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Around The Horn

News for the Middle Atlantic Region

Six Inducted into Delco Senior BRL Hall of Fame

The Delco Senior Babe Ruth League has been in existence in Pennsylvania for forty plus years. At a dinner held on January 25th in West Chester, PA six retired members of that league were honored by being inducted into their Hall of Fame.

These gentlemen were Fred Esposito, Joe romano, Chuch Mirarchi, Rich Bush, Terry Morris and Mike Scioscia.

Mike Scioscia played for the Delco Senior BRL and was a member of their World Series team. As a player in high school he was twice named Delaware County player of the year. He is currently the manager of the Los Angeles Angels at Anaheim team of Major League Baseball. He is the longest tenured manager in the AL and the second longest in the majors.

Terry Morris was active from 1991-2004 as a coach, manager and pitching coach for Roxborough and the Delco East All Star Team.

Joseph Roman coached for 40 years in the Hilltop BR league, was the manager and coach for the Delco East All Star Team and serves as a Cardinal Ohara Baseball coach.

Fred Esposito was involved with the UDHL Babe Ruth League from 1967-2007. As the Delco East BR manager and coach he lead teams to 13 state championships, 4 Mid-Atlantic championships, took teams to 4 World Series. He also 15 league titles and 2 archdiocese champs as coach for Cardinal Ohara Baseball.

Rich Bush was a longtime manager in the Brookhaven Babe Ruth League and a World Series manager.

Chuck Mirarchi was a coach and manager in the Marple Babe Ruth League. He also served as the Delco East league president and board member.

Congratulations to all of these gentlemen! ♦

Baseball Quote

Those of us lucky enough to be part of the game have a tremendous responsibility – we're charged with giving back to the game all the good things the game has given us.

~ Sparky Anderson

2012 Bat Rule

The following provides details on all baseball bats approved by Babe Ruth League, Inc. for 2012 local league and tournament play. Such descriptions will be included as part of the 2012 Babe Ruth League Rules and Regulations.

CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL DIVISION - The bat may not exceed 33" in length, and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 ¼" in diameter. Only 2 ¼" barrel non-wood bats marked BPF 1.15 will be allowed. Wood 2 ¼" barrel bats are allowed.

13-15 BASEBALL DIVISION

The bat may not exceed 34" in length, and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 5/8" in diameter. All aluminum/alloy barrel bats and all composite handle (only) aluminum/alloy barrels are allowed. Only composite barrel bats certified and marked BBCOR .50 will be allowed. Wood barrel bats conforming to the specifications of Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are allowed.

16-18 BASEBALL DIVISION

The bat may not exceed 34" in length and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 5/8" in diameter or be greater than a .3 length to weight ratio. Only composite bats certified and marked BBCOR .50 are allowed. Wood barrel bats conforming to the specifications of Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are allowed.

PENALTY

• If the illegal bat is discovered prior to a batter completing his "at bat" the bat is simply removed from play and the "at bat" continues.

• A player who uses an illegal bat or non-conforming barrel dimension and hits a fair ball will be ruled out. No advancement on the bases will be allowed, and any outs during the play shall stand. This is an appeal play. The "at bat" will be considered legal once a pitch is thrown to the next batter.

• Any bat discovered prior to the game that does not conform to the above rule shall be directed to be removed immediately and not be allowed for use during the game.

If you have any questions contact National Commissioner Robert Faherty at:
robert@baberuthleague.org ♦

President's Quiz

In February we celebrate President's Day. Can you match up these Presidential Firsts with the correct president?

- A. William H. Taft
- B. Harry S. Truman
- C. Andrew Johnson
- D. Calvin Coolidge
- E. Theodore Roosevelt
- F. Franklin D Roosevelt
- G. Benjamin Harrison
- H. Bill Clinton
- I. Woodrow Wilson
- J. Abraham Lincoln



1. He brought the first organized baseball team (referred to as "a delegation of the National Base Ball Club) to the White House.

2. He was the first president to attend a Major League baseball game.

3. He received the first presidential lifetime pass even though he was not a fan of the game.

4. He was the first president to attend a World Series game.

5. He was the first president to attend an All-Star game and throw out the first pitch.

6. He is the first to throw out two first pitches – on left-handed and one right-handed.

7. He was the first to throw the first pitch from the pitcher's mound and make it to the catcher.

8. He was the first to award the Most Valuable Player trophy to a player.

9. He was the first president to construct an actual field at the white house for ball games.

10. He is the first president to see a major league game in his own hometown (Cincinnati).

2012 TOURNAMENTS

Regional Tournaments

10 year-old

Site: Hopewell Valley (SNJ)

Dates: July 23 – July 31

12-year-old / 60 ft.

Site: TBD

Dates: July 24 – July 30

12-year-old / 70 ft.

Site: Troy (ENY)

Dates: July 26 – Aug. 1

13-year-old

Site: Ewing (SNJ)

Dates: July 30 – Aug. 5

14-year-old

Site: Atlantic Shore (SNJ)

Dates: Aug. 2 – Aug. 8

13-15 year old

Site: S. Colonie (ENY)

Dates: Aug. 2 – Aug. 8

16-18 year old

Site: Onondaga (WNY)

Dates: July 12 – July 18

Invitational Tournaments

8-year-old

Site: TBD

Start Date: Aug. 3

9-year-old

Site: Edison (NNJ)

Start Date: Aug. 3

11-year-old / 60 ft.

Site: Monroe (NNJ)

Start Date: Aug. 3

11-year-old / 70 ft.

Site: N. Colonie (ENY)

Start Date: Aug. 3



World Series

Cal Ripken 10 and under

Site: Bentonville, AR

Dates: August 10-17

Cal Ripken Div. Major/ 60'

Site: Winchester, MA

Dates: August 9-16

Cal Ripken Div. Major/70'

Site: Aberdeen, MD

Dates: August 11-19

13-year-old

Site: Kitsap, WA

Dates: August 15-22

14-year-old

Site: Murray, UT

Dates: August 18-25

13-15 year old

Site: Van Buren, AR

Dates: August 18-25

16-18 year old

Site: Weimar, TX

Dates: August 2-9

SOFTBALL 12U

Site: Alachua, FL

Dates: August 2-9

SOFTBALL 16U

Site: Wilson County, NC

Dates: Aug. 3-10

Answers to Quiz

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| 1. C | 2. G | 3. E | 4. I | 5. F |
| 6. B | 7. H | 8. D | 9. J | 10. A |

