

GOLDEN GIRLS NEWS

NOVEMBER 2014

This is a good time to reflect on some statistics not only for 2014 but also for the 25 years that Golden Girls has been in existence. Over those 25 years, a total of 859 different women have joined Golden Girls - some were members for only a few years and several have hung in there for many years. By member, I mean anyone who has been an affiliate, league player, tournament player, or non-playing member. Some have moved from one category or another; several have played both league and tournament the entire time. Below is a chart showing the number of years of membership (all categories) for these 859 women:

1=368	2=140	3=70	4=34	5=29	6=24	7=16	8=21	9=14	10=13
11=8	12=8	13=16	14=7	15=8	16=9	17=7	18=5	19=8	20=3
21=5	22=10	23=7	24=7	25=5	26=17				

Notice that there are 54 women who have been members for 20 years or more.

Of the 17 who have been members from the beginning, 7 are still playing league, tournament, or both.

We are aware of the deaths of 7 of the 859 members.

For 2014, we had a total of 191 registered members falling in the following categories:

27 Affiliates	48 League Only players	65 League & Tournament Players
43 Tournament only Players	8 Non-playing Members	

GG Holiday Party

The Golden Girls Holiday Party will be held on **30 November (that's coming up soon!)** at the home of Lynn Smith. Back by popular demand will be the wall of fame consisting of youthful photos of GGs between the ages of 5 and 12. We had fun last year with teenage photos so we will make it a little harder this year. No baby pictures please. Lynn asks that you start sending her your pictures so she can get a head start on a collage. There will be a veritable feast so make sure you save the date. Also, the Redskins play the Colts that day which will lead to noises of all kinds in the downstairs TV room. It's a great way to kick off the Holiday season.

An e-vite was sent out via ggsoftball and your response is appreciated so Lynn can judge how much food and supplies to buy. Golden Girls will supply ham, shrimp, soda and condiments. You are asked to bring light or heavy hors d'oeuvres or salad or dessert to feed eight or your favorite beverage to share. Please note in the comment section what you will bring which will help others in deciding what to bring. What we don't want is 30 dishes of potato salad and 30 chocolate cakes (well, just not the 30 potato salads).

Calendar

Sun. Nov 30 Holiday Party at Lynn Smith's home in Annandale. Details later.

Wednesday, December 10 @7:00 Golden Girls Board Meeting. Wesley United Methodist Church
711 Spring St. Vienna. All members are invited.

Member News

June Sonosky's husband, Bob, is finally home from the hospital. He will be on the long road to recovery for some time to come. In addition, her daughter, Renee, is scheduled for more surgery.

Margaret Ann Harding expresses her deep thanks to all the Golden Girls who contacted her on the death of Leonard - it was Special thanks to Margaret Keys who travelled all the way to Southern MD for the funeral.

Board of Directors for 2014

A special thanks to all those who volunteered to serve on the Board in 2015.

Elected Officers

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2015 Winter Program

As in past years, there will be a winter program at Michael & Son Sportsplex At Dulles located at 21610 Atlantic Blvd., in Sterling. The 10 week session begins on Monday, January 5th at 10:00 - 12:00 (doors will be open at 9:30) and ending on March 10th. Depending on how many sign up, more sessions may be added. Class participation is limited to 30 people. The program will include exercise and softball drills which will keep us all in playing shape for the 2015 season. **All this for only \$70!!!** If any of you have an interest in this program, please contact Beth or George Hersey at 703/759-2251 or herseygal@cox.net. We think you just might like it.

Note from the Green Team

Midge and Bettie are happy to report that the Tuff Turfs (Green) won the most games during the Spring Season. That's pretty good considering all the rain outs we had. Midge and I can't believe that Lori Grimm found turf lined flip flops for us. How appropriate!! We hope to see everyone returning for the 2015 Season. Speedy recovery for those who are ill or having surgeries during the off season. See you at the Breakfast, March 28th.

[Editor's Note: The final standings were announced at the annual meeting - Green won the most games, followed by Maroon followed by Rose followed by Blue.]

CHO News

The attendees at the November 12 annual meeting outdid themselves in support of CHO by donating a whopping \$725 in cash and checks, plus a \$20 gift card and lots of groceries! If you missed the annual meeting, you can bring your donations to the Holiday party on November 29.

Help Bettie and Bring Joy to Yourself

Bettie Pell does Trap/Neuter/Release of feral cats. In this process she comes across kittens that need homes. If you can give a nice home to 6-7 week old kittens, 2-3 month old kittens, or a very sweet, loving Calico mother cat (spayed and had all shots), please contact Bettie at 540-878-2044-H or 703-201-4247, or thepells1@comcast.net. She can give you contacts for low cost spay/neuter programs for the kittens.

Tournament News

There were 3 Golden Girls teams at the recent Jacksonville tournament: the 65s, 70s, and 75s. The 65s were in strange situation of being lumped with an AAA team to play the best 2 out of 3 for bracket play in a 2 team bracket. The 70s played in the 3 team AAA division and wound up third. The 70s wound up third in their 4 team bracket. While the weather was terrific, the 70s and 75s struggled to get their act together. The 65s handily beat their opponent in 2 games.

That finishes off the 2014 season with many highlights and a couple of lowlights but in general, it was a very good year.

