

January 2015

LADY SLUGGERS OPEN SOFTBALL SEASON

By Larry Wolfe

The Lady Sluggers senior softball team opens their season with an away game at the Stingers field on January 5. The first home game is slated for January 7 versus Viewpoint. All home games are held at the Field of Dreams and begin at 1 pm.

The Home schedule is shown below:

Wednesday, January 7 vs. Viewpoint
Monday, January 12 vs. Queen Creek
Monday, January 19 vs. Valle de Oro
Monday, January 26 vs. Canyon Vista
Monday, February 2 vs. Desert Resort
Wednesday, February 4 vs. Stingers
Monday, February 16 vs. Sunland Village East

To see the complete home and away schedule, go to the Ladies Team Page on our website (www.sunlakessoftball.com). The team plays in the Valley of the Sun League and they also plan to enter some area tournaments. Come on out to the field to root on our Lady Sluggers! For additional information, see the website or call Manager Charlene Ellis at 480-883-1745.



The World Champion Team Ambush: Back row, l-r, Larry Kaufmann, Kenny Sheffield, Joe Ellis, Tim Carmichael, Frank Tanner, Steve Hilby and Mike Gloyd. Front, kneeling l-r, John Underwood, Bruce McClain, Terry Hepner and Chuck Schaan. (Missing: Al Hawkensen, Dave McCormick and Mike Wolfe)

January 2015

**TEAM AMBUSH WINS WINTER WORLD
SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**
By Larry Wolfe and Bruce McClain

A new 60+ age group senior softball team was formed this year to compete in major tournaments throughout the southwest. The team is comprised of top players from Sun Lakes and nearby areas. The new squad, named Team Ambush, lived up to their name by “ambushing” the opposition in the recent Winter World Championship Tournament held at five locations in the Phoenix area. The tournament drew 178 teams from all over the country with thirteen teams in the 60+ AAA bracket in which Team Ambush competed.

The Ambushers won both of their seeding games and earned the #2 seed in the double elimination bracket. Team Ambush crushed a solid Colorado-based team 20-8 before beating the talented Arizona Old School team 10-8 to remain in the winners’ bracket. They then waited for Arizona Old School to fight their way through the losers’ bracket for a rematch. Team Ambush

beat the Old Schoolers 22-18 to complete a perfect tournament securing the World Winter Championship trophy.

Everyone played well as a team, both defensively and offensively. The team had an incredible overall team on base percentage of .744. Joe Ellis, Steve Hilby, Bruce McClain, Kenny Sheffield and John Underwood were voted to the All-Tournament team.

Team Ambush plans on participating in many tournaments within this tournament year which runs from November through next October. They're certainly off to a successful start. Congratulations, guys!



No, that's not a ballet class. It's Jessica Sorensen of Spooner Physical Therapy conducting dynamic stretching warm-up exercises!

January 2015

WINTER SOFTBALL SEASON BEGINS NEXT WEEK

By Larry Wolfe

After a holiday hiatus, our Men's Winter League begins on January 6. Each of our six teams plays a twenty-game schedule. The Fall League ended after the press deadline, but you can find the standings and stats on the Stats Page of our website, www.sunlakessoftball.com. In addition, our Lady Sluggers begin their home season on January 7 at 1 pm when they host Viewpoint at the Field of Dreams.

Jessica Sorensen of Spooner Physical Therapy, assisted by Tiffany Ruiz and Alexandria Marlar, recently conducted dynamic stretching and exercise classes for our players at the Field of Dreams. Hopefully, we'll have fewer pulled muscles in the future. Spooner is one of our advertising sponsors. Their Sun Lakes clinic is located at 10325 E. Riggs Road, Suite 102. Thank you, ladies!

The World Champion Team Ambush is scheduled to play in the Doc Metcalf Memorial Tournament, held at the Papago Park fields on January 10 and 11. (See the separate article regarding Team Ambush elsewhere in this edition of the

Splash.) The tournament honors the memory and legacy of long-time Sun Lakes player Gene “Doc” Metcalf who served on the Board of Directors of Senior Softball-USA for many years.

