



# Park Ridge Baseball/Softball

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*A newsletter for coaches, parents and players*

## 2010 Season Registration at South Park

Saturday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> (9-2 pm) • Thursday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> (6-9 pm) • Saturday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> (9-2 pm)

### Important Dates

- Tryouts March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>
- Opening Practice April 17<sup>th</sup>
- Opening Night May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Picture Day May 15<sup>th</sup>
- All-Star Gala July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

### *From the Commissioner's Desk...*



Hello and **Welcome to our 60<sup>th</sup> season!!** I am proud to say our program continues to provide positive experiences for the youth of Park Ridge. This was the case when I played in the program (not 60 years ago), and it continues today. This is completely

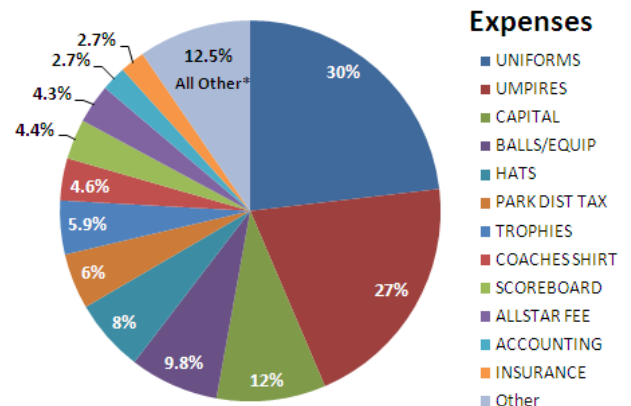
due to our volunteers. The involvement we have from parents is overwhelming and provides our kids with both instruction and values. Additionally, not one of our managers, coaches, commissioners, or board members is paid for their work. In these tough times, I would like to personally thank all of our volunteers for their work.

In looking back at 60 years ago, it is amazing how much our program has evolved. This includes providing leagues for ages 5 to 17, and a place for all to participate. When we began, it was a boys only program for 10, 11, & 12 year olds. If you didn't make the team, you didn't play.

Our Board is also proud that we have been able to control expenses (*see pie chart*) and therefore hold the line on the cost for kids to play. Our program is significantly less than other programs, due primarily to the wonderful sponsors of our program. When you

register, you will receive a list of these sponsors. Please patronize these companies whenever you can.

Whenever possible, we reinvest excess funds back into our facilities. During the last few seasons, we have purchased new drainage, scoreboards, fencing, and players' benches. For 2010, we are planning on replacing equipment boxes and worn batting tunnels as well as buying some new bleachers.



\*All Other (includes expenses associated with registration, tryouts, field equipment, insurance, statistics, first aid, and accounting)

Please make sure you register on time, so we can plan properly for this season. Have fun!!!

*Garry*

### Details on 2010 Fees

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Future Stars T-Ball       | \$60 per player   |
| Little Sluggers and above | \$80 for one child<br>\$70 for the second<br>\$60 for each additional child |
| Colt Boys (Ages 15 to 17) | \$100 per player  |
| Nonresidents              | +\$25 per player  |

## Health and Safety Committee



The Health and Safety Committee met six times this year. Although not all the information has been uploaded, numerous items can be linked from our Website-PRBaseball.com, including:

- Injury Tracking
- Contagious Disease Policy
- Dr. McCall's (a sports health authority) speech to parents in 2007.
- Thor-Guard tutorials
- League Specific Rules and Regulations

Parents with questions and concerns should contact our Health and Safety Chair, Jim Gillespie 847-696-0965.

[www.PRBaseball.com](http://www.PRBaseball.com)

Baseball/Softball is On Line. Want to see the latest information . . . schedule, standings, rules, rainouts? Visit us at [www.prbaseball.com](http://www.prbaseball.com).

**PARTICIPATION IN  
CONCURRENT  
BASEBALL / SOFTBALL  
PROGRAMS IS  
PROHIBITED!**

Park Ridge Baseball/Softball (PRBS) Rule G21 states, in part, "...No player can participate in any concurrent baseball/softball program, except for school programs."

The primary reasons for this rule include the **health** of your child and **fairness** to all participants in our program.

Since baseball/softball is a team sport, PRBS believes that it is not fair to other team members, when a player misses games and/or practices or who is otherwise unavailable for full participation, due to playing in a concurrent baseball/softball program.

Please do not jeopardize your child's eligibility for participation in Park Ridge Baseball/Softball.

If you have questions regarding this rule/policy, please contact Garry Abezethian or Tom Farinella.

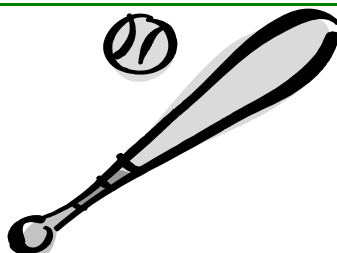
### WANTED:

### Scoreboard Operators

If you are at least 11 years old and can count, you can earn money as a scoreboard operator. Sign up at registration.

