

SPRING 2005 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

In my 18 months as your president, I have seen our roster grow to 260 members. We have a strong board and it continues to represent all our members and teams. Treasurer Bob Cushman has worked hard to enable our club to receive tax-free status with the IRS.

Our Winter League was a great success, thanks to Director, Mark Kaufman. The year's Summer League will start on Tuesday, May 10th at Highlands Park in San Carlos under the new Director, Ken Montagna. We continue to sponsor seven tournament teams plus Open Play on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. We were able to integrate our Open Play program with the Sequoia Adult School. This arrangement has helped our club financially.

Once again, many thanks to our Board: Vice President, Ron Albrecht; Joe Bozzuto; Al Davis; Dave Reck; John Moran; Rick Allen; and Secretary, Donna O'Farrell. Also thanks to Bobby Elwood; Redwood City Parks and Recreation; Brenda Guzman, our Web Master; Helen Amaya, our raffle queen; and Open Play Commissioner, Jack Hoover, who lives and breathes Redwood City Señors' Softball.

Finally, I want to send a special thanks to Mel Rankin on the 10th anniversary of his continuing work on our Open Play fields.

Glenn Kovas

P.S. We are looking for volunteers to help out at both our 60+ (6/25 and 6/26) and our 50+ (7/30 and 7/31) tournaments. Thanks.

Señors Win Tax-Exempt Status

The Club recently obtained a Federal ID number and applied for tax-exempt status. In February, the IRS determined the Club is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code. Treasurer, Bob Cushman, assures that a similar exemption by the California State Franchise Tax Board is "almost automatic." Members need to know, however, that membership dues are NOT deductible on your tax return.

Bob Cushman

2005 Summer League

Summer League play starts Tuesday, May 10th at Highlands Park, North Field, in San Carlos. The park is located on Melendy Dr., west of Alameda.

League Director, Ken Montagna, is looking for more players. To sign on, call him at 650-787-7210 or email kensurferca@hotmail.com. Provide your name, age, phone number and email address (if you have one). Players must be 49+ and a member of the Señors. Annual dues are \$35. Club applications are available for downloading online at <http://www.geocities.com/rcsenors/>.

Managers and their team rosters will be announced during the last week of April. ASA umpires will officiate three games each Tuesday. Field prep volunteers are needed so come early if you can help out. Summer League play will continue until the end of August.

Club-Sponsored Tournaments

This year, the Club will host two NCSSA-sanctioned Redwood City Señors Softball Tournaments.

- June 25 – 26, 2005 (Saturday and Sunday): 60+ teams (Tournament Coordinator TBD)
- July 30 – 31, 2005 (Saturday and Sunday): 50-55 teams (Tournament Coordinator is Dean Perkins.)

Annual One-Pitch Tournament and Barbecue

- *Monday, July Fourth 2005*
- *Red Morton Community Park Fields, Redwood City*
- *Games begin at 9 A.M., Barbeque ~ 11 A.M.*
- *Deadline for player entries: Monday, June 20, 2005*
- *Joe Bozzuto, Chairman*

One-Pitch Tournament

Only active members are eligible to participate in the one-pitch tournament. You will receive more details *(Continued on back)*

One-Pitch Tournament *(continued)*

by mail including a player sign-up sheet in plenty of time to meet the June 20th deadline. Teams will be organized from entries and players will be notified of team assignment before the start of the first game. Teams should be at the field and ready to play by 9 A.M.

Barbecue

All club members, their families and guests are invited to watch the games, enjoy the free food and drinks, and purchase Opportunity Drawing Tickets for a chance to win valuable prizes. The hamburgers, hotdogs, soft drinks and other goodies will be served around 11 A.M.

Opportunity Drawing

Tickets are \$1 each and will be also be available at the park just before the drawing. Remember to keep your half of Opportunity Drawing Tickets when you mail payment. Prizes include two \$50 bills and merchandise. This is a vital source of revenue used to support club activities.

Volunteers Wanted

Joe is looking for volunteers to help with field prep and maintenance as well as the food service and Opportunity Drawing. Please contact him at 650-368-7367 or see him at open play to help out.

2005 Club-Sponsored Tournament Teams

The Club Board of Directors has allocated \$575 to each of our seven 2005-2006 tournament sponsored teams.

Team - Manager

Redwood City Blues - Mike Vigo
Redwood City Cardinals 60's - Jerry Marsh
Redwood City Cardinals 65's - Ed Guzman
Redwood City Reds - Ken Montagna
Redwood City Bay Supporters - Mark Kaufmann
Redwood City Chiefs 65's - Mike Solis
Redwood City State Roofing Royals - Joel Filios

The Club paid the ASA team registration fee, purchased ASA team liability insurance, and will provide a \$450 subsidy soon after the Redwood City tournament. In addition, each team is invited to participate in our Club-sponsored Redwood City tournament. The team entry fee will be waived.

Club Information Line, Rain Line and Website.

Board member Joe Bozzuto maintains the announcements on the Club Information line. This provides game schedules and rain out announcements, when necessary. Dial 650-363-1140 to hear the melodious early morning announcements of our own Joe Bozzuto. To hear information about:

Tuesday Night Summer League, press #1;
Saturday League (winter only), press #2;
Day Play, Tues., Wed., Thurs. mornings, press #5;
NCSSA Tournament Weather Conditions, press #8.

Brenda Guzman has done a terrific job on the Club Website. It contains important information about Club events, people, schedules, softball resources, and links to NCSSA and other softball sites. It can be accessed at:

<http://www.geocities.com/rcsenors/>

Daily Open Play

Our Tuesday-through-Thursday open play takes place at Hoover School near the corner of Woodside Rd. and Spring St. in Redwood City. Batting practice begins around 9 A.M. and games get underway promptly at 10 A.M. To be selected for team play, you need to be signed in, on the field and ready to rumble no later than 9:45 A.M.

It's best to check for cancellations due to field poor conditions. Call 650-363-1140 after 7 A.M. You will be prompted to punch 5 to hear a recorded message on day play status. Some weeks open play is extended through Friday. Information on Friday play is also accessed at the day play message.

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

Annual Señors Golf Tournament Set For May

There'll be trophies, prizes, and lots of fun for duffers, hackers and Tiger wannabes at the Club's Annual Golf Tournament. The event is scheduled for 11 A.M., Monday, May 9th at the nine-hole, par 29, Sunken Gardens Golf Course, 1010 South Wolfe Rd. in Sunnyvale. Contact Coordinator, Larry Shavel, at 650-366-4404 or see him at Open Play to sign on and get more details, i.e. start times.