



Golden Girls News

November 2017

The Golden Girls League is over until next Spring. It was a good year with not so many rainouts that have plagued us in the past few years. One troubling factor was the high number of forfeits we had. Not sure what the reason but let's all try to make a stronger commitment to our teams in 2018. Here is the final roundup from Peg Moyer:

FALL SEASON ROUNDUP

Team	GP	W	L	T	%	Forfeit	Rain	DNP
Sky	8	6	1	1	0.750	0	3	2
Jade	6	4	1	1	0.667	1	2	6
Royal	8	2	6	0	0.250	0	3	3
Orchid	6	1	5	0	0.167	3	2	5

Congratulations to Sky for winning the Fall Season! There were 3 scheduled Wednesday evening games - 2 were played, (1 of which was a forfeit), and the other was rained out. There were 24 scheduled Saturday morning games - 12 were played, (3 of which were forfeited), 4 were rained out, and 8 did not have enough players so played a pickup game.

In the last 3 scheduled Saturday play dates there were 2 forfeits and 7 did not have enough players. This was very discouraging for those who showed up hoping to play their regularly scheduled double header. It is sad that there were more games lost due to lack of players than due to rain or unplayable fields.

Congratulations to Jade for having the OVERALL best team record for both seasons.

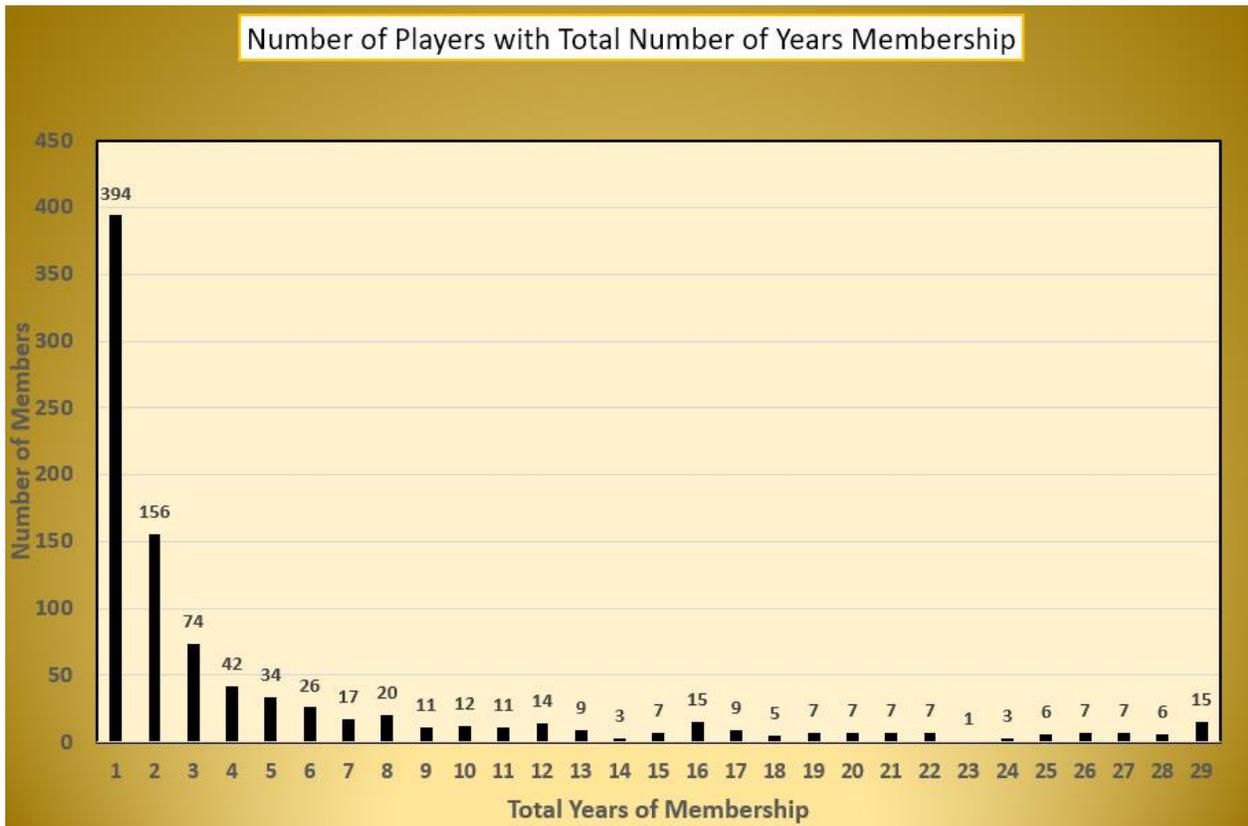
Team	GP	W	L	T	%	Forfeit	Rain	DNP
Jade	24	16	6	2	0.667	0	22	6
Sky	27	17	9	1	0.630	0	22	2
Orchid	25	10	15	0	0.400	4	21	5
Royal	26	6	19	1	0.231	1	23	3

