



Golden Girls News

June 2017

Despite Mother Nature, we managed to get some games in lately. The league teams were plagued with rain and hot, humid weather. The tournament teams in Birmingham had their share of hot, humid weather, too! And July is yet to come!

The league has had a total of 16 play dates so far. We have been rained out on 6 play dates for a total of 18 games out of 42 so at least we have now played more than we have missed! Interestingly we have been rained out 3 Wednesdays and 3 Saturdays. Here it is in chart form as of last Saturday.

Golden Girls League Standings (Spring 2017) FINAL

<u>Team</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Ties</u>	<u>Win %</u>	<u>Forfeits</u>	<u>Rain/Heat</u>
Jade	11	7	4	0	0.636	0	9
Orchid	11	5	6	0	0.455	0	9
Royal	11	3	8	0	0.273	1	9
Sky	11	7	4	0	0.636	0	9
TOTALS	44	22	22	0		1	36

Weekday Games

<u>Team</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Ties</u>	<u>Win %</u>	<u>Forfeits</u>	<u>Rain/Heat</u>
Jade	5	4	1	0	0.800	0	3
Orchid	5	0	5	0	0.000	0	3
Royal	5	2	3	0	0.400	0	3
Sky	5	4	1	0	0.800	0	3
TOTALS	20	10	10	0		0	12

Saturday Games

<u>Team</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Ties</u>	<u>Win %</u>	<u>Forfeits</u>	<u>Rain/Heat</u>
Jade	6	3	3	0	0.500	0	6
Orchid	6	5	1	0	0.833	0	6
Royal	6	1	5	0	0.167	1	6
Sky	6	3	3	0	0.500	0	6
TOTALS	24	12	12	0		1	24

<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Forfeits</u>	<u>Rain/Heat</u>
Jade	11	7	4	0	0.636	0	9
Sky	11	7	4	0	0.636	0	9
Orchid	11	5	6	0	0.455	0	9
Royal	11	3	8	0	0.273	1	9

New Recording Secretary

The search is over! Diane Howard has volunteered to be our new Recording Secretary. Thank you, Diane, for taking this on.

GG-Bay



Like new, Adidas size 9 turf shoes -great for softball fields. They are just a little too narrow for my feet but otherwise very comfortable.

Cost \$60 new, yours for \$15.

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Keep in your thoughts

Elaine Joy is in Fairfax Hospital fighting a nasty infection. Her leg was amputated today (Sunday, June 25). Elaine was a very active player, coach, mentor for many years and is now an Associate.

While running to second base a few weeks ago Linda Steele tore her hamstring and took a hard fall. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her in the Fall. (Don't rush it - those things take a long time to heal.)

CHO Collections

Poor Bettie! Every time she sends an announcement that she will be collecting for CHO at the next game, we get rained out. So be on the lookout for a note from her about the next time she will give it a shot. You can mail a check made out to CHO and mail it to be sure. Bettie Pell 6839 Averbach Ct. Warrenton 20187

Trip to Spain, Portugal, Morocco

An opening for one person has come up for the Golden Girls and Friends trip to Spain, Portugal, and Morocco next April/May. All 36 seats sold out immediately and with the cancellation we have one space left now. If you are interested, please contact Marilyn for details. mamallery@comcast.net

Tournament News

Note: The National Senior Games are commonly referred to as The Senior Olympics or just The Olympics.

The 65s at the Olympics

By Peg Moyer

Since the National Senior Games are based strictly on calendar year, we entered a 65+ team so all those who qualified last year could participate. The team we put together had not played as a unit before, so despite some good defense we lost the first two games in pool play, 1-6 against the Ohio Cardinals and 4-6 against the Arizona Saints Express.

We started bracket play on day two and we found our bats, maintained our excellent defense and were guaranteed at least a bronze medal in Division 1 of the 65+ Bracket! We defeated Grey Power 9-6, Cal Spirit 10-6 and Jolico 9-6. One interesting thing to note: In our first five games, we allowed each of our opponents only six runs. The third day we faced the Golden Gals (our arch nemesis). We found ourselves behind 7-4 as we came up to bat in the bottom of the seventh. Our first two batters grounded out. Now we're down to our last out. One more out and we fall to the loser's bracket. Diane Belge hits a single, Katy Page hits a single, Margaret Carroll hits a triple (two of their outfielders collide) scoring Diane & Katy. The score is now 7-6 and we have a runner on third. Diane Gardner hits a double scoring Margaret from third and the score is tied! They intentionally walk Sylvia Jones to set up the force play. We have runners on first and second. Katy is the

courtesy runner on second for Diane. Still down to our last out, Peg Moyer comes to the plate and hits a screaming single into right center. Katy beats the throw home and we win the game 8-7. Pandemonium ensues! We are ecstatic!

