

## ARCHIVES: 2016 ARTICLES FROM SUN LAKES SPLASH



Lady Slugger Terry Finley

January 2016

### LADY SLUGGERS BEGIN SEASON

By Larry Wolfe

The Lady Sluggers, Sun Lakes' ladies senior softball team, begin their season on January 4<sup>th</sup>. The first home game at the Field of Dreams is on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. The full home schedule is shown below. All games start at noon. The Sluggers

are members of the Valley of the Sun League and play ladies teams from all over the Valley.

The team could use a couple of additional players. If interested, please call Lynn Casey at 773-580-6525 for more information about how you can join the ladies' team. Note that the playing rules have been modified for senior play, so don't worry about the pace of the game being "out of your league!"

Come down to the Field of Dreams and cheer them on!

Sluggers' Home Schedule:

January 6 vs. Viewpoint  
January 13 vs. Queen Creek  
January 20 vs. The Resort  
January 25 vs. The Stingers  
February 1 vs. Canyon Vista  
February 10 vs. Sunland  
February 15 vs. Fountain of the Sun  
February 17 vs. Valley d'Oro



Tim Baldwin sprints toward first base in a recent contest. Umpire Ken Brenden follows the play while on deck hitter, TJ Tjernlund, looks on. (Courtesy of Core Photography, LLC.)

January 2016

## PLAY BALL! AGAIN! By Larry Wolfe

The Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association's Winter Season opens on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. For the first time, our league will have seven teams vying for the title. Each team plays a 24-game schedule. Team sponsors are: A-1 Golf Carts, Brenden Financial Planning, Farmers Insurance (Frank Margiotta Agency), Mutual of Omaha Bank, State Farm Insurance (Ralph Vasquez Agency), Terry & Susan Young West USA Realtors and Wolfe & Associates Tax & Accounting Services. Team managers for the Winter Season are Ken Brenden, Mike Gloyd, Gary Hatch, Gary Hillbolt, Larry Kaufmann, John Seigla and TJ Tjernlund.

Our Fall Season ended on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Entering the final week of the season, Manager Larry Kaufmann's A-1 Golf Carts team held a slim one-game lead over Manager Mike Gloyd's West USA Realty squad. The top hitters, based upon a minimum of 50 plate appearances, were Chuck Myrick (.800), Larry Kaufmann

(.779), Bill Corso (.766), Tim Baldwin (.761), Chuck Swanson (.740), Dennis Bernaiche (.727), Ken Brenden (.723) and Bill Cheney (.722). Go to the Stats Page on our website ([www.sunlakessoftball.com](http://www.sunlakessoftball.com)) to see the final team standings and the players' batting statistics for the Fall Season.

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. Start times are at 9 a.m. See the website for more information.



A-1's Manager and star player Larry Kaufmann: Praying for rain? Asking for Divine guidance? Or looking for a fly ball?  
(Courtesy of Core Photography, LLC.)

February 2016

**A-1 ARE FALL LEAGUE CHAMPS**  
By Larry Wolfe

The A-1 Golf Carts team won the Fall League championship with a 14-6 record, barely edging out the Farmers Insurance and Young's West USA Realty teams. A-

1 clinched the title during the final game of the season when “General” Ed Sowney ripped a clutch two-out hit off the left field wall to drive in pinch runner Ronnie “The Roadrunner” Pennington with the winning score.

Fall League leaders in various offensive categories were: At Bats, Mike Gloyd with 108; Runs Scored, Dave Martin (51); Bases on Balls, Chuck Myrick (14); Singles, Tim Baldwin (50); Doubles, Larry Kaufmann (17); Triples, Dave Martin (6); Inside the Park Homers, Tom Kasunic (2); and Home Runs, Dave Rinaldo (12). Chuck Myrick edged out Larry Kaufmann .795 to .794 to lead the league in hitting. Other .700+ hitters were Tim Baldwin (.750), Steve Hilby (.746), Bill Corso (.744), Al Grefsheim (.7420), Sam Giordano (.736), Chuck Swanson (.723), Bill Cheney (.714), Roger Wisslead (.710) and Gary Hatch (.700)

Our Winter League season is now underway. Each of our seven teams plays a 24-game season with a seeded double-elimination tournament closing out the session on February 23rd and 25<sup>th</sup>. Come on down to the Field of Dreams on any Tuesday, Thursday or Friday morning to watch senior softball at its best! Or close to it....