## Pistols Fastpitch Softball

The Park Ridge Pistols provide an opportunity for those girls 10 -18 that are interested in playing on a competitive travel team. The Pistols are dedicated to providing the training, coaching and facilities that will take our players to the next level. If you would like to be part of the Pistol experience, tryouts for the 2011 teams will be held in late August 2010.

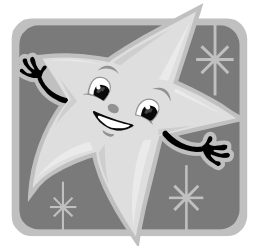


## WARRIORS Program

For boys looking for a more competitive experience and to prepare players for the next level including High School, Park Ridge Baseball/Softball offers the Warriors Baseball Program. For more information, please e-mail us at [www.prbaseball.com](mailto:www.prbaseball.com) or stop by the information table during registration.

## Future Stars

Future Stars T-Ball is for players 5 & 6 year olds as of August 31, 2010. Last year the future stars T-Ball



league had thirty-four teams of boys and girls learning how to play baseball in this educational and fun program.

Each team is formed by the league president and is comprised of 5 and 6 year old boys and girls. Each player will receive a major league replica jersey and hat as well as a pair of matching socks. (Baseball pants are provided by the league, but must be returned at the end of the season).

Practices are in May, and games will begin in late May or early June. Each team will practice once per week and will play 8 to 10 games. Come in and sign up for this fun league.

Requests to have children on the same team will not be accepted.

If anyone is interested in managing a future stars team, contact John Landreth at registration.

## Little Sluggers

Little Sluggers was created as a bridge league between Future Stars T-Ball (ages 5 & 6) and Wildcat boys and Wildkit girls (ages 7 & 8). The league is primarily for advanced 6-year-old boys and girls who played in Future Stars T-Ball last season. Players should be able to catch a normally thrown ball and accurately throw a ball about 40 feet. The league is also designed to help 7-year-old boys who need a little extra time to develop their skills and boost their confidence at the plate and in the field. Admittance to this league is at the discretion of the program administrator and is based on the parent's request and prior coach's input. Eligible players will receive a letter with a sticker that needs to be brought to registration.



## Wildcat Division

The Wildcat division is for boys ages 7 and 8 as of August 31, 2010. In this league, the players will be introduced to live pitching by players. Each batter will face live pitching by a player until the ball is put into play or he receives four balls. If the batter receives four balls, then a coach will pitch, and the strike count will continue. The ball will be put in play or the batter will be out if the count reaches strike three or the batter has received three pitches from the coach. There are no walks. All other aspects of the game of baseball will be in force.



## WILDKIT Girls

The Wildkit division is for girls ages 7 and 8 as of August 31, 2010. The season begins with the Coach pitching and transitions to player pitch at the season's midpoint. We will provide professional clinics (fielding and pitching) for the 8-year old girls to ensure they are successful.



## Junior Girls (9&10)

### Playoff Champion

#### Amish Custom Kitchen Brewers

| PLAYOFF TEAMS                    | W  | L |
|----------------------------------|----|---|
| State Farm Ann Witek Cubs        | 15 | 0 |
| Amish Custom Kitchen Brewers     | 11 | 3 |
| Sisto Oral Surgery Phillies      | 9  | 7 |
| Park Ridge Paint & Glass Dodgers | 8  | 8 |

## Pre-Teen Girls (11&12)

### Playoff Champion

#### Dr. Nikki Laskaris Giants

| PLAYOFF TEAMS               | W  | L |
|-----------------------------|----|---|
| Anthony Valentino Cardinals | 14 | 2 |
| Better Containers Red Sox   | 13 | 3 |
| Holihan Insurance Indians   | 10 | 6 |
| Dr Nikki Laskaris Giants    | 9  | 7 |

## Pony Girls (13 & 15)

### Playoff Champion

#### Sisto Oral Surgery Cubs

| PLAYOFF TEAMS               | W  | L |
|-----------------------------|----|---|
| Sisto Oral Surgery Cubs     | 14 | 0 |
| Savvy Salon & Spa Cardinals | 8  | 6 |

## AA-9 Division

### Playoff Champion

#### Century 21 Elm – Lorraine Farinella Cubs

| PLAYOFF TEAMS                            | W  | L |
|--|----|---|
| McCullough Rossi Marlins                 | 13 | 3 |
| Zia's Braves                             | 10 | 6 |
| Century 21 Elm – Lorraine Farinella Cubs | 10 | 6 |
| Park Ridge Barbers Dodgers               | 9  | 7 |

## AA-10 Division

### Playoff Champion

#### Allegro Music Center Athletics

| PLAYOFF TEAMS                  | W  | L |
|--------------------------------|----|---|
| Touhy & Touhy Angels           | 13 | 3 |
| Century 21 Elm Rays            | 12 | 4 |
| John Kaminski DDS Rangers      | 10 | 6 |
| Allegro Music Center Athletics | 10 | 6 |

