



**APRIL'S FINEST TO KICKOFF THE ISSA TOURNAMENT SEASON FOR 2011 DEADLINE TO ENTER IS MARCH 31, 2011**

**MANASSAS, VIRGINIA USA**

- The 2011 Season for senior softball will mark the initiation of the International Senior Softball Association's expansion of their tournament program. After years of requests from host cities, local organizers, players, etc. to bring an ISSA event to their area, the staff at ISSA has followed through to locate several new and exciting tournaments for the senior teams that participate in their organization. First on the schedule for 2011 will be warm weather tournaments in April at N. Charleston, SC and Augusta, GA. The ISSA has assumed tournament management responsibilities for both of the long-standing senior tournaments which will provide the teams that register with ISSA an outstanding opportunity to participate in a quality event, get an early start on the 2011 season and enjoy the excellent venue amenities and attractions.

The April 15-17 tournament in North Charleston, SC has been organized by the City under the direction of Cindy Dambaugh and the Recreation Department staff for many years. This year the ISSA staff was asked to partner with the City to create the highest standard senior event for the players. The event is known as April's Finest Senior Classic and the ISSA looks forward to working with the City to create the finest possible tournament for the teams.

Two weeks later at Augusta, GA the ISSA will be working with Lida Gregg and the Augusta Recreation Department to host the Master's Senior Tournament. This year will mark the 17th event for the senior teams at this City famous for the Masters Golf Tournament. Augusta has one of the outstanding softball complexes in the United States at the Diamond Lakes Park. This charming southern City awaits the influx of senior players and other guests to this renewed softball tournament.

Also new to the ISSA program for 2011 will be the Mountaineer Classic at Morgantown, WV in July. The ISSA is excited to be working with the City of Morgantown to bring to the State of West Virginia this new senior softball event, the first of its kind for the State. Morgantown which is the home of West Virginia University is conveniently located to draw teams from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia and is destined to become a favorite tournament site for many teams.

Participants in the new ISSA events will be afforded the opportunity to advance to play in the ISF Senior World Cup at Salem, VA and the ISSA World Championships at Manassas, VA. The ISSA will also be holding the ISSA Winter Nationals again in October at Virginia Beach. Several other exciting tournaments are in the planning stages and will be announced soon. Individuals interested in senior softball events and opportunities should subscribe to the ISSA mailing list to receive e-newsletters. The revised ISSA Website at [www.seniorsoftball.org](http://www.seniorsoftball.org) includes the tournament information and entry forms for teams planning on playing ISSA in 2011.