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# The Cowbell



The Newsletter of the Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Booster Club

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## A Brilliant Sunset

**A**s this newsletter goes into production, the Barnstormers are enjoying a winning streak – most recently beating the Bridgeport Bluefish in the second of a three-night series in Connecticut. Just last weekend, we brought the Community Cup back to Lancaster, after gleefully trouncing York in the War of the Roses. It seems their very unsportsmen-like chants of “Bread Sticks” and other unsavory fan behavior were unsuccessful in winning many of the battles, and in the end, the War was won by our ‘Stormers during a great homestand, which included a sunny Sunday double-header.

Of course, with the War of the Roses finally over, that means the season is drawing to a close, too. There are just 10 more home games left, the last one on September 20<sup>th</sup>, against Southern Maryland. It’s hard to believe the season is nearly over, but people always say that when anything they love and enjoy is about to end. *The Cowbell* will go into its seasonal publication schedule, the next edition coming out in December, and then again in March. April 2010 will be our first edition of the next season. We can’t wait! Of course, we’d like to take this chance to thank the team for another season of baseball. We felt your frustration, we cheered your successes, and we love you all for working so hard. We’ll miss you over the long cold winter, but hey – Spring is only about seven months away! As for the last 10 games – we’ll be there, cowbells in hand, calling your names loudly, hoping for a finish to the season you can all be proud of, and as always, cheering “Go ‘Stormers!” ★



This beautiful sunset was captured by LBBBC Secretary, Mindy Reed, during the August 29-30 weekend homestand against the York Revolution.

## 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

#### Greetings from the Activities Committee!

It’s hard to believe that baseball season is almost over. We had a preseason social on March 28<sup>th</sup>, the opportunity to watch Barnstormers spring training in Lancaster, and to have a spring training picnic at the ballpark on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Booster club members had the opportunity to watch batting practice on May 16<sup>th</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup>, and August 19<sup>th</sup>. There were also Field Of Dreams opportunities on May 27<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>, and the next one will be on September 8<sup>th</sup>. A first pitch opportunity was on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. All Booster members

as of the drawing date were eligible to win the drawing.

On June 28<sup>th</sup>, we had a bus trip see to the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs and the Lancaster Barnstormers play at Regency Furniture Stadium. The trip was combined with a meal in their picnic area, and everyone had a good time.

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, the Booster Club went on a bus trip to Campbell’s Field to watch our Barnstormers play the Riversharks. This was another fun-filled trip. I would recommend any baseball fan take the time to go see Campbell’s Field. It is a very nice stadium.

On Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>, the Boosters will journey across the river to watch

the Barnstormers play the Revolution in the final series of the season. There was a drawing for free tickets to this game. Three Boosters each won a pair of tickets. Three winners were: Deb Paules, Adam Wenclewicz, and Barbara Rule. Rose McNaught won a first pitch opportunity, and will be throwing out the first pitch for the game. Let’s all go to the game and show our support for the Barnstormers and Rose.

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, the club went Glow golfing at Overlook Falls. We had 13 participants: Lindsey Goss, Sam Goss, Evelyn Lefever, Frank Lefever, Deb

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David Bertzfield's first pitch on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Rank, Dan Rank, Kenny Paules, Deb Paules, Tim Sauders, Vicki Sauders, Terri Kurtz, Tom Barr, and Wesley Kurtz. The scores ran from Sam Goss' low of 50 to a high of 70. Even with the threat of rain, we all had a wonderful time.

Our third Field of Dreams opportunity will take place on September 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a potluck end-of-season picnic from 12pm to 3pm. It will be held in the picnic area. In case of bad weather, it will be held in the Wheatland Suite. Watch your e-mail to RSVP for this activity.

October 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to order tickets for Holly Jolly Christmas at Dutch Apple Theater on December 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 Club table on the concourse to pick up a

copy of the calendar.

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



The Booster Club's summer evening of "GLOW Golfing" was enjoyed by all.

## Membership

**A**s of 8/31/2009 we have 128 members. Samuel Young and Chester Dukeman were the August winners of a free individual membership. Deb Ranck won a free individual membership renewal for the 2010 Booster Club Membership year.

