

Extra Innings

Northville Baseball-Softball Association

In the Know:

- Details for NBSA Fall Baseball will be available starting in mid-June. Watch the Website for the latest.
- The deadline for candidates to apply for 2009 9u-18u Travel Coaching Positions is August 1.
- Tryouts for most 2009 Travel Teams will be held Fall 2008. Watch the Website for dates, times and locations.
- If you have or know the whereabouts of umpire equipment that is no longer needed, please contact Bob Boshoven at (248) 347-5915.

2008 Season in Full Swing

As we prepare the Spring 2008 Issue of *Extra Innings*, House league evaluations are complete, team organization is finished and all players are participating in their first action of the season. Most Travel teams have already competed in at least one tournament, and Northville's own Early Bird was again a success. Combine the baseball/softball fun with the countdown until school lets out, and we know summer is just around the corner. What an exciting time of the year for our ballplayers!

More about softball, the Primary and Intermediate leagues are off to a terrific start. We are combining the Advanced program with Novi to form a four-team cross-town league. NBSA hopes to connect with more communities to expand our House softball possibilities next year and beyond.

If you have visited the Northville District Library recently, you have hopefully seen our new joint project, Coaches Corner. This is an area dedicated to baseball/softball coaches' education and improvement. All materials have been donated by NBSA Coaches, and they are there for your use. If you wish to donate any of your own materials, please contact Jack Klarr, Chair of our Training & Development Committee.

Please join NBSA in congratulating both the Northville High School Softball and Baseball Teams. Each secured WLAA Western Division Championships. Good luck to both teams in the Conference Championship and State Tournament.

For the third consecutive year, NBSA is proud to report that registration has set another record. Current enrollment of 1,650+ exceeds last year's record by over 100 players. Thank you for your continued support. None of this is possible without the hundreds of volunteers that make our program what it is.

Check Us Out on the Web

NBSA uses two Websites to communicate and distribute information to our participants. General association information can be found on our official Website located at www.NBSAonline.org. Some of our House Leagues use an alternate Website located at www.northville-baseball.com to post league-specific information including, news, schedules and standings.

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The 2008 NBSA season is off to a fantastic start! Good luck to all players and have fun!

THANK YOU to everyone that helped during the April 12 and 19 Field Work Days:

Field Coordinators

- T.J. McWilliams
- David Williams
- David Scheinberg
- Tim Cain
- Jeannie Maciejewski
- Bill Mullally
- Dawn Mueller

