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The Newsletter of the MBUA

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Assigning Commissioner's Report

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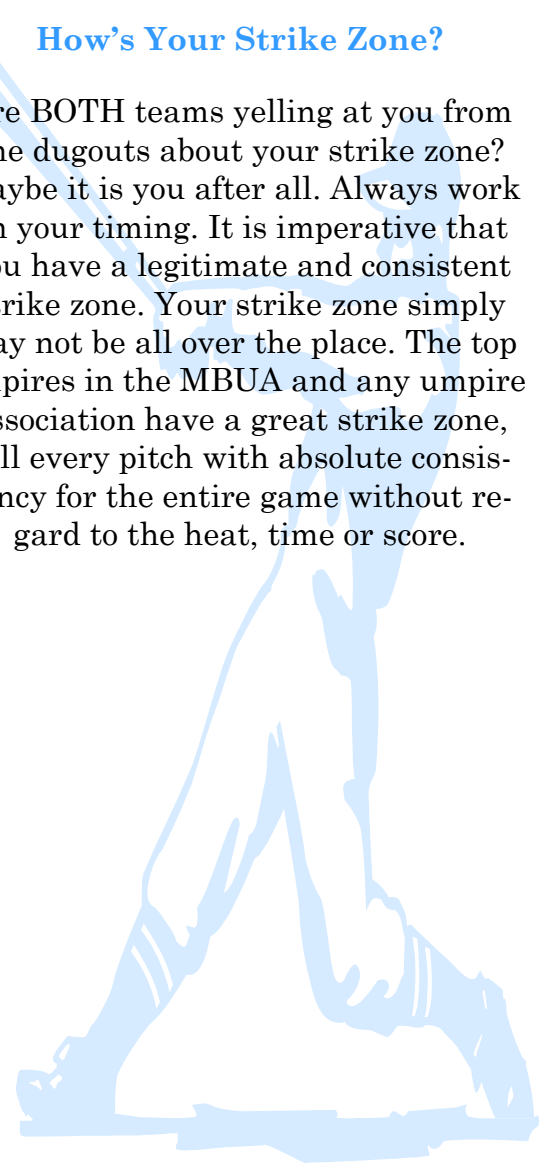
This summer the MBUA did not work as many baseball games in the summer of 2010. We did service the following leagues again this year- Archdiocese of Washington CYO, Greenbelt Little League, MABL, MSBL, and MCBA {AA} and the Washington Area Women's Baseball League.

The MCBA was down to just nine registered teams in their AA conference this summer. Every division in the MCBA had a lower team count so all the local umpiring groups were affected by the MCBA's declining registration. The Mexican League reorganized this winter after several bumpy seasons and made the decision to finally acquire bona fide M-NCPPC playing field permits. Given the high cost of the field permits, they also made a financial decision to use a lower priced umpiring service.

To keep our officials busy AND earning game fees this summer we made a decision to work more three man games than ever before. This decision offered many veteran and novice umpires some live game experience with the three man system. It showed leagues that we are committed to better our game. It gave more of our umpires an opportunity to work despite the declining number of games. This decision gave our contracted leagues the opportunity to see that there is a legitimate need for three umpires in the regular season and not just in play-off games. The three man officiating crews took us out of our comfort zone and made us have solid pre-game conferences. It made us get to our assigned games earlier to go over the concepts of three man mechanics. Most of all, it created some camaraderie and put a little more fun back into a very hot summer.

How's Your Strike Zone?

Are BOTH teams yelling at you from the dugouts about your strike zone? Maybe it is you after all. Always work on your timing. It is imperative that you have a legitimate and consistent strike zone. Your strike zone simply may not be all over the place. The top umpires in the MBUA and any umpire association have a great strike zone, call every pitch with absolute consistency for the entire game without regard to the heat, time or score.



