



Cheryl Jolin fields a groundball at a recent practice session. The Sluggers are ready to play! (Photo by Cyndy Hilby)

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Lady Sluggers Ready to Open Season
-Larry Wolfe

Our Lady Sluggers senior softball team wrapped up their practice sessions and are ready to open the 2025 season. The Sluggers participate in the Valley of the Sun Ladies Senior Softball League, which includes several teams from the southeast valley. The ladies open their season “on the road” on January 6th versus the Viewpoint Gems and conclude their season on March 10th at the Valle del Oro Resort in Mesa versus the Valle Heat.

Following is the 2025 home schedule. All games begin at noon and are played at the Field of Dreams, located at Riggs Road and Old Price Road. The Sluggers play a doubleheader on each play date. The full schedule, including all road games, may be found on the Ladies Page on our website, www.sunlakessoftball.com.

The home schedule:

Mon., January 13 vs. Resort Red Sox

Wed., January 15 vs. Fountain of the Sun

Mon., January 20 vs. Sunland Springs Village

Wed., January 29 vs. Stingers

Mon., February 03 vs. Stingers

Wed., February 05 vs. Viewpoint Gems

Wed., February 12 vs. Valle Heat

Mon., February 17 vs. Roadhaven Rebels

Mon., March 03 vs. Sunland Village East

Did you know?

-The first ladies team began play in 1995 and was managed by Will Caton and Artie Wachter.

-Karen Kenyon became manager in 2001 and continued to lead the team through the 2011 season.

-The husband-wife duo of Henry and Charlene Ellis then led the team for several years until the current manager, Terry Finley, took over. Terry is ably assisted by Coach Scott Steinmann.

-The team was originally called the Sun Lakes Swingers. They changed their name to the Sluggers in 2012.

-The two top teams (so far!) have been the 2009 team which led the league with a 20-4 record and the league-leading 2012 team that finished with a 21-5 record.

Now you know!

Be sure to come by the field to support our ladies. Let's go, Sluggers!