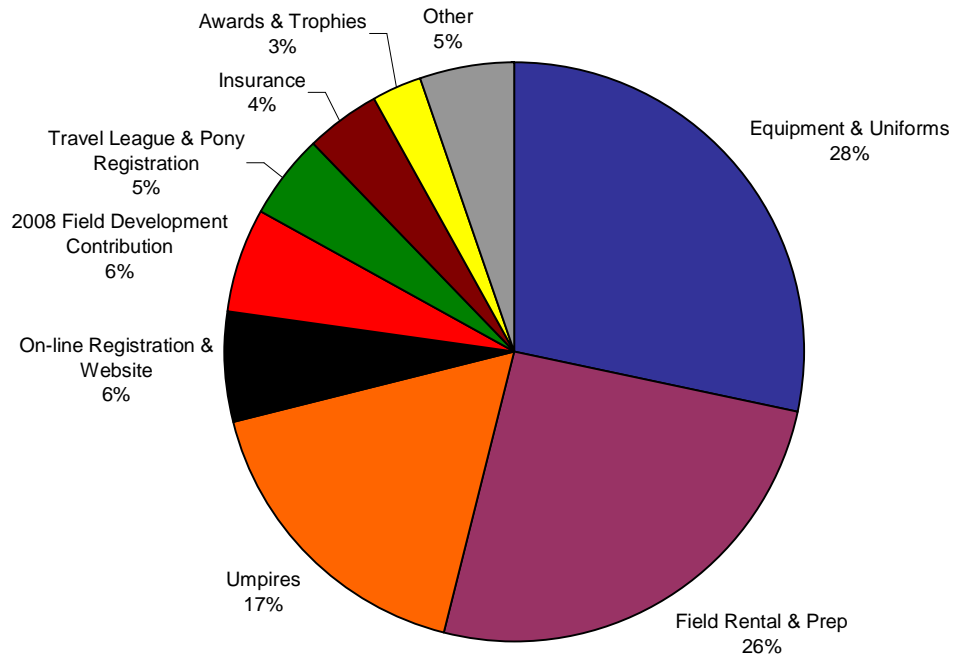
Volunteers

- Jules Cobb
- Jessica Bernard
- Jim Bernard
- Holly Holshouser
- Ronda Holshouser
- Robert Holshouser
- Bill Mullally
- Hannah Mullally
- Renee O'Connell
- Kevin O'Connell
- Nancy O'Connell
- Katie Owen
- Maureen Owen
- Mike Owen
- Clare Porter
- Paige Rafferty
- Allison Weir
- Owen Weir
- Dominic Marsalese
- Sal Marsalese
- Will Schmidt
- Bob Evans
- David Scheinberg
- Lindsey Scheinberg
- Ross Scheinberg
- Nina Scheinberg
- Marnie Scheinberg
- Jack Bergers
- Griffin Bergers
- Carter Guider

Financial Overview

“Where does the registration money go? What does the association do with the money it collects?” You have probably asked these questions yourself, or heard them from your friends and neighbors. The following will hopefully explain the association’s financial organization.

Umpires are the only paid people in the organization; we are proud to be volunteer-driven. Surplus funds are normally placed in our Field Development Fund, and these dollars are used to improve and enhance our ballparks. The chart below illustrates how NBSA spends the money it collects from registration fees. (NOTE: Other includes refunds, coaches clinic supplies, and copying costs).



Field Improvement Day a Success!

Thank you to Pete Guilfoile for organizing the most successful Field Improvement Day in the history of NBSA! Over 60 volunteers turned out during the April 12 and April 19 workdays.

Pete and his team focused their efforts on improving many of the school fields: Meads Mill North and South, Winchester, Silver Springs Front and Rear, Thorton Creek, Amerman and Cooke. 25 bags of grass and weeds were removed from the infields of these fields. In addition, the group spread 35 yards of infield material, which will drastically improve the playability of each location.

We want your feedback on ways to improve our ballparks. If you have a field improvement idea or request, please use the interactive form on our Website. Our Field Development Committee considers and prioritizes various projects to be completed during the current season and beyond.

Tournament Excitement

The anticipation, competition and spirit of any tournament are hard to duplicate. Key House League tournament information is below:

H League Pizza Cutter Tournament	May 27-30
H League World Series	June 23-27
G League Midtown Financial Tournament	May 18-23
G League World Series	June 22-27
F League World Series	Week of July 7

Schedules, results and other tournament-specific information can be found online at www.northville-baseball.com.

House Program Evaluations

House participants, please watch your e-mail inbox as your season ends. NBSA will be conducting a survey and evaluation of our House Program, and your feedback is extremely important to us. Parents and players will have a chance to share your opinions on league structure and format, coaches, fields, umpires and any other comments that will allow us to continually enhance our House Program.

NBSA "March" to the 4th of July Parade

Once again, NBSA welcomes ball players to march in the Annual Northville 4th of July parade. Each year, players assemble at Northville Downs dressed in uniform and take part in this great community tradition.

Coaches and players need not participate as full teams. Typically, a few players from each team walk with friends and family, (passing candy is always a good idea), enjoying the 1 ¼ mile walk through downtown. Younger players (four and under) may want Mom or Dad to pull them in a wagon. Everyone is welcome. Commissioners will distribute specifics to coaches in the coming weeks. Last year we had over 80 marchers. Come on out and help us celebrate baseball and softball on the 4th!

Sign Up Now for Thursday Night Baseball 2008

We will once again be expanding the size of Thursday Night Baseball to include more players. If you were unable to participate in prior years, here is your chance! Every effort will be made to accommodate all players registering by June 7.

Thursday Night Baseball is held weekly during the months of July and August. The camp is for 8-12 year-olds and focuses on improving each player's fundamental baseball skills. Instruction will be performed by coaches from the Northville High School and the Northville Travel Baseball programs. Players will develop in all phases of the game including throwing, fielding, hitting and base running.

The registration form is attached. Just mail or e-mail a copy of the form to Pete Guilfoile at the address indicated. If you have questions, contact Pete at pete@quilfoile.net

(Volunteers continued from page 2).