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Congratulations to all the umpires who worked the Greenbelt Little League Play-Offs

- ◆ **Tony Iacone**
- ◆ **Jim Sambataro**
- ◆ **Hal Silverman**
- ◆ **Bob Phelan**
- ◆ Championship Game #1-
 - ◆ **Jay O'Hare** and **Sean Franklin**
- ◆ Championship Game #2-
 - ◆ **Jim Sambataro** and **Tony Iacone**

The MCBA Spring/Summer season is complete.

Clarksburg won the MCBA AA Championship on Tuesday evening, August 2 at Blair High School after beating the Maryland Diamond Cutters on consecutive nights. Congratulations to all the umpires who worked the MCBA AA Play-Offs

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| ◆ Ryan Dahl. | ◆ Hal Silverman | ◆ Jay O'Hare |
| ◆ Daryl McCausland | ◆ Gary Dayton | |
| ◆ Paul Zimmerman | ◆ Matt Powers Jr | |
| ◆ Dan Kenno | ◆ David Schardt | |
| ◆ John Hughes | ◆ Tom Wheeler | |
| ◆ Tim Hadley | ◆ Ed Saah | |
| ◆ Tony Aliquo | ◆ Brendan Kneeland | |
| ◆ Jim Sambataro | ◆ Darren Harris | |
| ◆ Tony Iacone | ◆ Jim Barnsley | |

Congratulations to all our umpires who worked the MSBL Play-Offs. (July Only)

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| ◆ Ryan Dahl | ◆ Robert Krupnick |
| ◆ Tony Iacone | ◆ Bob Phelan |
| ◆ Jim Sambataro | ◆ Jim Barnsley |
| ◆ David Schardt | |
| ◆ Matt Powers Sr | |
| ◆ Matt Powers Jr | |
| ◆ Tim Hadley | |
| ◆ Jeremy White | |



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Next Meeting:
Sunday, August 21st—
1 PM
The Heights School



August Baseball Facts

- ◆ **1921** With the jurors lifting the men onto their shoulders, the eight White Sox players accused of throwing the 1919 World Series are acquitted by the jury. The next day, Commissioner Kennesaw Mountain Landis will say the overwhelming evidence clearly shows the Black Sox fixed the games with gamblers and all involved will be banned from playing professional baseball again.
- ◆ **1938** As an experiment, bright yellow baseballs are used in the first game of a doubleheader. The teams go back to the traditional white ball in the nightcap as the Dodgers swept the twin bill from the Cardinals, 6-2 and 9-3.
- ◆ **1948** Ernie Harwell, filling in for Red Barber who is recovering from medical condition, calls his first major league game as the Dodgers beat the Cubs at Ebbets Field, 5-4.
- ◆ **1959** For the first time in major league history a second All-Star game is played in the same season. The American League posts a 5-3 victory at the Los Angeles Coliseum as White Sox Nellie Fox singles in the decisive run.
- ◆ **1992** At an auction, actor Charlie Sheen pays \$93,500 for the 'Mookie Ball' which went through Bill Buckner's legs capping the miraculous Met comeback in the sixth game of the Fall Classic in 1986. Arthur Richman, the team's traveling secretary, who was given the ball that night by right field umpire, Ed Montague, gives the all the proceeds to charity.
- ◆ **2006** At age 95, Elden Auker, the last living pitcher to face Babe Ruth, dies of congestive heart failure.

We proudly provide top quality umpires throughout the greater Washington DC metropolitan area. Our services have been utilized by area baseball leagues since 1920. We service all ages and levels of baseball from Little League to High School to Adult leagues, primarily from March to November.

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Important Notice About MPSSAA Insurance Coverage:

The 2010-11 MPSSAA annual dues year expires on June 30, 2011. The MPSSAA gives us the option to pick up our liability insurance coverage for the 2011-12 School Year effective July 1, 2011. The MBUA works straight through the first of November and we will continue to provide this important liability coverage to you. All MBUA umpires who are working "summer" ball will have insurance coverage deducted from their 2011 summer game fees. This applies to every umpire assigned by the MBUA to a game after the 2011 high school season. All dual members be charged the liability insurance fee.



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