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Around The Horn

News for the Middle Atlantic Region

Step Up to the Plate

The tournament trail is an integral part of the Babe Ruth Baseball experience for kids. Everyone seems to want the chance to play in tournaments and there are now twelve (12) being played.

But while everyone wants to have their kids play in a tournament, very few leagues are willing to step up to the plate and host one.

There are eight states in the region but the host sites across those states are very uneven. In the period from 2001-2009, one state has or will have hosted over 20 tournaments, while two states have hosted only 2 tournaments each. Of those two states one had 83 leagues charter in 2008 and one had 70 leagues charter. Those numbers indicate plenty of opportunities for host sites.



There are still openings for hosts for the 2009 8 year old, 9 year old, 16 year old and 16-18 year old. If sites are not found for the non-world series bound tournaments (8 yo, 9 yo and 16 yo) by the date of the regional

spring meeting in April, Regional Commissioner Ray Lotierzo is ready to forego running them this year.

Comments have been heard in the past about always going to the same location for tournaments. In order for that to change we have to have other leagues willing to host. ♦

National Collegiate Showcase

Recently Babe Ruth Baseball sent out a notice to everyone on their Bullpen email address list that they are requesting BRB members to nominate the top 15 players in their area to attend the Babe Ruth National Collegiate Showcase. These players must be in the graduating class of 2010, 2011 or 2012. The showcase will be held at the Babe Ruth Complex in Newark, Ohio in July.

If you did not receive that email and are interested in nominating players, contact Babe Ruth Headquarters to get the nomination form. ♦

Baseball Quote

“All baseball fans can be divided into two groups: those who come to batting practice and the others. Only those in the first category have much chance of amounting to anything.”

--*Thomas Boswell*

Four Leagues Celebrate Golden Anniversary

There are four leagues in the Middle Atlantic Region which originally first chartered for the first time fifty years ago.



Those leagues are Rotterdam BRL (Eastern NY), Scotia Glenville BRL (ENY), Rye BRL (Metro NY), and Hornell (WNY).

Congratulations to these fine leagues for fifty years of serving the youth of their communities.♦

Plan Wisely Now

Now is the perfect time to start planning ahead for the 2009 tournament season. More and more leagues are opting to play in tournaments other than the Babe Ruth League tournaments. This may require working out scheduling issues.



Remember that starting with the 2009 season the Middle Atlantic Region will be cracking down on leagues which fail to play the full tournament pool play schedule. **If a team pulls out early the league will be assessed a \$350 fine. If the league does not pay that fine in 60 days then they lose their tournament eligibility for two years.**

Don't let this happen to your league and your players. The dates of the Regional and World Series tournaments are listed in this newsletter. Plan appropriately!

Also remember that when it comes to the Cal Ripken Division, the tournaments that Ripken runs under his Ripken Baseball Corporation in Aberdeen, Maryland and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina have nothing to do with the Babe Ruth Baseball tournament trail.

You cannot buy your way into a Babe Ruth League Regional or World Series tournament. You get there by

winning the championship at the previous level or by hosting the tournament.♦

Baseball Trivia

Do you know the answers to these trivia questions?

1. The triple crown of hitting is batting average, home runs and what other stat?
2. What did Babe Ruth, Rogers Hornsby, Ted Williams and Willie Mays all do in their first major league at bats?
3. Who was the first baseball player to appear on a postage stamp?
4. What was the first domed stadium?
5. Who is the only player in Major League history to get 200 or more hits seven consecutive seasons?

2009 TOURNAMENTS

Regional Tournaments

10 year-old

Site: [Monroe, NJ](#)

Host League: Monroe Twp CRL

Dates: July 30 – Aug 5

12-year-old / 60 ft.

Site: Bear, DE

Host League: Bear CRL

Dates: July 29- Aug 3

12-year-old / 70 ft.

Site: [Bridgewater, NJ](#)

Host League: Bridgewater CRL

Dates: July 30 – Aug 5

13-year-old

Site: [WilliamSPORT, PA](#)

Host League: West End BRL

Dates: Aug. 6-12

14-year-old

Site: [Bridgewater, NJ](#)

Host League: Bridgewater BRL

Dates: Aug. 6 - 12

13-15 year old

Site: [Saugerties, NY](#)

Host League: Saugerties BRL

Dates: Aug. 5-11

16-18 year old

Site: **TBD**

Host League:

Dates: July 30 – Aug. 5

Invitational Tournaments

8-year-old

Site: **TBD**

Host League:

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

9-year-old

Site: **TBD**

Host League:

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

11-year-old / 60 ft.

Site: [Schwenksville, PA](#)

Host League: Central Perkiomen CRL

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

11-year-old / 70 ft.

Site: [Indian Mills, NJ](#)

Host League: Indian Mills AA CRL

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

16-year-old

Site: **TBD**

Host League:

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

World Series

Cal Ripken 10 and under

Site: Lamar, CO

Dates: Aug. 15-22

Cal Ripken Div. Major/ 60'

Site: Winchester, MA

Dates: Aug. 13-20

Cal Ripken Div. Major/70'

Site: Aberdeen, MD

Dates: Aug. 15-22

13-year-old

Site: Murray, UT

Dates: Aug. 22-29

14-year-old

Site: Appleton, WI

Dates: Aug. 22-29

13-15 year old

Site: Longview, WA

Dates: Aug. 21-28

16-18 year old

Site: Moses Lake, WA

Dates: Aug. 15-22

SOFTBALL 12U

Site: Wilson County, NC

Dates: Aug. 6-13

SOFTBALL 16U

Site: Concord, NH

Dates: Aug. 8-15





HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

At the 2008 Babe Ruth League Board Meeting Dr. Bobby Brown and former Babe Ruth Baseball Chairman of the Board Bill Smith received their induction plaques into the Babe Ruth Baseball Hall of Fame. Pictured at that event are Dr. Bobby Brown and wife Sarah Brown, Bill Smith, Barbara Lotierzo and Ray Lotierzo

QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. RBIs
2. Strike Out
3. Jackie Robinson
4. The Astrodome
5. Wade Boggs