Hard to believe but the Golden Girls Holiday Party is just over a month away! Hope your calendar is marked for Sunday, December 17 from 1 -4 in Lynn Smith's home at 3519 Woodburn Rd Annandale, VA. A note will be coming out shortly to get a headcount on attendees to help gauge the amount of food and supplies to be purchased. Watch for it and respond accordingly.



Membership Roundup

My nerdy side got control the other day and I whipped some stats from the Membership perspective. The Golden Girls were officially born in 1989 and several of those original members are still members, either as active players or associates. Here is the breakdown by number of members for each total number of years membership (not broken down by type of membership).



If you add up the total Number of Members, you will see that over the years, 932 different ladies have been a member of Golden Girls for at least one year! Pretty amazing!

So, how about 2017? How did the numbers work out for this year? We had a total of 170 members for 2017 - broken down by our various membership categories:

Associate (non-playing non-voting members) 30

Both (play both league and on a GG tournament team) 44

League (play only league games) 57

Tournament (play only on a GG tournament team) 23

Non-play member (non-playing but voting member) 4

T1 (played in only 1 tournament game during 2017, no league, "pickup") 12

We had a total of 18 new members in 2017: 13 were league only players, 1 tournament only player, and 4 T1s.

Probably more than you ever wanted to know.....

Needing Hugs

Please keep Charly Neill-Rowe in your prayers as she starts her journey on her cancer treatments. It was determined she a lesion in each breast plus one on her lung. Chemo is underway now. After those sessions are concluded, the doctors will determine what to do next.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held Wednesday night and it was a full house! Best attendance ever! Thanks to all who came and make it such a great way to close down the 2017 season.

There were 4 door prizes (\$25 gas cards) won by Lynn Smith, Barbara Jacobik, Stacy Colby, and Janet Weeks. Each set of team managers presented awards to players for a wide variety of reasons:

Orchid	Mary Calabrese "Most Flexible Player" & Nancy Williams "Most Persevering Player"
Jade	Kathy Smyrk "Golden Tree & Car Denter" & Sandy Schwartz "Pitcher Extraordinaire"
Royal	Christine Zender "Rookie of the Year" & Fran Green "Fran-tastic Team Player"
Sky	Gail Gordon "All Around All-Star" & Claudia Cason "Always Looks Spiffy"

A Golden Girls jacket (size Small) that was thought to have been left at a tournament a couple of years ago was presented hoping to find its owner. Is this yours? If so, contact Bettie Pell.



A really big thank you to all who generously donated to CHO this year. It was the biggest collection of items, cash and gift cards totaling \$1850. This will certainly make a nice holiday for several families in the Vienna area. Great job Golden Girls.

Lots of books swapped at the book exchange.

And, oh yeah, the elections, the proposed slate was voted in unanimously.

2018 Winter Program

WOW! where has the time gone? This year is quickly coming to an end and it's time to prepare for the upcoming holidays with family and friends.

I will once again hold the indoor softball practice at the Dulles Sportsplex and you are invited. We will begin on the first Monday after the first of the year which is Monday, January the 8th, 2018 and will continue for the next 10 Mondays.

The cost will be the same as last year at \$70. What a deal! We would like to keep the numbers right at 30 so do not miss out.

I do not need the cash at this point BUT I do need to know if you are planning to attending again this year please RSVP by the end of November so I can reserve the space for our program.

Need to know more call us @703-759-2251 .Stay well, stay safe
DA COACH (George Hersey)

Shuffleboard, Anyone?

