



# Circling The Bases

New Mexico's

**Silver Gloves Senior Community Newsletter**

## 50+ Women's Softball News

April 2016

A message from Michele Emberger:

Greetings ladies;

Our 2016 season is going to be awesome! Tanks to Patti, who has created a Senior Women's Softball League (SWSL)!! She was able to get **90** women to sign up and play ball! We have six teams – five which are Silver Gloves. They're listed below with captain names and email addresses.

We will be playing in Los Altos, Field 2 every week! Ladies, what a feat...and a great big THANK YOU to Patti, for endless dedication, commitment and passion for senior women's softball in Albuquerque.

*God Blessyou Patti*



Age Representatives, who make up the Steering Committee, meet on a fairly regular basis. Shortly after the meetings, you should receive a short summary, so make sure your email address on the master roster is current. Any ideas, comments, or concerns you have should be addressed to your Age Rep., whose name and contact info is under Who's Serving Silver Gloves at the end of each newsletter.



**Glad You're Coming, Hello, Welcome Aboard, Howdy, Good t'seeya...**

**No matter how we say it, WELCOME too all SWSL players, especially those new to the organization. There's too many to list here (you know who you are lol) so make sure to email your Age Rep for a "proper" mention in future newsletters.**

## **Year in Review**

2015 was a busy and productive year for the Silver Gloves:

- Pat Stanalonis, Bonnie Coleman, and Edna Worf worked diligently with the City of Albuquerque to keep the Monday night Senior/Fun League viable for 50+ players.
- Silver Gloves held two fundraisers, raising more than \$2,500 for the Silver Gloves. Many members also partnered with the Balloon Fiesta to raise money for the Foundation. (amount raised for that event not available at time of newsletter distribution) Many Thanks for the organizers and approximately 40 Silver Gloves members who volunteered time and expertise in these successful endeavors.
- Shirley Johnson held 2 scorekeeping clinics. 15-20 ladies are now “experts” and are able to perform this valuable managerial function. Shirley has graciously agreed to hold more clinics during the 2016 seasons.
- Several Meet, Greet and Repeat gatherings were held to welcome new players.
- Bylaws and Guidelines were reviewed and updated.
- Senior bats were purchased for each Silver Gloves team.

## **Upcoming Events**

## **Fundraising**

**Thank you and Much Gratitude!**

B2B – Patti Stanalonis, Sandra Aaron, Lynn Taylor, Adele Thompson, Carol Brown, Tommi G., Clare P., Connie Dayton, Bonnie Coleman.

**Remember – The Balloon Fiesta in October. More to come...**

Thank you to our volunteers who are endless contributors and committed to help our organization grow and thrive. Without them or Silver Gloves would not be where it is today. One of the many benefits of our volunteer work is that it helps defray the cost of registration fees!

Contact your Age Rep if you know of, or have ideas for, other opportunities to help raise money for the Silver Gloves program.

## City League

### A message from Patti:

The purpose of the SWSL will be an organized effort to expand the number of senior women's softball players to include local independent senior women's teams as well as Silver Gloves. It is our goal for the senior women softball [layers to be recognized by the City in the same senior sport as they offer senior men thus enabling SWSL the same opportunity to play safer and modified senior rules applicable to senior tournaments, schedule our games, and to independently select and pay umpires.

It is our desire that the SeniorWomen's Softball League (SWSL) will be established through the efforts and support of New Mexico Senior Sports Foundation (NMSSF), Silver Gloves Senior Women's Softball League, and the City Sports Division of Albuquerque.

The rules (like the senior men's league) allow for no more than 3 pickup players (4 if one is pitching or a reserve pitcher was added to our rules). These players will wear their primary teams' shirt for easy recognition by the umpire. These players must be added to the bottom of the lineup. Given the number of players on our 5 teams, plus the freedom to pick up players, we do not anticipate the need to double roster.

**The SWSL will be in full swing for Summer, running April 24<sup>th</sup> – August 15<sup>th</sup>**

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## Tournaments and Other Fun Stuff

Have you wanted to play in a tournament but have been afraid? Don't think you're good enough? Just starting to play again after many years? *Don't let that stop you!* It's a perfect chance to enjoy the comraderies, get to know each other, and *have some fun.*

***PLEASE NOTE: New Mexico Senior Softball will be held in***

***LAS CRUCES, September 8, 9, and 10 2016***

***Contact Cecilia Acosta 575-623-5777, or 888-623-NMSO (6676)  
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Some Tournaments require registration with Senior Softball USA  
Visit or Call for more info: [www.seniorsoftball.com](http://www.seniorsoftball.com) 916-326-5303

**REPORT ON NMSSF SOFTBALL CLINIC**  
**Scott Heron, NMSSF**

What a fabulous start to spring! The sun was shining, the skies were blue, and even though there was still a nip in the air, a hearty group of 15 women came out to attend the NM Senior Sports Foundation's softball clinic on March 20th.

Paula Sperling, former Asst. Softball Coach for LaCueva High School, nationally ranked and certified racquetball instructor, and recipient of the Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014 for her dedication to the promotion of senior sports, led the instruction. She received invaluable help from her volunteer assistants: Sophia Ayala, Joyce Helgeson, and Ray Maxey. The clinic covered the fundamentals of proper warm-up, fielding, throwing, hitting, base-running, and basic game strategy. Shirley Johnson conducted a scorekeeping clinic during the lunch break

Participants received a goody bag filled with gifts from the Foundation, morning snacks, plenty of water to hydrate, and were eligible for a prize drawings at the completion of the clinic. Subway sandwiches, chips, and cookies were also available at an additional cost.

While the organizers, Alicea Coyne and Shirley Johnson, board members of the NM Senior Sports Foundation, were a little disappointed that more players did not attend, they are very happy with the positive comments received from those who participated, and are investigating holding another softball clinic next year.

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