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Our ladies senior softball team, the Lady Sluggers, concludes league play in February. They have four home games remaining: February 1, 10, 15 & 17. All games are played at the Field of Dreams and start at noon. Come out and support our ladies!

Association members and former players are invited to our annual banquet and program on Monday evening, March 21. Save the date! Details regarding the venue, ticket prices, and other info will be on our website and in the next edition of the *Splash*.



2016 Lady Sluggers: Back row, l-r: Ann Buckley, Sue O'Connell, Nora Laflin, Lynn Casey, Teresa Dorman and Katie Moon. Front row, l-r: Susie Lynch, Billy Jo Maggio, Cyndy Hilby, Terry Finley, Judy Grefsheim and Lynn Tanner (Photo by Core Photography, LLC)

March 2016

LADY SLUGGERS COMPLETE SEASON  
By Larry Wolfe

The Lady Sluggers, our ladies senior softball team, recently completed their season playing in the Valley of the Sun League, which includes teams throughout the Valley.

The team thanks everyone who came out to the Field of Dreams to root them on. A great time was had by all.



Tournament Winners, Front: Steve Hilby, Jeff Jay, Mgr. Gary Hatch, Gary Stewart and Gregg Peterson. Back: Tom Vitolo, Dom Colonna, John Whitman, Bill Kreisman, “Hoot” Gibson, Tom Erpelding and Evan Hansen.  
 (Photo by Core Photography, LLC)

04/2016

**FARMERS INSURANCE WINS TOURNEY TITLE**  
 By Larry Wolfe

At the conclusion of our Winter League, a seeded seven-team three-day double-elimination tournament was held. Twelve games were played over the three-day span before the Farmers Insurance team, sponsored by the Frank Margiotta Agency and managed by Gary Hatch, won their well-earned title. Brief game summaries follow:

In game one, Farmers scored four runs in the final inning to edge A-1 Golf Carts 14-12. John Whitman led the victors with four hits, including two triples. Manager Hatch added three. Reyes Gonzalez had three hits for A-1.

In game two, the Mutual of Omaha Bankers toppled Wolfe & Associates 16-3. Tom Lorgan and Sam Giordano each had three safeties for the winners. They had ample support as six teammates had two hits each. Chuck Schaan paced the losing squad with three hits while Doug Friesen and Larry Wolfe each added two.

The third contest featured number one seeded State Farm Insurance versus the upstart Farmers team. The Farmers surprised the Insurers by coming from behind to post a 14-11 victory. Dennis Colbert, Jeff Jay and Tommy Vitolo each had three hits for the victors while Tim Baldwin went 4 for 4 for State Farm.

In game four, Brenden Financial Planning came back to edge Terry & Susan Young's West USA Realty team 17-16. Frank Tanner garnered four hits to pace the Planners. Manager TJ Tjernlund and Dave Martin had four hits for the losers.

The Realtors opened the second day of play with a 20-10 win over Wolfe & Associates. John Whitman and Billy Kee led the Realtors with four hits each while Bill Cheney and Chuck Schaan paced the Wolfe Pack with three each.

Brenden's Planners beat the Bankers 18-14 in the next contest with Manager Ken Brenden, Dennis Kennedy and Stevie Kay banging out three hits each. Sammy Giordano went 4 for 4 for Mutual.

Young's Realtors then ousted number one seed State Farm 12-11 in spite of Tim Baldwin's four hits. John Whitman led the winners with four hits.

Mutual's Bankers ended day two by eliminating A-1 13-4. Gary Hatch had four hits for the winners while the Golfers were held to six total hits.

Day three started with four teams remaining. The Realtors bested the Bankers 21-15 with TJ Tjernlund going 5 for 5. He was supported by Dave Martin with four hits. Manager John Seigla led his team with four base knocks.

The Farmers then edged Brenden's Planners 12-11. Steve Hilby and Gregg Petersen led the way with three hits each. Tom Kasunic paced the Planners with four.

The Farmers came right back to wipe out the Realtors 17-5 with Gary Stewart going 4 for 4 with four runs scored. John Whitman had three hits for the Realtors.



Playing their third straight game of the day proved to be “no contest” for the Farmers as they thrashed Brenden’s Planners 15-6 in the Championship Game. Gregg Petersen, Gary Stewart and Hoot Gibson led the champs to victory while Billy Kee bashed out three hits for the Planners.