This put us in the Championship game against the Ohio Cardinals who defeated the Golden Gals to come back up out of the loser's bracket. We were ahead 12-10 going into the bottom of the seventh inning and were two outs away from winning the gold medal when their number three batter hit the ball over the left field fence with



runners on first and third. We lost 13-12. This meant we now had to play the "IF" game. We could not contain the Cardinals offense and lost 11-4 and came home with the silver medal in Division 1 of the 65+ division.

We are all extremely proud of how well we came together and played some fantastic softball. The only two teams we lost to each won gold medals. The AZ Senior Saints finished first in Division 2. It was an especially rewarding time for me — to watch everyone play hard, make outstanding contributions, enjoy being together and give it their all. Thanks team!

The 70s at the Olympics

By Marilyn Mallery

The roster for the 70s Olympics team was the roster that was used for the 70s team in the 2016 season so it was a "reunion" roster. It was such fun to play together and see each other again. We are so thankful to see Zippy - her husband is having some very serious medical issues so she wasn't sure until the last minute if she could be there - she certainly livened up the dugout. We were very happy to have the help of Lupe Archer and Dee Crawford to fill out the roster - we certainly could not have done it without them! We were sorta orphaned at the Olympics - the other two GG Olympic



teams played the beginning of the following week so we were leaving as they were arriving.

The first two days were not too productive for us when we played our pool games. Although there were some very close scores, we just couldn't pull out a victory. That just made us more determined in the elimination series! There were 5 teams in the 70s division - 2 very obvious Major teams and 3 very obvious AAA teams. The tournament director took that into account and split us into 2 divisions with us falling in the AAA part.

So when day 3 rolled around, we pulled it together and played some pretty terrific ball. We first beat the Classics 16-2 in one of those games where everything went right for us and nothing went right for them. Immediately after the first game, we had to play the top seeded Tri-Stars and again we played an excellent game and it went down in a nail biter in their favor. Immediately after we had to play the Classics again who were able to rest for a game. Despite the heat and tired bodies, we worked extra hard and sent them packing. We did get a little rest before we had to face the very rested Tri-Stars but just couldn't squeeze out another win. We were thrilled to win Silver medals - they match our hair so well!



Birmingham turned out to be a very nice Olympics. The fields were excellent and the tournament was very well run. All of us kept commenting on how hilly the city was - for some reason, we all thought it would be flat. The people there were so friendly and welcoming - every place we went in our uniforms, folks would stop to chat and welcome us to their city. Zonnie and Marilyn were really surprised when a very nice, polite gentleman insisting on paying for some biscuit mix we were toting to the cash register at a great BBQ restaurant. Looking forward to Albuquerque in 2019!

The 75s at the Olympics
By George and Beth Hersey

The 75+ Golden Girls softball team returned home from the 2017 Senior Olympics safe and sound with just a few bumps and bruises. A good time together was had and we did our best on the softball field coming home with a 4th place ribbon. The weather was not our enemy this trip by keeping the rain away but on the other hand, it was very hot and humid and gallons of liquids were consumed by everyone on the field and in the stands. The fields were well maintained and in super shape and no complaints with the officiating.

After the games our ladies went to many local restaurants testing their local cuisine and taking in the local sights. I did catch a few of our players walking around with ice cream cones in their hands. Anyone knows that is what Golden Girls do. M'm M'm good! A few of our ladies arrived a bit early and others stayed an extra day or two to do some local exploring. Some of us took in other Olympic events especially in the Convention Center. We also saw many of the track and field games supporting our very own Carmen who was connected with the state of Maryland athletes. We got to see some of the 70s softball games and saw them get their silver medal and a bit of the 65s games as most of their games were the same time as ours.

We toured the Biltmore Estate which is in Asheville, NC and we spent the best part of the day enjoying the estate. For those that have not visited this beautiful home and grounds, I suggest you put it on your bucket list. Please take care of yourselves, keep in shape and stay well. Preparing for your next tournament is very impotent and it's a must to stay competitive. Practice like you are in 2nd place and play like you are in first place.