We are pleased to welcome our newest advertising sponsor, Johnny’s Roofing Company. Johnny Priest, owner/operator of the company, has been providing a full range of roofing services throughout the Phoenix metro area since 1983. For links to his website and to those of all of our other sponsors, go to the Sponsors Page on our website. Support all the companies that support our community!



The 2015 Lady Sluggers, left to right: Billi Jo Maggio, Sue O’Connell, Ellen Williams, Pat Monson, Kim Hatch, Lynn Casey, Terry Finley, Alyson Stephens, Teresa Dorman, Nora Lavlin, Judy Grefsheim and Charlene Ellis.

February 2015

LADY SLUGGERS UPDATE
By Larry Wolfe

The Lady Sluggers split their first four games and have high hopes for a successful season as their team began to gel. This year’s team, managed by Charlene Ellis, includes several “rookies.” “You can see improvement each

game as we gain more experience playing together as a team,” said Manager Ellis.

The February home schedule follows. All home games are played at the Field of Dreams and begin at 1 pm.

Monday, February 2 vs. Desert Resort

Wednesday, February 4 vs. Stingers

Monday, February 16 vs. Sunland Village East

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The State Farm Insurance Championship Team: Standing, l-r: Steve Kay, Jack Strauss, Larry Wolfe, Hal Kime, Rich Nadler and Ed Sowney; Kneeling, l-r: Gary Alexander, Dave Martin, Stan Weiss and Mgr. Larry Kaufmann. Missing: Al Grefsheim & Tim Loeffler (Photo by Core Photography, LLC)

February 2015

STATE FARM WINS FALL SOFTBALL TITLE By Larry Wolfe

The State Farm Insurance team, managed by Larry Kaufmann and sponsored by the Ralph Vasquez Agency, won the fall league title with a record of 12 wins and six losses. The A-1 Golf Carts squad, managed by Gary Hillbolt, finished second, two games behind the league leaders. The top ten hitters for the fall session were: Bill Whitely (.800); Larry Kaufmann (.797); Steve Hilby (.745); Chuck Myrick (.730); Tom Kasunic (.691); Billy Kee (.688); Gary Stewart (.686); Chuck Tanner (.662); Mike Gloyd (.658); and Tim Loeffler (.657).

The Winter League is now underway with two doubleheaders scheduled for every Tuesday and Thursday, with the first game starting at 9 a.m. The team

sponsors and managers for the Winter League are: A-1 Golf Carts (Mgr. Gary Hillabolt); Brenden Financial Services (Ken Brenden); Frank Margiotta's Farmers Insurance Agency (Larry Kaufmann); Mutual of Omaha Bank (Mike Gloyd); the Ralph Vasquez State Farm Insurance Agency (Gary Hatch); and Terry & Susan Young's West USA Realty (John Seigla). Come out to the Field of Dreams and cheer on your favorites!

Welcome our newest advertising sponsor, Earnest Restaurant, located at 4991 S. Alma School Road in the Fulton Ranch Shopping Center. Acclaimed Executive Chef Brian Peterson and Pastry Chef Danielle Morris offer classic and comfortable American cooking. It's the perfect neighborhood gathering place for happy hour and dinner. Go to the Sponsors Page on our website (www.sunlakessoftball.com) for links to Earnest Restaurant and all of our other valued sponsors.



The State Farm Insurance Tournament Champions: Kneeling, l-r: Ralph Vasquez, Larry Wolfe, Larry Maggerd, Bill Cheney, Stan Weiss and Dick Bleich. Standing, l-r: Roger Wisslead, Frank Tanner, Manager Gary Hatch, Owen Bae, Steve Hilby and Evan Hansen. (Photo by Sowney Pictures)

March 2015

STATE FARM WINS SESSION 2 SOFTBALL TOURNEY By Larry Wolfe

In a major upset, the fifth-seeded State Farm Insurance team, managed by Gary Hatch and sponsored by the Ralph Vasquez Agency, defeated the number one-seeded Mutual of Omaha squad to capture the Session 2 Winter Tournament.

