GAMES OF THE DECADE HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog:**

All-Star Dates 1/11-1/12

2 0 1 9 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team ARR-ANGER-S
1	SAT	22	KPP5	January-ish	The Zee-ity* VS Luis/ Steve	7-5	Mike/ Bruce
	SUN	MUDDIED OUT + A short in the electing to play circuits					
		Net Weekend Turnout 22 (23% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/1 = $25.00	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 94	Consecutive outdoor months played: 106* (New Record)	

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Game 1 SATURDAY, 1/11/20 KPP5 Mike and Gary

PLAYING IN A 1/11 GAME WITH 11 GUYS ON EACH TEAM = EVERYONE WON, WON ,WON

THE MONTHLY STREAK IS AT 106
IN GAME 1, MIKE SP MAKES A 1-DERFUL THROW AT THE PLATE TO CUT DOWN A VITAL RUN AND GARY W MAKES A 1-DERFUL GRAB OF IT TO TAG THE RUNNER.

THE 1-DERFUL JOE SINENO DRIVES HIMSELF HOME WITH A 1ST AT BAT HOMER, TO THE EAST MEADOW END OF THE FIELD.

THE GARRULOUS AND GRAZY, GARY Z GIVEZ UP JUST 5 IN A BOX OF A DOZEN INNINGS, AS HE HOPES HIS RAVENS WILL QUOTH NEVERMORE.

It was nice to be able to continue the streak on a 65 degree day in January. The Z's outlasted the Louies 7-5 in 12 innings. Big extra base hits were the difference, home runs by Super Joe and guest Fran, triples by Mike, Rich L and Luis. Web gems at 2b by Rich L with a great running catch. Defensive play of the day, with 1 out and two on, base hit to right, Dave G scooped it, threw it to Mike who threw it to Gary W and nailed the runner out at home to preserve their lead.

I ALSO SPIED POWERFUL HITS FROM LUIS, RICH L, STEVE F, AND RICH C,
APOLOGIES FOR THE THINGS WE MISSED.
MIKE SP
GAR-11-THAL

JANU-WEARY HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 1/25-1/26**

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Bocation	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team ARR-ANGER-S

	SAT	**RAINED OUT**					
2	**SUN**	**16**	**DOWN BY THE SCHOOL YARD**	SUNNY AND WINDLESS	**The Zee-ity* VS HIS JOHNER**	**10-7**	**Mike/ Bruce**
		Net Weekend Turnout **16** **(28% of the Paid membership)**		**PPG 25/2 = $12.50**	**2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 57**	**Consecutive outdoor months played: 106* (New Record)**	

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Game 2 SUNDAY, 1/26/20 KPP5 BY DAN
RELAYED TO YOU FROM OUR CITY OF SUNRISE, FLORIDA OFFICES, 32 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL OVERLOOKING HOLE 7.

On a cool bright Sunday morning 16 Great Neck Softball Stars played a 10 inning classic. The Visiting Bobbies took a 4 run lead in the top of the first on a bases clearing double by Marc L. The Home Bruces bounced back with 2 in the bottom of the first and 2 more in the bottom of the 4th to tie the game. They would have had more but Mark L made a stop on smash and then turned the potential hit into a double play. Meanwhile, the Judge pitched 6 straight scoreless innings until the eighth when Bobby himself had a key hit that gave the Visitors a one run lead. The Visitors added 5 more in the top of the ninth for a 10-4 lead. The Homies retaliated with 3 but their rally was ended on a web gem. Hugh grabbed a liner to right center fired it to Rich who fired it to Mike S to get the third out at the plate.

Key defensive plays were made by Mike S who was catching for the first time in Great Neck, Mario, Hugh, and others. Gary Z pitched a solid game.

Next game should be Saturday - Keep the streak alive.

FEB-ULOUS HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 2/1-2/2**

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Bocation	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team ARR-ANGER-S
3	SAT	20	KPP5	Almost Marchlike	The Zee-ity* VS HIS JOHNER	10ish to 5ish	Mike
4	SUN	18	KPP5	The field was VERY em-play-able	The Zee-ity* VS HIS JOHNER	6-5	Bobby/ Jack
		Net Weekend Turnout 38-10=28 (30% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/2 = $12.50	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 57	Consecutive outdoor months played: 107* (New Record)	

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KUDOS TO ALL THE BRAVE YOUNG MEN WHO DEFEATED OLD MAN WINTER, YET AGAIN, TO BRING OUR STREAK UP TO 107 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS OF

OUTDOOR PLAY. I'M NOT SHOCKED BUT I AM IN AWE.

