



# Golden Girls News

## April 2017

The league and tournament teams are all poised and ready to play some ball! League starts on Wednesday, April 11 at 6:30 and two tournament teams will be in Valdosta, GA April 6-8. Engines are revved and ready to roll! Just remember to let your league team managers know if you cannot be at any games throughout the season - it sure does make their lives much easier to know ahead of time. It has been such crazy weather lately but hopefully Mother Nature got that out of her system and we will have dry warm weather headed our way.

### ***Annual Breakfast***

The GG Breakfast was a huge success - we had a full house and a good time was had by all. Thanks to all the "behind-the-scenes" ladies who made it all happen. Leigh Adair led us in the National Anthem to get things going and Marie introduced the 2018 Board of Directors:



From left to right: Marie Snyder (Pres), Anne Whatley (Internal Audit), Laura Carver (Equipment), Katy Page (League Team Mgr), Sallie Hudson (Corr. Secretary), Nancy Williams (Fin. Sec.), Barbara Jacobik (Treasurer), Marilyn Mallery (Newsletter, Membership, Website, Pub. & Comm. Relations), Gloria Mathers (League Team Mgr), Fran Green (Mem. At Large), Christine Zender (Rec. Sec.), Leigh Adair (Soc. & Spec. Activities, League Team Mgr), Diane Smith (Soc. & Spec. Activities), Janet Weeks (Nominations), Baz Baziluk (Past Pres). Not pictured: Peg Moyer (VPres), Carmen Campbell (Member at Large), Bev Vaughn (Member at Large). **GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE!**

Leigh and Diane gave us a good workout (for our laugh muscles) with several challenges such as "Pass the TP", "Watch Your Sugar", and "Smart Cookie". There were 4 \$25 Gas Cards given as door prizes, a 50/50 which turned out to be 2 winners of big bucks, and June did a brisk business at her GGWare concession. Marie brought us all up to date on the rule changes for the league teams, explained the new liability insurance we had to purchase to use the Vienna fields, and other informative tidbits.

## ***Directories***

For league players, if you did not get your shirt and directory at the breakfast, your team manager will give them to you at the first game you attend. Tournament players will get their directories from the tournament managers. The rest of the directories were mailed out. Speaking of directories, there is an error on Page 1...for Members at Large, Fran Green replaced Margaret Keys at start of 2018. There are probably several others so send corrections to [mamallery@comcast.net](mailto:mamallery@comcast.net).

## ***Needing Hugs***

Janet Weeks has started her radiation treatments and so far, so good. She seems to have recovered from the surgery quickly and is back to her CPA work and other activities.

Charlie Neill-Roe had been doing well with her chemo treatments but the latest threw her for a loop and put her in the hospital. She is back home building up her strength to continue with treatments.

The 70s and 75s tournament players are thinking of Jacqui Viers who is battling colon cancer. The treatments are making her life pretty miserable at the present time but she hopes to get back in sync with the chemo as soon as her blood count gets where it needs to be.

Longtime GG League, tournament, and Olympic teams player/pitcher, Gloria Brattain, is currently back in Virginia after retiring in Florida. For those who don't know Gloria, she is the one in the picture of the 1991 Olympic team on page 22 of the new directory (straw hat and raised arm). She is now in the Lake Manassas Rehab Center and would love to hear from her former teammates.  
Address: Lake Manassas Rehab Center 14935 Holly Knoll Lane #119 Gainesville, VA 20155

## ***Great Volunteer Opportunity***

Still looking for volunteers for Springfield Challenger Baseball (<http://www.springfieldchallenger.org/>). So far I have only two. Many of you know my son, Chris, who has spent a number of years cheering and joking with you at games. For about 6 years, he has played in Springfield Challenger Baseball, a division of West Springfield Little League for children and adults with special needs. There are three divisions: Little Challenger for kids 4-12, Majors for teens, and an adult division where Chris plays. The program builds self-esteem, confidence, and acceptance, as well as an opportunity to establish on-going relationships with others. The games also provide the kids with opportunities to socialize, learn proper cooperative behaviors, sort out problems and work together as part of a team. Springfield Challenger Baseball gives the kids a sense of belonging outside of the immediate family.

