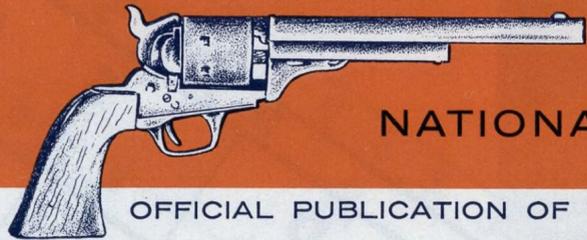


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## 2nd MAJOR LEAGUE DINNER SPOTS MUSIAL, SPAHN, MANTLE, .45s

### GILES, RICHARDS, CRAFT, GOMEZ ATTEND

Houston's second annual major league dinner, looking like a real Who's Who in baseball, featured nine of the 1962 Colt .45s.

The Cardinals' all-time hitting great, Stan Musial, Milwaukee's pitching star Warren Spahn, and the Yankees' Mickey Mantle received the three top awards at the gala baseball banquet in the Shamrock Hilton Hotel.

The real "heroes" of the evening were Houston's own Colt .45s who were introduced to the Houston public for the first time.

Manager Harry Craft, catcher Hal Smith, first baseman Norm Larker, second baseman Joe Amalfitano, shortstop Don Buddin, third baseman Bob Aspromonte, outfielder Al Spangler and pitchers Dick Farrell, Jim Umbricht and Jerry Nelson all joined in to make the event a memorable one.

National League president Warren Giles, Lefty Gomez, Colt .45s general manager Paul Richards and Bart Shirley were other baseball dignitaries at the speakers' table.

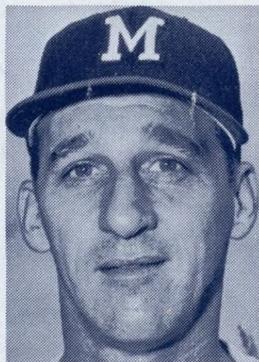
Musial received the second annual Tris Speaker Award for an outstanding contribution to baseball over a period of years.

Spahn received the Dickie Kerr Award as baseball's outstanding pitcher of the decade.

Mantle received the Eddie Dyer Award as the most courageous athlete of 1961.

Young Bart Shirley received the first annual Jimmy Delmar award to be given each year to a Texas native who played in the minor leagues the previous season and showed the most promise for major league stardom. Shirley is a shortstop in the Los Angeles Dodgers organization and lives in Corpus Christi, Texas.

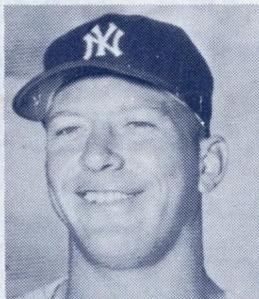
The dinner is co-sponsored by the Houston Colt .45s and the Houston Chapter, Baseball Writers Association of America.



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MUSIAL



MANTLE

### DOMED STADIUM BEGINS JAN. 3 WITH A BANG

#### World's First — Future Home of Colt .45s

The world's first air-conditioned, domed stadium is now being built in Houston, on a 238-acre tract bounded on south Main and O.S.T., one mile for the Shamrock area.

Ground was broken Jan. 3 for the excavation phase of the \$22,000,000 multi-purpose stadium which has attracted attention from Tokyo to New Delhi, India. When it's finished in 1963, Houston will be the home of one of the world's show-places.

County, City and Houston Sports Association officials were all on hand for the ground breaking facilities that attracted leading citizens from all walks of life realizing the tremendous impact the stadium will have on the Houston area.

The dirt moving and digging of a 25-foot-deep hole, 700 feet in diameter, by the John Kraak Construction company will take 120 days or less at which time the construction of the stadium itself will begin. Kraak won the excavation contract with a low bid of \$430,311, which was \$689 below county estimates.



