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After an exciting season that saw more homeruns than ever before, great defensive play with more one run wins than we can count, dominant regular season play in both the Silver and Gold divisions and a terrific post season tournament, the Englewood Senior Softball League's winter 2023 season came to a close last week.

Let's get to those final scores, and a few notes from the annual end of season banquet.

On Monday in the Gold division tournament, End Zone edged the Hitmen 13 to 12 in their semi-final game while Scott's Ken & Barb's Restaurant edged New Faull Inn 16 to 13 in the other semi-final. In the final game, Scott's - Ken & Barb's scored three in the bottom of the seventh to beat the End Zone to take the Gold division tourney crown. Congratulations to Scott's - Ken and Barb's Restaurant.

On Tuesday the Bronze division, the Relics beat the Elders 10 to 6 to finish with 17 wins and only 4 losses, while the Legends, behind a home run from Pat Monahan, edged the Classics 18 to 17. Congrats again to the Relics for repeating as Bronze division champs.

In the Silver division Tournament games that wrapped up on Tuesday, Caddy Carts topped Designer Tee's 17 to 11; the Purple Panthers beat Xpertech Auto Repair 14 to 11 setting up a showdown between the Purple Panthers and Caddy Cats for the tourney title. Caddy Carts came out on top with a 14 to 4 corralling of the Panthers. Congrats to Caddy Carts on winning the Silver division tournament!

The league also held its end of season banquet last Wednesday where the regular season and tournament champions were celebrated, and Mattie Mondile was awarded the Iron Man award. Mattie is 88 years old and still a key player on Libee's Sports Bar of the Silver division, and as I learned being a guest of the league at the banquet, still one of the fastest runners in the entire league. Congratulations to Matt. Also of note, there were 58, yep, you heard right, 58 homeruns hit this past year; 11 by 11 different players in the Bronze division; 2 in Silver and 45 in the Gold division. Brian Donehue of the Englewood Moose Lodge 1933 led the way in Gold with 14 followed by teammate Mike Vaught with 11 and Joe Reser of the Hitmen and Lance Magnussen of the Shipwreck Pub each with 4.

Attention now turns to the spring, summer and fall seasons and then the Winter 2024 player tryout draft that will be held in early January 2024. Until then, the league wishes everyone a safe and happy summer, and, God willing, we'll be back here on WENG next January with scores and highlights from the Winter 2024 games. So, as the famous Yankee's broadcaster Michael Kay says with every homerun.....See Ya!