GOLDEN GIRLS NEWS

MAY 2012

Rain, rain, go away (at least near Wednesdays and Saturdays)! In spite of Mother Nature's best efforts to foil us, we have been able to get in some games. To prove it, Barb Jacobik says we really do have team standings and they look like this as of May 19:

Team	Games	Wins	Losses	Ties	Win %	GB	Forfeits	Rain/Heat
Red Devilettes	13	9.5	3.5	1	0.769	0.0	0	3
Limelights	13	8.5	4.5	1	0.692	1.0	0	3
Azalea Mania	13	6	7	2	0.538	3.5	0	3
Purple Passion	13	2	11	2	0.231	7.5	2	3

Since the Purple Passion were struggling with some forfeits, Sue Duttine graciously transferred from the Red Devilettes to add another player to their roster...that's the Golden Girl spirit!

What does "pickup games" mean on the schedule? When there is a holiday weekend or two or more tournament teams will be out of town, the league schedule says "pickup games." Currently, pickup games are scheduled for May 26, July 11, July 14, September 22, and October 13. These dates could be a great opportunity to improve skills and have fun, too. Many of our players are good hitters, good base runners, and/or good fielders - and good teachers. If these pickup dates included 30 minutes of skill drills followed by pickup games where everybody could practice the new skills, everyone would benefit. Here's your chance to be a leader!! If you would like to volunteer to be in charge on any of these pickup dates, please contact Barbara Jacobik on 703-378-2390 or at jacobik@juno.com. Come on now – don't be shy – this is a very important new opportunity.

MORE TOURNAMENT ODDS AND ENDS

Congratulations to Nancy Anthony upon winning the 50/50 drawing at the Tournament.

One of the "Golden Boys" made a video of some of our 50s in action and posted it on U-Tube. To view it, go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-30ZRPGzFQI . Thanks to Phil Richardson for sharing this!

Janet Mitchell from the Maryland Runners sent the following follow-up note: "Congrats to the Golden Girls organization for running a fine tournament. We really appreciate it. Please pass along our thanks to all of the Golden Girls."

And from Joann Moore of the Dream Girlz "This is JoAnn Moore, President of the Dreamgirlz 50 Team. I just want to personally thank you and your hard-working staff for a wonderful tournament. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves this past weekend despite the rain on Saturday. I want to thank you again for the 1st place prize in the form of a check. It will be definitely used for our next tournament in June. I just wish all associations will get away from the plaques, t-shirts and trophies. You can only get so many of those and then they start collecting dust." [And they are only in their 50s – just think of how many dust collectors us "more mature" players have collected.]

Cathy Nicholson from the California Spirit said this "...thanks again for a terrific experience. We haven't stop sharing our experiences with everyone in the west."

G-BAY - SORT OF

My son, Tommy just graduated from college and is very interested in finding a job/internship (paid or unpaid) in the sports management industry. He earned a business degree with a minor in Sports Management from the University of South Caroline-go Gamecocks and he is ready to start at the ground floor and learn all he can.

I was wondering whether one of our Golden Girls might know of any opportunities or have a contact either at the collegiate or professional level that might assist us. He is ready to do whatever it takes to participate in this field. He is extremely knowlegeable in sports and finished up with a 4.0 his last semester. He is also a nice guy and very personable--if Mom may say so herself.

I appreciate your consideration and support. Thanks!

Charlotte, 571-481-7617

NEEDING HUGS

Jacqui Viers on the 65s Tournament Team is having a knee replacement on June 4. She plans on being back on the field by the September tournament in Dalton.

Pat Whittle and Fran Green could use some extra cheer as they are recovering from surgeries and illnesses.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Kay White. Kay played many years in the league and on several of the tournament teams.

A note from Linda "Legs" Pessagno..." I haven't been on the field yet due to something going on with my left quad muscle. The ortho doc thinks it's a soft tissue/muscle pull. The x-ray didn't show any fracture but he ordered an MRI. I tried to get this done on a Friday night but because of the pigeon-toe position the technician had to put my leg in, I couldn't do it. The pain was awful. I tried twice to go through with it but just couldn't. So now I have to reschedule the MRI and see if the doctor can prescribe some sort of pain killer or sedative so I can get through the 30 minute MRI. It's so frustrating not to be able to do anything, especially play ball!!!" Send us an update, Legs!

Denise Brown will be out a couple of weeks while her very sore wrist has time to heal. She is pretty bummed out that she is out of action!

