



We have played four games so far with no rainouts! (She submitted this last Thursday) Yippee! The standings are as follows:

Team	GP	W	L	T	%
Sky	2	2	0	0	1.000
Jade	2	1	1	0	0.500
Royal	2	1	1	0	0.500
Orchid	2	0	2	0	0.000

Peg has also allocated the following practice times: Monday 10:00 Meadow Lane and Saturdays 7:30 am Southside 1 (starting April 29th) both of which will be open (only) to all travel team members.

Other News Tidbits

- We still are in dire need of a Recording Secretary on the GG Board. This job involves taking notes of the happenings at the Board Meetings which are usually on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. when there is no 7 p.m. league game or after that game if it is played. This is an important position as the recording of meeting minutes is a requirement for maintaining our tax-exempt status and keeps us out of trouble with the IRS. Please consider stepping forward to fill this position. Send a note to ggboard@emaildodo.com or talk to any Board member to put your name in the hat.
- Pictures from the April 1 Annual Breakfast have been posted on the website www.goldengirls.org on the "Photo Gallery" tab.
- Chris Zender composed a much needed refreshed version of the recruitment flyer. Check it on the website on the "Forms and Docs" tab on the website. And then print off a few and pass them around or post them on appropriate bulletin boards.
- Some have asked about the "Too Tall" logo on the league shirts. It is a tribute to Pat Blackmon, who was a key player in getting the Golden Girls organization off the ground in 1989 and who was called to pitch in the Heavenly League last Fall. Her partner, Vera Mitchell passes along "The heart felt 'Too Tall' on everyone's shirts was absolutely the perfect way to honor Pat and her part in Golden Girls softball. Thank you to the board for such a creative remembrance of an incredible lady. Pat would love it!". FYI, "Too Tall" was really less than 5 feet tall and actually had a pair of high heeled sneakers.

Sad News

With heavy hearts, we are sad to report that long time Golden Girl Diane Blake passed away on March 31 in a freak sauna accident. Her service was held when several Golden Girls were away at a tournament but Carmen Campbell and Sue Duttine were able to attend and said it was a very beautiful celebration of her life. Our deepest condolences go out to her husband Dennis and her children.

GG FB is Alive and Well!

Janet Mittel has graciously volunteered to be the Golden Girls' FaceBook goddess. She has done a terrific job getting the site up and keeps an eye on it to be sure all posting are appropriate. Please take a few minutes to check it out - there are lots of good stuff on there!

Fern Makes the News!

Our own Fern Knauf was featured in a really nice article in her community magazine "Life at the Trails". She has led a very interesting and active life, including many years with the Golden Girls (who were given a nice pitch - pun intended) which is chronicled in the write-up and posted on our website under the Miscellaneous category tab. Way to go, Fern!

Tournament News

The 50s at Myrtle Beach By Trish Holmes

The Golden Girls 50's team traveled down to Myrtle Beach, SC at the end of March to escape the snowstorm that old man winter finally came through with in Northern Virginia. Arriving in Myrtle Beach the weather was in the 60's, perfect for playing ball.

There were two teams in the women's 50 division, the Golden Girls and the Sassy Seniors from South Carolina. Both teams were set to play a best 3 out of 5 games. The first game saw the Golden Girls on top with a score of 7-6 at the end of 7 innings. The Golden Girls only scored in 2 innings, scoring 2 runs in the first inning and then 5 runs in the 3rd inning. Glenda Coleman, Cindy Godfrey, and Trish Holmes all went 3-4 with Sandy Minor, Denise Krause, Jan Greathouse, and Leigh Adair hitting 2-3. Sandy Minor was the pitcher for the Golden Girls for the first game.

Chris Voss was on the mound for the Golden Girls in game 2. The Golden Girls hit even better this game, defeating Sassy Seniors 11-2. Leading the way at the plate was Nancy Peterson and Cindy Godfrey going 3 for 4. Trish Holmes was 3-3 with Althea Bageant, Sandy Minor, Leigh Adair and Sonya Johnson all pitching in with 2 hits apiece. On the field, the Golden Girls played as well as they hit which included 3 double plays that helped the Golden Girls keep the Sassy Seniors from crossing home plate.

Game 3 started right after game 2, giving both teams 3 games in a row. Sandy Minor was back on the mound for the Golden Girls in the last game on Saturday. The Sassy Seniors managed a timely home run in the bottom of the 6th inning to win the game 9-8. Nancy Peterson lead the way again at the plate hitting 4-4 with a double. Glenda Coleman and Cindy Godfrey each went 3-4 with Trish Holmes going 3-3. Denise Rohr, Jan Greathouse, and Sonya Johnson all went 2-3.

On Sunday morning, the Golden Girls arrived back at the field early in the morning. Despite having two injured players and two players who managed to get sick overnight, the Golden Girls played their best game of the tournament. Sandy Minor was again on the mound for the Golden Girls, allowing the Sassy Seniors only six hits. The Golden Girls defense was at its best especially in the 4th inning when the Sassy Seniors had three solid back to back hits that resulted in outs. Leigh Adair snatched a line drive down first base for the first out. Jan Greathouse, caught a sharply hit line drive at second base for the second out

and **Cindy Godfrey** fielded a hard hit grounder at third to make a play at first for the last out. The Golden Girls bats were also on fire this game. Glenda Coleman and Denise Rohr lead the way with three hits each. Trish Holmes and Nancy Peterson both had homeruns going 2 - 4. Cindy Godfrey, Althea Bageant, Sandy Minor, Leigh Adair and Sonya Johnson all had two hits each. The Golden Girls won the game 14-1 giving them the win needed to take first place in the tournament.