Domed stadium work started with a bang Jan. 3 as HSA and county officials break ground with Colt .45s. Bottom row (L to R) Craig Cullinan, HSA pres., county judge Bill Elliott, general manager Paul Richards, HSA board chairman R. E. (Bob) Smith. Back Row (L to R) county commissioners Kyle Chapman, V. V. Ramsey, Phil Sayers and E. A. (Squatty) Lyons.

1962 Season Ticket Holders Have First Priority on Domed Stadium Seats.  
Call CA 2-1111 for Ticket Information

### Richards Trades for Buddin, Bruce and Montejo

General manager Paul Richards' American League experience proved valuable in the Colt .45s first player trades in history. Richards acquired shortstop Don Buddin from the Boston Red Sox, and 27-year-old right hand pitchers Bob Bruce and Manuel Montejo from the Detroit Tigers during the inter-league trading period.

Buddin, 27, hit .263 last year for the Red Sox where he has been the regular shortstop the past four seasons. The .45s traded Ed Bressoud, their first selection in the N.L. player pool, for Buddin.

Richards traded aging Sam Jones, 37, to the Tigers for two younger pitching prospects—Bob Bruce and Manuel Montejo.

Bruce has been highly thought of and is the type of pitcher that Richards has often been able to develop into a star performer.

Montejo is a side wheeling relief pitcher with outstanding strikeout records everywhere he has pitched including 15 strikeouts in 16 innings with the Tigers this season.

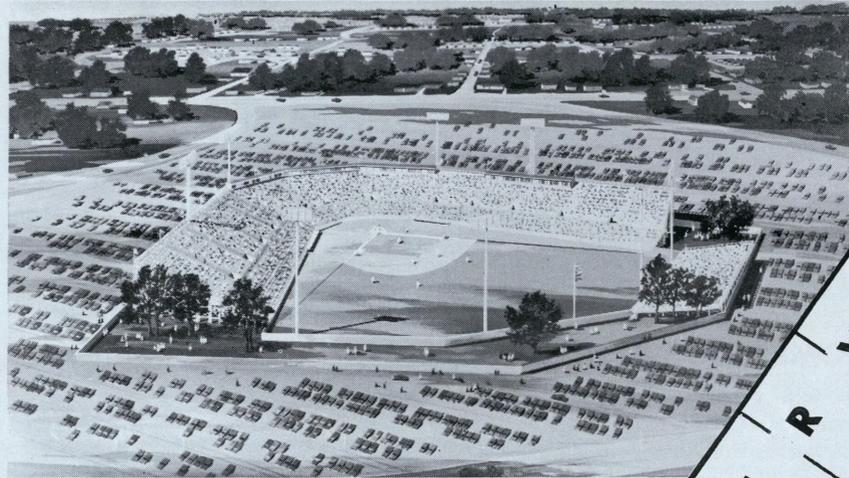
### .45s Draft Stone and Weekly

Dean Stone, 31-year-old left hand pitcher formerly with the St. Louis Cardinals, Washington and Boston, and Johnny Weekly, 24-year-old fleet footed outfielder with the San Francisco Giants, were the Colt .45s draft choices in the annual major league baseball meetings.

Stone, 6-4, 195 pounds, won 12 and lost 8 for Charleston in the International League last season with a 2.73 ERA.

Weekly hit .287 with 21 home runs, 82 runs-batted-in and 18 stolen bases for Victoria in the Texas League last season.

