

Señors logo (at right) will appear on new hats.



NEWSLETTER FALL 2005

President's Message

2005 has been a great summer for our club. We continue to grow (now 277 members) and our sponsored teams have competed in several tournaments. Our Summer League was a great success thanks to Commissioner Ken Montagna who will also run our Winter League.

Open Play continues to draw over 30 members each day and as our Vice President, Ron Albrecht says, "It's fun to play but more fun to win." Come on out!

One of the seldom-cited benefits of belonging to the Señors is access to a diverse network of members who have had various occupations and a wide variety of life experiences. The sewer backs up. Who do you call? Forget Ghost Busters. Put the word out on the field and connect with someone who's qualified to help solve your problem. Facing a tough medical decision? Odds are you'll find members who have gone through the experience and are ready, willing and able to help with suggestions and advice. We call this a club. In reality we are a group of friends who, can and often do, help each other.

I want to thank Donna O'Farrell for the job she has done both as secretary for the past two years and as a board member for several additional years. She is stepping down. Our club will miss the great service she has provided. Your application to serve as Board Secretary is most welcome.

Thanks to all for a job well done.

Glenn Kovas

ANNUAL MEETING

January 9, 2006, 7 P.M.

Take part in the election of officers, learn about the Club's financial status, and raise meaningful issues for discussion about Club management of activities. Join us at our Annual Meeting Monday, Jan 9th in the Redwood City Veteran's Memorial Building Auditorium. Want to help direct Club activities? Run for an open seat on our nine-member Board of Directors. We encourage your participation. Register as a Board candidate at the Annual Meeting or with Glenn Kovas, Jack Hoover, Ron Albrecht or Mark Kaufmann before the meeting.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 10, 2005, 6 P.M.

Dinner, dancing, award presentations and the opportunity drawing are on the agenda at our annual Christmas Party. Look for your invitation and sign-up form in the mail. Odds are good you'll go home with something special for you or your spouse. No need to be there to win, but it's more exciting. Opportunity drawing proceeds support Club activities throughout the year.

Rick Allen (650-324-3520) is running the show again and he's looking for volunteers to help with the preparations. Thanks, Rick.

2005 WINTER LEAGUE Starts Nov. 15th

The Señors Winter League Tuesday night games at Hawes Park begin Nov. 15, 2005 and continue through Feb. 14, 2006. Games times are 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 P.M.

Players need to sign up with League Commissioner, Ken Montagna. Call him at 650-787-7210 or email kensurferca@hotmail.com. Provide your name, age, phone number and email address (optional). To qualify you must be 49 or older and a member of the league-sponsoring Redwood City Señors Softball Club. League schedules and a map showing the location of Hawes field will be posted online at the Señors' website: <http://www.geocities.com/rcsenors/>

To become a Club member, the board needs to receive from you: 1) a completed Club application form, 2) verification of age (A photocopy of your driver's license will do.), 3) \$35 annual dues (check or cash only). An application form can be downloaded at the Club's website for printing. Dues from new Club members paid after October 1, 2005 cover all of 2006. For current Club members, 2006 dues must be received before Jan. 1, 2006.

Teams will be chosen by Nov. 5th. Managers will then contact players.

For rain-out updates dial 650-363-1140. Tuesday rain-outs will be rescheduled for the following Thursday night. Bruce Barnes (650-591-5235) and Al Davis (650-594-9107) are looking for volunteers to help with pre-game field prep.

REDWOOD CITY MINI TOURNAMENT

November 5 and 6, 2005

Dean Perkins is Commissioner for this weekend tournament at Hawes Park in Redwood City. Games begin at 7:30 A.M. Teams will play a six-out format to conserve time and meet a 3 P.M. Sunday completion deadline. Dean will select six teams to compete. The tournament schedule and directions to Hawes Park will be posted on the Señors website: <http://www.geocities.com/rcsenors/>

SATURDAY LEAGUE

November 12, 2005, 9 A.M.

This year's series of three double-headers every Saturday (Nov. 12, 2005 through Feb. 11, 2006) at Hawes Park is also in the able hands of Commissioner, Dean Perkins. Game schedules will be posted on the Señors website and available from team managers. The Roster of participating teams is being assembled.

2006 CLUB DUES

Remember, 2006 Club dues must be paid by January 1. Make payment to Redwood City Señors and send c/o Club Treasurer, P.O. Box 3904, Redwood City, CA 94064. Or, you can include your dues with your response to the Christmas Party invitation. If you have not paid your 2006 dues by January 1, you will not be eligible for Day Play, the Tuesday Night Winter League and other club activities. New and continuing member dues paid after October 1, 2005 but before January 1, cover all of 2006.

Senior Outreach

Our Club is inviting nearby retirement community seniors to come out and watch the Señors Open Play. Flyers describing Open Play have attracted several groups planning to bring guests to Mitchell Park to experience senior softball at its best, for free! Flyers are available from Bob Cushman.

Donation of Appreciation

The Señors donated \$500 to the City of San Carlos to support softball and recreation department programs. The Board of Directors wanted to express appreciation for the city's hosting of our Summer League games. Over 80 Señors participated.

WEEKLY OPEN PLAY

Our Tuesday-through-Thursday Open Play continues at Mitchell Field in Redwood City's Red Morton Park Complex. When the winter monsoons arrive, we will be moving Open Play to the astroturf fields at Hoover School on Spring St. south of Woodside Rd. in Redwood City. This change of venue will be announced at Open Play and on the Club Information Line: 650-363-1140.

Batting practice begins around 9 A.M. Games start promptly at 10 A.M. To be selected by a team manager, you need to be signed in and ready to play no later than 9:45 A.M.

You are encouraged to arrive before 9 A.M. to help Mel Rankin and his loyal band of volunteers with field preparation before batting practice.

To check for cancellations, call 650-363-1140 and press #5 after 7 A.M. Some weeks Open Play is extended through Friday to head off the onset of Acute Softball Deficiency. Information on Friday play is also available by phone on the Club Information Line.

Game Cancellation Notification Service

Open Play, Tuesday Night Winter League, and Saturday League players can check for game cancellations via the Club Information Line at 650-363-1140. Follow the prompt menu for game status.

Random Acts of Baseball

Gene Lind is giving away baseball equipment. Mostly to Little League players, younger wannabes, and Sports Directors in the Bay View/Hunter's Point communities. He also recycles equipment to kids in Guatemala and Honduras. "They want to play, but they just can't afford the equipment," he says.

Where does he get the gloves, balls and bats? From folks like Ed and Brenda Guzman who donated equipment, including uniforms, from Little League coaching days. Gene and Señors field prep master, Mel Rankin, haunt local flea markets in search of gloves that Gene can refurbish. Mel turns over used LL balls he finds on Red Morton Park fields. Gene buys gloves from St. Vincent de Paul stores. He finds bats under the seats of cars brought to the company where he works. Don't ask.

What's in your garage, attic, auto trunk, closets? Take a look. Bring forgotten equipment (new is good too) to Gene (650-875-6858) at Open Play. He'll give it a home, make it part of the game again.