



Golden Girls News

March 2017

Are you ready for some softball? It's just over a month away before we officially start our league season and some of our tournament teams will already have a tournament or two under their belts by the start of the season.

There are some changes coming up for the league teams. This season we will play our **Wednesday game at Southside on both fields!** So all four teams can play simultaneously and we can play "regular" rules and not have to use the modified rules needed at Meadow Lane. Another change is that for the Spring Season, game time is 6:30 which should make it easier on our players who are still working. Peg, our Operations Officer is working on the schedule now - **first game of the season for all teams will be on Wednesday, April 11 at 6:30 at South Side Park.** When the schedule is finalized, it will be posted on our website and included in the memberships directories which will be ready in time for the breakfast.

The team draft was held on the evening of February 28. It was an hours process because every effort was made to balance the four teams as best as can be based on ability, age, and attendance. This is the final arrangement presented by the draft committee:

TEAM 1 GREEN	TEAM 2 BLUE	TEAM 3 LILAC	TEAM 4 RED
Leigh Anne Adair	Gloria Mathers	Marie Snyder	Carmen Campbell
Barbara Bitgood	Marilyn Mallery	Barbara Jacobik	Katy Page*
Sandra Burst	Duska Adams	Leigh Anne Arnold	Zonnie Ayton
Glenda Coleman	Louise Boone	Linda "Baz" Baziluik*	Coty Brotherton
Ann Dyson	Mary Calabrese	Laci Brown	Gina Byron
Fran Green	Claudia Cason	Kathy Collett	Laura Carver
LaVerne Harris	Stacy Colby	Danielle Cook	Cynthia Cowell
Beth Hersey*	Cynthia Cortner	Betty de la Cruz*	Betsey Duce
Connie Hodson	Carolyn Dalton	Weesie DiCaprio	Eve Edwards
Sallie Hudson	Michele Forton	Lana R. Ford	Susan Englander
Margaret Keys*	Martha Gaston	Gail Gordon	Carol Ferson
Nancy Madden	Teresa Hone	Tammy Jacobs	Adrienne Grafman
Diane McCulla	Diane Howard	Fern Knauf	Lori Grimm
Sandy Schwartz	Janet Mittel	Linda Sue "Legs" Pessagno	Barbara Herriman
Teresa Scott	Kathy Orchard-Hays	Jane Rogers	Patricia Holmes
Anne Sneden	Renate Pawlik	Terri Román	Peg Moyer
Anne Tomlinson	Lucy Sale	Trish Sandercock	Anne Nelson
Carrie Ullman	Lynn Smith	Diane Smith	Margo Parnell
Jeanne VanDyke	Antoinette Soares	Kathy Smyrk	Beverly Raudenbush*
Janet Weeks*	Helen Urban	Linda Steele	Linda Sholl
Gail Whalen	Christina Voss	Kathy Sullivan	Michaele Smith
Nancy Williams	Vicki White	Beverly Vaughn	Shirley Thompson
Ida Wright	Christine Zender		Donna Turgeon

The names in bold at the top of the lists are team managers and assistant managers. You will notice there are no bold names for Team 1. Unfortunately, two of last year's managers had to step

down so we need **two of the players on Team 1** to volunteer to be the manager and assistant manager. Please, please consider stepping forward to take on this critical need. If you are willing to do this, contact ggboard@emaildodo.com

Annual Breakfast

It is not too late to sign-up for the Golden Girls Breakfast on March 24 but time is getting close. If you overlooked the opportunity to sign-up when you sent in your registration form, we can still take reservations until March 10. Simply drop a check for \$10 to Marilyn Mallery 5292 Antioch Ridge Dr Haymarket,VA 20169 and you are in! Everyone is strongly encouraged to come to the breakfast; not only is it a load of fun, you will get to meet your teammates for the upcoming season, potentially win door prizes, and have the opportunity to purchase Golden Girls shirts, shorts, long pants, coffee mugs, stickers, and a host of other Golden Girls "must-haves".... Don't forget your checkbook! The breakfast is a real bargain at \$10 (if paid ahead of time) as the GG organization subsidizes the cost of the meal and \$15 at the door. It is held at the Battlefield Best Western Hotel 10820 Balls Ford Rd in Manassas. It is right off of I-66 at exit 47A.

As usual, the annual GG Holiday Party held on December 17th was a huge success! The food was outstanding and hostess Lynn Smith outdid herself with the GG trivia contest. We even had door prizes this time around. Too bad the Redskins didn't come through (in fact, it was a lopsided mess!) but that didn't inhibit us from having a great time. Can't wait until the next one!

Needing Hugs

This has been a rough winter for some our members so let us wish them all speedy and successful recoveries and a better 2019 come their way.

Janet Weeks underwent two unrelated major surgeries in January and February. She is recovering very well but from both but has some upcoming radiation treatments. She is looking forward to getting back on the field as quickly as possible.

Charlie Neill-Roe is doing well with her chemo treatments and is on round 2 of the treatment plan. Surgery will be necessary after the treatments shrink the tumors (which is happening) and she hopes to be back in action as soon as humanly possible.

Barbara Bitgood is having some serious issues with her shoulder after a tournament injury in the Fall. She hopes to be able to mend successfully and to get back to softball and her other sports but of course, is not going to rush it and do more damage than she already has.

Great Volunteer Opportunity

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 ongoing 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. Games are played on Sundays from 1-3 pm on 2 fields in Springfield: Byron Avenue and Trailside. 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. It would be with the teens or younger kids. How about April 29th? It's before Mothers' Day and before it gets really hot!

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) .

The Golden Girls Need YOU!

Due to serious family issues, Diane Howard had to step back as Recording Secretary on the GG Board and a replacement for her is needed ASAP. The position involves taking notes on what transpires at the monthly Board meetings and then publishing the minutes. This is a very important position as we are obligated to record and archive minutes of our meetings as part of our 501.c.3 requirements to remain a tax exempt organization. Please, please step up to fill the very important position. We need some fresh blood on the Board instead of constantly recycling the positions amongst a handful of volunteers. Most of the current Board members have served many years in various positions and we have run out of options to fill positions with the current Board. If you are interested, send an e-mail to ggboard@maildodo.com .

GG Cleanup Day

Every year the Golden Girls help prepare a field for the upcoming season - sometimes Meadow Lane and sometimes South Side - wherever we are needed most. This year we were assigned Meadow Lane and were supposed to help last Saturday, March 3 but Mother Nature intervened and it has been rescheduled until Saturday, March 10. We ask all GGs to come help with this effort...more hands, less work for everyone. It is one of the ways we show how much we appreciate the Town of Vienna's letting us use their fields at no cost to us. This is a huge reason we are able to keep our

registration costs at such a low amount. Come and bring rakes, gas trimmers, wheel barrows, gas leaf blowers, shovels, and such stuff to the field around 9 a.m. Should be finished by 11.

Tournament News

Not much news from this department. The 75s played in a tournament in Plant City, Florida in January and the 75s are going to Myrtle Beach, SC this month. Valdosta, GA is the next big tournament for the all teams held April 6-8.

Workout for your laugh muscles



A Senior Marriage Nuptial
the clock is running!



Seniors chewing bubble gum.. on tonight's 10pm news.

