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Around The Horn

News for the Middle Atlantic Region

Volunteer Spotlight

One of the things that this newsletter was designed for is to bring recognition to those individuals who dedicate their time and resources to make this league work.

Recognition can't be given if I don't know who those people are. State and District Commissioners need to supply me with the information.

Please send short bios (and a digital picture if you have it) to Evelyn.Gouveia@itt.com so that I can continue to spotlight the incredible volunteers we have in the Middle Atlantic Region. ♦

Baseball Quote

"The trouble with baseball is that it is not played the year round."

-- *Gaylord Perry*

Clifton Park Takes 11-70 ft. Tournament

Clifton Park, NY has agreed to host the Cal Ripken 11 year old 70' invitational regional tournament. They have done an excellent job running past regional tournaments. ♦

HQ Rolls Out New Roster Tool

Babe Ruth Leagues, Inc. has a new on-line roster tool. The tool is a **free service** provided by the Babe Ruth Network to all league administrators.

This tool gives leagues the ability to set up their season with divisions and assign teams to those divisions. The league administrators can then add players' data, assign players to teams and create the rosters. Once completed the rosters are digitally signed by the league president and then submitted electronically to HQ. They can also be printed out for league use.

An additional benefit is that the data on players can be archived so it does not have to be re-entered next season.

At tournament time the rosters can be quickly created and submitted as well. Then copies can be printed out to use with the team's credentials.

This tool can be found in the Data Center section of the League Resources page on the Babe Ruth League, Inc. website.

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Starting with the 2008 season the paper roster forms will no longer be sent as part of the league kit when a league charters.

If a league is unable to submit their rosters electronically they must contact the service representative at HQ for the original five part regular season form or the two part tournament form. These forms will still be available but only upon request.

Our Middle Atlantic Regional service representative is Sharon Montervino. She can be reached toll free at 800-552-1330. ♦

Certified for Life

Beginning with the 2008 season all coaches and managers in the Babe Ruth League have to be certified.

To this end Babe Ruth League, Inc. in conjunction with Ripken Baseball, Inc. and the American Sports Education Program (ASEP) created an on-line certification program which provides coaches with a sound foundation.

When it was initially rolled out the certification was valid for a period of three years. However, after consulting with Babe Ruth

League administrators and coaches in the field, and after taking the course themselves, Headquarters has decided that the coaches' certification should be valid for an individual's entire coaching career with Babe Ruth League, Inc.

Any coach who successfully passes the BRL coaching education and certification program this year will have his certification good for their entire coaching career with BRL, Inc. This also applies to those individuals who have already successfully taken the course and have already received their certification. ♦

Still Looking For a Place to Play

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., and 16 year old invitationals for the 2008 season.

The regional meeting is in April. Let's try to get these tournaments locked up before then. ♦

"Fowl" Quiz

The BBWAA has voted Rich "Goose" Gossage into the Baseball Hall of Fame for 2008. Gossage is no stranger to the Babe Ruth League. Most recently he was the guest speaker at the banquet for the 2006 13-15 World Series hosted by Clifton Park, New York.

He is not the only "fowl" to be in the hall. Can you match up these nicknames with the HOF members?



1. "Goose"
2. "Chick"
3. "Ducky"
4. "The Grey Eagle"
5. "Old Eagle Eye"
6. "Little Rhody"

- A. Joe Medwick
- B. James Beckley
- C. Leon Goslin
- D. Roderick J. Wallace
- E. Tristram Speaker
- F. Charles Haley

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: Clifton Park, NY

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

“Fowl” Quiz Answers

1. **C** – Leon “Goose” Goslin (1921-1938)
2. **F** – Charles “Chick” Haley (1924-1937)
[One of the few bespectacled people on a HOF plaque]
3. **A** – Joe “Ducky” Medwick (1932-1945)
[Most known today as the last National Leaguer to win a Triple Crown, 1947]
4. **E** – Tris “The Grey Eagle” Speaker (1907-1928)
5. **B** – James “Old Eagle Eye” Beckley (1888 to 1907)
[Holds the record for career putouts by a first baseman with 23,709]
6. **D** – Rhoderick J. “Little Rhody” Wallace (1894-1918)
[Set an AL record for chances in a game at shortstop with 17]