

Palm Beach Senior Softball Association

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2009

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The League:

The 2009-2010 PBSSA year began with a pre-season "double elimination" tournament. Six teams participated and it came down to the wire with Team Charlie & Team Delta battling through two well-played games. Team Charlie, managed by Roddy Padula, eventually was crowned the tournament winner. We are looking forward to an even bigger tournament next year. The 2009-2010 fall season was set up with the later starting date of November 4th to allow our "snowbird registrants" to arrive and start the season with complete rosters.

The current fall season is nearly half-over as of this writing. Each division, Gold & Silver, is made up of four teams. As of this date two gold teams are battling for the top spot in the standings while one silver team has led the pack from day 1. The last day for the season is December 16th. All teams will be scheduled to play at Caloosa Park on that day. Four teams will play 8:30am games and four teams will play 10:00am games. We will have our annual end-of season picnic lunch at the Caloosa Park Pavilion at the conclusion the 10:00am games. All PBSSA players (fall, winter, and pick-up) and umpires are invited to attend this picnic lunch.

Much thanks to our fall season managers – Gold Division Bill Freeman, Larry Garito, Roddy Padula & Gary Wilburn - Silver Division Al Davis, Dennis Dobrin, Don Hopkins, and John Stephenson.

Pick-up games were scheduled at Caloosa Park during the Thanksgiving Recess (11/25, 27, 30) & also will be played between seasons on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from December 18th through January 4th.

Directors Notes: Up-to-date standings, scores and roster moves are part of our very popular GAME DAY e-mail to Directors & Managers. After each game standings, scores and game vignettes are sent to all Directors & Managers. The managers, in turn, have sent the e-mail to their players.

Our route to paperless correspondence is now under way. All e-mail addresses have been transposed onto our address list at our e-mail address - pbssasoftball@comcast.net – and all league members should be able to pick-up attachments to e-mails, such as this NEWSLETTER, from their personal computer. The first PBSSA E-NOTEPAD was sent out to over 100 league members on November 24th.

Players:

We welcome the following players who have recently joined PBSSA – Dale Edwards, Frank Marcel, Edward Smith & Robert Spazante.

The Winter Season:

The winter season will begin on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 with a very special series of events called JAMBOREE. We have permitted the three playing fields at John Prince Park for the first **NIGHT GAMES** in the history of PBSSA. All players and teams will be scheduled to take part in the activities which will run from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Players will participate in specialty activities and each team will take part in a short game. The regular 24 game winter season will primarily take place on Wednesdays and Fridays and run through March 19, 2010. Scheduled Monday games will take place on February 1st & March 1st. Playoff games have been scheduled for March 22, 24 & 26. An organizational meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 29, 2009 from 10:00AM – 12:30PM at the West Boynton Library. All Directors, Managers and Umpires are expected to be in attendance.

The ratings and rankings committees for the two divisions have begun the process of setting up the teams. As of now we have 156 players signed up for the winter season. Seasonal residents will not be placed on a winter league team until they physically arrive in Florida. Players should call Bernie at 561 809-1555 or e-mail pbssasoftball@comcast.net when they get here. Remember, all players must have their own bat and must have an approval sticker attached before using it in a game.

Our Website:

Our website www.pbssa.org continues to be a huge success As of this writing it has received over 19,500 hits. **Arnie Schwartz**, our Director & Webmaster, has done a terrific job putting together and maintaining this site. Up to date news dealing with standings, scores, schedules, rosters are readily available. Field conditions are available on the scroll when you click on to our home page. Also be sure to check out the equipment exchange section, you might find a bat etc... to your liking. We thank Arnie for all the work he has put in to make this site a success.

Sponsors: We would like to welcome back the following sponsors for the 2010 season – **Al Davis Sales; Eledent Dental; Lesser Associates; David B. Felker M.D; Richard J. Staller D.D.S; Joshua M. Berlin M.D; Boynton Beach Medical Group; David Barry Jewelers; & The Knights of Pythias Florida. We welcome Physical Therapy Institute Inc... & Ron Ford's Flyers (a sponsorship set up in memory of our teammate Ron Ford).**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all those who are celebrating their birthdays between December 1 and February 28.

