

The Cowbell



The Newsletter of the Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Booster Club Volume 1 Number 3

The End of the Season

Well, the 2008 season is now history. While it didn't turn out the way we hoped, it was a fun season of baseball, watching players who love the sport and give it everything they've got, week after week, game after game. Their hearts were in it, and so were ours, as we cheered them on from our seats at Clipper Stadium and at the away games that we went to so our boys would have some "home field advantage", even on the road. We love our Barnstormers, and can't wait for the Spring of 2009. Go 'Stormers! We'll be back next year, cowbells at the ready, to support our team.

Committee Reports

Each edition of the newsletter highlights a variety of committees and their activities, depending on what's going on that month. The Committee Chairs, or their designated representatives, provide the reports.

Activities

On August 10th, the Booster Club traveled to Waldorf, Maryland to support the team take on the Blue Crabs. The trip was a big success! The long ride down was filled with conversation and several games of Bingo. We even got so good that we no longer called numbers, we called player's names and participants covered the number. That was no easy task with the way some player numbers have changed this season. We certainly were the loudest group cheering at the stadium, and the team seemed very happy to have us there rooting for them. We rang our cowbells to help round up the win!

On August 28th and September 4th several members participated in the Field of Dreams program with the team. Our members had the opportunity to go



Jim Reed throws a ceremonial first pitch (above & left).



The Booster Club Field of Dreams participants take to the field.

out on the field and stand next to their favorite player(s) during the National Anthem. It was a fun, thrilling experience for all members who participated.

There is a picnic planned for the Booster Club as well. The picnic will be held at

Clipper Magazine Stadium on October 4th. The Barnstormers have graciously allowed us to use the stadium after the season is over, so please thank management when you see them. Please check the Booster Club website for the invitation and further details about the picnic.

Lori Baxter, Activities Committee Chair

Finance

The Finance Committee again reports that any membership fees and money from fundraising are being deposited regularly. Specifics about our finances are reviewed at Booster Club meetings, and you can find the dates for upcoming meetings at the Club website: www.barnstormersboosters.org.

As we begin planning our 2009 season activities, it's important to remember that new memberships will increase our funding, enabling us to do more things for the team



Booster Club members as the Field of Dreams team during the National Anthem.

Committee Reports...

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and as a club, so please encourage fellow fans of the Barnstormers to join the Booster Club. We'll also be able to do more fundraising through raffles, etc... now that our 1-year waiting period will be up, so that will provide more opportunities to raise money for the club. We look forward to seeing everyone at the General Membership meetings.

Deb Heisey, Finance Committee Chair

Charitable

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!

And so is the Annual Food Distribution by the Lancaster County Project for the Needy.

This year marks the 22nd year that the LCPN has passed out food at Christmas to needy Lancaster families. It also marks the 2nd year that the Lancaster Barnstormer Baseball Booster Club will assist in the setup, packaging, and distribution of food at Clipper Magazine Stadium.

Bright and early (6:00 a.m.) on the morning of December 24th, the trucks will pull in and we will begin unloading turkeys, potatoes, cranberry sauce, frozen vegetables, milk, bread and eggs. Trucks will bring empty boxes from the depths of the stadium and the packaging begins.

Outside the front gates, the needy families begin to arrive and line up to be among the first to receive the food for their Christmas Dinner. When it is all over, more than 1200 boxes full of food will have been packaged and distributed.

Even Santa Claus and Cylo will make appearances to wish the families a Merry Christmas and to bolster the spirits of the volunteers.

We are signing up volunteers from the Booster Club to participate in this wonderful event. We will be accepting volunteers at the next general membership meeting. In addition, for those wishing to volunteer, but unable to attend the meeting, you can sign up by sending an email to Jim Hannah (jghannah@gmail.com) or calling him at 717-606-8007.

All of the boosters that volunteered last year really enjoyed the experience. If everything goes as well as last year, the food distribution is completed by 11:00 a.m., so that leaves plenty of time to finish your last minute shopping.

James Hannah, Charitable Committee Chair

Membership

We currently have 192 members. What a great start for our first year.

The membership committee has put together a survey of questions that were solicited from the officers, board members and the various committees' of the LBBBC. The purpose of this survey is to help guide the new board members on what you would like to see done during the next year. If you did not pick up a survey at the general meeting, you can stop by the Booster Club table or visit the club website. We need your input to help make the club the best it can be. Please return your completed survey by November 18, 2008.