Congratulations to Manager Hatch and his entire team!



Winter League Champs, left to right: Billy Kreisman, Mike Levine, Ralph Vasquez, “Big Al” Grefsheim, Tim Baldwin, Mgr. Larry Kaufmann, Stan Weiss, Bill Stanick, Dave Rinaldo and Jerry Smith (Courtesy of Core Photography, LLC.)

April 2016

## STATE FARM CAPTURES WINTER SOFTBALL TITLE

By Larry Wolfe

The State Farm Insurance Team, managed by Larry Kaufmann and sponsored by the Ralph Vasquez Agency, captured the Winter League pennant with a sparkling 16-4 record, easily besting the second place finishers, Brenden Financial Planning, who completed a 13-9 campaign.

Larry Kaufmann led all hitters at the break with a .821 average, followed by Reyes Gonzalez (.787), Steve Hilby (.772), Bill Corso and Tom Kasunic (both at .743) and Chuck Myrick (.734).

The Winter League regular season play was followed by a three-day double-elimination tournament. See a separate article in this edition of the *Splash* for the tourney results.

Our Spring Season is now well underway and runs through late April. See next month's *Splash* for the final Spring Season standings and statistics. Current info is also always available on our website: [www.sunlakessoftball.com](http://www.sunlakessoftball.com).

At the conclusion of our regular league play, our Summer Recreational Program kicks in. These are informal get-togethers and include batting practice and pick-up games. See our website for current start times and other information.

We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of former Association member and softball player, Tom Medlin. Our condolences go out to his wife, Karen, the rest of his family and his many friends. RIP, Tommy.



Spirit winners Ken Brenden (left) and Dennis LePore (right) with SLSSA President Sam Giordano (center). (Courtesy of Core Photography)

May 2016

## BRENDEN & LEPORE NAMED SOFTBALL SPIRIT WINNERS By Larry Wolfe

Ken Brenden and Dennis LePore were named winners of the prestigious Spirit of Sun Lakes Softball Award at the SLSAA's annual spring banquet. The award goes to the member or members who go "above and beyond" to support our program. Both Ken and Dennis are certainly worthy recipients of the award.

Over 150 people attended the banquet and program which was held in the Cottonwood Ballroom. In addition to the Spirit Awards, the Third Annual Geezer Awards were presented to six players and our "resident physical therapist" Jessica Sorensen of Spooner Physical Therapy. With awards that included "Most Interesting Eyes" and "Most Painful Face" you really need to go to the Photos Page on our website ([www.sunlakessoftball.com](http://www.sunlakessoftball.com)) to appreciate the awards! Thanks to Mike Core for putting this program together.

Gary Alexander's One More Time Combo provided musical entertainment for the program. Many thanks go out to Gary, his band members and the Combo's sponsor, Lawson Family Plumbing.

And last, but not least, kudos to Pat Wolfe, our banquet coordinator, for putting together a first class event.

Our Spring Season ended after this month's press deadline, so we'll recap the season, tournament and awards ceremony in next month's *Splash*. If you can't stand the suspense, go to the website for up-to-date information.

Our league play is now complete, but our summer recreational program is now underway. Batting practice and pick-up games take place every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning. Come out to the Field of Dreams and get ready for the Fall League!

The election of Board Members and Officers for the 2016-2017 year recently took place. President Sam Giordano, Secretary Steve Hilby, and Treasurer Larry Wolfe were re-elected officers. Mike Core was elected Vice President, replacing Ken Brenden, who retired from the Board. At-large members are Bill Corso, Gary Hillbolt and Jesse Washington.



A-1 Golf Cart Champions: Front, l-r: Dave Boone, Chuck Schaan, Ron Pennington, Dennis Bernaiche and Brian Jetter. Back, l-r: Manager Gay Hillabolt, Gary Brinkman, Jim Dunn, Steve Holliger, Tom Kasunic, Chuck Swanson and Jim Leckner. (Photo courtesy of Core Photography

June 2016

## A-1 GOLF WINS SOFTBALL PENNANT AND TOURNEY

By Larry Wolfe

The A-1 Golf Cart team, managed by Gary Hillabolt, won both the Winter League Pennant and the End-of-Year Tournament Titles. The Golfers had to sweep a season-ending doubleheader from Mutual of Omaha, managed by Mike Gloyd, to clinch the title. They did just that with 14-11 and 17-11 victories on the last day of the regular season. The Bankers settled for a tie for second with the State Farm Insurance squad, managed by Larry Kaufmann. A-1 finished at 13-7 compared to 12-8 won-lost records for Mutual and State Farm. (See a separate article in this edition of the *Splash* for a recap of the tournament.)