The opening game of the six-team tournament saw State Farm upend the number four-seeded Brenden Financial Services team 18-10. Dick Bleich and Frank Tanner each went four for four while Larry Wolfe added three hits to the victor's 23-hit attack.

In the second game sixth-seeded Terry & Susan Young's West USA Realty team shut out the third-seeded Frank Margiotta's Farmers Insurance Agency 12-0. The Realtors were led by Steve Schaidler and Doug Freisen, who each banded out three hits. Pitcher Billy Maxwell's sweeping pitches limited the Farmers to only eight hits.

The State Farm team was then matched up against the second-seeded A-1 Golf Carts team. The Insurers banded out 26 hits en route to a 17-11 victory. Bill Cheney and Dick Bleich each had four hits; they were supported by Steve Hilby, Ralph Vasquez, Stan Weiss and Larry Wolfe who each stroked three hits.

In the penultimate contest, number one-seeded Mutual of Omaha topped the upstart West USA Realty team 15-3. Chuck Schaan and Bill Corso led the winners with three hits a piece.

In the championship game, Mutual of Omaha hosted the underdog State Farm team. The Insurers jumped out to an early 10-5 lead and coasted to a 13-6 victory. Bill Cheney blasted out four hits to lead the Insurers. Steve Hilby and Stan Weiss each had three hits. Sam Giordano led the losing squad with a perfect 3 for 3 game including two doubles. Special kudos go out to Dick Bleich who went 10 for 11 in the three games played by the Insurers. He was amply supported by his teammates who totaled 48 runs and 68 hits in their three-game sweep. Manager Hatch summed up his team's success by stating, "We just took it one game at a time. But we should have been playing like this all season!"

The tournament drew a large crowd and included a lunch consisting of submarine sandwiches and all the "trimmings." Many thanks go to all the volunteers who make our tournaments a success. Ken Brenden, Mike Core and Sam Giordano were the food and beverage coordinators; our food servers were Santa Marie Giordano, Debbie Whiteley and Lynn Casey. Gary Hillabolt, Billy Kreisman and Ed Sowney did the set up work. Dennis LePore, Cyndy Hilby and Art Isley did the scorekeeping and scoreboard operations while Harry Roehl and Gary Hillabolt umpired the games. Larry Delaney and Steve Hilby were the groundskeepers. Thanks again to all who were involved.



Spirit Award winners Art Isley (left) and Hal Kime (right)

May 2015

**Art Isley & Hal Kime Honored at Softball Banquet
By Larry Wolfe**

Art Isley & Dr. Hal Kime were honored with the Spirit of Sun Lakes Senior Softball Award at the annual banquet held in the Oakwood Ballroom on March 30th. The Spirit Award is presented to members who go “above & beyond” in support of our organization. Thanks and congratulations, Art and Hal!

Over 130 people attended the banquet, which featured a “very happy” Happy Hour, a three course dinner, music and dancing to Gary Alexander’s One More Time Combo and an awards program. Winners of the second annual Geezer Awards were: Best Two-Man Synchronized Players (Jesse Washington & Steve Schaider); Mystery in the Sky Award (Owen Bae); Faces Only a Mother...(Red Waterfield); Oddities at the Field of Dreams Award (Dennis LePore & John Seigla); and, A Day in the Life of a Senior Softball Third Baseman Documentary Award (Ken Ponzio). Don’t ask for an explanation of what these awards are for; you had to be there to understand! Thanks to Mike Core for putting together the Geezer Awards and his annual

slideshow, to the One More Time Combo and to Party Planner Extraordinaire, Pat Wolfe.

At press time, the Spring Session was nearing completion with Terry & Susan Young's West USA Realty team and the Brenden Financial Services team in a close race for the pennant. Steve Hilby, Larry Kaufmann and Bill Whiteley were battling it out for the batting title. Go to the Stats Page on our website (www.sunlakessoftball.com) for up to date stats and team standings. Final league and tournament results will also be in next month's *Splash*.