Game 3 Saturday, KPP5, 2.1.20 by Dan
The game was something like 10-5. Gary Z was the winning pitcher then too. Luis ripped a liner to right that might have hurt anyone unlucky enough to catch it. I left early so I don't have all the highlights

Game 4. Sunday, KPP5, Feb 2,2020 (02.02.2020) By Dan with Commissionerial input

To owe is not a good thing. An 02 count is not a good thing but to play on 02.02.2020 is a great thing.

The second Feb game featured 18 stalwarts as the Judge faced the Z man for the second day in a row on a bright chilly day. The Z men took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first. built it to 5-0 and held on for a 6-5 victory.
The Homies under the direction of Bobby were paced by bullet hits by Johnny V, both Matts and Mario. Matt the teacher had a triple and Mark L a double. Mark also turned some stellar double plays at second base. Gary Z had 2 hits and 2 grabs of hot smashes in addition to his pitching.

The Visitors had multi-hit games from Roy, Hugh, Gordon, Rich and Lee. Lee made a great play on a potential Texas League Double and turned it into a double play,

Kudos to Bobby and Jack who organized another 1 run game that ended with the go ahead run at the plate.

More happened but that's all Al Zeimer remembers.

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team ARR-ANGER-S
	SAT						
5	SUN	17	School-Yard	Everything its been cracked uo to be,	Luis vs His Johner*	14 - 10	Bobby/ Mike/ Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 17 (29% of the Current Paid membership)		PPG 25/5 = $5	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 57	Consecutive outdoor months played: 107* (New Record)	

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Game 5. Sunday, School Yard. Feb 9, 2020 By Dan

On a chilly but sunny Sunday at the schoolyard the softball turnout was 17 as the Bobbies faced the Bruces with His Johner facing Luis. The Bruces took an early 4-0 lead as Arik homered over the fence but the Bobbies tied it at 4 with a rash of liners from Hugh, Pete, Gordon, Bobby, Jack, Rich and Rob. The rally gave the Judge a 12 -6 lead. The Bruces fought back powered by a drive off the fence by Matt SP and drives by Matt the Teacher, Mario and others. Luis ripped one over the fence.

Plays you won't see in the majors were made by Bruce who made a sweet scoop in the first inning while playing for the other team. Someone hit a drive the hit the chain link fence so hard it got stuck in it.

The final was 14-10 in favor of the Bobbies with the Judge picking up the W.

For those who remember Crazy Eddie, see bargain Bruce for a deal that is insane on some special products.

Tune in next week for more fun.

Dan

NOW LETS GO TO THE VIDEO TAPE.
Thanks to Luis who provided the following Cinematographical Highlights
https://youtu.be/ZcBFjt6HbmU

SURFICIENT HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 2/15-2/17**

2019 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team ARR-ANGER-S
	SAT	Canceled due to Disagreeable degrees.					
6	SUN	17	THE BEACH (TONH Park)	Not a beach day.	The Zee-ity Vs His Johner*	18-14	Bruce/ Bobby
	MON Prez Day	Canceled due to a depopulation problem					

		Net Weekend Turnout **17 (29% of the Paid membership)**		**PPG 25/6 = $4.16**	**2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 58**	**Consecutive outdoor months played: 107* (New Record)**	

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Game 6 SUNDAY, 2/16/20 AT THE BEACH BY BRUCE

Under gray winter skies with wind chills hovering around 32 degrees, 17 hale and hearty men-boys shivered in their softball finery to play the game that they all love.

A neutral field had to be chosen as home fields have come under additional scrutiny because of the Astros sign stealing debacle.
The seaside field in Port Washington was chosen for this epic game.
His honor pitched against a cruise quarantined escapee, whose AKA is the Z-man. The dual went back and forth until it was tied 14-14 in the 8th inning.
The 9th inning saw the Judge's team take the lead and held it over the Z-man's team to gain a well deserved W.
Hits there were plenty, runs there were many and errors were very scarce.
We had 2 over the fence ground rule doubles, several gappers and plays at the plate.
At the end of the game the sun was shining and the grins were blinding.

