

The Cowbell



The Newsletter of the Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Booster Club Volume 1 Number 9

Not Dark Yet

For those of us who have every home game written on or typed into our calendars, it's a sad sight to see – more games past than coming up. The thought of a long, dark, baseball-less winter is something we try not to think about though, until we're actually faced with it, and there *are* 22 home games left – starting with the next home game on August 14th. The second half of the season has brought with it a major change, with the departure of Von Hayes, and Tommy Herr stepping back into his former role as team Manager. We won't speculate on any climate change in the clubhouse, but as fans, we'd love to see our Barnstormers feeling more confident and powerful as they take the field in the remaining games. Ending the season in first place may be a lot to ask, but just last night (8/6),

Committee Reports

we denied the dreaded Somerset Patriots a sweep, as we won the last night of a frustrating four-night homestand. It was a wonderful sight to see, and we hope it's the beginning of a long-awaited trend. Go 'Stormers! ★

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

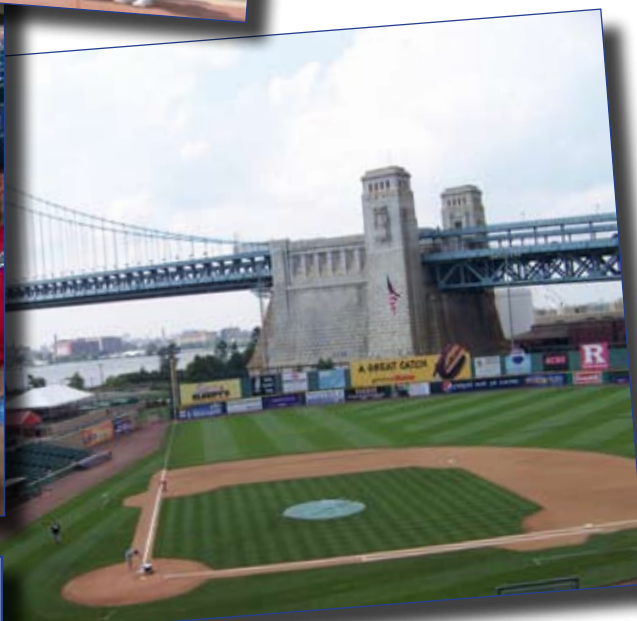
Greetings from the Activities Committee!

The July 25th bus trip to Camden was a huge success. We met in at the Stadium parking lot behind the Turkey Hill sign. The bus departed Clipper Magazine Stadium about 1:45 pm and arrived at Campbell's Field Stadium about 4:00 pm.



On the ride down we played a few games of bingo. After the entertainment, the bus was buzzing with baseball talk and current events. On arrival, everyone assembled in front of the Campbell's Soup Kids statue that is in front of Campbell's Field Stadium for a group photograph.

We were then taken on a tour of the Stadium. We toured the press box and their party suite / business meeting area.



From our arrival to our victory over the Riversharks, the Booster Club's trip to Camden was a success and great fun!

There are 22 Luxury suites, 417 Club seats, Fat Jacks BBQ picnic pavilion and the Acme Fun zone. We were told that they are in the process of opening a restaurant in their large luxury suite (think Wheatland suite). This suite is located on first base side on the top floor of the stadium. Fans will be able to dine there for an extra fee after entering the stadium. On the ground floor of the Stadium they have a very interesting Museum and information area. It is filled with Baseball memorabilia and Camden Rivershark items.

The Stadium is framed by the Delaware River and the Philadelphia skyline along the front and left side, the outfield and right side has the beautiful Ben Franklin Bridge, a spectacular site especially at night. Inside the stadium they have multiple Mosaics and brickwork that are beautiful. They have two tier seating which makes their seating bowl deeper, but not as long as ours. A really nice stadium to visit, but it is not as nice as our Clipper Magazine Stadium.

Our Barnstormers were victorious by a score of 4 to 1. The players knew we were there backing them with our loud cheering and cowbell ringing. After their victory over The Riversharks we were treated to a wonderful fireworks display. They were set off behind the billboards in right center field. With our seats on the 3rd base side it looked like the fireworks were shooting straight at us, which was a unique and thrilling experience. Their fireworks were louder than ours. I guess their Mayor does not have a problem with noise. The bus ride home was filled with talk of our win and recaps of games past and present. I would recommend that any fan make the trip to Campbell's Field.

On August 8th the club is going Glow Golfing at Overlook Falls. Our third Field of Dreams opportunity will take place on September 8th. Please see Vicki Sauders or sign up at the Booster Club table so that we know how many Boosters will be taking the field that night with our players. October 30th is the deadline to order tickets for Holly Jolly Christmas at Dutch Apple Theater on December 9th. A Calendar for all club events can be found on the club website. If you do not have access to a computer, please stop by the table to pick up a calendar.