The league tries to have local high school teams (baseball and softball) bring their teams out in uniform on one Sunday in the season to hang with the kids. One of the program coordinators who knows that I play softball asked if I might be able to interest some of you in volunteering for one Sunday. How about April 29? It's before Mothers' Day and before it gets really hot! Games will be at Trailside Park in Springfield with the teenagers.

Please let me know if you are interested...I guarantee you'll get as much out of the experience as the kids will. Barbara Jacobik (703-378-2390 or [bajacobik@gmail.com](mailto:bajacobik@gmail.com)).

## ***GG Cleanup Day***

Had an excellent turnout for the cleanup and set a record for the largest participation ever! We (with the help with some from the Vienna Girls Softball League -who are big supporters of GGs) had Meadow Lane in pristine condition in just a little bit over an hour - another record!



From Left to Right:

Row 1: Sandy Schwartz, Gail Whaen, Laura Carver, Marilyn Mallery.

Row 2: Sallie Hudson, Bev Vaughn, Leigh Adair, Lori Grimm, Duska Adams.

Row 3: Shirley Thompson, Liane Thompson, Peg Moyer, Stacy Colby, Trish Holmes, Lucy Sale.

Row 4: Jeanne Van Dyke, Christine Zener, Katy Page, Trish Sandercock.

## ***GG needs Recruiters – YOU!***

In the past few years, GG membership has been on a downward slide. Every year members do not renew their membership for a variety of reasons and we need to replenish each of these loses with new members and even more to grow. Without new members, the organization will eventually fade away and we certainly can't let that happen! When new members are asked on the membership form on how they heard about the GGs, the number one answer is someone personally told them about GGs. When they see how excited and proud you are to be a GG, they will want to join. The website and FB are also good tools but nothing can replace the personal chat. So start carrying a bunch of GG business cards with you and hand them out - you will be surprised on the interest. Also print the recruitment poster and place it in gyms, community centers, just about any place where there are public bulletin boards. On our website [www.goldengirls.org](http://www.goldengirls.org), on the Forms & Doc tab, there is a link for the recruitment flyer ready to be printed. There is also a template for the business cards or contact [mamallery@comcast.net](mailto:mamallery@comcast.net) and I will give you some all ready to hand out. Please spread the GG word.

## ***Maryland Senior Olympics Qualifiers***

Carmen Campbell, who is the person in charge of womens' sports in the Maryland Olympics (AKA Senior Games), reminds everyone that registration will open very soon. There will be over 20 sports to choose from including womens' softball on September 8. Check out the website for other dates and more information. [www.mdseniorolympics.org](http://www.mdseniorolympics.org)

## ***Practice at the Sportsplex***

Did you know that you can use the Michael & Sons Sportsplex (where we hold the Winter Program) most any time during a week day for \$5? Don't recommend school holidays as kids like to practice or hold events there then but otherwise, it is pretty open. Grab some of your friends and go have a fun practice! Address: 21610 Atlantic Blvd Sterling, VA 703-430-9966

## **[WWW.goldengirls.org](http://WWW.goldengirls.org)**

The GG website contains a huge amount of information including past issues of the newsletters. When you have a few minutes poke around on it - look at the pictures, read some of the articles in the Miscellaneous section, read the rules, and lots more. Christine Zender has volunteered to take some candid shots at the league games so keep some lipstick and a comb handy because "Smile, You might be on Candid Camera". If you can think of something that could be added to the website or ways to improve it, just drop me an email.

## ***Tournament News***

### **The 50s in Myrtle Beach by Trish Holmes...**

With the threat of a snow storm heading into the DC area, the Golden Girls 50s headed south to Myrtle Beach for some fun in the sun. The 50s kicked off their 2018 season by playing in the ISSA Myrtle Beach National Invitational Tournament.