SENDING HUGS

All of us were so happy to see Weezie at the games last Saturday.

Also good to see Barbara Bitgood back a couple of weeks ago.

Connie Jamison wants to "thank all of you for the prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy on the passing of my husband, Jay Roger "Pooch" Jamison. No more confusion for him. He is at peace."

Thank you, Nancy Mason for your very generous donation to Golden Girls!

DONNA'S MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Well, folks, I lied last month when I said we had 168 members. Actually, that was the number of names I had in the database, which included the helpers and coaches, the affiliates, and a couple of "promises to send it in right aways" that never happened. So the real story is, we have 147 members, 27 affiliates, and 5 helper/coaches.

Several ladies joined as one-tournament-only members for the May tournament: Nancy Anthony, Myra Charles, Kathy Fetterman, Sheila Garrett, Sonya Johnson, Tamara Maull, Hazel Prioleau, Terry Rhian, and Christina Voss. In addition, we added Barbara and Ellen Warren (mother and daughter), and Sue Alfred to our league roster.

As usual, more mistakes have been found in the directory and supplement. For instance, Diane Belge's birthday is 11/16, not 11/06. Edie Goeller, young as she might seem, was not born in 2031, but 1931! Louise Boone's correct cell number is 202-256-277, and her contact name (Carmen, please take note) is Nakeesha Gray.

Now, if all that is not enough to make someone think "I could do at least that well," I'll keep trying, but if one of you would like to grab the coveted membership chairman spot, I'll gladly give it up. It feels so good to have Marilyn doing the newsletter, I can't wait to see what having someone else do the membership would be like!

Please add the following to your directory....

	GG Directory	Supplement	2012	
MEMBER / e-mail	PHONE	ADDRESS	CONTACT	B-DAY
Alfred, Joyce (Sue) mob227@aol.com	703-536-5497 703-980-4283	2121 N George Mason Dr. Arlington, VA 22207	Tia Alfred - Dau 703-536-5497	05/13/1951
Anthony, Nancy nancyanthony@verizon.net	703-368-6334 703-209-7279	11049 Timberview Dr. Manassas, VA 20111	Louise Bergland - F 571-212-8164	
Bitgood, Barbara barbran25@verizon.net	301-498-4269	8805 Gramercy Ln Laurel, MD 20708	James Bitgood 301-498-4269	03/25/1950
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Charles, Myra myra_cha@msn.com	410-855-7634 443-421-3421	3736 Parkfield Rd. Pikesville, MD 21208	Wayne Charles - H 443-742-2930	04/26/1956
Collett, Kathy jaxtax2@yahoo.com	703-606-6413 cell	907 Ware St Vienna, VA 22180	Rob Bums - Fiance 703-338-0127	01/22/1957
Davis, Linda (Trip) ltripd@yahoo.com	704-606-6413 cell 410-978-8355	3949 W. Alexander Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89032	Twanda Kennedy -D 410-978-8359	01/28/1948
Dunn, Patricia pats8812@yahoo.com	443-994-0892 cell 301-421-1288 wk	918 N. Forest Trail Cornsville, MD 21032	Darlene Grist - Sis 301-343-9614	03/22/1962
Fetterman, Kathy kitti572003@yahoo.com	703-642-1627 703-994-9547 cell	4912 Herkimer St. Annandale, VA 62003	Joseph Fetterman-H 703-994-9548	12/15/1957
Honabach, Robin robinhonabach@yahoo.com	302-421-1288 wk 360-930-2960 cell	2005 Powells Landing Circle Woodbridge, VA 22191	David Honabach -H 360-204-4522	11/22/1960
Garrett, Sheila sdingle22@gmail.com	443-850-7384	Newfield Rd. Gwynn Oak, MD 21207	Kelly Garrett - H 443-320-8794	07/24/1959
Johnson, Sonya sonyabris@aol.com	301-386-2440 301-728-8231	3408 Mandeves Pl. Springdale, MD 20779	Derrick Johnson - H 301-728-4007	05/31/1961
Kaufman, Paula kapaly@verizon.net Mauli, Tamara	703-892-6566 202-375-8462 cell	1591 S Barton St. Arlington, VA 22204 180 Pinecove Ave.	Joan Kaufman - Sis 703-671-1475	04/06/1949
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Prioleau, Hazel priol14@aol.com	443-857-1378	P. O. Box 43725 Baltimore, MD 21236	Linda Bennett - S 443-600-7422 cell	03/03/1959
Rhian, Terry trhian1@yahoo,com	407-920-9511	114 Old Hickory Ct Longwood, FL 32750	0 6 53	06/16/1959
Rodham, Megan megmad12@aol.com	703-319-4126 703-282-2391	1666 Beulah Rd. Vienna, VA 22182	Tony Rodham - Hus 847-471-2228	12/15/1971
Seibert, Cleo	703-743-9185 951-233-0636	15231 Royal Crest # 302 Haymarket, VA 20169	Bertha Brown - Sis 703-754-3341	06/10/1939
Voss, Christine chrisevoss@aol.com	703-451-0816 571-225-0749	6365 English Ivy Way Springfield, VA 22152		10/26/1961
Warren, Barbara	703-821-6875	7603 Leonard Dr. Falls Church, VA 22043	Ellen Warren - Dau 703-629-9037 cell	03/21/1939
Warren, Ellen ellenwarren@hotmail.com	703-629-9037	2184 Cartwright Reston, VA 20191	Paul Baumann - F 703-946-2123	08/25/1965
Whittle, Pat whittlepat@aol.com	703-443-1947 793-338-5210	41531 Southpaw Pl. Leesburg, VA 20175	Mark Whittle - Hus 571-228-8085	04/26/1957

