

OK, so it's not ALL softball!

Back Row (L to R): Dave Gregory, Steve Baranick, Mike Feeny

Center Row (L to R): Mike Fagan, Mike Daniels, Nick Basta, Bill Steele, Ron Barnhart

Front Row (L to R): Dennis Phistry, Bob Kapeller, Rod Schemp, Joe Hansell

Menifee Valley Upper Division Senior Softball Prepares for Fall Season

Senior softball players from the Menifee Valley Upper Division Senior Softball (MVUDSS) league unwind at the Pitstop Pub in Menifee, where they occasionally congregate, to celebrate the end of another successful softball season, pat each other (and themselves) on the back, rehash the day's games, and make plans for the upcoming fall season. Some of these dedicated seniors play 2 or 3 games on game day and at times in triple digit heat.

The Monday Morning Blues team, Winter 2012 league champions, repeated as the Spring 2012 champions with an impressive 12-4 overall record that included a 9-game winning streak. The Green Machine and Red Tide teams tied for second place.

MVUDSS league games are played on Monday mornings at either the Big League Dreams Sports Park in Perris or at Wheatfield Park in Menifee. Tournament-caliber players 55 years of age and older or turning 55 in 2013 are eligible to play in the Fall 2012 Season. The league offers upper division senior softball players an opportunity to participate in a highly competitive, well-balanced, tournament-style league.

The league consists of players and teams from the Temecula Valley, Hemet, and North San Diego County areas. Out-of-area teams have the option of playing once a week or playing bi-weekly doubleheaders.

League President Steve Baranick said, "Our mission is to provide highly-skilled senior softball players with competitive games on a weekly basis. We accomplish this by using tournament rules and providing professional umpires, the best possible ball fields, and competitively-balanced teams; all the while, encouraging sportsmanship and fair play."

New teams will be drafted on August 30. The Fall 2012 Season will start on September 10 and end with a double-elimination tournament in early December. Players and teams that are interested in participating should contact Steve Baranick, 951-677-0428, steve519333@yahoo.com or visit the league website http://mvudss.weebly.com.