

Juuust A Bit Outside #13

I find that I always have material to discuss in the confines of Citrus Park Softball. Sometimes the issue is what should be first. What is on most people's minds today. I have to say the weather is on everyone's radar today. We already have a too cold policy...is a too hot policy on the way? We are in Florida for the sun and warmth. However, sometimes it can be a pain in the assumption that we are always happy about it. Be prepared for All Star Saturday. Liquids, ice, cold towels, find shade and use common sense.

I began this newsletter about a year ago with a topic of perspective. So... how do you see and feel about your C.P. Softball experience now? I'm guessing you have had bumps in the road and moments of great exhilaration. I know I'm running out of gas, but I also raised my batting average (well, other guys error average) over 100 points. The goal was to have everyone feel that they had a great, fun experience and look forward to next year before this one ends. I need to know from you what we can do better for 2027.

Next on the docket is commitment to the league. As of day one of registration, we have over 100 folks signed up for next season. If you carefully read the document it states that you will commit to this league and it will be your first priority, you commit to play the full schedule, you understand that you could be removed from a team and put on reserves if you fail to follow through with your choice to be on a team. Obviously, injury and personal issues are considered. Some of our folks take ball more seriously than others but all need to be respectful of our league rules and policies.

Next, this is just a reminder that if you want information or answers most can be found on Citrus Park 50 + Softball, our website. You are also free to contact me by text, email, phone or in person. I've noticed that there are a few dudes out there that don't do technology, so you probably need to read the kiosks behind D 1 and D2 or just stay at the fields all the time, so you don't miss anything. The benches are comfortable and there's food at the Tiki Hut when it's open.

Here comes the random stuff: I have contracted Spike to be our Entertainment Chair for the foreseeable future. He will also be our new Shed Committee Chair since he is the most informed on the issue. We are hoping to have a completed project in the near future.

We are looking at a policy to cover games that are delayed by weather. A game that has completed three innings will be picked up at that point. If not three completed innings, it will start over from the beginning.

Putting position numbers instead of words has been a great help to our official scorekeepers.

We have added the Jim Beatty Outstanding Umpire Award this year which will be voted for by the official scorekeepers and the managers.

Diamond 1 will be closed March 28. Diamond 2's closing date will be announced soon.

We are looking for someone to take over as the Superbowl Squares fundraiser.

The Men's Rules Committee is in search of a chairman. There are six returning members, and we will be taking applications for the next week.

The Give Back Games were a great success this year. The Good Guys, us, defeated other good guys in a well-played game. The League Board approved two \$1,000.00 scholarships to Bonita Springs High School students.

The Stage will cater for the Women's Banquet and Buffalo Chips will cater for the Men's Banquet.

The Men's Board is looking at putting on clinics next fall. We will probably start with a pitching clinic. I plan to be one of the first to sign up.

Finally, play nice with your fellow ballplayers...on the field and off.