Thanks to A-1 Golf Carts for renewing their advertising sponsorship at the Field of Dreams. A-1 has been an advertiser since 2003; they have also been a team sponsor for several years. We also welcome our newest advertising sponsor, Evangelista Orthopedic Clinic. Dr. Gregory Evangelista and his staff specialize in "softball player repair," including hip, shoulder and knee surgeries and replacements. Check out the Sponsors Page on our website to learn more about them and all of our other sponsors.



Spring League Champions: Kneeling, 1-r: Bob Hutchins, Bill Whiteley, Steve Schaidler & Manager John Seigla. Standing, 1-r: Gene Grandquist, Dom Colonna, Bob Zawidski, Billy Kee, Dene Ekholm & Tom Vitolo

June 2015

WEST USA REALTY ARE SPRING SOFTBALL CHAMPS By Larry Wolfe

Terry & Susan Young's West USA Realty team, managed by John Seigla, won the spring softball season pennant with a sterling 16-4 record. Kenny Brenden's Financial Planning squad finished second with a 13-7 ledger.

Our season-ending tournament and social event was held on April 16 and included an Awards Ceremony and cook-out. (Recaps of the tournament games are featured in a separate article.) Past President Ed Sowney acted as Master of Ceremonies for the Awards Ceremony. He first presented Certificates of Appreciation to fifteen former players for the significant contributions they made to our league and Association over the years. He then presented the following annual awards: Most Improved Player, Stan

Weiss; Rookie-of-the-Year, Gene Grandquist; and, Sportsmanship Award, John Seigla. Lastly, Ed introduced this year's Top Ten Hitters. Bill Whiteley won the batting title with a robust .807 average. Bill's 800+ average is only the third time in the past ten years that a player has attained that lofty level. He was followed by Steve Hilby (.797), Larry Kaufmann (.789), Tim Loeffler (.776), Chuck Myrick (.761), Chuck Hamby (.741) Bill Cheney (.694), Dick Bleich (.685), Dave Martin (.684) and Dene Ekholm (.680).

Annual elections were also recently held. Officers and Board Members for the 2015-2016 fiscal year are: President Sam Giordano, Vice-President Ken Brenden, Secretary Steve Hilby, Treasurer Larry Wolfe and Members-at-Large Mike Core, Gary Hillabolt and Jesse Washington. Many thanks to outgoing President Ed Sowney for his years of service.

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of long-time player and Board member Dr. Roger Spark. "Sparky," as he was known by all at the Field of Dreams, loved the game and was a real favorite to all who knew him. He'll be truly missed. A memorial program was held at the field to celebrate his life. Our condolences go out to his wife, Sandi, and all of his family and friends. RIP, Dr. Spark.



The A-1 Golf Carts Tournament Champions: Kneeling, l-r: Ed Sowney, Chuck Hamby, Reg Reese, Stan Weiss, Bill Cheney & Dennis Bernaiche. Standing, l-r: Manager Gary Hillabolt, Jim Dunn, Larry Wolfe, Art Sheskie, Tom Erpelding, Evan Hansen & Jeff Jay

June 2015

A-1 WINS SEASON-ENDING TOURNEY By Larry Wolfe

The Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association wrapped up the 2015-2016 season with a seeded six-team tournament on April 16. The seedings were based upon the teams' spring season won-lost records. Hundreds were on hand to watch the exciting contests.

In game one, the fourth-seeded Mutual of Omaha squad, managed by Mike Gloyd, edged the fifth-seeded State Farm Insurance team, managed by Gary Hatch, by a score of 10-7. Chuck Schaan led the winners with three hits and a base on balls while Dick Bleich led the losing Insurers with three hits.

The second game featured the third-seeded A-1 Golf Carts team, managed by Gary Hillabolt, facing Manager Larry Kaufmann's sixth-seeded Farmers Insurance team. The Golfers banged out 22 hits in a convincing 18-11 win. Bill Cheney and Larry Wolfe led the winners with four hits each while Denny Davidson, Larry Kaufmann and Hal Kime had three hits each for the losing squad.

