

State Farm Wins Fall League Title By Larry Wolfe

Manager Evan Hansen's State Farm Insurance team won the Fall League Championship with a 7-5 record. Bill Corso's Mutual of Omaha team also sported a 7-5 record; however, State Farm was awarded the title by virtue of the tie-breaker. They beat the Mutuals twice in head-to-head competition.

The Fall League's Top Ten hitters, based upon a minimum of 40 plate appearances, were: Larry Kaufmann (.830); Tim Loeffler (.825); Nick Kusenko (.793); Mike Wolfe (.792); Dan Bradfield (.764); Ron Pennington (.760); Ken Brenden (.744); and Steve Garcia, Billy Kee and Don Scoggins, all at .729. Nice going, guys!

Our World Champion 70s Travel Team, sponsored by Pinnacle Physical Therapy, hosted a tournament at the Field of Dreams on January 7th and 8th. Our squad and the Phoenix Sidewinders were both 4-1 in the round-robin tournament; however, the Sidewinders won the tourney based upon the tie-breaker (total runs scored). Our top hitters were Gary Dee (.750), Tom Lorgan (.714) and Jim Mollsen (.700). Dan Gallichio led the team with 13 RBI. Our 75+ team made its debut in this tournament and posted a respectable 3-2 record. Thanks to all who helped out at the event, including our ladies team members.

Our 65s Travel Team also hosted a tournament later in January after the deadline for this month's *Splash*. Check back next month for details of that tourney.

The Winter League is now well underway. Each of our six league teams will play a twenty-game schedule. Check out our website (www.sunlakessoftball.com) for up-to-date standings and stats.