Over 55 and looking for something to do this winter while waiting for softball next spring? Try Shuffleboard! One of the Golden Girls, Linda Sholl, will be teaching shuffleboard in Arlington County at the Walter Reed Senior Center a couple of days a month starting in November.

Thurs., Nov. 9,16 and Dec. 7, 14, 1:30-4pm

Walter Reed Senior Center 2909 S. 16th St. Arlington, VA 22204

Note: Arlington County charges a yearly fee if you are participating in their 55+ activities (starting at \$20/yr if you live in Arlington and \$45/yr for out of county residence) but you can come try a few things before joining to see how it works out. You do not have to live in the county to take advantage of the activities.

Here is the link to the Arlington 55 guide that will tell you more about the different activities.

<https://parks.arlingtonva.us/programs/adults-55/seniors-activities/>.

Tournament News

65s in Huntsman by Peg Moyer

Since several members of the team are not yet of calendar age to be able to play in the 70s division in the Huntsman World Senior Games, we elected to take a 65s team this year. Since about half the team was going to Myrtle Beach as a 70s team, we picked up a few players. Pam Grosz and Lupe Archer have played with us before and Berny Blood has played with our older team. With their help we had enough to make the trip.

There were a total of 15 teams, divided into four pools and then three divisions. We played the LV Neons (Div 1), Grey Power (Div 2), Saints Express (Div 2) and Ohio Cardinals (Div 1) on the first day in pool play. We were unable to win that day so were placed in Division 3 for double elimination. Our first game on day 2 was against the Rat Pack and we won that game 16-18 in exciting fashion in two extra innings. Next we played the P-Nut Batters and they were the only ones with bats it seems as we could not manage more than one run. This put us in the loser's bracket but assured us of at least a bronze medal. Then came the game against the Blues Breakers. We were ahead going into the open inning but they took the lead 14-10. We put up a fight and got the score to 14-13 and had the tying run on third but just could not push it across.

I've already given you the detailed rundown on our excellent plays but I want to mention again that everyone gave their all — we were an injured and tired bunch but we never gave up! We really do enjoy going to Saint George and the tournament was much improved over last year. I think they have made some real progress as the teams in our division were pretty well matched. There were many exciting and close games even though at times teams did struggle (as is the nature of the game). One of the best things this year was that we never played a team more than once. We played seven different opponents. Great job everyone and thanks for making the trip!

70s in Myrtle Beach by Peg Moyer

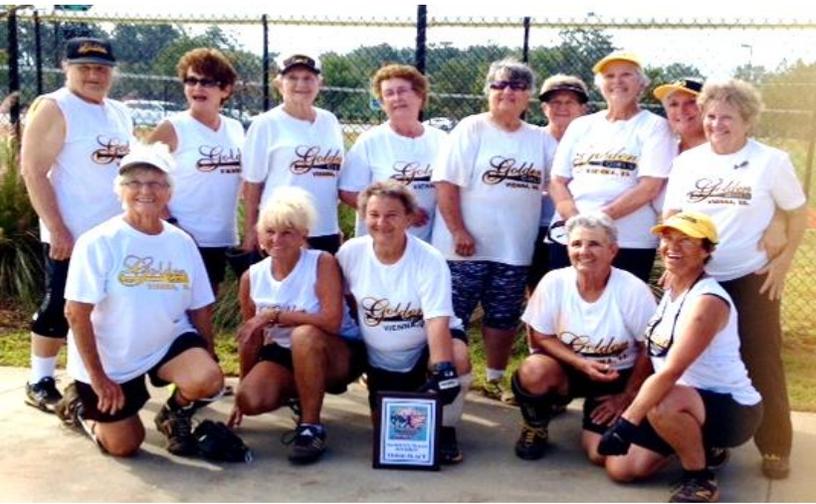
Baz took the 70s to Myrtle Beach and with the addition of Batch and Trip had 13 players. There were only three teams, two 70s (us and the Classics) and one 65s (Smokey Mountain Stars). They played two games on the first day and won them both — 10-3 over the Stars and won 16-12 in an extra inning game against the Classics. On day two they again won both games, one of which was a great come from behind win in the last inning. This gave them the number one seed for single elimination on day three. Hitting was phenomenal and everyone contributed.