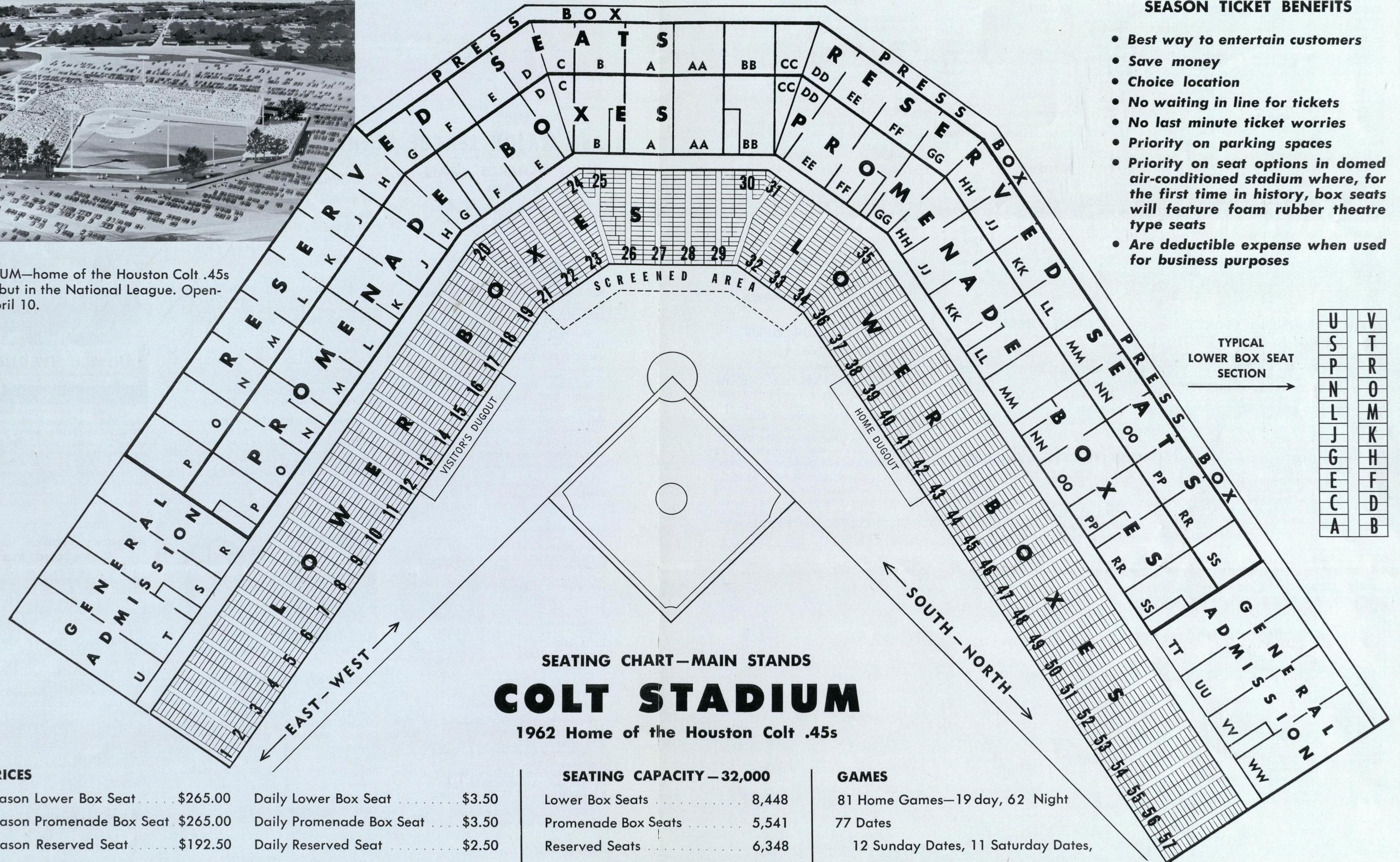
# SELECT SEASON SEATS NOW FOR CHOICE LOCATIONS - OPENING DAY APRIL 10th



COLT STADIUM—home of the Houston Colt .45s for 1962 debut in the National League. Opening Day: April 10.

## SEASON TICKET BENEFITS

- Best way to entertain customers
- Save money
- Choice location
- No waiting in line for tickets
- No last minute ticket worries
- Priority on parking spaces
- Priority on seat options in domed air-conditioned stadium where, for the first time in history, box seats will feature foam rubber theatre type seats
- Are deductible expense when used for business purposes



## SEATING CHART—MAIN STANDS COLT STADIUM 1962 Home of the Houston Colt .45s

### PRICES

Season Lower Box Seat . . . . .	\$265.00	Daily Lower Box Seat . . . . .	\$3.50
Season Promenade Box Seat . . . . .	\$265.00	Daily Promenade Box Seat . . . . .	\$3.50
Season Reserved Seat . . . . .	\$192.50	Daily Reserved Seat . . . . .	\$2.50

