

Marco Island Senior Softball Results As of January 19th 2024

ISLAND DIVISION

Tuesday January 16th 2024

Speakeasy 24

Salty Dog 22

Speakeasy outlasted Salty Dog in a 10-inning slugfest that featured plenty of hitting heroes for each team and an improbable rally by Salty Dog in the bottom of the ninth inning to send the game into the extra frame. Trailing by five heading into the bottom of the ninth, the Dog stormed back to tie the game, capped by third baseman Mike Schwab's double that plated two, part of a five RBI day for Schwab.

Shaken but not broken, Speakeasy rebounded with three runs in the top of 10th thanks to singles by Craig Cunningham, Mike Compton, and Lou Marinaccio for a 24-21 Speakeasy lead. Salty Dog was able to get one run back but no more mainly due to a game-saving catch by outfielder Mark Whealy.

Speakeasy's other hitting heroes included shortstop Tom VanderArde who had three hits and four RBI's and Glenn Davis who had four hits while driving in three. Also, Cunningham added a triple, Jeff Robinson slashed four hits, and Joe Rocco, Marinaccio, Whealy, Tim Rose, and Compton all added three for the winners.

For Salty Dog, pitcher Ed Caster had four hits while Eric Phillips led a slew of Dog hitters who had three knocks each, including Jon Thomas, Brian Alexander, Mike Gerace, Bill Coyle, and Joe Lazzarotti. Matt Evangelista tripled, Jerry Shovan drove in four runs, and Gerace, Phillips, and Lazzarotti three in the heartbreaking loss.

Nacho Mama's 17

DaVinci's 13

Undaunted by a six-run deficit after two innings, Nacho Mama's plated 13 runs over the next seven innings, including four in the ninth, as it defeated defending Island League champion DaVinci's, 17-13.

Leftfielder Ed Seery led Nacho's offense with four RBI's that included a key double in the 6th inning enabling them to take a 13-10 lead. In the ninth, Seery's RBI triple and a two-run home run by Eric Jeanotte sealed the win for Nacho Mama's. Other hitting stars for Nacho's included Mike Shone (three hits and an

RBI), Dean Stone (two hits and three RBI's), and Dick Nemmers and Jim O'Toole (two RBIs each).

DaVinci's leftfielder Tom Gazzillo pounded out four hits including a triple, good for two RBI's, to lead D's offense while getting support from Gary Revall who tripled, Rick DiStasio (triple and two RBIs), John Haskins and Art Sinisi (three hits each), and Doug Aksimit, David Falls, and Jack Martin (two RBIs apiece).

Dolphin Tiki

24

Verdi's

10

Dolphin Tiki plated five runs in three different innings as it cruised to a two "touchdown" win over Verdi's.

Dave Johnson led the hit parade with four hits, and Scott Golan and Sal Tidona added three apiece for the Tiki. Tidona and Bob Masulis drove in four runs, Golan and Mike Faria three, and John Nicholas and Bill Novakovich two for the winners.

Gary Grefer lashed a home run, Dave Koch and Dave Mayo tripled, and Mayo and John Stuart punched out three hits to lead Verdi's. Koch knocked in three runs, and Rod Lashley and Nick Jacullo each had two in a losing cause.

Thursday January 18th 2024

Nacho Mama's

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Salty Dog

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After several lead changes earlier in the game, Nacho Mama's broke an 8-8 tie with a three-run eighth inning highlighted by a bases loaded double by Dean Stone and they held on to defeat the Salty Dog and remain unbeaten. Stone finished the day with three hits and three RBIs to pace the Nacho's offense. Stone was supported by Ed Seery who also contributed three hits, and Ken Polarek and Randy Sheridan who drove in two runs each.

Carl Parker and Matt Evangelista led a balanced attack for the Salty Dog with three hits each, and Jon Thomas knocked in two runs for the Dog.

Dolphin Tiki

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Speakeasy

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Dolphin Tiki wasted no time cranking up the offense as they jumped out to an overwhelming 16-0 lead in the sixth inning and cruised to the victory despite late fireworks from the unusually quiet Speakeasy offense.

The hitting heroes were numerous for the Tiki, led by Sal Tidona who had five hits including a triple and drove in five runs, and Bob Masulis who tripled and

homered among his three hits and finished with four RBIs. Also contributing to the Tiki attack were Dave Johnson with four hits, Scott Golan (three hits, three RBIs), John Nicholas (three hits, two RBIs), Tom DeAngelo (three hits), Bill Novakovich (three hits), and Mike Faria (two RBIs) as they pounded out thirty-two hits in the game.

Lou Marinaccio slashed three hits and drove in three runs to lead Speakeasy. Mark Whealy and Tom Buettner also had three hits, Mike Compton hammered a triple, and Jeff Robinson had two RBIs but it was too little, too late for Speakeasy in this one.

DaVinci's 18

Verdi's 14

DaVinci's jumped out to a 13-5 lead after five innings but Verdi's made a strong comeback attempt with nine late inning runs before DaVinci's finally prevailed.

Tom Polston led the DaVinci attack with four hits and four RBIs with Bill Thompson and David Falls adding three RBIs each. Peter Kane lashed out four hits, Ed Adrian and John Haskins tripled, and Gary Revall also contributed three hits to the cause.