Bruce Blattberg
Sent from my iPad

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Bocation	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team ARR-ANGER-S
	SAT	Canceled Not enough temp or peeps					
7	SUN	19	KPP5	Unseasonably warm	The Zee-ity VS HIS JOHNER*	14-2	Bruce/ Bbbby
		Net Weekend Turnout 18(31% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/7 = $3.57	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 61	Consecutive outdoor months played: 107* (New Record)	

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Sunday, Game 7 Hempstead Harbor Beach Field by Bruce

Today's day at the beach saw unseasonably warm temperatures.

It saw a plethora of web gems:

Fantastic play by Bobby backing up the play at first base and cutting down the batter
trying to stretch a single into a double.

Several great stops by Lee at SS and Francis at 3rd base.
Terrific slides by Hugh.

His honor pitched a close to perfect game giving up no earned runs.

Only 1 (Francis) over the fence ground rule double.

Great to have Barry, again.

BEACH BALL HIGHLIGHTS The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 2/29-3/1

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Bocation	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team ARR-ANGER-S
	SAT	Canceled Not enough temp or peeps					
8	SUN	19	KPP5	Unseasonably warm	The Zee-ity VS HIS JOHNER*	14-2	Bruce/ Bbbby
		Net Weekend Turnout 18(31% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/7 = $3.57	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 61	Consecutive outdoor months played: 108* (New Record)	

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HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 3/7-3/8**

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Bocation	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team ARR-ANGER-S
9	SAT	18	Beach		The Zee-ity VS Luis*	13-8	Bruce
10	SUN	22	KPP5	Unseasonably warm	The Zee-ity * VS Luis	8-7	Bruce/ Bobby

		Net Weekend Turnout **40-9=31(51% of the Paid membership)**		**PPG 25/10 = $2.50**	**2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 61**	**Consecutive outdoor months played: 108* (New Record)**	

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Great to have Barry, again.
By Mike Sp.

After spotting the Z's 3 runs in the top of the 1st, the Avila's scored 13 unanswered runs to win the game 13-8 in 10 innings. Lots of hitting by the Avilas, led by Jonny and Francis setting the table with multiple hits each and then multiple bombs by Mike and Luis. It the return of the king day, Lenny visiting from California. The west coat has done wonders for him and he hit and fielded well all day. Luis pitched a great game and then Cousin Brucie came in to save the game in relief! Fine web gem in CF by Jonny and Francis at 2b.

Sunday, March 8 Game 10 by Dan
On a cool, crisp, sunny Sunday, twenty two Great Neck/Port Washington softball stars gave their fans a battle to remember. Gary Z's Homies topped Luis' Visitors in an 8-7 thriller. Defense won the day as was clear in the top of the first when with first and second nobody out, Fran L turned a screeching bullet into a double play. It was the first of several gems by Fran. Other gems included a play at the plate when a runner was out after a great relay throw from the outfield to catcher Pete the Rock . Lennie pulled in from the west coast to make a key stop at third to end a rally.
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>
> The offense attacks were led by Mark L who tripled and doubled for the Home team.
> Roy had at least 4 hits to 4 different spots for the Visitors.
>
> The pitchers also helped themselves. Gary Z winning pitcher for the Homies doubled over the leftfielder's head. Luis homered over the fence to bring his visitors to within one but it wasn't enough .
>
> Next game Saturday. See you there.
>

PI-IDE HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 3/14-3/15**

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Bocation	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team ARR-ANGER-S

11	SAT	20	KPP5	Nicely warm	The Zee-ity VS His Johner*	14-7	Bruce
12	SUN	20	KPP5	Unseasonably nice	The Zee-ity * VS His Johner	9-7	Bruce/ Bobby
		Net Weekend Turnout 40-9=31(51% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/12 = $2.08	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 61	Consecutive outdoor months played: 108* (New Record)	

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Saturday, Game 11 KPP5 by Bruce and John Hunt Combined

Saturday's Corona Bowl was a tale of 3 chapters:
Chapter 1 was the over arching story of the Corona virus.
Chapter 2 was the tale of the first 5 innings.
Chapter 3 was the story of innings 6 thru 10.

Chapter 1:
Under Clear blue skies and the cloud of Corona Virus.
Twenty disinfected players came together to play ball.
Necessary precautions were taken by all and the games went on.
We had many players bring their own catcher's masks as well as other items to protect themselves and others.

Chapter 2:

The Z's battled the Judges (not Biblical) to 6-6 ties.
Great plays by Noah T. (Made Daddy Lee proud) and
Francis & Doug C.

Chapter 3:
The Judges pulled ahead to win the tournament 14-7.
Superior hitting by Luis, Doug, Rich L. and others.

