record, two games better than Manager Randy Neumann's Spooner Physical Therapy squad. In the Lakes Division, the Core Photography team, managed by Bill McCoy had a record of 5-3 while Manager Bill Jacobson's A-1 Golf Carts team and Manager Gary Hillabolt's Wolfe & Associates club both were only one game back with 4-4 records.

In next month's *Splash*, we'll cover all of the stats for our full program (Fall, Winter & Spring Sessions), including league leaders in all major batting categories.

Our summer program was slated to begin on May 5th and continue through the third week of September; however, as of press time, the start date was very much in doubt. Check our website, www.sunlakessoftball.com, for up-to-date information.

Congratulations to Tom Erpelding and Cyndy Hilby who were elected to our Board of Directors prior to the "shutdown." They succeed outgoing Board members Sam Giordano and Steve Hilby, who both served two terms (six years) on the Board. Thanks, guys, for a job well done.

Thanks to Drs. Mary Peters, Frank Maben and Vanousheh Ghandhari of Ocotillo Foot & Ankle Centers for renewing their advertising banner at the Field of Dreams. They've been supporting our program since January 2011. They have locations at nearby 270 W. Chandler Heights Road and in Ahwatukee. Go to their website, www.ocotillofootankle.com, for more information about their practice. You can also find links to their website and to those of all of our advertisers and team sponsors on our website's Sponsors Page.

You can stop looking for the monthly softball player profile article since there is none this month. We hope to be back to the new normal soon!