#### From your VP: Gabe Barrow

The season is off and running. I'd like to recognize a few of our fellow Board Members and league players for their continued efforts to keep our Senior Softball League in a smooth-running status.

#### **Open Draft**

Congratulations and thank you to Jim Dunlavy. For the past couple of years Jim had been wanting to have an "open draft". It took a couple of years for us to warm up to the idea. Last year the board looked at it and gave it a try for the 58 + league. Jim laid out the process with Gary to make it happen. The managers enjoyed this concept of choosing teams so we decided to do this for the entire league beginning 2019. Good job Jim & Gary.

### **Umpires**

Last winter Jim Dunlavy took this initiative to research the possibility of implementing paid official umpires for our games. Jim did a lot of the ground work over the winter with Gary Meyer. Before our season began in 2019, Jim arranged a sit down for a meeting which included Jim Dunlavy, Rick Schmidt and Gabe Barrow. We introduced our league rules that we have added and moved forward to include umpires for our games on Tuesday and Thursday's. Gary Meyer also insisted that the umpires that will be supplied must be the best umpires with a lot of experience. Thanks to Jim, Gary, Rick and Gabe.

## **Rules:**

Our favorites topic. While not trying to make the game so latent with rules but we are always working to clarify them. We asked specialist Gary Downey with some help. Gary reviewed the rules and suggested some items that could be addressed. The Board reviewed the suggestions and implemented the changes. Thank you, Gary, for your input and ongoing efforts.

# Pool:

Many thanks go out Gary Downy and Jerry Keefe for volunteering to run the pool for players. These are non-board members who when asked to help out were happy to do so. Thank you again.