CHO TIME

Once again it's time to show our generosity and donate to our local Vienna charity Community Helping Others (CHO). This is our way of saying thank you to the Town of Vienna for the use of their softball fields at no cost. Beginning June 2nd. we will be collecting hygiene products and baby products at the games on Saturdays and Wednesdays for three weeks. Suggested items are: toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorants, shampoos & conditioners, lotions, tampons & kotex products, disposable razors, shaving cream, soap, diapers, diaper rash ointment, diaper wipes, baby shampoo and lotions, baby tylenol, misc. baby items. As always, cash, checks and gift cards are welcome.

Thank you, Bettie Pell

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The annual All Star Game will be on Saturday, August 25 at Southside. Be there or be square!

Lynn Smith has again graciously agreed to host the Holiday Party at her home on **Sunday, December 9** from 1-4. More details will be coming but be sure to set that date aside for a great time.

TOURNAMENT TEAMS NEWS

60s Tournament Team Update by Peg Moyer

I'm sure most of you read my roving reporter emails but just in case you missed them, the 60s won their division in the SPA Spring Nationals in Pensacola last month (April). We had some good competition and played some great softball. In spite of playing well on Friday, we lost all three of our pool play games. We then cranked it up a notch for the rest of the tournament and never lost another game. What fun it is to stay in the winner's bracket! Fay DeJoy was very impressive on the mound and was the MVP. The other players named to the All Tournament Team were AD Grafman, Batch Batchelor, Diane Belge and Peg Moyer.

In early May we played in our own rain-plagued Golden Girls tournament. We easily defeated the Smoky Mountain Stars but lost a tough one to the CA Spirit team. We were seeded second. We defeated the Stars once again in bracket play and that was the end of play for us. Mother Nature did not feel obliged to let us avenge our loss to the CA team, thus they were declared the winners and we came in second. Our organization did a great job once again in hosting this tournament and those who attended had a lot of fun. Well done! Kudos to Marilyn and Beth and all those who pitched in.

UPDATED LYRICS

Midge has composed Golden Girl appropriate words to "My Favorite Things"

Sunscreen, and chapstick, batting gloves and jackets
Visors and ball caps and chewing gum packets
Ball bags with laundry not tied up in string
These are a few of our ball playing things.

Calluses, bruises and smudgy dark glasses
Gatorade and towels and gnats in the grasses
Sitting in dugouts, though not in a huff
This is a part of our Golden Girls stuff.
When the joint smarts
When the butt farts
When the suns blinds our eyes
We simply remember our favorite game
So let us all rhap-so-dize.

Hotdogs, potato chips, pickles and onions

Water bottles, band aids, aspirin and bunions

Uniform colors of gold, white and black

These are some things that can take us all back.

Not a back pain, or a weak brain, nor fear of an error Not shin splints, or shiners, or rotator tear-ers Not wild throws, or face plants, or blinding by sun Such things can cause us to become so undone.

But....

When the ball?s caught

When the call's safe

When we score a run

We always remember our favorite game

And then we all do have fun!