A-1 came right back with a 13-9 victory over the second-seeded Brenden Financial Planning team in game three. Evan Hansen paced the winners with four hits while Tom Erpelding and Larry Wolfe had three hits each. Dick Bleich and Wes Reynolds each had three safeties for Manager Ken Brenden's losing team.

After a break for lunch and an awards ceremony, play continued with top-seeded West USA Realty (managed by John Seigla and sponsored by Terry & Susan Young) facing the Mutual of Omaha Bankers. In a high scoring affair, the Realtors topped the Bankers 25-16. Bob Hutchins, Steve Schaider and Bob Zawidski each had four hits for the winners while Art Hamer and Tom Kasunic banged out four hits each for the Bankers. Two of Tom Kasunic's hits were long homeruns.

The two survivors, third-seeded A-1 Golf Carts and top-seeded West USA Realty, then met for the championship in what turned out to be an epic classic. The Realtors led most of the way until the Golfers went ahead by two runs in the final inning; however, the Realtors tied it up in the bottom of the inning, forcing extra innings. A-1 scored five times in the extra inning and looked to have an upset under wraps; however, the Realtors staged another clutch comeback. After scoring four times to move within one run, the game was finally decided when the potential tying run was thrown out at the plate. The final score was 22-21 with A-1 banging out 30 hits and West USA Realty totaling 26 hits. The champion A-1 team was led by Bill Cheney, Tom Erpelding, Chuck Hamby, Gary Hillabolt and Jeff Jay with four hits each. Dom Colonna, Steve Schaider and John Seigla had four hits each for the runners-up. This exciting game provided the perfect ending to a great season.



2015 Award Winners: Left to right, outgoing SLSSA President Ed Sowney, Stan Weiss (Most Improved Player), Gene Grandquist (Rookie-of-the-Year), John Seigla (Sportsmanship Award) and new President Sam Giordanao

July 2015

SUMMER SOFTBALL IS UNDERWAY By Larry Wolfe

Even though our league play is over until late October, softball never stops at the Field of Dreams. Our summer program is well underway with batting practice and pick-up games played every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning. If you're new to the area, now's the time to come by the field and get in shape for the upcoming fall season. Check out our website (www.sunlakessoftball.com) for start times and other information.

Thanks to Retirement Insurance Specialists (RIS Agency) for renewing their advertising banner at the field. The agents at RIS are experts in everything

related to Medicare. There are links to their website and to all of our other advertisers on the Sponsors Page of our website.

Since there's not a lot of news over the summer, I'm introducing a baseball fact series entitled "Did You Know?" Here's the first one: Did you know that in addition to being the first African-American to break the color barrier in baseball that Jackie Robinson was also the first African-American to serve as a vice-president of a major American corporation? He was VP-Personnel for Chock Full O' Nuts coffee company from 1957-1964.



“I pick you!” Steve Hilby selects a player for the pick-up game, just like when we were kids! (Boy, I hope I don’t get picked last!)

August 2015

NEVER TOO HOT FOR SOFTBALL By Larry Wolfe

It’s still hot, but we’re still playing ball at the Field of Dreams. Our summer program starts early in the morning to escape some of the heat. Come by any Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday morning for batting practice and a pick-up game. Check our website (www.sunlakessoftball.com) for more details about our program.

Thanks to The Charles Company & Associates and The Flooring Gallery & More for renewing their advertising banners at the field. The Charles Company is one of Arizona’s leading insurance agencies, specializing in home and auto insurance needs for retirement communities. The Flooring

Gallery is a state-of-the-art floor covering store and remodeling center offering a wide array of products and installation services. There are links to their websites and to all of our other advertisers on the Sponsors Page of our website.

This month's "Did You Know?" In his very first big league at bat as a 28-year-old rookie pitcher, Hall of Famer Hoyt Wilhelm hit a home run. His career lasted 21 years, but he never hit another home run!



