

Reno Aces to host Triple-A All-Star Game in '13

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They built the stadium. They drew the crowds. They won a division title.

Now the Aces – and the city of Reno – are to be rewarded.

The Aces on Tuesday officially announced the “least best-kept secret” in town: Reno will host the Triple-A All-Star Game in 2013.

Stuart Katzoff, Aces managing partner, sat on a stage inside the Aces Ballpark home clubhouse with other local and Triple-A dignitaries for the announcement, which came as a surprise to no one. The Aces long wanted to host the nationally televised game since they arrived in Reno in 2008. The RGJ in July reported the franchise was a strong candidate to host the 2013 game.

But the team waited until Tuesday to let the cat out of bag, prompting Branch Rickey, Pacific Coast League president, to call it the “least best-kept secret in recent years.”

“We didn’t want to come out and announce it until we had everything in motion and everything planned,” Katzoff said.

The three-day event, July 8-10, that also includes a home run derby and fan fest, as well as league meetings, galas and other events, will bring a significant number of out-of-town visitors to Reno, Katzoff, Rickey and Reno Mayor Bob Cashell said.

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