

A's Newsletter

From the President

In May, I took over as president of the Warrington A's organization. I have spent a lot of time soliciting feedback from you, our customers. A common theme that developed throughout my conversations is that we have an opportunity to be better communicators. In an effort to increase communication and give you a better understanding of how our organization works, we will periodically publish a newsletter to outline what goes on behind the scenes in the A's program.

As you will see, the A's have a lot of exciting things going on. While we know that we have a good program, we also know that there is room for improvement and we welcome your comments and questions.

B1 Wins the League Championship



Congratulations to the B1 team on their championship run this season. They defeated the Horsham Heat to win the Bux-Mont Connie Mack championship. Pictured above are Sean Ailtmar, Jake Steinberg, Patrick Fitzgerald, Alex Spector, Colin Reimert, John Degnan, Chris Grant, Justin Broskey, Daniel Crecca, Tyler Cunningham, Steve Trachtenberg, Raj Marfatia, Kevin Zencak; Coaches Skip Cunningham, Tom Woollam and Todd Reimert.

StetlerScholarship



Congratulations to Ben Arnold who was the recipient of the 2011 Stetler Scholarship. This \$500 award is open to all players on the Legion team and is awarded annually to a player based on their GPA and a written essay. Ben is pictured in the middle with Coach Fitzgerald (Left) and Chris Gay (Right).

Board of Directors – 2012 season

President – Chris Gay
Vice President – Tony Crecca
Secretary – Tom Anthony
Treasurer – Todd Reimert
Equipment – Mike Trachtenberg
Field Scheduler – Skip Cunningham
Field Maintenance – Ted Piotrowicz
In House baseball – Ken Shields
Fall Ball – Tom Woollam
American Legion – Brian Hanes

Coaches – 2012 season

American Legion – Andrew Fitzgerald
A Team – Skip Cunningham
B1 Team – Chris Gay
B Team – Kevin Steinberg
C1 team – Bruce Gold

Registration

This fall we started using on line registration for our organization. After getting through a couple of glitches, we had a very successful registration process. Registration will be done on line for the spring as well. You can find the registration link on our website - warringtonbaseball.com

You will notice that our prices have gone up. If you look at the financials posted on our website, you will notice that we have been operating at a deficit over the past few years. Additionally, field fees for the school district have doubled for 2012, electricity is up 50% and field maintenance is also on the rise. Please know that we do not take our price increase lightly but we cannot continue to operate in the red. We, as board members, understand how you feel because we pay the same price that you do for our kids to play.

In an effort to help offset these costs, we have developed a program that will allow your son to play for free in exchange for securing sponsors for our program. Please read on to see the details of our "Your son plays for free program". If you are interested, please contact Chris Gay at conniemackpresident@gmail.com.

Sponsorship Programs

Program #1 – Team Sponsorship

This is not your ordinary team sponsorship.

- **Your business name on the front of the team jersey**
- **The team will be listed in schedules and standings with your business name**
- **Your business will be added to our homepage as a sponsor**
- **E-mail blast announcing your support**

Price \$250

Program #2 – Outfield Sign

Year Round Exposure

Your business name on a 3' x 8' sign at Jack Toy Field at Barnes Park



- Advertising exposure 365 days a year
- Over 200 games and 300 practices on this field every year
- Business name listed on our homepage as a sponsor
- E-mail blast announcing you business as a sponsor

Price \$500

Renewal - \$250

Program #3 – Scoreboard Sign

Premium Exposure

- Scoreboard visibility from Bristol Road
- Total complex visibility for 365 days a year
- Business name listed on our homepage as a sponsor
- E-mail blast announcing your sponsorship



First come, first serve – There is only one sponsor for this category

Price – \$2000

Your son plays for free Program

Connie Mack/American Legion Hurdles – 1 hurdle qualifies for free play for 1 child.

Hurdle #1 – Secure 2 team sponsors for program #1

Hurdle #2 – Secure 2 sign sponsors for program #2

Hurdle #3 – Secure 1 scoreboard sponsor for program #3

Hurdle #4 – Secure 1 team sponsor and 1 sign sponsor

Spring/Fall Intramurals– 1 hurdle qualifies for free play for 1 child.

Hurdle #1 – Secure 1 team sponsor for program #1

Hurdle #2 – Secure 1 sign sponsors for program #2

Hurdle #3 - Secure 1 scoreboard sponsor for program #3

PLEASE NOTE: SECURING SPONSORS FOR OUR PROGRAM DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOUR SON WILL BE GIVEN ANY PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT DURING TRYOUTS FOR CONNIE MACK OR AMERICAN LEGION.

YOU MAY SECURE SPONSORS AND HE MAY BE CUT.

Bats

This year, PIAA, American Legion and Connie Mack have mandated the use of BBCOR bats. The BBCOR bat is designed to take some of the pop out of the bat when it hits the ball. This is a safety precaution. The ball will not come off of the bat as fast or hard when it is hit. It will be more along the lines of using a wood bat.

We are mandating that that anyone playing in any of our programs has to use a BBCOR or wood bat. If your son's bat does not have the BBCOR stamp on it, he will not be allowed to play with it.

American Legion will be going to all wood bats in 2013 with Connie Mack following closely behind. Just a reminder that players can always use a wood bat if they choose to.

American Legion

Due to the population growth in our area, we have been forced by American Legion to redraw our boundary lines for player eligibility. Starting this year, 2012, the Warrington American Legion program will only draw from Warrington & Warwick townships for new players. Players that were formally from New Britain Borough and Township will now be part of the Lansdale region.

Any player from New Britain borough or Township that played Warrington American Legion will automatically be grandfathered into the Warrington program. The boundary change will start with new players.

Clothing – looking for holiday gift ideas?

- **Phillies hoodies for only \$20 – it's a great deal –check our website**
- **A's gear for your son – check our website**

Important Dates

December 5 – February 5 - Registration is open on line. Go to warringtonbaseball.com

December 6 – Pizzeria Uno's fundraiser for American Legion

Tryouts – March 24th