Dave Bertzfield was the winner of the Boosters Club first pitch. He had the honor of throwing out the first pitch for the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Barnstormers game.

The Booster Club will have a table at the stadium on September 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 Meetings will be September 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Stadium.

*Wes Kurtz,  
for the Membership Committee*

by Scott Hurt

**L**ike many others, I waited 40 years for baseball to return to Lancaster – and immediately, the Barnstormers become my team. I find the best way to support the Barnstormers, besides attending games, is by being a member of the Booster Club. As a member of the Booster Club, I can show my appreciation to the players for the effort they give in providing exciting baseball all summer.

What does the Booster Club do to support our players? We provide meals and snacks and we're there to meet their needs, from driving players to doctor's appointments to finding them furniture and kitchen supplies to make their summer apartments feel more like home. We help celebrate their birthdays, and we help them with their everyday needs by providing maps of the county and guides to local restaurants, stores, and services.

I have made so many friends through the Booster Club. They are so much fun to be with and it's always a positive environment when we get together. It's great to be with other people that share a love for the Barnstormers. Through the Booster Club, I can also help to meet the needs of people through our charity programs. There could be no Booster Club if it were not for the hard work our officers, and I am so grateful to them for their efforts. I am proud to be a member of the Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Booster Club. ★

**The Atlantic League All Star Game**

**On Tuesday, June 23, 2009, approximately 14 members of the Booster Club** made the trip to Newark, NJ to see the 2009 Atlantic League All Star Game. Before the trip, several of the members thought it would be a great idea if everyone wore red to show our support for the players that were representing the Barnstormers. Lori Baxter, club vice-president, took it upon herself to have special commemorative t-shirts, red of course, made – it said "ALL STAR GAME - JUNE 23, 2009" on the front and the names of the Barnstormer players that were voted in on the back. These were given to the members of the Booster Club as they showed up to the game.

Before the All Star Game, we were entertained with a Celebrity Softball Game featuring Queen Latifah and other celebrities. It was great – not to mention being a few feet from Ozzie Smith, the Hall of Fame shortstop for the St. Louis Cardinals, or the fact that most of us were stepped on by people trying to get his autograph. Our seats were the first and second row behind the visitors' dugout, thanks to Deb Heisey.

Before the game, most of the Barnstormer players made their way over to us to say hello and thank us for coming to see them play. Then it was time to "Play Ball!" As the game went on, it was clear that everyone in the stadium knew when a Barnstormer player was up to bat. We did cheer for the Freedom Division players a little, but we were a lot louder for our own players. Some of the front office staff, including the man himself, Vince Bulik, came over and thanked us for coming and said that other team staff members were telling them that they were impressed with the support the team received from their fans.

Even though the Freedom Division came up short on the scoreboard and lost the game, the players that represented the team – Eric Ackerman, Ryan Cullen (this was the last time this season that he would pitch in a Lancaster Barnstormer uniform), Jed Morris, Brian Sabatella, and Lloyd Turner – played very well. We were all proud to call ourselves Lancaster Barnstormers Booster Club members.

**The War of the Roses**

**On Saturday, July 18, 2009, a Day-Night Double Header** was held between York and Lancaster. The first game was held in York and the second game in Lancaster. Some of the Booster Club members made the trip across the river to take part in the first game of this Double Header. Upon arriving at Sovereign Bank Stadium, we were greeted by a large, red, inflatable Cylo, and members of the Barnstormer front office staff. We were given rally towels, Rally Roni, and cowbells to help let the York fans know that we were there. Of course, some of the members brought their own cowbells, bull horns, and anything else that would make noise.

The weather was great and we came away with a 7-5 win and a dominating lead in the quest for the Community Cup. ★

See Scott's photos from the All Star Game on the back of this newsletter.



**September**

- Kathy Fritz
- Shirley Garlic
- Barb Kennedy
- Richard Mark
- Adam Wenclewicz



**Meetings!**

**T**he 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**

- September 15
- October 13
- November 10
- December 8

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

**Booster Club Members BIRTHDAY LIST!**



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





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