December: Benji Beberman (1), Jack Daniels (1), Bill Murphy (4), Bob Panucci (8), Roddy Padula (15), Harris Chandler (16), Sal Macaluso (17), Roger Nucatola (19), Victor Nucatola (19), Stu Haus (26), George Wakeman (28), Ken Gogel (28), Diosdado Feliciano (28), Marty Gerber (29), James Layton (29).

January: Tom Flint (1), Jon Stone (10), Matty Feldman (11), Tom Walker (11), Ralph Melilli (13), Bernie Dash (14), Dale Edwards (16), Frank Marcel (16), Josh Truxton (17), Elliot Linsky (18), Bob Brouwer (19), Dennis Angarola (22), Joe Foglio (26), Bob Ferrante (27), Larry Silver (29), David Dibsick (30), Harvey Taylor (30).

February: Bobby Adams (1), Tony Pierannunzi (2), Hank Stephenson (2), Bert Goodstadt (3), Russ Perlman (3), Fred Silverman (5), Ed Haberman (6), Merv King (11), Maurice Maffia (13), Sonny Litersky (16), Bob Brand (18), Bob Conk (18), George Kopp (18), Mike Smith (19), Morris Russo (22), Ed Smith (23), Rich Zaccagna (24), Martin Binder (24), Tom Simmons (24), Dom LaForgia (25), Roch Massicotte (25), Don Walkwitz (27), Charley D'Angelo (28), Joe Corniello (28).

Social Activities:

Our annual party is set. The date is Saturday afternoon, March 13, 2010 from 12:00 PM to 4:00PM at the beautiful Coral Lakes Club. Last years' party was a tremendous success. We hope to top that this year. A BYOB Buffet Luncheon will be served. Paul & Soula, our café managers have promised a sumptuous feast. The "Easy Livin Band" will once again provide music for our dancing pleasure.

The cost is \$31.00 per person / \$62.00 per couple. Your check, made out to PBSSA, and the tear-off section of the flyer can be mailed to.....

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Boynton Beach, FL 33436**

or can be handed in to **Bernie** for players & umpires in the Silver Division or to **Bob Ferrante** for players and umpires in the Gold Division. Practice game players can return their forms to the Directors at Caloosa Park. The cut-off date for return of forms is **Friday, February 12, 2010**. Guests and family members are welcome to join us.

Table reservations for parties of 8-10 MUST be made in advance. Bernie should be given your request list, with the names of all attendees, by NO LATER than Friday March 5, 2010. All other seating arrangements will be based on **OPEN SEATING**.

Directions to the Coral Lakes Club..... *The Coral Lakes Club is located at 12751 El Claire Ranch Road in Boynton Beach Florida (561 637-4315). From I95 take Woolbright Road west to Military Trail. Turn left onto Military Trail and go straight to Pipers Glen Blvd. Turn right onto Pipers Glen Blvd and go straight to El Clair Ranch Road. Turn left on El Clair Ranch Road and continue to the clubhouse entrance on your right... From the Florida Turnpike going north or south, get off at Boynton Beach Blvd and go east to Jog Road. Turn right onto Jog Road going south to Pipers Glen Blvd. Turn left onto Pipers Glen Blvd and go to El Clair Ranch Road. Turn right onto El Clair Ranch Road and continue to the clubhouse on your right. Local traffic can take Jog Road or Military Trail to Pipers Glen Blvd (east from Jog & west from Military) to El Clair Ranch Road & follow the above directions.*

PBSSA AT THE BALLPARK..... At this time we are surveying our membership as to the possibility of bringing a group together to attend a MARLINS game at Land Shark Stadium during their 2010 season opening week-end. The target game is on Sunday April 11, 2010 at 1:10pm against the LOS ANGELES DODGERS. Bob Casey will conduct the survey for the Silver Division and Bob Ferrante will do the same for the Gold Division. Players can also respond by sending a note of interest in attending to our e-mail address at pbssasoftball@comcast.net.

**ALL INFORMATION CAN CURRENTLY BE FOUND ON THE LEAGUE WEBSITE
WWW.PBSSA.ORG**

**Winter 2010 Season - January 6- March 19
Playoff Week – March 22-March 26
End of Season Picnic Lunch – March 26**

**PBSSA BUFFET LUNCHEON & PARTY
Saturday March 13, 2010
Coral Lakes Club
12:00PM – 4:00PM**

Send e-mail question & inquiries to pbssasoftball@comcast.net