2014 - New year - New division

We are happy to say that we finally are old enough to have a legal 75+ team. WOW!! Enjoyed Pensacola, Hendersonville, Dalton and Jacksonville. Even went to Penn Hills to qualify for the Senior Olympics. Although we had few members, we gave it our all and were "in" in every game. During the year we lost two of our "starters". Bunny Soares, (our awesome shortstop) played through much pain and finally was diagnosed with a serious heart blockage and had surgery this summer. Lani Etherton (our steady third baseman) was moving to the "farm" in the Midwest. And our team wishes them both good luck. Hopefully Bunny will be willing and able to play with us again next year. On the positive side, we welcomed our new Golden Girl, Barbara Herriman and was lucky enough to borrow a few players, some from the 70s team which included Connie Jamison and Sharon Helton. Can you believe that Sharon is old enough to play with us?

We've had maybe one fan at each game this year but the most popular place for fans was Jacksonville. Sharon's son and grandson, Janet's friend of many years, Betsey's daughter and niece and

our niece. And they brought us luck the first day but maybe they should have stayed another couple of days. Anyhow, we traveled to these faraway places, met with lots of our softball friends, enjoyed meals at some local restaurants and even some of us did other things on the way, including going to a Nationals game in Atlanta and visiting other cities and just loving the trips and it was a fun year all in all.

2014 - New (almost) batch of 70s

Several Golden Girls had the distinct pleasure of admitting they had reached at least their 70th birthday in 2014. Joining Sharon and June from last year's team, we formed the "new" 70s team. We had some growing pains and some tweaks here and there to get the team going but we did it thanks to having Brenda John from Texas, Linda Matsko and Jacqui Viers from Florida and Charly Neill-Roe from Maryland join us as full time players. Carol Ferson and Ida Wright, although no quite 70 yet, were able to help us out in some SPA tournaments which allow 2 69ers and 1 68er when our ranks were thin. When we qualified for the Olympics in Penn Hills, Zippy Wartenberg flew up from Florida on very short notice and Bonnie Strang from PA and Janet Willis from Pittsburgh helped us out. Dorcy Wilkins from Delaware and Bonnie Strang helped us out at Huntsman. Our good friend Berny Blood from Alberta, Canada played with us again in Huntsman as she has for the past few years - it is always a pleasure to see her smiling face and softball talents in St. George. In Jacksonville Dorcy and Zippy, along with Barb Sweeney from Delaware, played with us. One reason we had to rely heavily on our friends through the season was losing both Anne Whatley and Connie Jamison to knee replacements and June in the latter months due to family illnesses. Lynn Smith did an outstanding job as coach and player and everyone knows how difficult it is to do both. She deserves a huge hug and bouquet of roses from all of us.

The most outstanding moment for the team was winning the Hendersonville AAA division tournament. We pulled it off with 11 players playing 4 games in a row on the final day in very high humidity and heat - what a triumph that was! Coming in a close second were the Silver Medals in Huntsman. We had several games in several tournaments go into extra inning showing that we never gave up and fought to the bitter end.

We are looking forward to an even better 2015 while we continue to build and solidify the team. We will have an organizational meeting in mid-January to get the ball rolling but in the interim, let's give thanks for our health and being able to live in such a great country where we can play softball at 70+ years old!

65s at Jacksonville

There were only 5 teams in the 65 Division at this tourney. When the 65s started play on Thursday, we forgot how our bats worked at the beginning of the game and we made some bloopers to boot. We lost to the Golden Gals 12 to 4. Dory Wagner got a double with the bases loaded and we finally scored 3 in the bottom of the 5th. Roc Johnson started the 7th with a triple and I got that RBI to get our 4th run.

We played The Delaware Blue Chicks our 2nd game and went into 9 innings to beat them 10 to 9. Katy Page and Peg Moyer both got on and Baz got a hit to get our 1st score in the bottom of the 1st. The Blue Chicks had also scored 1. We held them and scored 5 in the bottom of the 2nd inning. They held us to the 6 runs for 3 innings, and we held them to 1 more run. We each scored 2 in the 6th inning. They came back and tied it in the 7th. Both teams scored 1 in the 8th so still tied, and we made a triple play to take them out. They had runners on 1st and 2nd with no outs. A ground ball was hit to our shortfielder (Dory) who stepped on 2nd base and threw to 1st base (Margo Parnell) for the double play, but for whatever reason the original runner at 2nd started to run to 3rd but stopped. Margo threw the ball to our 3rd baseman (Roc) who tagged the runner who had started to run again. We scored in the 9th to win. In the Championship game Roc hit 2 homeruns. Her third at bat was an

intentional walk to load the bases and Baz hit behind her. We were down 1. Baz got a triple to right field. Everyone teased her about how hard I made my homerun into a triple.

All World Team members were Dory Wagner, AD Grafman, Katy Page, Peg Moyer and Baz. Baz was also the tourney MVP.

Here's some things you probably didn't know

Researchers for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Authority found over 200 dead crows near Philadelphia recently, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu. A Bird Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be vehicular impacts. However, during the detailed analysis it was noted that varying colors of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analyzing these paint residues it was determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with trucks, while only 2% were killed by an impact with a car. MTA then hired an Ornithological Behaviorist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of truck kills versus car kills. The Ornithological Behaviorist very quickly concluded the cause: when crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow in a nearby tree to warn of impending danger. They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "Cah!!!", not a single one could shout "Truck."

We get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. So we're just really intelligent and our head couldn't hold any more and it started filling up the rest of our bodies.

Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.

Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.

Practice safe eating - always use condiments.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

If you can't find your car at the shopping center, it's called Mall's Heimer

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead give away.)

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Every calendar's days are numbered.

A lot of money is tainted - Taint yours and taint mine.

A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.

