



Woodbridge Senior Softball Club

By Linda Pace

THE FIRST HALF of the 2025 Softball Season has ended. We welcomed a number of new players this season and were happy to have new blood on both the Silver Sluggers and Diamond Gals teams.

We are taking July off, so keep a sharp eye out for the announcement of the beginning of the 2nd half of the 2025 Season.

SNACK SHACK: The snack shack will be open Wednesday's, Friday's and Saturday's during the 2nd half. So whether or not you decide to watch any of the games, the entire Woodbridge Community is invited to come out enjoy breakfast and/or lunch.

SILVER SLUGGERS: To help keep games on time, to ensure that all teams get to play 7 innings and keep out of the scorching summer heat, each batter will start with a 1 – 1 count ... 1 ball and 1 strike. So far this worked well. The SS have a few new things going on this year. A Buck Short Line has been drawn on the lawn 25 feet beyond the infield dirt. This is where the buck short player must stand before the ball is hit. Pool players are (1) limited to a double when batting and (2) cannot be courtesy runners. When teams can only field 10 players, 1 of the outfielders will be allowed to play in front of the 170 foot line. And this year the "veer line" at 1st base is being strickly enforced.

If you were at a game where the umpire called a "flip flop" and are scratching your head wondering what that means ... here's the explanation. If the visitors team team is ahead by 10 runs or more at the start of the 7th inning, the home plate umpire will call a "flip flop" and the home team will bat first in the 7th inning. If they don't catch up in the score by the 3rd out, the game is over. If they do catch up, the visitors team will then get their chance to bat and the score at the end of their 3rd out will determine the final outcome of the game.

DIAMOND GALS: The DG caliber of play has seen a marked improvement over the past several years due to outstanding training from our coaches Laurie Stillmaker, Ronda Hardcastle, and those that assist. The coaches attribute the success to the hard work and dedication of each of the players. Coach Hardcastle says, "in the first half of this season we've seen Melba Starr hit a Grand Slam, Cheryce Johnson hit two home runs in a single game and Megan Paslak hitting in the game winning run where the score moved around like a tennis ball crossing the net!

It's exciting to see double plays, to listen to the strategy chatter on the field and to see the strategy executed so well ... and to see and listen to the team spirit across both teams while on the field.

Wednesday		Friday		Saturday	
Silver Sluggers	9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Silver Sluggers	9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Diamond Gals	9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Silver Sluggers	10:30 – noon	Silver Sluggers	10:30 – noon	Silver Sluggers	10:30 – noon
Diamond Gals	noon – 1:30 p.m.			Silver Sluggers	noon – 1:30 p.m.