They went through the tournament undefeated. Trip was MVP. All World players were Katy Page, Batch Batchelor and Nancy Madden. To quote Baz, "Great weather, great friends and a great time playing softball."

The 75s in Myrtle Beach by Marilyn Mallery

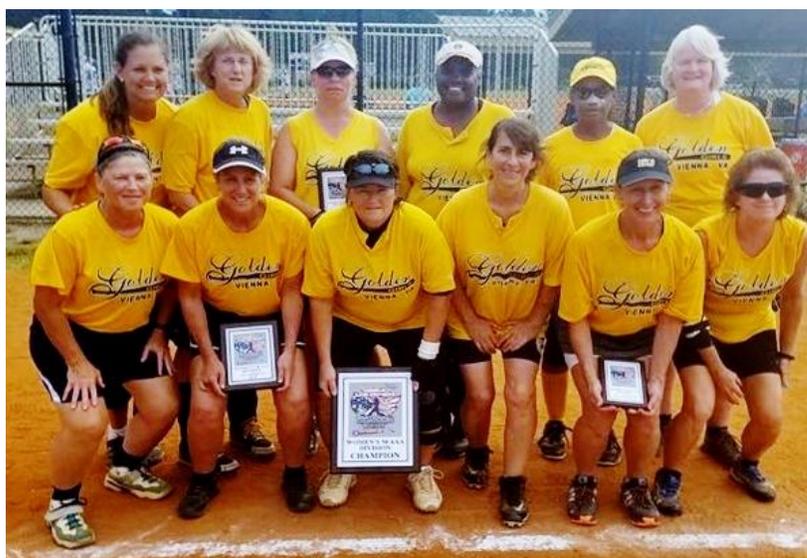
A few days before the tournament, the 75s were frantically searching for a pitcher - Barbara Herriman had a stent put in and the doctor nixed her going. Thanks to the senior womens' network and cooperation, the Golden Gals of Florida loaned us a pitcher Tallie Miller and a utility player Lea Radford. So off we go to Myrtle Beach! The first day we played 2 games and won them both thanks to great defensive and offensive playing on our part. The next morning, we faltered a bit and lost a close game to be seeded second of the four teams in pool play. Two more games that day with winning one and losing one. Still alive on the third day, we faced the Tri-Stars and although we put a fight, we just couldn't come out on top which made us come in third overall.

Everyone on the team put forth maximum effort - errors were few and hitting had its highs and lows. We all felt buoyed up after our experience in Dalton. It was good to see Pat Calder (who lives there) and Linda



Steele and Ed who were vacationing there, and Bev Raudenbusch (visiting) who all came out to cheer us on. We owe a multitude of thanks to "The Gals" for letting us borrow Tallie and Lea who put a spark in our souls, bats, and gloves. Thanks to Dave Mallery who kept score for all the games. It was perfect softball weather. the tournament was run well, and we felt good about ourselves - what more can we ask?

The 50s in Myrtle Beach by Trish Holmes



The Golden Girls 50's went down to Myrtle Beach in October to play their final tournament of the year.

Pool play started on Friday and the 50s battled in 2 tight games. In their first game they went up against the 50s Divergent from Maryland. Divergent took a quick lead in the 1st inning scoring 5 runs. But the Golden Girls kept pace throughout the game with key hits and runs. But at the end of the game the Golden Girls fell short losing 18-17. Kathy Smyrk and Nancy Peterson lead at the plate going 4 for 4 each with Trish Holmes going 3 for 3. Glenda Coleman and Cindy Hall went 3-4 at the plate while Sonya

Johnson, Gail Gordon, Denise Rohr and Chris Voss contributed 2 hits each.

In their 2nd pool play game for the day, the Golden Girls faced the 55 Unfazed team also from Maryland.

This was another hard fought game for the 50s. Unfazed started out by scoring in the first 2 innings and while holding the Golden Girls scoreless. In the 3rd inning the Golden Girls bats woke up and they slowly started catching up and by the 5th inning there was only a 1 run difference with the Golden Girls leading 12-11. In the 6th inning Unfazed scored all 5 of their runs while the Golden Girls only managed to score 4. With a tied ball game going into the 7th Unfazed scored 1 run and then held the Golden Girls scoreless. The Golden Girls once again fell short losing 17-16. Cindy Hall, Denise Rohr, Leigh Adair and Trish Holmes were the top hitters with each having 3 hits. Glenda Coleman, Nancy Peterson, Kathy Smyrk, Duska Adams, Sonya Johnson, Vicki White and Chris Voss all added to the hit count with 2 hits each.



