



The Indicator

The Newsletter of the MBUA



Honor Roll

◆ Cooperstown N.Y.:

John Hughes
Gary Dayton
Hal Silverman
Roy Smith

◆ MCBA Semifinals:

Ed Wilhelm
Ed Saah
Sandy Frank
Ian Spatz

◆ MCBA Play-Offs:

Kevin White
Jim Sambataro
Daryl McCausland
Dan Kenno
Tom Wheeler
Tony Iacone
Ed Saah
Darren Harris
Roger Loos
Brendan Kneeland
Chuck Pryor
Brian Carroccio

◆ MCBA Finals:

Jim Barnsley
Sandy Frank
Hal Silverman

◆ Greenbelt Little League All-Star Game:

Kevin White

◆ MABL Play-Offs July:

Tony Iacone
Bob Phelan
Darren Harris
Sandy Frank

Commissioner's Corner

Gentlemen thank you for your dedication in the "dog days" of June and July. We are working games hard and we are striving to improve.

Concerns:

1. Last minute turn backs. I realize there are emergencies; but some turn backs are reoccurring.
2. Will not travel? If you are an umpire you have to get in your car at times and travel.
3. Getting to your games at the last minute? If this is occurring you are doing a disservice to the association, the game and your partner. You cannot get mentally prepared; nor have an effective pre-game.
4. "Bad-Mouthing" one another and the association. We can not be a cohesive group if this occurs.
5. Not calling partners, not knowing where fields are, not handing in game reports or self evaluations. This only tells me that you are "bigger" than the game or the association.



Fall Meeting

August 25th 6 pm

The Heights

*If you would like to be considered to be a **Crew Chief** in the fall and next season, please e-mail me **ASAP**.*

Clinics

July 16th

We had seven umpires attend; but it was a fantastic night of instruction. We went over certain situations in 2-Man mechanics and balks. We also had cage work. *Thank You Jim Barnsley* for setting up and bringing a pitching machine. *Thank You Dave Schaffel* for giving excellent instruction at the plate. Those that attended were Jim Barnsley, John Domen, Ian Spatz, Tom Santucci, Dave Schaffel, Kurt Widmayer, Kurt Muholland.

Next Clinic- Mark your calendars- August 18th- 6 pm at The Heights School rain or shine. The subject will be 3-man mechanics- the basics of this system.

Equipment:

Dave Gould- TD Sports, 703-631-1786.

dbgould@erols.com

Chris Coccagna- POS- 443-655-5853.

Catcher Skull Cap- Mask Combination:

Illegal- NF- Casebook- 1.5.4.

Legal- MLB- 1-16d.

News:

Greenbelt Little League will be using us this fall.

MCPS will be using us this spring.

Great job, gentlemen.

Camps

National Association Umpires Camp

Atlanta, Georgia.

August 21-23;

August 28-30

Contact- Jim Stros- 404-547-6057

21st International Umpires Camp

October 8-11th

Contact- Tony Thompson- 770-978-4319.

Jim Evans Camp

Flemington, New Jersey,

November 11th-15th.

Contact No. - 303-290-7411.

Deadline- October 15th.



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