

## **In the summer of 2009-**

FHRC Men's Adult Softball incorporated the Women's Division into their program, renaming it the "Adult Softball League." Special kudos to Amy Parsley, our first Women's league director & Chris Benjes for putting the league together in 2 short weeks to allow the ladies to start play at the beginning of July along side the Men's league. The league started with just 5 teams and approximately 60 ladies. We did not have uniforms, but we had the drive to play. We could have up to 7 teams playing on Fields 2, 6 and 8 at 6:00 on Fridays.

This was also the year of the rainouts. The entire league was rained out 4 times out of 10 weeks, pushing the season deep into September. Afterward, the teams celebrated the season with the men's league, until the late hours at the pavilion with a cookout and live music by "Lancaster Drive."

2009 teams consist of an average of 12 women per team:

Pink Team coached by Cyndi Clark  
Brown Team coached by Amy Parsley  
Light Blue Team coached by Christine Puopolo  
Lime Green Team coached by Jeanine Wilson  
Red Team coached by Tammy Rhodes

## **2010 –**

Six Women's teams comprise the league for 2010. For the new season Amy Parsley had decided to step down as the Director and Cyndi Clark was appointed. In the just 2 short seasons we had grown from approx 60 women to over 100 with ages ranging from 30-60 years old & we chose names for our teams instead of just colors.

Unlike the 2009 season, Mother Nature was good to us and the teams played every week –without any rainouts and finished the season on September 17<sup>th</sup> with the annual post-season party featuring a cookout and live music by Steve and Dan from "Lancaster Drive."

This year the ladies decided on a tournament, while no trophies are given out the winners earned the right to be the "Queens of the Diamond". The Mudsliders (Brown team) beat Lethal Threat (Pink team) 9-7 in a very close Ladies' Final.

2010 teams consist of an average of 16 women per team:

Lethal Threat (Pink) coached by Cyndi Clark  
Mudsliders (Brown) coached by Amy Parsley & Lynn Kim  
Blue Healers (Navy) coached by Cathy Chamberlain  
The Blue Diva's (Lt Blue) coached by Kristine Sommer-Sydnor  
Dirt Diva's (Lime Green) coached by Jeanine Wilson  
The Red Hot Mama's (Red) coached by Tammy Rhodes

## **2011-**

For the second year in a row our league comprised of 6 teams with again over 100 ladies taking the fields. We saw lots of old faces and many new faces and the league continues to get stronger each year.

Unfortunately this year Mother Nature has not been as kind and had rained us out 4 times including opening day, finishing the season on Sept 30th with the annual post-season party featuring a cookout and live music by Steve and Dan from "Lancaster Drive."

A few changes occurred this year with the ladies deciding not to have a tournament but just play the games through the end of the season. Players, team names & coaches changed and we were putting more emphasis on the reason for the league...FUN!!!

Our league was designed to allow those mom's that coach from the sidelines for their daughter's games, to get out there and show them how it is done. As well as for any lady that just loves to play the game or learn how to play regardless of age or ability. The league is designed for them to get out one night on their own, or bring their "fans" to cheer them on, socialize, relax and have some fun.

2011 teams consist of an average of 16-18 women per team:

Soul Sisters (Pink) coached by Cyndi Clark  
Mudsliders (Brown) coached by Stacy McCue  
Blue Healers (Navy) coached by Missy Karcher  
The Blue Diva's (Lt Blue) coached by Kristine Sommer-Sydnor  
Dirt Diva's (Lime Green) coached by Jeanine Wilson  
The Red Hot Mama's (Red) coached by Amy Parsley & Tammy Rhodes

Another change that was incorporated this year was the first annual "Co-Ed All-Star" games. Allowing both the men's & women's league, to choose 6 players and 2 alternates from each team to participate. The games gave both leagues the opportunity to mingle and play one last game of the season. They were to be played on Sept 30<sup>th</sup> with the ladies sending 42 representatives. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other plans and we were unable to hold our 1<sup>st</sup> ever "Co-Ed All-Star" games. But better luck next year!

## **2012-**

For the third year in a row our league comprised of 6 teams with again over 100 ladies taking the fields. We saw lots of old faces and many new faces and the league continues to get stronger each year.

The ladies still decided not to have a tournament but just play the games through the end of the season. Realizing that tournaments breed competition & harder playing and we were there just to have fun. We continue putting emphasis on the reason for the league...FUN!!! Hoping to see many more new faces each year.

Our league was designed to allow the ladies to get out and have some "me" time with each other, connecting with old friends, hang out with relatives or making new friends. As well as for any lady that just loves to play the game or learn how to play regardless of age or ability. The league is designed for them to get out one night on their own, or bring their "fans" to cheer them on, socialize, relax and have some fun.

Fortunately this year Mother Nature was kinder and had rained us out only 1 time, allowing us to finish the season on Sept 21<sup>st</sup> as scheduled, with the annual post-season party featuring a cookout and live music by Steve and Dan from “Lancaster Drive.”