## Junior American League

(Boys 11&12)

### Playoff Champion

#### Morningfield's Orioles

| PLAYOFF TEAMS                         | W  | L |
|---------------------------------------|----|---|
| Marty's Team Rays                     | 12 | 4 |
| Resurrection Sports Medicine A's      | 10 | 6 |
| Morningfield's Orioles                | 8  | 8 |
| Clauss Arbitration & Mediation Tigers | 8  | 8 |

## Junior National League

(Boys 11&12)

### Playoff Champion

#### PR Lions Club Marlins

| PLAYOFF TEAMS               | W  | L |
|-----------------------------|----|---|
| PR Lions Club Marlins       | 17 | 3 |
| Cleveland Reality Nationals | 15 | 5 |
| VFW Post 3579 Braves        | 13 | 7 |
| Classic Cuts Cubs           | 13 | 7 |

## Pony Boys

### Playoff Champion

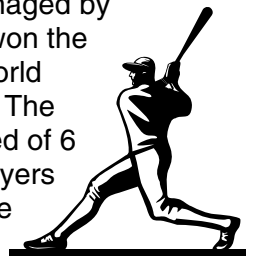
#### Stangel Group

#### Keller Williams Rangers

| PLAYOFF TEAMS                         | W  | L |
|---------------------------------------|----|---|
| Harris Bank PR Nationals              | 16 | 2 |
| Stangel Group Keller Williams Rangers | 16 | 2 |
| Dick's Sporting Goods Giants          | 11 | 7 |
| Uncle Dan's Pizza Cubs                | 11 | 7 |

## Colt Boys (Boys 15-17)

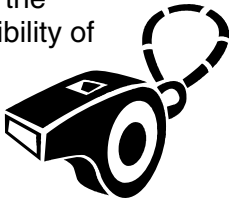
The Maestranzi Sharp Knife White Sox, managed by John Tanaka, won the Colt League World Series of 2009. The league consisted of 6 teams of 12 players ages 15-17. The league plays on Saturdays and Sundays, and does not conflict with the Maine South summer baseball program. The season begins in early June and concludes in mid July.



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## How to Become a Manager or Coach

A manager has the overall responsibility of the team. Their duties include scheduling and organizing practices, communicating team events to parents, provide a safe environment for all players during practices and games, and teach the fundamentals of the game. The most important duty is to provide a positive experience for each player. If you are interested in becoming a manager please send an email to [manage@prbaseball.com](mailto:manage@prbaseball.com).



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## WANTED! UMPIRES

Umpires wanted for all age groups. Applicants must be 13 years of age on or by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more information please e-mail us at [prbaseball.com](mailto:prbaseball.com) or stop by the information table during registration.

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# Thanks!

We would like to thank all of the generous people and organizations who make Park Ridge Baseball possible. Our sponsors' generosity shows they care for our community and our children. Please give them your support by patronizing their businesses and organizations.

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## Board of Directors

- Garry Abezetian** – Commissioner
- Marty Abezetian** – Rules & Discipline, Awards
- Fred Angelini** – Colt President, Umpires, Buddy Ball
- Thad Bednarz** – Pony President, Uniforms
- Jim Campbell** – Treasurer
- Joe Cerniglia** – Tryouts
- Michael Cristiano** – Wildcat President, Archives
- David Depkon** – Junior Girls President, Newsletter Editor
- Tom Farinella** – Vice President and AA President
- Jim Gillespie** – Sponsorships
- Ted Haufle** – Wildkit Girls President and Draft Coordinator
- Chris Hickey** – Picture Day
- Dave Hoffman** – Pistols Travel Program President
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- John Landreth** – Future Stars President
- Glen Lombardi** – PR Community Center Scheduling
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- Adrian Sakowicz** – Little Sluggers President
- Jerry Scafa** – Boys Summer Sizzler Tournament Chairman
- Larry Seiwert** – Pony Girls President, Volunteers, Legal
- Mark Stephens** – Fundraising
- John Tanaka** – Fall Ball President, Website, database
- Steve Vogg** – Warrior Travel Program President
- Brad Wisniewski** – Girls Summer Sizzler Tournament, Legal

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## Sponsorship Opportunities



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The largest youth program in Park Ridge welcomes your support. We've grown to more than 2100+ boys and girls in our program. This past year, your contribution helped install new dugouts at most fields, renovations at Hinckley and Lincoln fields, irrigation for high use fields, new equipment boxes, and training sessions for the kids and coaches.

Your contribution of \$200 for one team, (\$175 for each additional team) helps us keep fees low, allowing more of our youth to play baseball, yielding participation that is often significantly higher (sometimes twice) than our neighboring communities.

Just contact Jim Gillespie at his office at 312-419-3636 or email us at [sponsor@prbaseball.com](mailto:sponsor@prbaseball.com).

