

MANASSAS, VIRGINIA - For several years the ISSA has conducted several one-day tournaments for the senior teams in the vicinity. These tournaments are conducted on Saturday in conjunction with the ASA Men's Open Tournaments which are held at Manassas, VA. Again in 2011 we will include the Senior Division(s) which use a guarantee three game format for a fee of \$150. Tournaments use experienced umpires and offer awards for the winners. This year the tournament dates are as follows:

- April 2 Lester Leonard Invitational
- April 30 Officer Pennington Memorial
- May 14 Valley View Invitational
- June 3 Capital Classic
- July 2 Fourth of July Firecracker
- July 23 Battle of Manassas
- August 27 Northern Virginia Championships

These senior tournaments have been popular for teams within a reasonable driving distance of Manassas who are looking for tournament experience and a chance to get some game experience playing together. Teams are placed in brackets based on their predetermined strength or skill level. Rosters are open but all players must be 50+. Any team wishing to play in these tournaments should go to www.cvasa.com and enter their Team Profile and then enter the Senior Tournament(s) which are separate from the Men's tournaments. Call the ISSA Office if you have any questions or need assistance.

A few answers to frequently asked questions; 1) the Lester Leonard Invitational has been the most popular, 2) this year the Battle of Manassas is being held in conjunction with some major Civil War events commemorating 150 years since the first battle (check the Prince William/Manassas CVB Website) and 3) as with all the tournaments, the Northern Virginia Championships are open to all teams regardless of location.

These tournaments offer the 50+ players the opportunity to renew some old playing experiences with former teammates and old friends for a challenging day of competitive softball, all for just \$150.

FROM THE DESK OF RB THOMAS, JR. - By now most people reading this may have heard that I experienced a "heart attack" early Thursday morning and was air lifted to Inova-Fairfax Hospital. The doctors cleaned some arteries, placed a couple stents and kept me two days for observation. I came home Saturday afternoon and am doing real good, feel great and look forward to seeing old softball friends at the tournaments this year.