### SEATING CAPACITY—32,000

Lower Box Seats . . . . .	8,448
Promenade Box Seats . . . . .	5,541
Reserved Seats . . . . .	6,348
Other Seats . . . . .	11,663

### GAMES

81 Home Games—19 day, 62 Night  
77 Dates  
12 Sunday Dates, 11 Saturday Dates,  
2 Holiday Dates, 4 Double Headers

# HOUSTON'S 81 GAME HOME SCHEDULE OPENS APRIL 10

## 1962 HOUSTON COLT .45s HOME SCHEDULE

### APRIL

10 TUES.	*Chicago
11 WED.	Chicago
12 THURS.	*Chicago
21 SAT.	Philadelphia
22 SUN.	*Philadelphia
23 MON.	Philadelphia
24 TUES.	St. Louis
25 WED.	St. Louis
26 THURS.	St. Louis
27 FRI.	Milwaukee
28 SAT.	Milwaukee
29 SUN.	*Milwaukee

### MAY

7 MON.	Los Angeles
8 TUES.	Los Angeles
9 WED.	Los Angeles
10 THURS.	Los Angeles
11 FRI.	San Francisco
12 SAT.	San Francisco
13 SUN.	*San Francisco
21 MON.	New York
22 TUES.	New York
23 WED.	Cincinnati
24 THURS.	Cincinnati
25 FRI.	Pittsburgh
26 SAT.	Pittsburgh
27 SUN.	*Pittsburgh

### JUNE

5 TUES.	Milwaukee
6 WED.	Milwaukee
7 THURS.	Milwaukee
8 FRI.	Los Angeles
9 SAT.	*Los Angeles
10 SUN.	(2) *Los Angeles
11 MON.	New York
12 TUES.	New York
13 WED.	New York
14 THURS.	New York
29 FRI.	Cincinnati
30 SAT.	Cincinnati

### JULY

1 SUN.	*Cincinnati
2 MON.	Pittsburgh
3 TUES.	Pittsburgh
4 WED.	(2) TN Pittsburgh
15 SUN.	(2) *Chicago
16 MON.	Chicago
17 TUES.	Philadelphia
18 WED.	Philadelphia
19 THURS.	Philadelphia
20 FRI.	St. Louis
21 SAT.	St. Louis
22 SUN.	*St. Louis
23 MON.	San Francisco
24 TUES.	San Francisco
25 WED.	San Francisco

### AUGUST

6 MON.	Cincinnati
7 TUES.	Cincinnati
8 WED.	Cincinnati
9 THURS.	Cincinnati
10 FRI.	Milwaukee
11 SAT.	Milwaukee
12 SUN.	*Milwaukee
14 TUES.	St. Louis
15 WED.	St. Louis
16 THURS.	St. Louis
17 FRI.	Chicago
18 SAT.	Chicago
19 SUN.	*Chicago

### SEPTEMBER

3 MON.	(2) *Philadelphia
4 TUES.	Philadelphia
5 WED.	Pittsburgh
6 THURS.	Pittsburgh
7 FRI.	New York
8 SAT.	New York
9 SUN.	*New York
12 WED.	Los Angeles
21 FRI.	San Francisco
22 SAT.	San Francisco
23 SUN.	*San Francisco

\*Day Game

TN—Twi-Night

(2) Doubleheader

## SPRING TRAINING STARTS FEB. 16 IN APACHE JUNCTION

Apache Junction, Arizona will be buzzing with Colt .45s on February 16—the reporting date for pitchers and catchers. The entire team reports February 26.

The .45s first pre-season game is scheduled for March 10 against the Los Angeles Angels in Palm Springs, California. The Colts inaugurate their Apache Stadium spring home on March 12 against the San Francisco Giants and will play a total of 9 games in their picturesque new park.