Last year's Superstar Hitters, flanked by outgoing President Ed Sowney and incoming President Sam Giordano, were (left to right): Steve Hilby, Bill Cheney, Chuck Hamby, Dave Martin, Chuck Myrick, Dick Bleich, Tim Loeffler, Bill Whiteley, Dene Ekholm and Larry Kaufmann.

September 2015

FALL SOFTBALL IS ON THE HORIZON

By Larry Wolfe

As we head into September, we know that the Fall Season isn't that far away. The first "Play Ball" call will be made next month on Tuesday, October 27. The season runs through December 18. If you want to beat out one or more of our "superstar" top ten hitters shown above, now is the time to get in shape for the upcoming season. The Field of Dreams will be open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning for batting practice and pick-up games until the start of the "real games." There is an exception: The field will be briefly closed for re-seeding some time in late September or early October. Check our website (www.sunlakessoftball.com) for specific dates and other information about our league and recreational programs.

One of our own, Neal Buckner, recently passed away after a long battle against cancer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Kathi and his family, many friends and teammates. A “Celebration of Life” will be held at the Mission Royale Active Adult Village Center in Casa Grande on October 24. Check our website for times and other information.



Denny Davidson takes batting practice to get ready for the upcoming opening of the fall season. (Photo by Core Photography, LLC.)

October 2015

FALL SOFTBALL OPENER SLATED FOR OCTOBER 27

By Larry Wolfe

The Fall Season of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball League will begin on Tuesday, October 27 at the Field of Dreams. Our league consists of six teams and will feature two doubleheaders every Tuesday and Thursday through December 18. Each team will play a 20-game schedule during that period.

In addition we have a Monday morning recreational program targeted for those who may not want to commit to our formal program or just want to

play pick-up games and take batting practice. This is also the ideal program for those who haven't played in a while but want to get back into the game.

Note that all returning and new players must register and pay dues for the new fiscal program year. Sign up procedures are different this year and will require participants to purchase a Softball Club membership from the IronOaks HOA in addition to paying dues to the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association. Please see our website (www.sunlakessoftball.com) for sign-up deadlines, fee levels and other detailed information about our program.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of former member Don Vachon. Don played in our league from 1989 through 2004 and will be remembered as one of the best pitchers and nicest guys of that era. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Pat and his family and many friends.