2012 teams consist of an average of 16-20 women per team:

Soul Sisters (Pink) coached by Cyndi Clark  
Mudsliders (Brown) coached by Stacy McCue  
Blue Healers (Navy) coached by Missy Karcher  
The Blue Diva’s (Lt Blue) coached by Kristine Sommer-Sydnor  
Dirt Diva’s (Lime Green) coached by Jeanine Wilson  
The Red Solo Cups (Red) coached by Amy Parsley & Tammy Rhodes

The following week, we tried to muster up enough interest in a co-ed game, but only had 13 players show up. Perhaps if we get enough **REAL** interest next year, we can try another co-ed game. The co-ed game is at the end of the season and **is just for fun, it does not interfere with the league games.** After the season ends it gives a chance to get both the men & women together for one last game. Those that did show up last year stayed (approx 15) and practiced giving everyone an opportunity to hit & field the ball. Everyone had a great time just hanging out.

## 2013-

Once again our league comprised of 6 teams with over 100 ladies taking the fields. We saw lots of old faces and many new faces and the league continues to get stronger each year. Many players from the Spring Wednesday night league at HCC joined us this year. Though very different from the Wed night league everyone enjoyed the relaxing atmosphere of the FHRC Friday Night Social league.

The Ladies league starting on July 5 with the men starting a week later and as per usual Mother Nature was against us for a few of the games and rained us out. This year we Introduced a change in ball size: the 11” ball vs the 12” ball. At the beginning not everyone liked the change but as the season progressed many expressed they were glad we changed sizes. Never one to let us down the ladies had some great games with awesome, friendly competition.

The league saw many injuries this year and fortunately none were “career” ending. Always being dramatic we even had a visit from the EMT’s with ambulance and all to the fields. Thankfully all players are able to return to the league next year despite the injuries.

We had some name & color changes as well as some new coaches taking over this year.

Soul Sisters (Pink) coached by Cyndi Clark & Dave Kreiner  
Purple Crush (Purple) coached by Stacy McCue & Liz Harden  
Blue Healers (Navy) coached by Heather Farmer  
The Blue Diva’s (Lt Blue) coached by Sue Testerman & Mary Scarff  
Dirt Diva’s (Lime Green) coached by Jeanine Wilson & Joy Nine  
The Red Solo Cups (Red) coached by Amy Parsley & Keith Rhodes

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The Ladies teams along with the Men's teams and families all enjoyed the traditional end-of-season party after the last game of the season. This year it was catered by Fred Rynes and family, with music by Steve Benden. Fun was had by all that attended.

Then... as an encore, Women's Director: Cyndi Clark & Men's Director: Chris Benjes organized and played our first co-ed game on Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> with about 23 people from multiple teams attending. Cyndi & Chris were the captains of the perspective teams. We used the 12" softball, the men used wood bats and Chris's team won 18-7. Everyone that attended had a great time and are looking forward to next year's game.

## **2014-**

Once again our league comprised of 6 teams with over 100 ladies taking the fields. We saw lots of old faces and many new faces.

The Ladies league starting on July 11<sup>th</sup> and 2014 was just the second season since we started this league in 2009 not to have any rainouts. We were able to play all the games despite the heat and finish up Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. We continued to play with the smaller ball size: the 11" ball vs the 12" ball.

The league saw a few injuries again this year and fortunately none were "career" ending. Always being dramatic we even had a visit from the EMT's with ambulance and all to the fields. Thankfully all players are able to return to the league next year despite the injuries. The men's teams are starting to wonder what kind of ball us ladies are playing...

We had some name changes this year. But again we had some amazing ladies that have stepped up and taken the responsibility of the coaching duties. Without them the league would not be. Thank you ladies (and gents).

Soul Sisters (Pink) coached by Cyndi Clark & Dave Kreiner  
Purple Crush (Purple) coached by Stacy McCue & Liz Harden  
Blue Crabby Bitches (Navy) coached by Heather Farmer  
Blue Diamonds (Lt Blue) coached by Sue Testerman & Mary Scarff  
Dirt Diva's (Lime Green) coached by Joy Nine & Karen Dontell  
The Red Solo Cups (Red) coached by Amy Parsley & Keith Rhodes

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The Ladies teams along with the Men's teams and families all enjoyed the traditional end-of-season party after the last game of the season. Again Fred Rynes and family provided pit turkey, beef, burgers and dogs and each team was assigned a dish to bring to share with the league, no one went home hungry.

This year we had a DJ to supply the music, corn hole games were played and PLENTY of socializing. Fun was had by all that attended.

Then... as an encore, Women's Director: Cyndi Clark & Men's Director: Chris Benjes organized our 2nd co-ed game on Friday October 3rd with about 18 players from multiple men's/women's teams attending. They played a 6-inning co-ed game on Field 1. No one knows what the score was, we just had fun. Everyone that attended had a great time and are looking forward to next year's game.

## 2015-

The ladies started on July 10th with 6 teams again and over 100 ladies both returning and new players. Another season with no rainouts! Which allowed the league to end as scheduled.