The top ten hitters for the 2015-2016 campaigns were Reyes Gonzalez and Larry Kaufmann (both at .804); Steve Hilby and Tom Kasunic (both at .751); Chuck Myrick (.750); Randy Neumann (.738); Tim Baldwin (.714); Bill Corso (.705); Dave Martin (.693); and John Whitman (.690).

Reyes Gonzalez was named Rookie-of-the-Year while Tom Kasunic earned the Most Improved Player Award. Owen Bae was honored with the Sportsmanship Award.

In order to have a successful program like ours, it requires a lot of volunteers. Thanks to this year's team managers, Ken Brenden, Mike Gloyd, Gary Hatch, Gary Hillabolt, Larry Kaufmann, Dave Rinaldo, John Seigla and TJ Tjernlund. Kudos go out to all of our volunteer umpires and scorers, especially Umpires/Scorers Coordinator Dennis LePore and Chief Scorer Cyndy Hilby. Also encomiums (look it up!) to Field Preparation Chief Larry Delaney, Monday Program Czar Red Waterfield and Saturday Program Coordinator Ken Brenden.

Now that our organized league play has been completed, we switch to a recreational format for the summer months. The Field of Dreams is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings for batting practice and pick-up games. Check our website ([www.sunlakessoftball.com](http://www.sunlakessoftball.com)) for start times as we start earlier and earlier as the temperatures rise. If you're interested in joining us for league play in the fall, now is the time to come down to the field and get in shape!



Owen Bae, Sportsman of the Year, and Tom Kasunic, Most Improved Player  
(Photo courtesy of Core Photography)

June 2016

## SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RECAP

By Larry Wolfe

League play wrapped up in late April with our annual end-of-seasons tournament, awards ceremony and social event. The tournament had a seeded single-game elimination format. An estimated crowd of 150+ was on hand to cheer the teams on.

In the opening game, fifth-seeded West USA Realty (sponsored by Terry & Susan Young) beat the fourth-seeded Farmers Insurance team (sponsored by the Frank Margiotta Agency) by a score of 15-7. Steve Hilby led the winners by going three

for three with a walk. Dan Bradfield also had three hits. John Whitman had three hits, including two doubles in a losing effort.

The sixth-seeded, but scrappy, Wolfe & Associates squad surprised the number three-seeded State Farm team (sponsored by the Ralph Vasquez Agency) in a close one: 15-13. Manager Dave Rinaldo led the Wolfe Pack with four hits while Sam Giordano banged out four hits for the Insurers.

In game three, the number two seed, Mutual of Omaha, thumped the West USA Realtors 24-14. Lead off man Bill Cheney, clean up hitter Big Al Grefsheim, Mike Leverence and John Jay all had three hits for the winning Bankers. Billy Kee and Manager TJ Tjernlund had three hits each for the Realtors.

After a break for a ball park lunch of burgers, hot dogs and chips and the awards ceremony (see a separate article listing the winners), the underdog Wolfe Pack was nipped by the number one A-1 Golfers 10-8. Jim Dunn led the winners with three safeties while Mike Levine and Larry Maggerd had three each for the losers.

That set up a classic number one versus number two confrontation in the championship game. Number two Mutual of Omaha jumped out to an early 5-0 lead, but the A-1 Golfers stormed back to tie the game up 5-5 before piling on fourteen runs to earn an eventual 19-10 victory. Dave Boone and Chuck Schaan led the way with three hits each for A-1 while none of the Bankers were able to connect for more than two safeties. Congratulations to Manager Gary Hillabolt and the entire A-1 team for a great season and tournament win.

Many thanks to Tournament & Event Coordinators Mike Core and Ken Brenden, Master Chefs Gary Alexander and Randy Rothenbuehler, Servers Pat Wolfe, Cathy Doughman and Rhonda Myers, Chief Scorer & Announcer Extraordinaire Cyndy (No, it's not misspelled) Hilby and all the volunteer umpires, scoreboard operators and the set-up crew.