For Verdi's, the big bats were supplied by Manager Gary Grefer (four hits including a triple), Dave Koch (three hits with a triple and two RBIs), Nick Jacullo (three hits and two RBIs), Dave Mayo and Matt Evangelista (three hits each), John Kelly (triple), and Matt Minik (three RBIs).

Friday January 19th 2024

DaVinci's 14

Speakeasy 8

DaVinci's and Speakeasy were intertwined in a tight contest until the bottom of the eighth inning when DaVinci's posted a 5-spot and hung on for the victory.

DaVinci's had contributions from everyone in the lineup, led by Gary Revall with three hits, Bill Thompson and Jack Martin each with three RBIs, and Tom Polston, Doug Aksimit, and David Falls with two RBIs apiece.

Mark Whealy belted a home run and Mike Compton tripled to lead Speakeasy. Mike Garofalo added three hits, and Tom Buettner and Lou Marinaccio each plated two runs for Speakeasy.

MARCO DIVISION

Monday January 15th 2024

Snook Inn **10**

Joey's Pizza **8**

Snook Inn scored early and was able to maintain a slim lead throughout the game as they ultimately triumphed over Joey's Pizza.

Dan Dumbault and Jim Dorey led a balanced attack with three hits each as ten players knocked in one run apiece for the Snook.

Chuck Stathopoulos and Gary Menzies both had two RBIs for Joey's in the loss.

Brewery **14**

Sandbar **13**

In a game that saw five lead changes, the Brewery took the lead for good with a four-run sixth inning then held on to defeat Sandbar. Paul Shelton, Mark Waks, and Mike Sweeney all drove in two runs to lead the Brewery.

John Gross smacked the ball for three hits, Jack Facciolo had three RBIs, and Gross and Jerry Engel two each for the Sandbar, who outhit the Brewery 21-14 to no avail.

Sami's **18**

Stonewall's **12**

Sami's shook off an early deficit scoring in every inning to pull away and decisively prevail over Stonewall's.

Brian Craig hammered a three-run homer, part of a two for three, five RBI performance, Jim Stewart tripled in two more among his three hits and three RBIs, and Doug Stang and Randy Wesolowski also slashed three hits to lead the potent Sami's offense. Mario Lucca and Phil Holmes also drove in two runs as everyone in the lineup participated in the hit parade.

Bob Traver crushed a three-run home run, and George Lancaster blasted a three-run triple among his three hits and knocked in four runs for Stonewall's. Dave Korte, Dick Eddy, and Ed Boyle added three hits each in a losing cause.

Wednesday January 17th 2024

Sandbar **18**

Stonewalls **10**

John Gross supercharged the Sandbar offense with four hits and five RBIs as the Bar pulled away from Stonewalls for an 18-10 win.

Gross' triple in the seventh inning proved to be the dagger hit, plating three runners, giving Sandbar a 16-10 lead in the 7th inning before they added two more runs for extra insurance. John Binns had three hits and three RBIs; Charlie

Lamb contributed three RBIs while Jerry Engel and Larry Locks smacked three hits for the winners.

Stonewalls hitting was led by Bob Traver and Dick Eddy who each ripped three hits. Manager George Lancaster continued his torrid start, booming a triple that scored two and tied the game at 7-7 in the third inning. Kevin Byrnes and Ed Boyle contributed to the Orange and Black offense with two RBIs each.

<u>Brewery</u>	12	<u>Snook Inn</u>	8
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Brewery manager Jim Vitas and Gary Menzies were a dynamic duo at the plate, each ripping four hits and combining for seven RBIs (four for Menzies and three for Vitas) as Brewery beat Snook Inn 12-8.

Menzies delivered a key double in the third inning, part of a five-run outburst that propelled Brewery to an 8-5 lead. Along with Vitas' four for four day, Jon Wiseman boomed a triple for Brewery while scoring two runs.

Pitcher Jim George along with Karl Kann and John Cavanaugh paced the hit parade for the Snook with three knocks each, with Cavanaugh delivering two RBIs. Speedy outfielder Steve Friend also added two RBIs for Snook, thanks to his triple to centerfield.

<u>Joey's Pizza</u>	10	<u>Sami's</u>	8
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Joey's overcame an early five-run deficit, led by manager Todd Whitney's three hits that included a timely seventh inning single which plated two, part of a four run seventh inning, propelling Joey's to the win.

Manager Whitney had hitting support from his leftfielder Tim McKenna who had three hits and two RBIs, Matt Lewis who had three knocks, and Robert Stried with two runs knocked in. Joey's also helped its cause with the glove by not committing an error.

For Sami's, Mario Lucca shone from the 8th spot in the lineup, driving in three runs on two hits, and Dick Carson added two RBIs.

GULF COAST DIVISION

Monday January 15th 2024

<u>Crazy Flamingo</u>	13	<u>American Legion</u>	8
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Crazy Flamingo wasted no time in this one jumping out to an early 9-1 lead en route to claiming the win over the American Legion.

MARCO DIVISION STANDINGS

Brewery	3	1
Sandbar	3	2
Snook Inn	3	2
Joey's Pizza	2	3
Sami's	2	3
Stonewall's	1	3

<u>GULF COAST DIVISION STANDINGS</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
Oyster Society	3	0
Crazy Flamingo	3	0
American Legion	2	3
Doreen's	0	5