
SSBL NEWSLETTER

OPENING DAY

WELCOME TO OPENING DAY '98



SSBL

WELCOMES ALL OUR NEW PLAYERS, TEAMS AND
VETERANS BACK FOR ANOTHER EXCITING SEASON OF
SSBL SOFTBALL.

In '98, SSBL has the youngest, most diverse, and largest League in many years. Side by side are Straight, Gay, BI, & Lesbian players. We have players from countries all over the world. We have our largest minority representation in years, and more women than in the last 10 years. SSBL has worked hard at diversity and we are achieving it more each year.

WELCOME EVERYONE. WELCOME DISH, DOCKS & WOODY'S AS NEW SPONSORS. HAVE A GREAT SEASON. LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN MAKE YOUR SSBL EXPERIENCE BETTER FOR YOU THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR.

Take the opportunity to personally meet your League Officers. They are Dan Nelson, Commissioner with Balistreri's; Bob Melig, Assistant Commissioner with the Ballgame; Tom Rowland, Secretary with Balistreri's; and Mike Vukovich, Treasurer with Woody's. Chuck C is Umpire in Chief from 219. Don't be shy. We have lots of new players, go and meet them too.

MR. -- MS. SSBL AFTER THE GAMES TO BE HELD AT WOODY'S

The traditional Opening Day event for SSBL is Mr-Ms SSBL. It is the only time that EVERYONE in SSBL gets together during the entire Season. This year we will hold it at 5 PM at WOODY'S at the corner of Layton and 2nd Streets. WOODY'S is a new team this year, and we especially want to thank them for agreeing to host this major event.

At the Fund Raiser, you'll get to meet and greet old friends and make new friends. When we leave there tonight, Hopefully you have made 10 new acquaintances, maybe more. You'll have the chance to meet our Officers and our Committee Chairmen. Take advantage of this opportunity - YOU ARE SSBL. Your Officers work for you.

We'll have entertainment at the event and some special surprises. LET'S ALL BE THERE. If games are canceled, we will resked the fund raiser. Next week join the M&M team for theirs. They always provide a fun time.

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MILWAUKEE CLASSIC

In just TWO weeks the Milwaukee Classic sponsored by SSBL will hold its 18th Tournament at WICK field at 51st and Vliet Streets. Games start at 9 AM Saturday. Many Milwaukee teams will participate, however if yours is not planning on participating – come see the games.

A round Robin of two games will start Saturday morning. In the Early afternoon, the Championship round gets underway. Final Games will be Sunday Afternoon – the best against the best, and great Softball.

We expect 25 teams from everywhere in the Midwest. This is your opportunity to play or watch GREAT softball. Plan on attending if your not playing -- bring your friends.

CONTACTING SSBL

FOR RAIN OUTS Call 24 hours a day at 454-9204. **CHECK THE MESSAGE.** For any other business, also use the Hotline – it is checked often. If there is an EMERGENCY – CONTACT BOB MELIC, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER AT THE BALLGAME AFTER 4 (OR LEAVE A MESSAGE) 273-7474 opens at 2 PM on weekdays and 11 AM on weekends.

TWO DIVISIONS – MORE FUN FOR EVERYONE

other important info

Our new two divisions format this year will be a blast. Your team will play against teams of your skill level. You'll also play one time against the other division – that's so that everyone gets to see everyone else play. Each Division will have its own set of trophies.

We will have two position weeks within your division. That's when your team plays the other teams closest to them in the standings. I.E., team one plays team two, team two plays team three, etc. Even if you find yourself in last place, by winning those two games, you are right back in it again. No one is left out this year.

Your Manager has a set of Rules & Regulations – they should see that you have a copy. The Competition Committee & League approved them in April, so they are up to date.

YOU ARE INVITED to participate as a volunteer or as a team representative on ANY SSBL Committee. Make your wishes known to your Manager, a League Officer and/or call the Hotline 454-9204.

Team Fund Raisers are encouraged. Managers only, See Rodney at the Ballgame after 4 PM any day or at the field to let him know when you want your to be held. He controls the calendar. Team fund raisers are a lot of fun, since each team tries to out do the others by coming up with new and fun ideas.

Encourage your friends to attend games as fans. The more folks, the better the games, and the more fun. Keep looking for more players. You can add players up and until the 3rd week in June.

SSBL IS FOR FUN

SSBL games are sports events. They are not wars. Go onto the field with that in mind, and your experience in SSBL will be more fun. If you lose a game - be a good sport. It's all part of the game. Friendly competition is our goal – No one has a million dollar contract or scholarship in SSBL. We are here to enjoy the sun, meet people, and get fresh air after a long winter. Treat the games for what they are – games.

SATURDAY SOFTBALL LEAGUE - 1998

NATIONAL LEAGUE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

1. BALL GAME RANGERS
2. IN BETWEEN
3. M & M BLOW POPS
4. BALISTRERI'S
5. DOCKS

6. DISH
7. BREWBAR
8. WOODY'S
9. THIS IS IT
10. BALL GAME 2

SIJAN FIELD 2821 S. KINNICKINNIC AVE.

TEAM LISTED FIRST IS HOME TEAM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DIAMOND #2</u>		<u>DIAMOND #3</u>	
April 25	TBA	CLINIC AT SIJAN FIELD			
May 2	11:00	BALL GAME 2	vs	THIS IS IT	BALISTRERI'S vs DOCKS
	12:00	DOCKS	vs	BALL GAME 2	THIS IS IT vs BALISTRERI'S
	1:00	BALL GAME	vs	IN BETWEEN	DISH vs BREWBAR
	2:00	M & M	vs	BALL GAME	WOODY'S vs DISH
	3:00	M & M	vs	IN BETWEEN	BREWBAR vs WOODY'S
May 9	11:00	BALL GAME	vs	BALISTRERI'S	
	12:00	BALISTRERI'S	vs	WOODY'S	DOCKS vs BALL GAME
	1:00	M & M	vs	WOODY'S	IN BETWEEN vs BALL GAME 2
	2:00	DOCKS	vs	IN BETWEEN	DISH vs THIS IS IT
	3:00	BALL GAME 2	vs	M & M	BREWBAR vs THIS IS IT
May 16	<u>THIS WEEKS' GAMES ARE PLAYED AT WICK FIELD</u>				
	11:00	WOODY'S	vs	THIS IS IT	BALL GAME 2 vs BALL GAME
	12:00	BALL GAME 2	vs	WOODY'S	BALL GAME vs DISH
	1:00	IN BETWEEN	vs	THIS IS IT	BALISTRERI'S vs M & M
	2:00	IN BETWEEN	vs	BREWBAR	DISH vs DOCKS
	3:00	BREWBAR	vs	BALISTRERI'S	M & M vs DOCKS
May 23	<u>MILWAUKEE CLASSIC</u>				
May 30	Off Day				
Jun 6	11:00	DISH	vs	WOODY'S	
	12:00	BALL GAME 2	vs	DISH	WOODY'S vs IN BETWEEN
	1:00	BREWBAR	vs	BALL GAME 2	IN BETWEEN vs BALISTRERI'S
	2:00	BALL GAME	vs	THIS IS IT	DOCKS vs BREWBAR
	3:00	BALL GAME	vs	M & M	THIS IS IT vs DOCKS
Jun 13	<u>POSITION WEEK</u>				
	11:00		7 vs 8		9 vs 10
	12:00		7 vs 10		8 vs 9
	1:00		4 vs 6		1 vs 2
	2:00		4 vs 5		1 vs 3
	3:00		5 vs 6		2 vs 3