New this year was the unsuccessful field swap with the Women's Division of Fields 3 and 4. For the first 2 weeks, the men played on Field 3 as an experiment. Many problems cropped up after the second week and for Week 3, the men went back to playing on Field 4.

This was also the first year that we tried mother/daughter nights in late July, early August. While we had some moms/daughters play there were some that could not due to age constraints as they had to be at least 18yrs old. Lots of good comments and fun were had. This definitely helped during our "vacation" mode weeks at the end of July & beginning of August to help keep enough players on the fields to play the scheduled games. So thank you to the players and eligible daughters as a fun time was had by all.

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We had one name & coaching change this year. But again we had some amazing ladies that have stepped up and taken the responsibility of the coaching duties. Without them the league would not be. Thank you ladies (and gents).

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Purple Crush (Purple) coached by Stacy McCue & Liz Harden  
Blue Bombers (Navy) coached by Sarah Lane  
Blue Diamonds (Lt Blue) coached by Sue Testerman & Mary Scarff  
Dirt Diva's (Lime Green) coached by Joy Nine & Karen Dontell  
The Red Solo Cups (Red) coached by Amy Parsley & Keith Rhodes

The Ladies teams along with the Men's teams and families all enjoyed the traditional end-of-season party after the last game of the season. Again Fred Rynes and family provided pit turkey, beef, burgers and dogs and each team was assigned a dish to bring to share with the league, no one went home hungry. Our DJ was back again this year to supply the music, dancing (Cyndi has pictures lol), corn hole games were played and PLENTY of food and socializing. Fun was had by all that attended.

Unfortunately our co-ed "fun" game the following week had to be canceled due to severe storms. Team Captains: Women's Director: Cyndi Clark & Men's Director: Chris Benjes were looking forward to show down. Unfortunately Mother Nature didn't want to play nice, but we could not complain since she played nice all season with no rain outs, and this game is just for fun. We had a lot more interested players this year. Everyone that has attended this "special game" in the past has had a great time. We are looking forward to next year's game & hopefully Mother Nature will be good to us again.

## **2016-**

The ladies were to start on July 8th however opening day was delayed by rain so we started on July 15th with 6 teams again and over 100 ladies both returning and new players. Fortunately that was the only rain out for 2016. The teams remained the same as the previous years.

Soul Sisters (Pink) coached by Cyndi Clark  
Purple Crush (Purple) coached by Stacy McCue & Liz Harden  
Blue Bombers (Tropical Blue) coached by Sarah Lane  
Blue Diamonds (Lt Blue) coached by Sue Testerman & Mary Scarff  
Dirt Diva's (Lime Green) coached by Joy Nine & Karen Dontell  
The Red Solo Cups (Red) coached by Amy Parsley & Keith Rhodes

The Ladies teams along with the Men's teams and families all enjoyed the traditional end-of-season party on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Unfortunately, Fred Rynes and family were not able to provide our pit turkey, beef, burgers and dogs so we opted for Redners fried chicken instead and each team was assigned a dish to bring to share with the league, no one went home hungry. Our DJ was back again this year to supply the music, dancing, socialization, bragging and PLENTY of food. Fun was had by all that attended.

## **2017-**

The ladies started on July 7<sup>th</sup> and unfortunately had 3 rainouts for the year, which shortened our season. This year we saw some team & coaching changes along with a lot of good games being played while still remaining the same fun, non-competitive league we strive to be. While we had several veteran players hang up their cleats this year for the Friday night league we were fortunately able to replace those players with new ladies. Some teams had over 50% new players. But that never let any of us stop having fun. We did struggle towards the end with players being able to make the games but all the coaches and players worked together so the games could be played by sharing with teams that did not have enough players. So KUDOS to all those that participated on other teams when needed.

Soul Sisters (Pink) coached by Cyndi Clark & Brittany Parsley Funk  
Purple Crush (Purple) coached by Christine Hopkins & Liz Harden  
Blue Bombers (Tropical Blue) coached by Sarah Lane & Krista Davis  
Blue Diamonds (Lt Blue) coached by Sue Testerman & Mary Scarff  
Dirt Diva's (Hunter Green) coached by Joy Nine & Karen Dontell  
The Red Solo Cups (Red) coached by Amy Parsley & Jen Kazi

We had 6 teams' total and once again over 100 women. The season concluded on September 22<sup>nd</sup> with our annual cook out. Fred Rynes and family were once again on hand with pit beef, turkey, burgers and dogs. This year instead of teams bring dishes to share the league catered the event and provided music via our resident DJ during the end-of-season party.

The end of 2017 was the end of an era not only for the men's league but for the women's league as well. Men's league founder and the FHRC Adult League commissioner, Chris Benjes retired from playing and stepped down as commissioner, he will be replaced by Nick Shreeve. Cyndi Clark, the Women's league chairperson since 2010, has also stepped down from league responsibilities, though she will continue to coach & play in the league. She will be replaced by Christine Hopkins. The FHRC Friday Night Women's league wish both Nick & Christine good luck as they take over the reins on this very popular league.