On Saturday morning, the Golden Girls 50s played their last pool game against the Sassy Seniors from South Carolina. The Golden Girls played a strong defensive game as they didn't allow the Sassy Seniors to cross home plate during the entire game. The Golden Girls defeated Sassy Seniors with a score of 8-0. Cindy Hall, Kathy Smyrk and Chris Voss all went 3 for 3 at the plate. Nancy Peterson, Leigh Adair, Sonya Johnson and Denise Rohr had 2 hits each.

For their first game of double elimination play, the 50's once again competed against Divergent. The Golden Girls bats were not as productive this game as they had been while the Divergent bats were as solid as the

first they played. Divergent emerged from the game to go on to the winners bracket defeating the GG 50's 14 - 8. Cindy Hall and Chris Voss were the hot hitters for the Golden Girls with 3 hits respectively. Glenda Coleman, Nancy Peterson, Kathy Smyrk and Trish Holmes all had 2 hits each in this effort. The Golden Girls 50's had to win their next game to return on Sunday. Not wanting to end their season that Saturday, the Golden Girls bats came alive against the Sassy Seniors. At the end of 7 innings the Golden Girls won the right to get up early and play Sunday morning with a score of 19-3. Glenda Coleman, Nancy Peterson, Trish Holmes, Chris Voss, Leigh Adair and Duska Adams all had 3 hits each. Glenda Coleman, Nancy Peterson and Trish Holmes had back to back home runs in the 6th inning. Cindy Hall, Kathy Smyrk and Denise Rohr all added to the rally with 2 hits each.

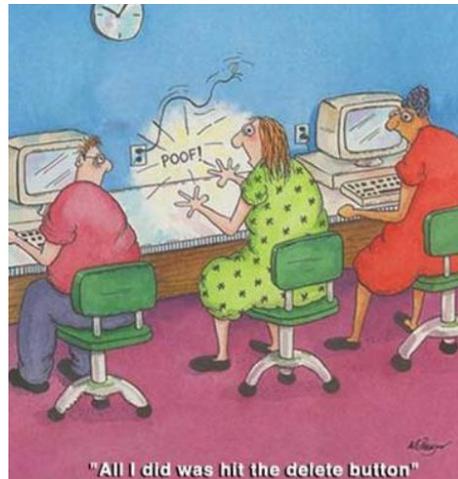
On a nice Sunday morning, the Golden Girl 50s were back on the field to play Divergent for the 3rd time with the hopes of being victorious at the end of 7 innings. The Golden Girls started off right where they left off Saturday evening scoring 5 runs in the first inning. The 50's kept adding to their score each inning except for the 5th inning. At the end of 6 1/2 innings the Golden Girls led 20-10. With some solid defensive plays by the Golden Girls, Divergent was unable to score in the bottom of the 7th giving the GG 50's a victory and the opportunity to play in the finals. Cindy Hall and Chris Voss once again led the team going 4 for 4 at the plate. Nancy Peterson add 3 hits with Kathy Smyrk, Trish Holmes, Leigh Adair, Denise Rohr and Duska Adams adding 2 hits each for the Golden Girls.

The finals had the Golden Girls playing the undefeated 55 Unfazed team. Leading off at bat for the Golden Girls was Glenda Coleman who proceeded to hit a triple and then scored off a sacrifice fly by Nancy Peterson. The Golden Girl 50s scored their only other run in the 6th inning as their bats seemed to have taken a break after the high activity in the previous game. Unfazed 55s won the game 17 - 2 to win the tournament. Glenda Coleman, Kathy Smyrk, Trish Holmes, Duska Adams and Gail Gordon all had 1 hit each for the 5 hits they could muster that game. Leigh Adair, Cindy Hall and Kathy Smyrk were named to the all-tournament team for the Golden Girls while Nancy Peterson was named tournament MVP for the 50s. The Golden Girls would like to welcome Gail Gordon and Kathy Smyrk to the Golden Girl 50s. This was their first tournament with the Golden Girl 50's.

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