The weather was fine.
The field was fine.
And the game was great.

By John
What I recall is that both teams included a number of players who've been migrating to our game during the winter, including Luis Avila, Rich Luzardo, Fran and others. Lee brought his son, who I think plays varsity ball at Bayside HS. He certainly looked and played the part. He runs faster than I can drive.

Saturday's game was very well played, with some phemomenal individual fielding efforts including several sliding outfield catches, as well as one, heretofore unseen, flying, horizontal catch by Fran in which he raced from a normal second base position, dove and caught a ball in mid-air that was about to fall just fair along the short right field foul line. A truly phenomenal catch.

In addition to the fielding heroics, there were plenty of hard line drives but I don't recall the specifics.
I believe the final score was 14-7 but you should check with Bruce on that.
I won on Saturday -- Gary Z. won on Sunday 9-7 on a Mark Lederhosen two run homer in the bottom of the 9th. Both games were played at KPP5.

Sunday 3.15.20 Game 12 KPP5 by Bruce

“Beware the Ides of March“
Great Neck Weekend Softballers do not agree.
Twenty ball players including two eminent MDs said today was
a great day to play softball.

Once again, it was a very tightly contested game between his honor the judge, and the Z-men. The Judge’s team was managed by Bobby and the Z-men team was managed by me. It was tied at the end of nine innings but the day was so glorious that we decided to
play two more innings. The final was 9 to 7 in favor of the Z-men.

It was great to see Ziggy on the field again after his recent surgery.
Mark Leder homered over the center fielder‘s head.
Many great plays and many great at bats but mostly a great day in the fresh air.
Please watch Team Cowboy for playing updates.
Please keep watching Luis’ videos

https://youtu.be/nqHU3DxqIz4

RETURNING ON A HIGH-LIGHTS (POST HIATALIGHTS) The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 8/1/20-8/2/20

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Bocation	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team ARR-ANGER-S
13 ABmix	SAT	28	KPP5	Swarming with warmth	The Zee-ity/* VS DougBeer*	4-4	Bruce/ Mike
14	SUN	23	A-wood	Warm with dramatic skies	The Zee-ity * VS The Uniform*	13-10	Bruce/ Mike
		Net Weekend Turnout 51-17=34 (49% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/14 = $1.79	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 69	Consecutive outdoor months played: 109* (New Record)	

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Saturday, Game 13 KPP5 by Mike Spiel

Great Neck Softball is back! It was great to see 28 guys show up on Saturday with masks, for the return of our softball game. I'm glad we can start a new streak. We had a terrific 12 inning game

that ended in a 4-4 tie, Bruce is happy. Great pitching by Gary Z, Steve, Doug and Mark L. Big hitting day by Kono, Kenny, Mike, Juan and Vinny. There were nice web gems by Gary C, with a sliding catch in RF to save a couple of runs. Mike S grabbed a hard liner at SS from John V to end a rally. Doug caught a hard liner on the mound with the bases loaded. But the catch of the day was made by Vinny Batteria in LCF, chasing down a long drive hit by Mark Leder and making the catch over his shoulder. I hope to see more guys out there next weekend. Stay safe!

Best Regards,
Michael Spiel

Sunday, Game 14 Allenwood
FROM THE SIDELINES, BECAUSE I'M TEMPORARILY SIDELINED, I OBSERVED MANY FINE PLAYS AND SMASH HITS. CONSIDERING THE 4.5 MONTH HIATUS, IT WAS MOST IMPRESSIVE. SO IMPRESSIVE IN FACT THAT I CAN'T RECALL ANY OF IT. I TAKE THAT BACK. MARIO HIT A HOME RUN AND DOUG BECK HAD A COUPLE OF BIG HITS.
CHUCK THE FAN, CAME TO WATCH SO ALL IS ONCE MORE RIGHT WITH THE WORLD. HE BROUGHT HIS SECOND SHOULDER REPLACEMENT, TO MATCH UP WITH HIS 2 HIP REPLACEMENTS.

TWO ROOKIES PLAYED AND PAID. PLEASE WELCOME STEVE HERSHON (FOUND US ON THE WEB) AND JAY DIENES(FRIEND OF MARIO).

SINCE WE WERE NOT LEGALLY ALLOWED TO PLAY FROM MID-MARCH UNTIL AUGUST 1, OUR STREAK HAS BEEN LEGALLY REINSTATED. WE HAVE NOW PLAYED IN 109 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS. THERE IS PRECEDENCE FOR THIS. CAL RIPKIN STILL GOT CREDIT FOR HIS CONSECUTIVE GAMES DESPITE THE BASEBALL STRIKE. ANYONE WHO SAYS OTHERWISE, YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO BLANK HIM IN THE BLANK. AND I'M NOT A VIOLENT MAN.