We also wanted to let you know that we are now selling a wooden Christmas ornament. You can find picture of this product on the club website on the merchandise page. The ornament is approximately 4 inches round, has the barn logo in the center, three stars on each side, and says "Let's Play Ball".

Wes Kurtz, Membership Committee

Website & Communications

There isn't a whole lot to report from the Website & Communications committees, although there are some important dates to keep in mind:

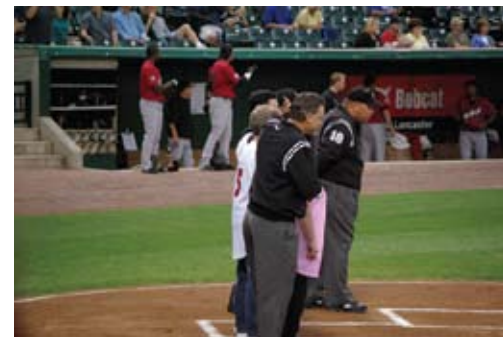
October 1st: Deadline for submitting candidate bios for the website. These can be just a couple of sentences long, but should give people an idea of why you want to run for office and what you bring to the club in terms of interest in the team and your skills and talents that the club can utilize for everyone's benefit. Please spell-check and edit your bio, as I won't be editing them for you -- I don't want to give any candidate an "edge" by cleaning up the bio from one person and not another, so to keep things fair, everything's going to be posted "as is". Having a friend or family member proof your bio is probably a good idea if it's more than a few lines.

December 2008: The date of our next newsletter, now that we go to a quarterly schedule. We'll go back to monthly newsletters in April, when the season starts in 2009. Get your content for the December newsletter to me by 12/1/08, for publication on 12/15/08.

Have a great autumn, everyone!

Laurie Ulrich Fuller

Website & Communications Committees Chair



More Field of Dreams pictures. Thank you to Lori Baxter for all her photos!

Vote for Your Booster Club Officials & Board on November 18th!

Elections will be held at the Tuesday, November 18th General Membership meeting. Barnstormers' office staff will be tabulating the votes, to avoid any confusion or concern about the accuracy of the count.

The meeting will be held at 7 pm at Clipper Magazine Stadium, in one of the skyboxes, as usual.

We look forward to a strong turnout, so the election is as close to a reflection of the desires of the full membership as possible.

If you're running for office, don't forget to get your bio to Laurie Fuller, the webmaster for the club, by October 1st. Her email address is laurie@limehat.com.

See you all on November 18th!



Booster Club president Deb Ranck participates in a Dance Off at York.



A little bit of "home" at an away game, a birthday banner graces the visitor's dugout when we played York.

Booster Club Members

BIRTHDAY LIST!

September

- E. Judy Coble
- Kathy Fritz
- Shirley Garlic
- Elaine Hensel
- Jim Hensel
- Richard Mark
- Roberta West

October

- Andrew Bolton
- Stephanie Bolton
- Mike Breniser
- Charlotte Clay
- Jason Denlinger
- Steven Ditzler
- Elaine Erb
- Diane fisher
- Dana Irwin
- Larry McMinn
- Denis Miller
- J. Michael Miller
- Shirley Miller
- Joyce Rowe
- Gary Stauffer
- Calvin Wenger
- Shirley Wenger

November

- Katherine Birkenbine
- Susan Bleacher
- Bonnie Eberly
- Kenneth Marvel
- Jody Kreider

- Terry Kreider
- Frank Lefever
- Jim McGee
- Marian Powders
- Deborah Ranck
- Casey Rule
- Vicki Sauders
- Gertrude Stasiak

December

- Thomas Boyd
- Harry Coble
- Joseph Donell
- Cathy Dubbs
- Deena Gross
- Roberta Hamilton
- Jackie Herold
- Rich Holcomb
- Hudson Kettering
- Evelyn Lefever
- Harry Martin Sr.
- Jack Masterson
- Jim McNaught
- Rose McNaught
- Kay Nolt
- Lisa Peters
- Mary Pierce
- Ann Ranck
- Linda Reed
- Timothy Sauders
- Hank Tancke
- Brian Williams

Thank You to Vicki Sauders, our Club Secretary, for providing this list.



The 'Stormers warm up before a game at Southern Maryland.



Attention Lancaster Area Businesses!

Your ad would look great in this spot! We circulate this newsletter online and in print, to many of your potential customers. Check out our Vendors link at our website (www.barnstormersboosters.org) or email our Chief Information Dispenser (Lori Baxter) at info@barnstormersboosters.org for more information on our opportunities to "boost" your business!



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