November 2015

LADY SLUGGERS TO BEGIN PRACTICE

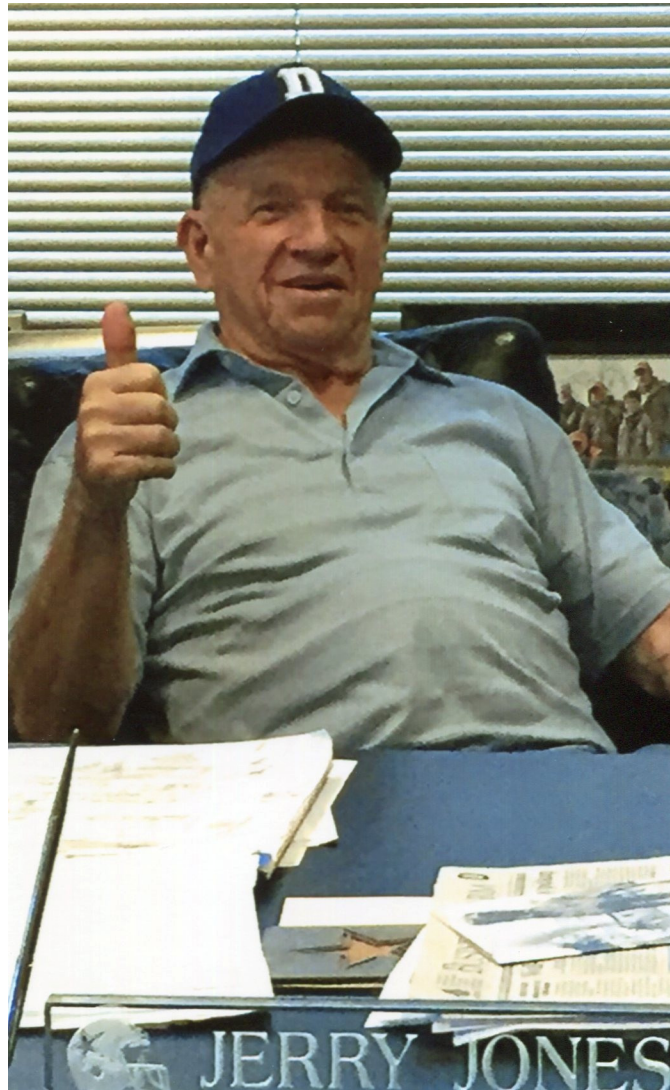
By Larry Wolfe

The Sun Lakes Lady Sluggers softball team will begin practicing for their upcoming season in late November. The Sluggers play in the Valley of the Sun Ladies Senior Softball League. League play starts in early January and continues through late March or early April. Once finalized, their schedule will be included in a future edition of the *Splash*.

The team is looking for a few additional players. If you're interested in ladies' recreational softball, please call Lynn Casey at 773-580-6525 for additional information.

December 2015

BOBBY REEVES' FOOTBALL FANTASY WEEKEND
By Larry Wolfe



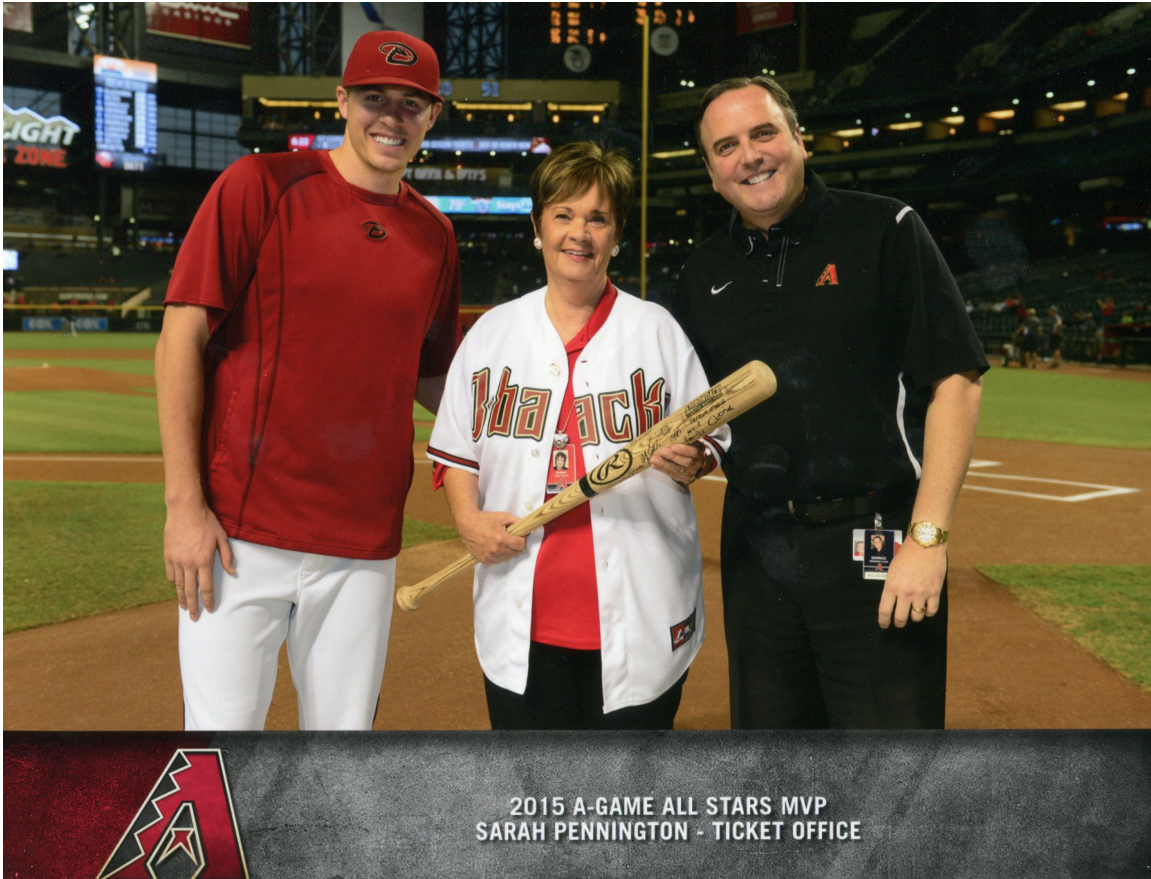
How would you like to sit in the office chair of Jerry Jones, President, Owner & General Manager of the Dallas Cowboys, if only briefly? Well, Bobby Reeves had that opportunity as a part of his recent “Football Fantasy Weekend” as a guest of Mr. Jones and the Cowboys at the magnificent 80,000 seat capacity AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