GAR
PLEASE ENJOY THE ATTACHED PHOTOS

ALERT: THERE COULD BE A TEMPORARY FIELD CHANGE ON SATURDAY. PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAILS FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS LATER TODAY

DIS-CONCERTING HIGHLIGHTS The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 8/8/20-8/9/20

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Bocation	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team ARR-ANGER-S
15ABmix	SAT	28	KPP5	Close to being de-mask-ulating	The Zee-ity/ VS Steve Feinstein*	13-7	Bruce/ Mike
16	SUN	24	A-wood	Ditto	His Johner * VS Happy Leder*	12-12	Bruce/ Mike
		Net Weekend Turnout 52-17=35 (49% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/16 = $1.56	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 72	Consecutive outdoor months played: 109* (New Record)	

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THEY STAGED PARADISE AND PUT UP A PARKING LOT ON THE "B" FIELD.

So this is what I put on the great neck Park District's Facebook Page under their notice about last Saturday's Concert which was canceled.

Gary Leventhal They staged paradise and put up a parking lot!!! Pure Instant karma. Imagine putting up a stage in the middle of a softball field to disrupt the game that's been going on amongst Great Neck residents for 30 years. Softball player's lives matter too.
I think the park district staff is fabulous and I'm always complementary, however this time someone made a a poor error in judgment. Boo. Mark it E1, if you're scoring.

The "B" field #3 will not be available for a month. They were supposed to tell me last Friday whether we could play on the middle field # 4. (To call it a field at all is ridiculous). I'm still waiting for an answer. If not, they wanted us to use field 1 on Steamboat, which would be an organizing nightmare. Wire you congressman. I'm sure they could have picked another venue for this. If we had/have our usual 40 guys on a Saturday, we'd be f&4#'ed

Also this could effect our annual Home Run Derby.

Saturday, Game 15AB mix KPP5 by Mike Spiel

Saturday

Lots of runs today as the Feinsteins beat the Z's 13-7. The F's hit from top to bottom, big hitting from John V, Mike, Hugh, Rich, Vinny Bats as well as Dan H, Gary W and newcomer Steve H with his first hit in Great Neck Softball. For the Z's, good hitting day for Driller, Matt Sv, Harlan and newcomer Dan K, who had 3 hits including a bomb to LCF. Blast of the day goes to Dave G, who's shot one hopped the fence in LCF. Great job by Jeff B who caught the whole game and made a nice catch on a foul pop up that Fran would NOT have caught, because he was home instead of at

home! Mark Kono made in impact defensively catching several would be hits in SCF.

Game 16 Allenwood by Mike Spiel

I can't believe it's 2 years since Steve Jurist passed away, (Aug 9, 2018) http://www.gnsoftball.com/forever-in-our-thoughts.html)nbut I'm sure he was smiling at our back and forth game that ended in a 12-12 tie. Big hitting day for Barry who had 6 hits including the hit that tied the game in the top of the 11th with 2 outs! Mike and Kenny had 4 hits each for the Hunts. Mario also hit well. Driller and Matt S, also multiple hits for the Leders. Web gems, Mike Smolens made a nice catch on a line drive, but then was robbed by Mike Spiel in his next at bat on a hard hit one hopper to SS. Driller not only hit well, but made several nice plays at 3B. Bruce made a nice play on a hard hit ball to 1B.

A dozen to a dozen, it dozen get any better.

Brian and Jack both got hurt in the OF, with injuries to their fingers. We hope it's not serious and wish you guys a speedy recovery!

Best Regards,
Michael Speil

Latest injury report

Brian - Finger Dislocation. With stretched ligaments
Jack - Fractured finger tip.
Heal quickly guys

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17ABmix	SAT	27	KPP5	MEH! (MEH-TORALOGICALLY SPEAKING)	The Zee-ity VS DOUGBEE*	12-8	Bruce/ Mike
RAINED OUT	SUN		A-wood	Ditto			
		Net Weekend Turnout 27 (38% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/17 = $1.48	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 72	Consecutive outdoor months played: 109* (New Record)	

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Saturday, Game 17AB PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT.

There were hits and runs and errors.
That you can be sure.
Who got'em, Where'd they go? Don't know.
'Twas only sent the score.

