



# Golden Girls News

## September 2017

Can you believe that the Fall season is half over? Where did the time go? Only one more month of league play left in 2017 so come on out for the games and get the most of what playing time is left. The heat and humidity has probably left us and it's so nice to play in the nice crisp Fall weather.

### Fall League Standings as of Friday, September 29.

Team	GP	W	L	T	%	Forfeits	Rain/Heat
Sky	4	4	0	0	1.000	0	1
Jade	3	2	1	0	0.667	1	2
Royal	5	1	4	0	0.200	0	1
Orchid	2	0	2	0	0.000	1	2

We have only played 7 games so far this fall. Three games have been rained out and one was not played. As you can see there have been two forfeits out of those seven games! Please try to make the game when your team is scheduled to play and be sure to let your manager(s) know when you will not be at a game. It is no fun to drive all the way to the field and find out that a team does not have a legal lineup.

### ***Election Time is Around the Corner***

We will hold our annual election of officers at our annual meeting on November 8. You will receive a ballot in a special newsletter edition late in October. It is critically important that you vote either by returning the ballot sheet (filled in) by Oct. 29 or be present at the meeting. We must meet our quorum to ensure that we have a valid election and remain a registered 501.c.3 organization. ALL Golden Girls should vote so please be on the lookout for the slate. If you are willing to serve in a position, please contact Janet Weeks [janetweeks@verizon.net](mailto:janetweeks@verizon.net) for more information. We cannot exist without a board so please consider volunteering for one meeting one night a month to keep the Golden Girls in business.

### ***Holiday Party***

Our very efficient Hostess with the Mostest (Lynn Smith) has already set the ball rolling for the Annual Holiday Party! It will be held on Sunday, December 17 from 1 to 4 in her home. Mark your calendars now and I've heard you might want to start boning up on trivia.

### ***Needing Hugs***

Please keep Charly Neill-Rowe in your prayers as she starts her journey on her breast cancer treatments. She is still undergoing a whole slew of tests to figure out what is the best treatment option and the waiting for the results is always a hugely stressful time.

The mother of Pam Joseph passed away in early September. Pam played Golden Girls league and tournament teams for many years but recently has been playing with the Maryland Roadrunners.

# **Golden Girls & Friends Go River Boating**

**By Marilyn Mallery**

In mid-August, the Golden Girls & Friends Travel Group journeyed on a paddle wheel (just for looks) river boat on the Columbia and Snake rivers and explored the Pacific Northwest. We started in Portland, Oregon and wound up in Lewiston, Idaho passing through 6 locks along the way. Life onboard the boat was really, really enjoyable. There was abundant and wonderful food at all three meals plus luscious snacks throughout the day and evening. We had a nightly cocktail hour (anything you wanted at no extra cost) with great appetizers - crab legs, oysters, cheeses, fruits, spreads, the list goes on and on.

We stopped at several ports to

explore life along the river, including Mt. St. Helens (still can see the destruction 37 years after the big eruption). The terrain varied from rain forest to desert. Our on-board historian gave lively and enjoyable talks every day mainly about the Lewis & Clark expedition as we visited the same spots they did. We learned all kinds of juicy stories about the crew, the conditions, the journey's purpose and place in American history, and so much more. There was onboard entertainment every night accompanied by root beer floats, sundaes, and popcorn. Needless to say we were pampered and well fed. We are planning another trip on the American Cruise Line next September (2018) along the Hudson River in New York... if this piques your interest, I can give you the details but we do need to get deposits in soon to maximize all the discounts so contact me ASAP.

Next April, we will be visiting Spain, Portugal, and Morocco (sorry, sold out!), and then in January 2019 we will journey to Antarctica and then off to Iceland & Ireland (& maybe Greenland) in August 2019....watch for details as the time gets closer.

## **Tournament News**

**The 70s in Dalton**

**By Peg Moyer**

There were seven teams in the 70+ division, Classics, Chargers, Cal Spirit, Mountain Mamas, Blue Chicks, Golden Gals and Golden Girls. We won all three of our pool play games but were seeded second for double elimination behind the Golden Gals. (They were also undefeated but allowed less runs). The scores of our pool play games were: 19-12 vs Chargers, 20-6 vs Blue Chicks and 9-8 in a squeaker against Cal Spirit.

We started out great in the double elimination bracket by defeating the Classics again by a score of 21-10. Then we had to face the Cal Spirit team and they edged us 13-12 and sent us down into the loser's bracket. Our next game was against the Chattanooga Chargers and we sent them home by a score of 11-4. Cal Spirit had defeated the Golden Gals to put them in the loser's bracket, so it was time to face our nemesis. In an extremely well played and exciting game we narrowly missed going to the championship game losing 3-4.

I must say this was the best offensive output I have seen our team come up with in a long time and our defense was equally stellar. That's not to say that we didn't make any errors but for a 70-year old team, I



Golden Girls at Mt. St. Helens (from left)  
Front: Marilyn Mallery, Rosemary Barber,  
Linda Sholl  
Back: Anne Whatley, Lynn Smith, Charly  
Neill-Roe

think we did great. Since I have already chronicled our stellar hitting in my roving reporter blurbs I won't repeat my blow-by-blow here. I will, however, repeat that I am extremely proud of each and every player who went to Dalton — everyone had a great attitude (in spite of the usual screw-ups by SPA) and gave it their all.

Our All Tournament Team honorees were: Peg Moyer, Katy Page, Baz Baziluik, and Diane Belge. Congrats to one and all!

### The 75s in Dalton

By Marilyn Mallery

The Golden Girls 75s team struggled in Dalton. We just couldn't get our bats going or stop those pesky hits by the opposing teams. There were six teams in our division and we played the Golden Gals, Canada, and Tennessee in pool play - the other teams were Tri-Stars and Florida Spirit - and we lost all 3 of the pool games. Double elimination followed and we again played Canada and Tennessee and again lost to both. As usual SPA had scheduling issues and we were at the field for almost 10 hours on Thursday playing just 2 games. All the waiting around in the heat did not help our struggles. The third day, SPA tried a new venue - it had a 1:30 "consolation" game between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place teams, namely us and Florida Spirit. I don't think anyone's heart was in that game, especially in heat and humidity, and we couldn't pull a win in that match either. All was not doom and gloom... there were some very nice defensive plays and some nice hits but unfortunately not enough of either at the right times.

We next travel to Myrtle Beach (yea, The Beach!) Oct 20-22. In addition to wonderful artificial turf fields, there are tons of great restaurants and great weather to look forward to.



This is for Kathy Collett

