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Around The Horn

News for the Middle Atlantic Region

Volunteer Spotlight

This month's spotlight is on **Steve Meyers**, District Commissioner/ State Secretary for the Metro NY Babe Ruth Leagues.

Steve currently serves as the District Commissioner for Westchester. He also serves as the founding District Comm. for both East and West Bronx with the present Dist. Comm. there acting as his assistant. He is always concerned with helping recruit new programs and he personally visits leagues all over the Bronx and Westchester. He has instituted a very thorough age verification system in the Bronx so that the problems Little League had with this in the past do not crop up in Babe Ruth.

If this wasn't enough he is the Metro NY State Secretary taking care of all state notifications and all of the correspondence with Babe Ruth Headquarters. Every year he is instrumental in selling at least two state tournaments in his area and then runs them. He also organizes one state meeting a year including setting up breakfast and lunch for the guys.

Alan Kass, the MNY State Commissioner has high praise for Steve. He says: "There is no doubt in my mind that I couldn't be successful in running Metro NY without his able help."

In addition to all of his Babe Ruth work Steve finds the time to be active locally, politically serving on numerous community groups for the betterment of his area.

With all these functions you would expect to find a dour tense individual but not Steve. He is always jovial with a smile on his face. He is the perfect Babe Ruth League Volunteer having served in Babe Ruth for at least 30 years as coach, league president, and district commissioner. ♦



Baseball Quote

"In this game your attitude determines your altitude."

-- Mgr. Jack McKeon

Two Leagues Mark Milestone

According to the records at Babe Ruth Baseball Headquarters, 2008 marks the 50th anniversary of the original chartering for two leagues in our region.

These leagues are Ewing in Southern NJ and Rondout Valley in Eastern NY.

Congratulations to each of these leagues for their dedication to the youth of their towns or areas and to the many volunteers over the years who have kept the leagues going. ♦

Additional Rule Change for 2008

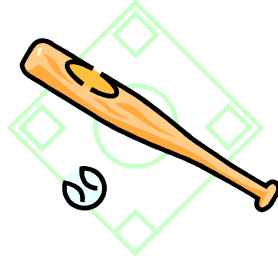
In addition to the rule changes which were detailed in the November 2007 newsletter, there is one other change. It is in effect for both the Cal Ripken Division and the 13-18 age groups.

Local League and Tournament Play - Leagues may choose to wear the shoulder emblem or hat emblem. Emblems must permanently affix to the uniform or hat. ♦

Tournament Sites Still Needed

Bridgewater (NNJ) has signed on to host the Major/60 ft. 2008 Regional Tournament. They did an excellent job hosting the Major/70 ft. regional last year.

Tournament sites are still needed for the 13 year old and 16-18 year old tournaments as well as the 8 year old, 11 year old-60 ft., 11 year old – 70 ft., and 16 year old Invitationals for the 2008 season.



If any league is interested in hosting one of these events they should fill out the Application form found on the regional website, get the appropriate signatures and pass it along to Regional Commissioner Ray Lotierzo. The regional website is: <http://www.marbaberuth.org>

The best scenario for the region would be to have all of the tournament sites set before the regional meeting on April 5th. A league can contact any regional official for more information. ♦

One Hundred and Thirty Days

One hundred and thirty days, (give or take a few), seems like a large number. What happens in 130 days? Well, that's up to you.

Roughly 130 days from now it will be May 15th, the chartering deadline for Babe Ruth Baseball.

That means you as league president have just 130 days to:

- Have a meeting to elect officers for 2008
- Send in your charter
- Find your 2008 coaches and sponsors
- Contact last year's players to tell them how much you want them back this year
- Personally thank all the volunteers who helped you last year and line them up for 2008
- Check all league gear and facilities to make sure they are safe.
- Start thinking about and organizing your plans for fund raising activities.

One hundred and thirty days. Better get busy. Opening day will be here before you know it! ♦

2008 TOURNAMENTS

Regional Tournaments

Cal Ripken Div. 10 year-old

Site: Troy, NY

Dates: July 24 – 29

Cal Ripken Div. Major/60'

Site: Bridgewater, NJ

Dates: July 24-29

Cal Ripken Div. Major/70'

Site: Edison, NJ

Dates: July 25-30

13-year-old

Site: TBD

Dates: Aug 1-6

14-year-old

Site: State College, PA

Dates: Aug 1-6

13-15 year old

Site: North Syracuse, NY

Dates: July 31- Aug. 5

16-18 year old

Site: TBD

Dates: July 24-29

Invitational Tournaments

8-year-old

Site: TBD

Dates: Aug 8-11

9-year-old

Site: Hamilton, NJ

Dates: Aug 8-11

11-year-old/ 60 ft.

Site: TBD

Dates: Aug 8-11

11-year-old/ 70 ft.

Site: TBD

Dates: Aug 8-11

16-year-old

Site: TBD

Dates: Aug 8-11



World Series

Cal Ripken 10 and under

Site: Abbeville, LA

Dates: Aug. 8-15

Cal Ripken Div. Major/ 60'

Site: Martin, TN

Dates: Aug. 7-14

Cal Ripken Div. Major/70'

Site: Aberdeen, MD

Dates: Aug. 9-16

13-year-old

Site: Jamestown, NY

Dates: Aug. 16-23

14-year-old

Site: Quincy, MA

Dates: Aug. 16-23

13-15 year old

Site: Van Buren, AR

Dates: Aug. 15-22

16-18 year old

Site: Newark, OH

Dates: Aug. 7-16

SOFTBALL 12U

Site: Luzerne County, PA

Dates: Aug. 7-14

SOFTBALL 16U

Site: Pittsfield, MA

Dates: Aug. 1-8