The 31 game pre-season schedule includes a 7 game barnstorming trip with the Los Angeles American League team in Albuquerque, New Mexico, El Paso, San Antonio, Dallas, Ft. Worth, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

## GAME TIMES

Opening day	1:30 p.m.
All night games	8:00 p.m.
Day games (Mon. thru Fri.)	4:00 p.m.
Saturday day games	1:30 p.m.
Sunday single games	2:30 p.m.
Day doubleheaders	1:30 p.m.
Twi-Night doubleheaders	5:30 p.m.

## GIFT TICKETS AVAILABLE

Any fan wishing to give Colt .45s baseball tickets as gifts may do so by contacting ticket manager Dick McDowell at CA 2-1111. A special gift certificate has been developed and they may be purchased for any number of seats at any game. Box seat gifts are \$3.50 per ticket and reserved are \$2.50.

## EACH N.L. CLUB APPEARS NINE TIMES

Tuesday afternoon, April 10 is another red letter day in the great history of Houston!

This red letter day will mark the official opening of the 1962 National League baseball season at Colt Stadium, and will not only be Houston's first major league championship game but the first played in the entire South.

Among the 81 home games, nine each with the other nine N.L. members, there are 62 night games, four doubleheaders including July 4 and September 3 Labor Day, and 12 Sunday afternoon games.

The first home stand, April 10-12 against the Chicago Cubs, will have starting times to please all fans. The April 10 opener will start at 1:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 11 will be the first night game in Houston's major league season starting at 8:00 p.m.; and the Thursday, April 12 game will start at 4:00 p.m. with the school youngsters particularly in mind.



## SIXSHOOTER CLUB OPEN FOR KIDS UNDER 15

Four Games Free

The Sixshooter Club, the Colt .45s knothole gang, is open to all youngsters, boys and girls, 14 years or younger. Each member will be admitted to at least four of the Houston Colt .45s home games, will receive an official T-shirt, decal and souvenir pop gun, and will be given a free baseball clinic in the spring.

The Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce is co-sponsoring the club and membership may be obtained by sending \$1.25, name, address and shirt size to Sixshooter Club, Jaycees, P.O. Box 2371, Houston, Texas, or by going to the Jaycee office on the 11th floor of the Tennessee Building.

## HOUSTON SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE — 1962

Starting time for all games in Arizona — 1:30 P.M.

### March

10—Sat.	Angels at Palm Springs
11—Sun.	Angels at Palm Springs
12—Mon.	Giants at APACHE JUNCTION
13—Tues.	Indians at Tucson
14—Wed.	Cubs at APACHE JUNCTION
15—Thur.	Indians at APACHE JUNCTION
16—Fri.	Red Sox at Scottsdale
17—Sat.	Angels at APACHE JUNCTION
18—Sun.	Angels at APACHE JUNCTION
19—Mon.	Giants at Phoenix
20—Tues.	Cubs at Mesa
21—Wed.	Red Sox at APACHE JUNCTION
22—Thur.	Cubs at Mesa
23—Fri.	Red Sox at Scottsdale
24—Sat. (8 PM)	Angels at San Diego
25—Sun. (2 PM)	Angels at San Diego
26—Mon.	Angels at Yuma, Ariz.
27—Tues.	Giants at Phoenix
28—Wed.	Red Sox at Scottsdale
29—Thur.	Cubs at Mesa
30—Fri.	Giants at Phoenix
31—Sat.	Oklahoma City at APACHE JUNCTION

### April

1—Sun.	Oklahoma City at APACHE JUNCTION
2—Mon.	Braves at APACHE JUNCTION

### EXHIBITION TOUR COLTS vs. ANGELS

3—Tues.	at Albuquerque	1:30 PM
4—Wed.	at El Paso	1:30 PM
5—Thur.	at San Antonio	1:30 PM
6—Fri.	at Fort Worth	2:00 PM
	at Dallas	7:30 PM
7—Sat.	at Oklahoma City	8:00 PM
8—Sun.	at Oklahoma City	1:30 PM