- Paul Maier
- David Maier
- Joe Maier
- Lisa Schnorberger
- Emma Schnorberger
- Jake Schnorberger
- Maureen Schmidt
- Will Schmidt
- Cyndy Jankowski
- Joe Jankowski
- Derrick Shaffer
- Jordan Shaffer
- Sean Doyle
- John Bolbi
- Parker Bolbi
- Fred Stinebiser
- TJ McWilliams
- Tari Dygert
- Josh Paeth
- Jeannie Maciejewski
- Andy Maciejewski
- David Williams
- Helen Williams
- Steve Davis
- Drew Davis
- Tyler Gozdor
- Keith Gerlach
- Champion Family
- Fielden Family
- Bisdorf Family
- Heston Family
- Evans Family
- Duda Family
- Bailey Family
- Halsted Family
- Bradley Family
- Goheen Family
- Bjorge Family
- Wierengo Family
- Antone Family
- Poupard Family
- Lutze Family
- Todebush Family
- Guyot Family

With so many volunteers, we know some do not appear on this list. We apologize if your name is omitted. Thank you to everyone that helped beautify our fields.



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See us at:

www.NBSAOnline.org

Coaches Corner

"Coaches Corner" is a new fixture in *Extra Innings*, and it will serve as a regular opportunity for NBSA coaches to share ideas with each other. This inaugural column is written by Jack Klarr, Chair of NBSA's Training & Development Committee – also known as the NBSA Coaching Guru

"The only dumb question is the one not asked." -Casey Stengel

In this, the inaugural column, I want to highlight what makes a good coach: stealing! Beg, borrow or abscond with knowledge from other coaches. We can learn from those who have more experience or are more innovative. In 20 plus years of coaching, I have sat down with Little League, High School, College and MLB coaches and cribbed from each of them. There is a wealth of information out there, from those who have worked on problems for years.

To this day, I watch other coaches at practice and during games, and pick up some subtlety that I can use. Nothing works all the time with every player. Good coaches tweak it, adapting techniques with each player during the season. Sometimes, what we need to learn is to do nothing. Some unorthodox styles simply work for some players.

So adjust for each: watch and wait before charging in with some new-fangled idea. Young players are malleable, but can be over-formed and lose natural skills. Talk to other coaches about when and where to "change" for the better. Almost never is it a good idea to re-form a player during a game. It is hard to be hands-off sometimes, but experience has taught me that simple reminders of mechanics are more than enough. Tell them how they did right before and let them find it again on their own.

Spend time with other coaches: watch, ask, and learn. Don't sweat what you don't know; we are in a life-long school of experience. Coaches are first and foremost teachers. The maxim of: see one, do one, teach one, applies in baseball as in medicine. Acquire knowledge, apply it, and share it.

There is a wealth of baseball knowledge in NBSA. Ask any Travel Coach, the Board or me, and we will get you help: from certain skills to planning practice to dealing with parents. We have all been there; enjoy it while it lasts, it is a blast.

Our Mission...

The purpose of the Association shall be to foster, promote, provide, and advance the cause of baseball and softball for the children of the Northville School District, the City of Northville and the Northville Township in cooperation with the Northville Parks and Recreation Department.

2008 Meeting Schedule

The Association meets monthly, and all meetings are open to the public.

May 27 (Tuesday) (8:30)
June 30 (8:30)
July 28
August 11

September 29
October 27
November 24

Unless noted, all meetings are at 7:30 PM at Northville Township Hall.

FIELD IMPROVEMENT DAY PICTURES



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED! YOUR EFFORTS ARE APPRECIATED!



Northville Baseball-Softball Association Presents

Thursday Night Baseball 2008

- WHAT?** A fun, weekly baseball camp focusing on improving baseball fundamentals
- FOR WHOM?** 8-12 year olds of all skill levels from beginners to Travel players
- WHEN?** Thursday evenings from 6:15-8:00pm, July 17th thru August 28th
(A total of six sessions over seven weeks)
- WHERE?** 8 & 9 year olds at Fish Hatchery
10 - 12 year olds at Millennium Park
- COST?** \$35 for all six sessions. All players will also receive a T-Shirt.

DETAILS:

- Emphasis on fun and skills development.
- Players may attend as many sessions as they wish.
- Players will receive instruction on hitting, fielding and base running from Northville High School and Northville Travel Baseball coaches.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Pete Guilfoile: pete@guilfoile.net.

Registration: (Space is limited so please register by 6/7/2008)

Player Name: _____ Birthday _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Parents' Names: _____ E-mail: _____

Is player playing in a Spring League? Y / N If yes, League _____ Team _____

Player's T-shirt Size (circle one) Youth XL L M S or Other _____

Mail registration and check (**made out to Northville Baseball-Softball Association**) to:

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