Sandy Minor, Jan Greathouse, and Cindy Godfrey are players from the Florida Sluggers who filled in to help out at this tournament.

The 70s at Valdosta, Georgia

By Peg Moyer

The 70s travelled to Valdosta, GA -- but before we even got there, the weather gods were not kind. Two players had their flights canceled. We had already loaned Zonnie and Jacqui to the Canadian Sportaculars 75+ team so they would not have to forfeit out of the tournament. (Thanks Zonnie and Jacqui for helping them out.) So we were down to 11 players.

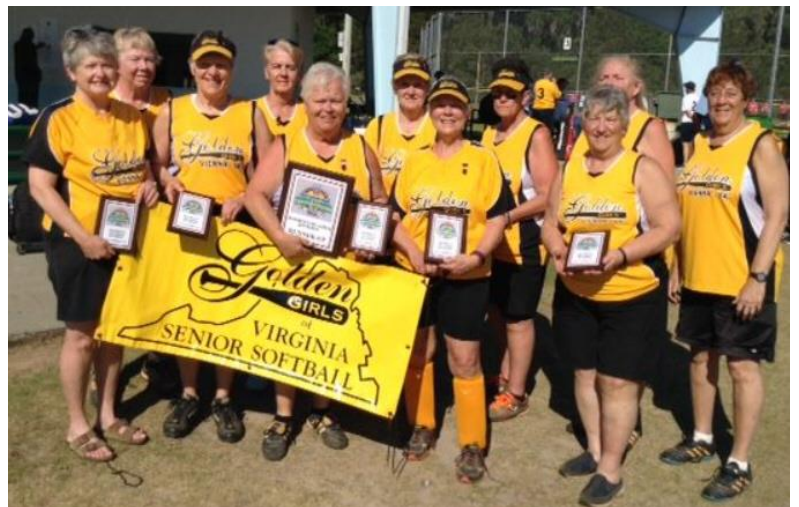
We played the Classics 70+ team first thing and won 15 to 0. Our second game was against the 65+ Golden Gals, a lower age group, so they had to give us 5 runs as an equalizer. They had 2 people hit home runs over the fence in the first inning but they never caused us trouble after that. After 5 innings we were down 14 to the 5 runs they gave us. We then scored 5 runs in the 6th inning and another 5 runs in the 7th inning to come from behind to win 15 to 14. It was a great come back and the team hung together and got it done.

On Saturday we played the Delaware Blue Chicks in our last pool game. We won 16-10. So we finished with 3 wins and no losses, however, the Golden Gals 70+ also finished with 3 wins and no losses. We did not play them but they gave up fewer runs than we did so they were seeded 1st, us 2nd and the Golden Gals 65+ were seeded 3rd in the Gold Division.

We played the Golden Gals 65+ again but left our bats some place, we are still looking for them. We were not able to score any runs, just the 5 they had to give us so we lost 23-5. The 65+ Golden Gals then played the 70+ Golden Gals but the 70s defeated them 25-6. So we played the 65+ team for a third time and though we did better, we could not defeat them again.

We took second in the gold division since the 65+ team got first in their division automatically. We never got a chance to play the Gals 70+ team and it was quite frustrating to play the younger team three games out of our five. However, the weather was great, the whole team played well and overall it was a fun weekend.

We had to narrow our All Tournament selections to the following five players: Peg Moyer, Katy Page, Baz Baziluik, Gloria Mathers and Lynn Smith. Zonnie and Jacqui, with the Sportaculars, ended up in second in their division. Next up is Hendersonville in May.



The 75s in Valdosta, Georgia

By Beth Hersey

Our team could not believe we are going to a tournament in Valdosta, GA (who knows where that was?) but one of our ladies (her first name is Lana) did as her cousin lives there and he and his family came to see us

play. What a treat for Lana and her family. Anyhow every player, every team had their own special story about how they got to Georgia with all the storms going around and some of the players never made it at all. Valdosta is a great town and was a lot bigger than we expected and this tournament is the only one that we have had seven teams of 75s, what an awesome feat. I hope they will continue to be on the tournament trail with us.

The fields were great and we were treated nicely by RB Thomas' crew. The first day was beautiful weather, a little cooler than we expected and a bit windy and we played against the KY Thoroughbreds and it went well as we won nicely. We then played the TN Senior Stars and it didn't go quite as well. The second day was a bit warmer but the wind played a big role in our play as we lost to the Golden Gals and the Canadians. On the third day (Sunday) all seven teams were divided into two divisions (Gold and Silver) and we played the Canadians again and did a much better job and losing by only one run. Bottom Line we came in third in our Division. It was single elimination so we didn't get another chance to redeem ourselves.

Our All American players were: June Sonosky and Lana Ford (good job ladies).

A Chuckle or Two

