

GOLDEN GIRLS NEWS

MAY 2014

The league is in full swing (between the rain) and the tournament teams are getting geared up to go to Hendersonville, Tennessee for a big tournament in early June... the Golden Girls are keeping busy! Pretty soon we will all be wishing for some of that cooler weather we were complaining about a few weeks ago.

Hey! Remember how we kicked off last Fall Season with Fun Day? Everyone seemed to have a great time just being silly and playing some unique twists on the game of softball. Want to do it again this season? These things don't just happen - we need someone to recruit assistants and pull it all together. Since we appear to have scared everyone away with the Social Chair title, how about volunteering to honcho just this one event? No experience necessary! Contact Barbara Jacobik jacobik@juno.com to be the next Funnest Person around.

GGs on Injured Reserve

Sometimes we need to go into the hospital for some repair work. Please keep the following ladies in your thoughts and prayers and a note of cheer would be greatly appreciated:

- Barbie Domingo is having major surgery and will not be able to play for some time.
- Jane Rogers is having knee surgery in June.
- Lucy Sale is having knee surgery in June.

Membership News

What is GGSoftball? It is the way the Golden Girls electronically communicate with each other. It is an e-mail group name that allows us to easily send messages to all the Golden Girls with a single "Send". For many years, Yahoo! had provided this service and it served us well. However, in the past year or so the quality of the product and level of customer service has tanked dramatically and was really getting difficult to manage. I found another provider who provides the same kind of function but does not have all the restrictions and issues that Yahoo had imposed. The provider is www.emaldodo.com (nice name, huh?). I activated this service earlier in the week and it appears to be working great.

To send a message to ALL Golden Girls, put ggsoftball@emaldodo.com in the "To:" field of your message. (Note the new stuff after the "@" for those of you familiar with GGSoftball). If you do a "Reply", it will go only to the sender of the message; if you do a "Reply all", it will go to all the Golden Girls; please be careful with the "Reply All" option.

Calendar

Wed. June 18 after game or @ 7:00 pm if rainout (wash my mouth out!)- Golden Girl Board Meeting. Wesley United Methodist Church 711 Spring St. Vienna. All members are invited.

Meet the Newest Golden Girls

As you know, we have a bumper crop of new Golden Girls this year, and we all want to welcome every one. With everyone's erratic schedules, it's hard to meet and greet new faces. So I'm starting a new series inviting all the new players to tell us a little bit about yourself. If you want to include a picture, that would be great. Just drop me a note mamallery@comcast.net with a few words as an "ice breaker" for the rest of the ladies.

The first one to step forward is Susie Clark who just happens to be a neighbor of Midge Holmes:
"My 35 year old son and I just bought a 24 foot ski/cruising boat that we keep on the Chesapeake Bay. Christening it by water skiing Memorial Day weekend. Enjoying our family home in Rehoboth this summer and thoroughly loving retirement after 45 years. Love playing softball with the Golden Girls.....such a nice group of "girls that want to have fun!"

THANK YOU!

I've been a Golden Girl for over 20 years so I know what a great bunch of ladies you are. And again, on May 9, it was proven once more. Thanks to all of you so much for coming (and sending congrats due to



schedule conflicts) to the Fairfax County Senior Recognition Awards Luncheon in Springfield to help me celebrate the great honor of being Golden Girls's nominee for 2014. The food was delicious and the facility was really nice - and gave me a chance to re-connect with the area where I lived for almost 30 years. The real challenge of the day was trying to get the corsage attached so it didn't fall off into the salad; after many failed attempts, Lana Ford came through and affixed it so it would stand up to a hurricane. When my name was called, the Golden Girls went wild and certainly attracted attention (Yes!!) and when I accepted the plaque from Sharon Bulova, she whispered to me "they certainly are a lively bunch!". I can't think of a better description of the Golden Girls. Golden Girl Peg Moyer was honored by NVSS on the same day so of course, she was greeted with similar noise. It was a grand day so thank you, Golden Girls, for making it possible.... Marilyn Mallery

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Note from the Green Team Managers

Bettie and Midge, managers of the Tuff Turfs, are pleased with their awesome team. They look forward to a time in the near future when they will have a full complement of players. They are glad that June's daughter is well again after a long hospital stay; that Charlotte will soon be well enough to play after surgery; that sore quads will have rested enough for play after so many rain outs; and that Lucy will be soon healing after upcoming knee surgery. Get and stay well green teammates. And hang "tuff" ya-all!

All Aboard!

Since the Golden Girls really enjoy each other's company, we sometimes vacation together. We have an informal group called "Golden Girls & Friends" that has gone to some really neat and exotic places (the latest being an awesome trip to Australia and New Zealand this past February). The next adventure is to the Galapagos Islands next February but this trip is fully booked. Our travels in the past have always been in the Winter, but we decided to try something new in 2015 and do a summer adventure to fill up that slow time in August between the Spring/Summer session and the Fall session of Golden Girls. The adventure this time will be a train trip across Canada, starting in Vancouver and ending in Toronto with a 2 night stop at a beautiful resort in the Canadian Rockies. It all starts in Vancouver on August 12 2015 and finishes on August 22. To get the absolute rock bottom price possible, we have to book far in advance which means deposits are being taken now. Space is limited and there are only 8 openings left! The trip is open to all Golden Girls and their spouses, friends, and relatives; only restriction is no kids - adults only. For more information, contact Marilyn Mallery mamallery@comcast.net.

Virus Warning!

There appears to be computer virus running rampant among the Golden Girls! The symptoms are:

- Sending the same e-mail twice.
- Sending a blank e-mail.
- Sending e-mail to the wrong person.
- Sending an e-mail back to the person who sent it to you.
- Forgetting to attach the attachment.
- Hitting "SEND" before you've finished.
- Hitting "DELETE" instead of "SEND."
- Hitting "SEND" when you should "DELETE."

IT'S CALLED THE "C-NILE VIRUS."

How Come No One Ever Told Me!



Most aluminum foil boxes have press-in tabs that secure the roll in place, so you don't have worry about it flying out every time you rip off a sheet.



You haven't been using ketchup cups to their full potential. Instead of grabbing multiple cups of ketchup, simply pull apart at the edges for twice the space.

Chinese takeout containers actually are meant to unfold into a makeshift plate, which you can easily reassemble into a box for storing leftovers.



You probably don't realize it, but some of your pots may come with built-in spoon rests.



Turn the tab on a soda can around so that it acts as holder that can stop the straw from rising out of the can as the soda fizzes.