

GOLDEN GIRLS NEWS

JULY & AUGUST 2013



The Golden Girls were well represented in the recent US Senior Games aka "The Senior Olympics" held in Cleveland, Ohio from July 18 through August 1. For those of you unfamiliar with the Senior Olympics, it is a multi-sport competition held every two years (odd numbered) in various locations across the United States. In the even numbered years, athletes must compete and win (at minimum fourth place) in State events to qualify to play in the Nationals. All events are competed in 5 year incremental age brackets, the youngest being 50 and the oldest 100+. Average attendance at each Olympics is over 10,000 athletes.

The first Senior Olympics was held in 1987 and the Golden Girls has had at least one softball team compete in the events since 1991. This year Golden Girls competed in the 50+, 60+, 65+, and 70+ year age brackets. The 50s won Gold, the 60s and 70s took Silver, and the 65s tried their very best. Pass along your congrats to these Golden Girls who played on the softball teams:

50s: *Duska Adams, Nancy Anthony, Joan Clarke, Glenda Coleman, Brenda Ferris, Sheila Garrett, Robin Honabach, Sonya Johnson, Sylvia Jones, Tamara Maull, Mary Miller, Louise O'Donnell, Joy Pride, Hazel Prioleau, Jody Trimmer, Christina Voss*

60: *Carol Babineau, Diane Belge, Fay DeJoy, Lillian (Lee) Dragon, Diane Gardner, Adrienne (AD) Grafman, Nancy Harvey, Bev Morgan, Peg Moyer, Katy Page, Thomasa (T) Ruffin, Marie Snyder, Dory Wagner*

65: *Anne Whatley, Carol Ferson, Connie Jamison, Claudia Cason, Gloria Mathers, Ida Wright, Linda (Baz) Baziluik, Marilyn Mallery, Nancy Madden, Teresa Hone, Zonnie Ayton, Roc Johnson, Jacqui Viers, Judy Fischlin*

70: *Pat Blackmon, Jeannine Bohn, Carmen Campbell, Betsey Duce, Lani Etherton, Lana Ford, Fran Green, Sharon Helton, Beth Hersey, Midge Holmes, Margaret Keys, Bettie Pell, Rita Ritter, Jane Rogers, June Sonosky, Shirley Thompson, Janet Weeks, Nancy Williams*

In addition, some Golden Girls also competed in other sports. Peg Moyer and Cinda Sorenson took Gold in 60s Doubles Bowling; Dory Wagner's 60s Volleyball team took bronze; Joan Clarke's 50s basketball team took silver.

A little side sidenote... Pat Boone (yes, that Pat Boone - age 79) played on the Virginia Creepers 75+ basketball team in Cleveland.

FUN DAY – SEPTEMBER 7 – Be there or be square

In lieu of an All Star Game, our masterful social chair Midge Holmes has cooked up a Fun Day on September 7 starting at 9 AM at Southside - two unique softball games, with everyone participating.

Field 1 - at 9 AM - A one pitch game with George Hersey umpiring - Teams Blue and Green playing with their own pitchers pitching. The one pitch yields either a strike, a ball, a hit, or a foul out. This game should not take long. When this game finishes, players watch the fun game on field 2.

Field 2 - at 9 AM - a 6 inning fun game between Yellow and Peach teams. Innings 1 and 2 - use the Japanese large bouncy ball (Janet Weeks will bring) and runners run backwards (third to second to first to home). Innings 3 and 4 - hit a pitched tennis ball and bat with a tennis racket using softball rules. Innings 5 and 6 - Play kickball. Total the score of all three kinds of runs to see who wins.

Field 1 - at 10:30 AM - teams Yellow and Peach play a one pitch game with George Hersey umpiring. See above. When the game is over, players watch the fun game on field 2.

Field 2 - at 10:30 AM - teams Blue and Green play the 6 inning fun game (see above).

Noon - at the Pavillion - free hot dogs (by chef Siri), condiments and sodas and water. Players bring salads, fruit, sides, chips, and desserts.

Bring your cameras. The wearing of funny hats is encouraged, but not mandatory.

Needing Hugs

Baz is having back surgery August 13 (fortunately not a Friday) to replace 2 ruptured disks.

Erena's back is recovering, but she has not been able to play on her Yellow team recently.

Beth Hersey had to come home early from Cleveland due to a nasty flare up of her rheumatoid arthritis and other ailments. She is feeling better thanks to a new doctor and new drugs and is scheduled for a hip replacement on October 1.

Judy Compton's father-in-law died recently.

Sue Duttine is recovering nicely from her hip replacement on July 12. In true Sue form, she answered her phone calls at the hospital with "Hip, Hip, Hurray!".

Katie Johnson had her second hip replacement on July 16.

CHO News

Although we got off to a slow start, we collected \$600 cash and several boxes of hygiene products for CHO. Thank you to all who donated. Our next collection will probably be in November/December for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons. Bettie

Holiday Party

Good news! Lynn Smith will again be hosting the annual Holiday Party at her home in Annandale. It will be held on **Sunday, December 8 from 1 - 4 p.m.** Food, fun, and fellowship galore. And of course, the ever crowded media room will be airing the Redskins - Chiefs game. Don't let it ever be said that the Golden Girls don't give you enough advance notice.

Calendar

Wednesday, August 21 @ 7p.m. - GG Board Meeting. Wesley United Methodist Church 711 Spring St. Vienna. All members are invited.

Wednesday, September 4 @ 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. -Fall Season first games. Blue vs Green at 6; Yellow vs Peach at 7. Meadow Lane

Saturday, September 7 @ 9 a.m. - Fun Day. Kick off the Fall season with fun.

Wednesday, September 18 @ 7 p.m. or after games - GG Board Meeting. Wesley United Methodist Church 711 Spring St. Vienna. All members are invited.

Do you ever wonder what playing tournament ball is like? It goes something like this:



(thanks to "Crankshaft" and Photoshop)

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation. "He's a funeral director," she answered. "Interesting," the newsman thought. He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now in her 80's - a funeral director. The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers. She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."