

Players -

Over the course of the past several months, the leadership of the 50's, 60's and 70's Senior Softball programs, have ALL come together to Strengthen and Unify, for the betterment and foreseeable growth of Senior Softball here in the Pikes Peak Region.

Let me be the First to WELCOME YOU... As members of:
"THE PIKES PEAK REGION SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION" !!!

Our Board of Directors is made up of the following 10 Volunteers:

Carl Bennett - Commissioner

Voting Board Members:

1. Tim Ryan
2. Greg Brockelman
3. Ken Balser
4. Gary Cunningham
5. Joe Ribeiro
6. Gayton Albarano

Task Force Board members

(Non Voting)

1. Steve Everson
2. Tom Gallivan
3. Doug Klimas

We as a governing body have been working hard, accomplishing much, in an effort to bring UNIFORMITY, STRUCTURE and UNITY to our entire membership of players. YOU !

Needless to say, There is MUCH work yet ahead.
I can convey to each of You... Your Board is up to the task !

This past week, Our board met with Joe Braun, the softball program director for Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation.

This meeting proved to be incredibly productive...! Joe is FIRMLY behind US...
Supportive in Everyway possible to help insure our overall success.

The Colorado Springs Ballot initiative passed by the voters last November shot a sizable amount of money into the Colorado Springs Recreation Department.

There are vast improvements in the making, that will affect our Association.

I will have greater, in depth information, in the coming weeks.

This correspondence is being sent out to each of You... To bring You up to speed as to what we can

expect and plan for the 2020 season.

THIS IS YOUR PROGRAM !

We need and encourage your feedback !

The final segment of this correspondence is in the form of a SURVEY QUESTION.

As mentioned earlier, The meeting we had with Parks and Recreation was for the purpose of setting our 2020 Season Schedule.

THAT HAS NOW BEEN ACCOMPLISHED !

Let me set the table:

1. 50+ will play Monday nights at Skyview Park
70+ will play Monday mornings at Cottonwood Creek Park
60+ will play Friday mornings at Skyview Park
2. All leagues/teams will officially begin play the week of April 27th.
3. Our season will conclude the last week of September.
4. During the course of our season... There will be a ONE WEEK BREAK; Beginning Monday, June 29th, resuming play on July 6th.

The Fees for usage of our playing fields has increased for the 2020 season.

I can assure all of You... Even with the increase, Joe Braun has bent over backwards to minimize any "Player Sticker Shock" ...!!!

In putting a pencil to the overall numbers.... The average Cost PER GAME for each of US to play... Is UNDER \$4.00...!!!

Where on this earth can you go and enjoy the time and Recreation UNDER THAT COST...?? NOT POSSIBLE...!!!

The Player Fees will be Uniform across the board. If a player plays in more than one league, they will pay the fee for each league. EXAMPLE: Play 50+ and 60+ They will pay the fee times two.

Final estimate of costs are currently pending. The fees will be stated on your Player Registration form due to be sent / emailed out to all players on MARCH 6th.

Be on the lookout !

NEXT:

Our Survey Question:

In an effort to expand and enhance the Senior Softball Player experience; To create and develop the Opportunity for each player to Meet, Compete, to Fellowship with as many players as possible; It is

proposed that come "Mid - Season" of our schedule... A "Second Draft " to realign ALL TEAMS within each league will be conducted.

As a Board, Our goal is to develop as much "PARITY" as possible !

Following player registration in March, Selected Team Managers will come together to hold our Player Drafts. (These player drafts have been the practice for the past 3 seasons.). Upon completion of the player draft, Managers will contact their selected players in a timely manner, prior to the start of play, the week of April 27th.

As league play begins, as our season begins to take shape; Teams who are playing well together, will begin to rise to the top of their league standings.

There are MANY Factors that affect and contribute to the play of each and every team.

Just to name a few:

1. Player skills
2. Player injury
3. Player availability
(Vacations, illness, family emergencies)

Our concerns, Our fears are:

We DO NOT want to see teams of lesser strength... Due to numerous factors; To become the "Whipping Boys" of their league. If One Team has a record of 15 wins and 1 loss... While another team in the league has a 1 win 15 losses record... Hopefully You know where I am going with this...! Sure... Its fun to be the 15 and 1 team. NOT SO MUCH fun for the 1 and 15 team !!

No player desires to come to the ballpark each week, knowing the possibility of a WIN... Is very Marginal at best !! THIS IS WHAT WE ARE WORKING TO AVOID.

With this possible scenario in mind, Coupled with the desire of MANY of our players who wish they could have the opportunity to play ball with as many different fellow players as possible, we are asking if You are in favor of a Mid Season - Second Draft ? (Click on your answer)

YES NO

DEADLINE FOR YOUR REPLY IS FEBRUARY 10TH.

More information to follow in the coming weeks...!!

Stay tuned...!!!

Carl Bennett
Commissioner
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