AT&T Stadium is the world's largest domed structure and it features a sixty-yard wide high definition video screen. Bobby says it's the most impressive sports venue he's ever seen...by far!

As a part of his weekend activities, he was given a private tour of the stadium, including locker rooms, offices and "on the field." He also met several staff members, players and former players. Following a VIP buffet at the stadium, he watched the Cowboys-Patriots game from his VIP seats in front of Jerry Jones' "owner's perch." There was another buffet spread at half time where he mingled with some of Mr. Jones' other guests.

So how and why did Bobby get this opportunity? As with many things in life, it's whom you know! Bobby's grandson is marrying the granddaughter of Jerry Jones' private secretary. In fact, she's been Jerry's private secretary for over 36 years, going way back to before he bought the Cowboys for a cool \$140 million in 1989.

There was only one disappointment during the weekend: The Patriots thumped the Cowboys 30-6. Oh well, even the best of fantasies can have small glitches!



Sarah Pennington is flanked by D-backs pitcher Patrick Corbin (left) and President Derrick Hall (right) as she is honored at Chase Field.

December 2015

SARAH PENNINGTON NAMED D-BACKS MVP By Larry Wolfe

Sarah Pennington was recently honored as MVP of the Arizona Diamondbacks Ticket Office during a pre-game ceremony at Chase Field. Sarah has worked in the D-backs ticket office since 1999, their second year of existence. This is the second time she's won this award; she was previously honored in 2012. Sarah began working as a ticket representative because "she wanted something fun to do." That was seventeen years ago and she's still having fun. Plus she must be doing a really great job. Congratulations, Sarah!

Sarah's husband, Ron, also works part-time for the D-backs. He's the coordinator of the Golden Glovers, the guys and gals who sit along the left and right field foul lines and chase down foul balls. Ron also performs the Golden Glover duties himself at times during the season. It looks like both the Pennington's are having a good time at the old ballpark!



Gene Granquist of the Mutual of Omaha team swings away at a recent contest. On deck hitter, Bob Zawidski looks on. (Courtesy of Core Photography, LLC.)

December 2015

SENIOR SOFTBALL NEWS

By Larry Wolfe

The Sun Lakes Senior Softball League's Fall Season's sixty-game schedule ends on December 17th. Each of our six teams will have played twenty games by that time. Check out the Stats Page on our website (www.sunlakessoftball.com) to see up-to-date standings and batting statistics.

After a holiday break, the Winter Season begins on Tuesday, January 5th. If you're interested in playing in the Winter League, now is the time to come down to the field. The drafting of teams will take place in mid-December, so it's important to be signed up prior to that draft. 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.

Our ladies' team, the Sun Lakes Sluggers, will also begin league play in January. They play in the Valley of the Sun League, which includes teams throughout the Valley. Check the Ladies Team Page on our website for their complete schedule. Call Lynn Casey at 773-580-6525 for more information about the ladies' team. Come down to the Field of Dreams and cheer them on!