



Shangri La' Wiffleball

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Unity High School Class of '89 Reunion Denounced By League Office *Plans Underway for the 2009 Classic*

Colorado Springs, Colo. – With the 16th Annual Shangri La' Classic only four months away, Commissioner Jaime Hixson held a press conference today to field questions about the upcoming event.

“To accommodate our wiffers with families, the league office has decided to move the event to the weekend before the Fourth of July,” Hixson said. “We believe this was the right thing to do and a move that is in the best interest of SLW.” The 2009 Old/Young Game will take place on Friday, June 26th. The Classic will begin at 8:00 a.m. sharp on Saturday, June 27th.

Preliminary numbers are looking good and the field is estimated to be around 18 deep in 2009. “We are excited to welcome back John Einhorn and Seph Lietz after the year off. The League Office is also happy to announce the return of an original member of Shangri La' Wiffleball, Shane Gentry,” Hixson stated. “Last year wasn't quiet the same without 2/3rd of the Bement contingent. Gentry will bring some new life and a high level of play to the weekend.”

Things got a little tense when Loren Tate brought up the subject of the Unity High School class reunion. “I learned of this high school reunion about a month ago,” the Commissioner said. “I can't believe the President of that class had the audacity to conflict with our longstanding event.” Hall of Famer Chris Shoemaker agreed. “SLW is and always will be a priority. Most of those guys never win anyway, so I guess it wouldn't surprise me if they took off.”

Hixson continued, “Those that are considering making this event need to keep in mind that the games can go as late as 8:30 Saturday night. The fact that some are thinking of leaving early and forfeiting future eligibility makes me think we should have kept the automatic (forced) retirement age that was proposed two years ago in effect.”

Hixson declined to comment specifically on whether the reunion would interfere with the day. “Let's just say I expect the representatives of the Unity High School Class of '89 will make the correct decision.”

SLWAA President Geoff Hixson could not be reached for comment.

Finally, the 2009 SLW Podcast will resume in the coming weeks. Questions should be submitted to slwiffleball23@gmail.com.

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