Sizzlin' Seven: Top hitters (left to right), Larry Kaufmann, Steve Hilby, Tom Kasunic, Randy Nuemann, Bill Corso, John Whitman and Dave Martin. Top Ten hitters absent from photo: Tim Baldwin, Reyes Gonzales and Chuck Myrick  
(Photo courtesy of Core Photography)

July 2016

## SIZZLIN' SUMMER SOFTBALL

By Larry Wolfe

The temperatures may be sizzlin' hot, but Sun Lakes Senior Softball carries on. Our summer recreational program includes batting practice and pick-up games every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning. Check our website ([www.sunlakessoftball.com](http://www.sunlakessoftball.com)) for current start times.

Speaking of sizzlin' hot, here are our league leaders in various batting categories during our 2015-2016 program which included our Fall, Winter and Spring Seasons: Runs scored: Steve Hilby (153); Bases on Balls: Steve Hilby (36); Singles: Gene Grandquist (127); Doubles: Larry Kaufmann (50); Triples: Dave Martin (12) and Homeruns: Steve Hilby (42). Larry Kaufmann and Reyes Gonzalez tied for the regular season batting title with averages of .804, the fourth highest averages in the annals of our organization.

Our Association recently lost one of its long time members, Robert “Bobby” Cantor. Bobby played in our competitive leagues for sixteen seasons, and then played in our recreational program for another four years until the age of 80. In his prime, he was a slick-fielding second baseman and a pesky hitter who loved coming to the ballpark. RIP, Bobby.



Dennis Kennedy appears wide awake as he takes a swing at a pitch from Billy Maxwell during our 7:30 AM BP! (Courtesy of Core Photography)

August 2016

## SUMMER TIME SOFTBALL

By Larry Wolfe

Sure, it may be a little warm for softball in August in Arizona, but by starting batting practice at 7:30 AM, it’s “only” a hundred or so by the time we complete our pick-up games. Come by the Field of Dreams any Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday morning and “beat the heat” with us. See our website for more information about our program ([www.sunlakessoftball.com](http://www.sunlakessoftball.com)).

We recently lost one of the true pioneers of Sun Lakes Softball. Jim Kilmartin's recent passing leaves a large hole in the heart and soul of our program. He played in our league for 22 years and continued to help out down at the field even after he hung up his cleats two years ago. RIP, Jimmy.

Like many Sun Lakes residents, a lot of our players head north to cooler climes for the summer. Did you ever wonder how they keep in touch with those of us who stay behind? Answer: They touch base every once in a while! OK, one more! What did the softball glove say to the ball? Answer: Catch ya later! Till next month.....



The Western States Champions, left-right: Dennis Bernaiche, Sam Giordano, Paul Guyer, Tim Loeffler, Ken Muhlbiel, Dave Martin, Dave Rinaldo, Gary Williams, Gino Burnett, Dick Bleich and Bill Stanick (missing from photo: Larry Kaufmann)

September 2016

## DESERT BATS WIN WESTERN STATES TOURNEY By Larry Wolfe

Our Desert Bats 65+ team recently won the Western States Qualifying Tournament in Prescott. The Bats swept the tournament field, finishing with a perfect 5-0

record. The Bats lived up to their name as their bats produced 109 runs, an average of nearly 22 per contest. They collectively had a .670 batting average with Gary Williams leading the way by going an incredible 19 for 20 in the tournament. This win qualifies the team to play in the upcoming World Masters Championships to be held in Las Vegas.

Our summer program continues through late October with batting practice and pick-up games held every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning at the Field of Dreams. Check our website ([www.sunlakessoftball.com](http://www.sunlakessoftball.com)) for start times and other information about our programs.

Sadly, another of our former players passed away recently. Bob Durben played in our league in the 1980s and '90s. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family, many friends and his companion, Vivian Cox.



Advertise your business on the outfield fence at the Field of Dreams. See the article below for more details.

October 2016

## NEW SOFTBALL SEASON OPENS OCTOBER 25TH

By Larry Wolfe

Our Fall League begins play on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Field of Dreams. Registration for league play begins on October 1<sup>st</sup> and closes on October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you're a newcomer to our league, it is mandatory that you "try out" prior to that date. All of our players are rated so that we can attempt to "even out" the teams based upon skill levels. See our website for more details ([www.sunlakessoftball.com](http://www.sunlakessoftball.com)). An application form will be on-line for completing and printing.

