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Some of the members of the C.B. White Men's Senior Softball League in Englewood put together this float that was part of the 2015 Pioneer Days Parade back in September.

# Men's Senior Softball League in full swing

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C.B. WHITE MEN'S SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

ENGLEWOOD — Thanksgiving has come and gone, and with the return of seasonal residents, the Englewood C.B. White Men's Senior Softball League has moved into full swing.

The softball fields at the Englewood Sports Complex have returned to being busy every weekday morning as league members and newcomers alike have gotten their bats and gloves out of storage and taken to the diamonds for practice and practice games.

"It's really the best time of the year for the league," stated Rich Entlich, a member of the league's executive committee. "It's great to see our old friends return, and especially good to see some new faces that come out to get some exercise, have some fun and join the league."

Practices start at 8:30 a.m. and run until 11 a.m., "or a bit earlier, depending on how tired we all get," said Dan Kett, player-coach of the Rum Bay Pirates.

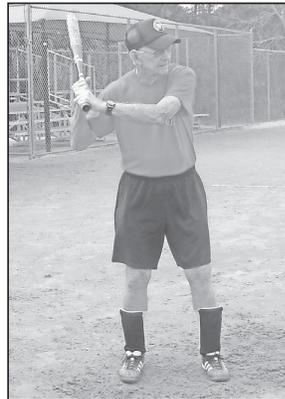
The Englewood Sports Complex is located at 1300 S. River Road, just east of Pine Street, and is widely considered to have some of the best adult softball fields in Southwest Florida.

"The facilities here are second to none," Kett noted.

The league, which started in the early 1990s, is one of the most popular activities in the area, drawing players from Venice, North Port and Port Charlotte, in addition to the greater Englewood area.

"We certainly look forward to getting back to the warm weather when November rolls around," said Jim DeBoer, a Michigander who plays for Norma Jean's, "but I really look forward to resuming softball and seeing the guys. This will be my second year in the league, and it's great fun with great friends."

December is the month for getting back in the groove, or, if you are new to



Russ Evans turned 88 this year, and is still playing in C.B. White Men's Senior Softball League in Englewood.

the area and wish to play, to come out to the fields and get some practice in prior to the entry draft. This season's combined draft for both divisions will be held Jan. 4.

"We have eight teams in the Gold division, mostly guys in their 60s. The Silver division has six teams, (made up of) mostly of guys in their 70s," Entlich explained. "There are over 200 players involved in the league. We're always looking for new players, and would add teams to either league if we have the players. So come on out and have some fun, relive those 'glory days,' and make some great new friends."

For more information about the league, contact Entlich at 941-460-9645, or visit the league's website at [www.EnglewoodSeniorsSoftball.weebly.com](http://www.EnglewoodSeniorsSoftball.weebly.com).

Registration for the draft is required, and can be done by filling out a registration form available at the Englewood Sports Complex, or by downloading the form from the website.



Draped in the rays of the morning sun, players in the Englewood Men's Senior Softball program warm up for a practice session at the Englewood Sports Complex adult softball fields.