On Friday, the 50's started their pool play games playing the Sassy Seniors. After a strong start by the Sassy Seniors the Golden Girls bats came alive and ended the game one run ahead, 10-9. Aletha Bageant, Kathy Smyrk and Trish Holmes went 2 for 3 for the Golden Girls.

In their second pool play game, the 50's squared off against the Sunny Beaches. It was a close game through 6 innings with the Sunny Beaches hanging on to a narrow lead. In the top of the open inning Sunny Beaches went on a hitting spree to score 9 runs. The Golden Girls 50's could only manage a couple of runs. Sunny Beaches won 20 - 8. Sonya Johnson, 3 for 3 and Denise Rohr 3 for 4 were the top hitters for the Golden Girls with Jan Greathouse adding a home run and Sandy Minor hitting a triple.

On a nice cloudy Saturday morning, the Golden Girls 50's played their final pool play game against the Queen Dynasty. The Golden Girls bats were hot for this game as they out-scored their opponent 16 - 4 to capture the second seed. Kathy Smyrk was a hitting machine going 3 for 3 and Glenda Colman, Denise Rohr, Trish Holmes, Sandy Minor and Aletha Bageant all had 2 hits apiece. Aletha Bageant had a home run with Sandy Minor and Jan Greathouse both hitting a triple.

Seeded second for the double elimination round the Golden Girls 50's faced the number 3 seed, Sassy Seniors. Despite a home run each by Cindy Hall, Sandy Minor and Aletha Bageant it was the Sassy Seniors turn to be on top by one run at the end of the game, 10-9. Denise Rohr hit well going 3 for 3 with Kathy Smyrk, Leigh Adair and Jan Greathouse all adding 2 hits each.

The loss to Sassy Seniors had the Golden Girls 50's hanging around the park to play the loser's bracket game in evening. For this game they were up against the Queen Dynasty again. The Golden Girls bats were active this game as they defeated the Dynasty 19 - 8. Denise Rohr, Trish Holmes, Sandy Minor, Duska Adams and Jan Greathouse all had 3 hits each. Cindy Hall, Trish Holmes and Jan Greathouse had a home run each in the win.

With sore muscles and down an injured player, the Golden Girls arrived at the ball field on a clear Sunday morning ready for a long day at the park. Once again they had another 1 run game

against the Sassy Seniors. This time it was the Golden Girls on top for the win at the end of 7 innings. Cindy Hall, Sandy Minor, and Sandy Murphy all had 2 hits each with Sandy Minor adding another triple.

Now they had to beat Sunny Beaches twice to take home the gold. In a close match up between the 2 teams the Golden Girls once again pulled out another 1 run win. Denise Rohr led the Golden Girls with 4 hits with Glenda Coleman, Trish Holmes and Aletha Bageant contributing 3 hits each. Both Denise Rohr and Cindy Hall had a home run with Glenda Coleman adding a triple to the hits.

Now they only had one more game to win. The 'IF' game. Another close between the 2 teams ensued with the lead going back and forth throughout the game. And once again the game was decided by one run, Sunny Beaches battled hard in the bottom of the 7th inning to win 21-20. Trish Holmes led at the plate going 4 for 4 with Denise Rohr, Cindy Hall, Kathy Smyrk and Sonya Johnson all adding in 3 hits each. Sandy Minor and Duska Adams had 2 hits apiece. Trish Holmes had a home run while Duska Adams stroked a triple.

The Golden Girl 50's hung in to the very end with a very busy weekend finishing with a hard earned silver. They had 8 games, 111 base hits, 4 doubles, 6 triples and 12 home runs. This was a hard earned second place finish for them. The Golden Girls would like to welcome Laci Brown to the Golden Girls 50s travel team.



The Golden Girls 50s in their St. Patrick's Day gear!

And a few grins.....

