

The Cowbell



The Newsletter of the Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Booster Club Volume 2 Number 2

It's Finally Time to... PLAY BALL!

It's our reward. We survived the bitter cold winter, we endured the sight of snow on the ball field, we went to meetings in the Wheatland Suite and looked out at our cold, empty seats and pined for this day, and it's finally here: OPENING DAY. Friday, April 30th, the Barnstormers return to Clipper stadium for the first home game of the season, and we couldn't be happier to see them.

Of course many of us will have had a chance to see them play during spring training, which begins on April 15th, and includes a game during Fan Fest on Saturday, April 17th. It'll be great to see them on the field – a few of the “old” faces, and plenty of new ones. The Boys of Summer are back.

This season will also include several great events for Booster Club members (and non-members), including trips to away games and a visit to Cooperstown to see the Baseball Hall of Fame. If you're not yet a member of the Booster Club, please consider joining us on one of our trips – you'll find we're a friendly bunch of fun-loving baseball fans, and we welcome you!

In addition to fun things for us to do, we're also hard at work supporting our team, all season long. We cook meals for the team, fill their snack basket with treats (“Double-Stuff” Oreos are a favorite, it turns out), and provide helpful services such as babysitting, rides to appointments, and assistance finding their way around the area. If any of that sounds like something you'd enjoy, join us! ★

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 & Membership

Greetings from your Membership and Activities Committees!

We would like to remind everyone that it is time to renew your Booster Club membership. The renewal form is available on the club website. We would also like to remind everyone that we will need volunteers to help man the club table at select games. Sign up sheets will be available the table and at general membership meetings.

The Activities Committee held a bowling night at Rocky Springs on March 19th. It was a Rock-N-Roll Glow Bowling night. We had eight participants and three spectators from the membership. Everyone who participated had a great time.

This year we have three bus trips planned. We will be going to Somerset on May 23rd and Camden on June 26th. Payment and reservations for the Somerset bus trip must be received by April 21st. Our first overnight bus trip will be in the fall. We will be visiting Howe Cavern and the National Baseball Hall of Fame on October 9th and 10th. Visit the club website for reservation forms and complete details on all of these trips. We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming activities.



Wes Kurtz, for the Membership / Activities Committees

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Website & Communications

Our Facebook page has been getting over 600 hits per week - possibly due to some users looking for the main Barnstormers' Facebook page, but even so - it's a great sign of interest in the team and a great opportunity to reach out to potential members! The traffic has been consistent for the last few months, so it's something we should take advantage of by being sure to post information there every week.

I call upon all Committee Chairs to post something about your committees' activities, ideas, updates on planned events, recaps of things that have transpired, requests for help with ongoing or upcoming events/activities - anything that gives visitors to the Facebook page an idea of the kinds of things the Booster Club is up to. The more frequent your posts, the better.

Our Facebook page is also a great place to post photos from games, picnics, meetings, etc... (be sure to "tag"

fellow Facebook members when you do post a photo), and this is something anyone with a Facebook account can do, too - not just Committee Chairs. The Facebook page belongs to the entire Club.

As for the website, please continue to let Mindy Reed know if you want something posted on the site, changes made to existing content, or something removed when an event has occurred, a deadline elapsed, etc...

Thank you to those of you who've been posting at the Facebook page, and please keep it up!

*Laurie Ulrich Fuller
Website &
Communications
Committee*



The Booster Club gathered for some glow-in-the-dark fun on March 19th, 2010, at Rocky Springs. One of our many social events to help make the off-season go faster, Glow Bowl was great! We hope to see YOU at one of our upcoming events, and hope if you're not already a member, that you'll become a Barnstormers Booster - it's a fun way to get to know your fellow baseball fans and to support our team!



April Birthdays

Bill Bair

Jane Bratz

Wesley Kurtz

Daniel Ranck, Sr.



We thank Mindy Reed,
Club Secretary,
for assisting the
Membership Committee
in providing the Birthday list/s.

Please be sure to submit your articles, photos, etc... for the May edition of *The Cowbell* by May 1st at the latest. Send it by email to laurie@limehat.com.

Meetings!

The next two Board and General meeting dates are always listed on the website, but here's a list for 2010 – please retain this for reference, so you never miss a chance to attend a meeting and get involved! We look forward to seeing a strong turnout at General meetings, and hope more members will volunteer for committees.

2010 Board Meetings:

May 11
June 7 (this is a Monday)
July 13
August 10
September 7
October 12
November 9
December 14

All meetings will be held at Clipper Stadium, and begin at 6:30 pm.

... and then because our 2010 term for Officers and Board members actually goes into March, we have dates through March of 2011:

January 11
February 8
March 8

2010 General Meetings:

March 16
May 20 (this is a Thursday)
July 20
September 21
November 16
... and then for 2011:
January 18
March 15



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