

To Everyone in West Metro Senior Softball

We're ready to jump into our 29th season of Metro Senior Softball! We'll be returning to Eden Prairie's Round Lake Park fields for our summer season, which will run from April to August, followed by our Fall Ball season from September until the first week of November. The park is located at 16691 Valley View Road in Eden Prairie. Your fee of \$50 pays for the entire summer and fall!

With this note, we're also very happy to introduce the league's new leadership team: Bob (Doc) Hartshorn, Gary Bingner, John Hovde, Bruce Torgerson and Ron Wenaas. Our great thanks are extended to Ron Thielen, who has chosen to step away from many of his former duties in the league. Ron will be continuing some of his work, sharing his scheduling, drafting and organizational skills in a transitional role as we get things going this year. ***Thanks Ron, for your many years of service to the league!***

The Registration Process

Registration is now open and we're looking forward to kicking the season off with batting practice on Tuesday, April 23th, weather and field conditions permitting. With the heavy snows that we need to melt off and dry up, we think there's a better than even chance that we'll need to wait a bit past our target date. Standby for updates!

To register, please use the attached form, which is also available to download at the league website. www.mnseniorsoftball.com.

The Weather Stone

To get weather alerts to you quickly and conveniently, the weather stone will be back in use on the [league website](#) and the [West Metro Facebook page](#). Whenever the fields may be unplayable or the weather unbearable, we'll try to have alerts posted and sent via email, Facebook and the WhatsApp or Facebook Messenger alert systems by 7:30 a.m. If it's an "Iffy" day, the weather stone will appear at the top of the league homepage, everyone in the league will receive an email alert and, if you sign up to receive them, "WhatsApp" or "Facebook Messenger" alerts. To get those alerts, just check the "WhatsApp" or "Facebook Messenger" box on the registration form...we'll add you to the lists. Note: If you choose to receive WhatsApp or Facebook Messenger alerts, you'll need the correct app on your mobile phone.

Picnic Time!

One of the best parts of each game day is our picnic lunch and "BS" session when the games are done! Everyone gets the chance to provide lunch once per summer ... we suggest that groups of players work together, share the cost and the cooking duties. Talk to us. We'll fill you in on the details.

Lunch on day one will be provided by our new leadership group! We'll have a picnic sign-up sheet at the field, so grab your partners, pick a date and get on the schedule. Many groups have been choosing the Pizza alternative... we'll have info on the local pizza delivery locations available on the website soon. If you're looking for partners, let us know...we'll try to help. Basic condiments (ketchup & mustard) are provided by the league and we have some paper plates & towels and of course, the grill, the gas & related implements. Beer Man and the Soda Jerk will be there too...beer for a buck, sodas are fifty cents.

League Caps

Part of West Metro's charm is our league hats, with your chosen name or nickname boldly letting everyone know a name you'd like to be called! We'll be using the same purple and gold hats we had in 2018, so if you still have yours, please use it again! If you're new, have a really grungy hat from last year, or just didn't get one, be sure to let us know if you need a hat, as well as the name or nickname you'd like on it. They'll be available a couple weeks after the beginning of the summer season.

That's all! Let's get going! Send in your registration forms and your fee asap, so we can get caps ordered and everything set up for opening day.

See you when the grass is green and the breezes are warm!

Doc, Gary B, John H, Bruce T and Ron W