



Ready to take a swing at batting practice are (left to right): Fred Weber, Steve Ricci, Pete Alces, and Nick Kotzalas. The Englewood Men's Senior Softball league continues to flourish, with competitive teams playing year-round for the first time in 2021. "Despite the issues with COVID, we had strong interest to add a Summer season," said Ed Wilson, board member and league treasurer. "With a greater percentage of our league members living here year-round, interest was very high." The league has seen continued growth and interest the past four years, and now attracts players from Venice, North Port, Port Charlotte, and Boca Grande. The Summer season had four teams, while the Spring and Fall seasons each had eight teams in two divisions based on skill level and age. Each team plays for six to eight weeks. "It's a great time, with solid play," says Mike Geddes, one of the organizers of these seasons. "We expect to go to eight teams next summer as the word gets out." Spring and Summer seasons transition nicely over to the current Fall season, which leads up to the Winter season. The Winter season starts in early January, and currently has 18 teams across three divisions. "We have guys ranging in age from 60 to over 90 in the league," per Hans Picinich, another player and organizer. "We anticipate adding more teams this winter as more people move to the Englewood area." If you are interested in playing slow pitch softball, and are at least 60 years old, open practices are held year-round at the Englewood Sports Complex, **Monday thru Friday at 8:30am**. For more information, visit the league website at www.Englewoodseniorsoftball.weebly.com.