The activities committee would love to hear your ideas for future events. If you



In the Member Spotlight:

John Banker & Ken Miller

LBBBC Member Name: John Banker

Number of Years as a Barnstormers' Fan: Since the beginning

Favorite Ballpark Food/Beverage: Turkey Burger

Favorite Restaurant: Chinese

Favorite Group/Song: Southern Gospel - Any group

Favorite Baseball Team (other than the Barnstormers): Phillies

Most Memorable Barnstormer Moment: When they won the championship

To Relax I like to: Be with my wife of 55 years, go to church, and also video and audio recording

If I could have dinner with any baseball player (alive-deceased) it would be: Mickey Mantle

Something always found in my Fridge: Ice Cream

People would be surprised to know: I had my heart pulled out and repaired. (aorta section replaced and a cow valve installed).

LBBBC Member Name: Kenneth Miller

Number of Years as a Barnstormers' Fan: 5 years

Favorite Ballpark Food/Beverage: Hot Dogs

Favorite Restaurant: Pizza Hut

Favorite Group/Song: Johnny Paycheck/ "Take This Job and Shove It"

Favorite Baseball Team (other than the Barnstormers): Phillies

Most Memorable Barnstormer Moment: 2006 Atlantic League Championship

To Relax I like to: Watch TV

If I could have dinner with any baseball player (alive-deceased) it would be: Tom Herr

Something always found in my Fridge: Hot Dogs and Iced Tea

If I had one wish it would be: Steaks

would like us to check into something, just let us know. We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events.

Wes Kurtz,
for the Activities Committee

Membership

As of 7/31, 2009 we have 122 members. Dan Bridy, Brad Ulrich and Ruthann Hennly were the July winners of a free individual membership.

The Booster Club will have a table at the stadium on the following dates: August 5th,

August 17th and August 29th. Please stop by and say hello.

If you haven't picked up your membership card you may do so at the table. We would love for some volunteers to help work the tables at the stadium. If you have time, please see Vicki Sauders.

The next General Meeting will be September 22nd at the Stadium.

Wes Kurtz,
for the Membership Committee



Cardboard 2 Leather: Collection Success Continues!

by Mindy Reed, LBBBC Secretary

Wednesday, August 19th, the Orioles Advocates will be at Clipper Magazine Stadium collecting the baseball equipment. We have already received a great response from some of the rec leagues in the area - Ephrata provided about 200 pair of baseball pants, helmets, bats, equipment bags and so on. The items filled a van! Also, a pick-up truckload of equipment was dropped off at the stadium by a representative from the Mountville Youth Association. The gentleman from Mountville also told me that he was in Nicaragua in 2000, after Hurricane Mitch, helping with the cleanup efforts – he said he put together tape and paper balls and used sticks for bats and the folks there were so appreciative for those little things in life! I have also received responses from SALSA, East Pete, Willow Street, and Hempfield. Some of those individuals are dropping items off at the stadium or I am in the process of setting up pick up dates with them.

All in all, I think we may even exceed where we were last year with the items that are being donated. In these tough times, every little bit counts and I applaud the efforts of these organizations! Please join me when the Orioles Advocates are at the stadium on August 19th and thank them for the wonderful job they do in aiding the children in other countries to help them learn the love of the game as much as we enjoy watching it! ★



Barb Kennedy's Excellent York Adventure



My afternoon at the York stadium very exciting! We arrived at the gates before they opened, and were surprised by Vince, Kay, and other staffers before we entered.

They brought plenty of rally materials for us to use – cow bells, Rally Roni, and rally towels. We just needed to add our voices, enthusiasm, and lots of energy.

The way the team responded to our support made our efforts so worthwhile. Every time we rang our bells, blew our horns, and cheered and shouted their names, they would look up at us and smile and wave their hands and hats.

Our section sounded louder (at least to us) than the York fans. In fact, some of the York fans moved to other seats, and our usher walked up our aisle and asked us to “keep it down, and pace yourselves.”

Of course we couldn't, because we were winning. And when we did win, we really went nuts making noise! It was truly one of my most memorable days ever.

Oh, and we did use the towels... when Alfonseca came in to close, we put our towels over our heads... we couldn't look... but he did the job! Way to go, Antonio!!! ★

Meetings!

The next two Board and General meeting dates are always listed on the website, but here's a list for the rest of 2009 – 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. ★

General Meetings

September 22
November 17 (Elections)

Board Meetings

August 11
September 15
October 13
November 10
December 8



Booster Club
Members
BIRTHDAY LIST!

August

Connor Bair
Thomas Barr
Sam Bolton
Zachary Duty
Ashley Emenheiser
Peter Geib
Brian Gossman
Diane Greenawalt
Deborah Greenwood
James Hannah
Scott Hurt
James Nolt
Jaime Pollack
Barbara Rule

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

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



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