



Post-game camaraderie. Good game, guys!

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Rounding Third and Heading for Home!

By Larry Wolfe

Our Summer League is well underway and will continue through September 19<sup>th</sup>. Our four-team league plays doubleheaders every Tuesday and Thursday morning. In order to try to “beat the heat,” the first pitch is at 7:30 AM. Bring your sunscreen and come by the field to watch our guys “sweat it out!”

At our annual social event, 2023-2024 award winners were announced. This year’s winners were as follows:

Sun Division Rookie-of-the-Year: Bob Hubbard  
Lakes Division Rookie-of-the-Year: Rene Vallieres  
Lady Sluggers Rookie-of-the-Year: Grace Alvarado  
Sun Division Most Improved Player: Doug Friesen  
Lakes Division Most Improved Player: John Robinson.  
Sun Division Sportsman of the Year: Mark Kuechler

Lakes Division Sportsman of the Year: Bill Matson  
Lady Sluggers Sportsperson of the Year: Trudy Hall  
The Steve Hilby Spirit of Sun Lakes Softball Award: Ron Carmichael

The Spirit of Sun Lakes Softball Award was established in 2010 to recognize those members who go “above and beyond” in supporting our program. Award winners are selected based upon their outstanding dedication, initiative, and service to our organization. The award was renamed the Steve Hilby Spirit of Sun Lakes Softball Award this past year in honor of the late Steve Hilby, who served our organization in many capacities over the years and whose contributions to our program were immeasurable.

Officers and Board Members for the 2024-2025 program year were recently elected. They are President Doug Warwick, Vice President Vern Rodgers, Secretary Cyndy Hilby, Treasurer Larry Wolfe and Members-at-Large Dave Kratz, Bob Molter and Randall Neumann.

Many thanks to the Young Home Team Realtors for renewing their advertising banner at the Field of Dreams. They have been advertising and team sponsors since 2011. In addition, thanks to Christopher Fine Diamonds of Chandler for renewing their banner; they’ve been advertising sponsors since 2018. They also recently purchased a second banner advertising their jewelry and gold buying business. Go to the Sponsors Page on our website, [www.sunlakessoftball.com](http://www.sunlakessoftball.com), to see links to all our supporters.