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President's Newsletter

By Gene Noga

The 2007 season is just about completed. Our instructional "fall ball" season will continue into October weather permitting with Saturday games as I write this newsletter. The 2007 season was successful overall with over 1200 participants in the baseball, softball and challenger divisions.

New for 2008 - 2 divisions in both the minor and major divisions similar to what we had in place several years ago. The more competitive division with 12 players on each team will be based on tryouts and player evaluations with the possibility of playing against other towns in the district. The more competitive teams will be used to make up the majority of the Williamsport tournament teams and the less competitive division will play local tournaments for the most part. The less competitive division (likely to be the majority of the teams) will be comprised of the rest of the registrants. Details are still under discussion and we plan on tryouts after January 1st so check out our website for updates.

Major Contributors

Greece Rotary once again donated \$5,500 to our Challenger program. The funds were earmarked to us as proceeds from their annual golf tournament.

ESL Federal Credit Union; Pontillo's Pizzeria, Long Pond Family Restaurant, Vision Hyundai, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, M&T Bank, Excellus Health Plan, and Senator Joe Robach were the major contributors to the 2007 Rotary golf tournament.

Monday, June 9th is the date for the 2008 tournament.

Complex Update

Our application for the new concession/restroom building has been submitted to the Town and our architect has completed the review of a complicated sewer issue. A meeting is to be held with the Town and the Town Attorney to complete the discussion. We hope to complete some preliminary site work this fall.

Registration

On **Saturday, October 27th** at the Greece Little League complex on Latta Rd between the hours of 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Everyone registering on that day will be placed in the program assuming we have enough volunteer managers. Registration Options:

- You can register on-line thru our website www.greecelittleleague.org
- OR download the application from our website which you will find under "Forms".

We appreciate the early sign-up as it helps in our planning process for field availability, volunteer recruitment, our new division structure and data entry.

We again will offer the option of participating in the World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser.

The Board of Directors after a long discussion approved an increase of fees for all divisions except T-Ball. The fee increase will be earmarked to pay our mortgage due to the shortfalls in Bingo profits and lack of volunteers.

THANK YOU EMILIO for 10 yrs of Bingo!

League Information

Stay up to date with events and happenings year round by visiting our website www.greecelittleleague.org - check it out!

2007 - 2008 Board of Directors: Gene Noga, Jim Fetzner, Rob Bounds, Frank Padalino, Karl Gielenfeldt, Emilio Savina, Scott Murphy, Tony Bell, Jim Schreiner, Jamie Augustine, Pat Harder, Todd Whelehan, Glenn Kunigan, Curtis Birthwright, and Diane Noga.

We are looking for several dedicated volunteers with time and talent to assist in important areas such as concessions, commissioners, umpires, field maintenance, sponsor solicitation etc. - please consider in taking on this important role and contact anyone on the Board.

2007 Sponsors

The following businesses and organizations were our 2007 sponsors who without their support and generosity our fees would be much higher. Please show your gratitude by patronizing their establishments or offering a "personal" thank you. You can also visit their websites which are listed under Sponsors on our website www.greecelittleleague.org.

Should you know of anyone willing to "step up to the plate" in 2008, please let us know and we will follow up with them.

Locker Room Sports, Carbone's Pizzeria, Jacqueline Freitas Photography, Upstate Portraits, Rochester Red Wings, Tops Food Markets, Orthopaedic Assoc. of Rochester, First Niagara Risk Management, Pettis Pools & Patio, Greece Festival for Youth, Heberle Disposal Service, Lifetime Health-Greece Health Center, USA Payroll Inc, The Bank of Castile, Parkway Pediatrics, Senator Joe Robach, Bank of America, Rochester Press Radio Club, Green Acre Farm & Nursey, Horizon Homes, Inc, University of Rochester Sports Medicine, Fleming Point, The Mall at Greece Ridge, John E. Agostinelli, DDS, Flower City Irrigation, Nothnagle Realtors, Fetzner Collision, Betlem Residential, GW Martin, Inc, Cortese

Dodge, Greece Oral Surgery PC, Assemblyman Bill Reilich, Genesee Glass & Mirror, Wegmans Food Markets, OcuSight Eye Care Center, John Sally Agency, Inc., Mascot, Inc, AT&T, Dr. Gary Groves DDS & Cynthia Kelly Groves DDS, Greece Rotary, Brook House Restaurant, ESL Federal Credit Union, Mr. Rooter, Milano & Guzik, DDS, Craftsman Mfg., McDonald's Restaurants, Upstate Cabinet Company, Kitchens by Savina, New York State Fence, Pepsi Cola Rochester Bottlers, Hy-Tech Mold, Inc, Gary Haley, Whelehan Tree Farm, Maginn Family, Excellus Health Plan, Dan Barletta DDS, English Road Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, E3 Technologies, Cricket, Dick's Sporting Goods, Wendy's

Safety Reminders

Batting donuts are illegal in ALL divisions.

ALL catchers masks MUST have *additional* "dangling throat guard" on them even the hockey style masks

2008 Wish List

Concession building items and a safe winter for our families. Hope to see you all in the Spring of 2008.