We are scheduled to practice at Chandler's Snedigar Park on Alma School Road beginning the last week of September and continuing through late October while the Field of Dreams is being over-seeded. The start time is 8 AM. We have reserved field numbers 5 and 6.

We have available advertising spaces on the outfield fences at the Field of Dreams. It's an economical way for businesses and organizations to get their names out into

the community and to support our program at the same time. Contact Larry Wolfe (480-802-2748 or [larryewolfe@msn.com](mailto:larryewolfe@msn.com)) for more information.



Cyndy Hilby “mans” our sign-up table as Gary Hillabolt fills out his application for the 2016-17 softball programs

NOVEMBER 2016

**PLAY BALL! NEW SOFTBALL SEASON IS UNDERWAY!**

By Larry Wolfe

Opening Day for the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Fall Season was October 25<sup>th</sup>. This year’s team sponsors are: A-1 Golf Carts, Brenden Financial Services, Farmers Insurance (Frank Margiotta’s Agency), Real Estate Rustlers (Jim Leckner’s Agency), State Farm Insurance (Ralph Vasquez’ Agency), Wolfe & Associates and Terry & Susan Young’s Real Estate Agency.

Team managers for this season are Ken Brenden, Mike Gloyd, Gary Hillabolt, Larry Kaufmann, Dave Rinaldo, TJ Tjernlund and John Whitman.

Our Fall Season runs through December 15<sup>th</sup>. After a holiday hiatus, the Winter Season will open in January. If you missed out on this session, you can still play in our recreational program (Mondays & Saturdays) and sign up for the winter session later. Our rec program consists of batting practice and pick-up games and is a good way to get in shape for league play.

Our updated website ([www.sunlakessoftball.com](http://www.sunlakessoftball.com)) has a lot of additional information about our various programs.

Our Lady Sluggers team will begin practice after Thanksgiving. They play other area teams in the Valley of the Sun League. See the Ladies Page on our website for more information.

We welcome a new advertiser at the Field of Dreams: Drs. David Herbert and Anthony Pellegrino of Advanced Pain Modalities in Chandler are our newest sponsors. Learn more about their practice at [www.apmdoctors.com](http://www.apmdoctors.com). Three long time supporting companies recently renewed their advertising banners. Special thank yous go out to The Charles Company & Associates, Netzel Financial and Retirement Insurance Specialists (RIS). The Charles Company has been a supporter since 2003 while Steve Netzel has been an advertiser since 2007; RIS joined our team in 2011. Go to their websites ([www.thecharlescompany.com](http://www.thecharlescompany.com), [www.netzelfinancial.com](http://www.netzelfinancial.com) and [www.rismedicare.com](http://www.rismedicare.com)) to learn more about their services. There are also links to their sites on our website.



Tommy Vitolo swings away during a recent game while catcher Jesse Washington and umpire Larry Wolfe look on.  
(Photo by Core Photography, LLC)

DECEMBER 2016  
FARMERS INSURANCE OFF TO 8-0 START  
By Larry Wolfe

At press time the Farmers Insurance team, managed by Gary Hillbolt and sponsored by the Frank Margiotta Agency, were off to an 8-0 start in our Fall League. That was good enough for a three-game lead over the Real Estate Rustlers, managed and sponsored by Jim Leckner. Roger Wisslead and John Whitman were the early batting leaders, both slugging at over an .800 clip. Check out our website ([www.sunlakessoftball.com](http://www.sunlakessoftball.com)) for up-to-date standings and other information.

Our Lady Sluggers team will begin practice soon. League play begins in January. They play other area teams in the Valley of the Sun League. See the Ladies Page on our website for more information.

We've had six banner advertising renewals in the past month. Special thanks go out to long-time sponsor Sun Devil Auto, which has been a loyal supporter of our program since 2000. Also, many thanks to Debbie Wiltse's State Farm Insurance Agency (a sponsor since 2007), Fleming's Steakhouse, Bob & Sandy Thompson



Revelation Real Estate and the Buckeye Boys (all three sponsors since 2010) and DC Steakhouse in Downtown Chandler (a sponsor since 2013). See the Sponsors Page on our website for links to the websites of all of our supporters and to see how you can advertise your business or organization at the Field of Dreams. Remember to SOS...Support Our Sponsors!