COVIDIOTIC HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 8/22/20-8/23/20

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team ARR-ANGER-S
18A	SAT	14	KPP5	LIKE WHAT A WEDDING MIGHT LACK. (UNGROOMED)	The Zee-ity *VS STEVE F	10-5	Mike Sp
18C	SAT	16	KPP4	GRAZE WORTHY	Happy Leder* vs Daniel K, Bruce, Scott E	11-10	Bruce
19	SUN	24	Allenwood	Like a needle pulling thread, said twice.	ERIC THE U VS DOUGBEE*	4-3 In 12 innings	Mike Sp
		Net Weekend Turnout (54)-14 =40 53% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/19 = $1.32	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 75	Consecutive outdoor months played: 109* (New Record)	

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Saturday GAME15AB, 8/15, KPP5 BY Mike Sp

The Becks topped the Z's 12-8. Big hitting day for Kenny who had a monster HR to RF and 3 hits. Mark L, Dave G and Rich C, also had 3 hits and Seth added a 2 run single to help seal the win. Web gems by Russell, Rich C and Rich L all at 3b and Mike at SS.

LIKE A FRACTURED FAIRY TALE!
RATHER THAN SITTING ON HIS TUFFET, JACK IS BACK ONLY 2 WEEKS AFTER FRACTURING HIS FINGER TIP.
SO HE HAS ONE LESS GOOD TIP FOR YOU.

Saturday GAME18A, 8/22, KPP5 BY Mike Sp

The Z's beat the F's 10-5 in our first Saturday where we had 2 games at once. Two run triples hit by both Jack and Kono were the big hits for the Z's victory. Dave G and Scott each added 3 hits. Despite his limited range at SS, Mike flashed some leather, twice in the hole and once up the middle, which was the first of 2 DP's he turned with Scott. One for each team. Corey made a couple of nice running catches in CF as did Lee. Dave G made a nice scoop at 1b on an errant throw.

Saturday, Game 18C, 8/22, KPP4, By Bruce

The outlook wasn't brilliant for the home team today.
>> The score stood 10 to 6 with 3 outs left to play.
>> Then Leder smashed a triple to the wall
>> With Alan Z's bleeder the 7th run did fall.
>>
>> A straggling few got up to go in deep despair, the rest

>> Clung to the hope which springs eternal in the human breast:
>> They thought if only Driller could get but a whack at that-
>> We'd put even money, now, with Driller at the bat.
>>
>> Juan & Newbie Neil (whose hits with astounded graces)
> when Gordie joined them on all the bases
>> With the winning run approaching the plate
>> masked Driller addressed the ball.
>>
>> Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shinning bright
>> The band is playing somewhere and somewhere hearts are light.
>> And somewhere men are laughing and somewhere children shout:
>> For there is joy in Great Neck as Driller hit it out.
>>
>> With apologies to Ernst Thayer
>>
>> Winning Pitcher: Mark Leder
>> Losing Pitchers: Daniel K, Scott E & Bruce B.
>>
>> Big Hitters Driller, Russ, Leder, Gordon, Scott E. & New Comer Neil.
>>
>> Web Gems: Russ, Seth C & New Comer Neil.

Sunday, Game 19 ALLENWOOD

NARCISISSTIC HIGHLIGHTS

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2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team ARR-ANGER-S
	SAT	RAINED OUT	KPP5				

20A	**SUN**	**18**	**Allen wood MAK ESHI FT**	GRAZE WORTHY ON ILLEGAL GRASS	**Happy Leder* vs Daniel K,**	**8-2**	**BRUCE**
20/B	**SUN**	**17**	**Allen wood**	GLARINGLY BEAUTIFUL	**DOUGBEE vs LUIS***	**19–7**	**MIKE**
		Net Weekend Turnout 35 45% of the Paid membership)		**PPG 25/20 = $1.25**	**2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 78**	**Consecutive outdoor months played: 109* (New Record)**	

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IF YOU WERE A NARCISSIST WATCHING OR PLAYING THE GAME TODAY YOU WOULD HAVE MISSED THE FOLLOWING

SUNDAY GAME ALLENWOOD BY MIKE SP
The Avilas beat the Becks 19-7. Lapses in defense led to the lopsided score. Big hitting today from Barry, Luis, Kenny, Pete and Lee for the Avilas. For the Becks, nice hitting by Ziggy, Dave G and Mario. There were some bombs for extra bases by Mario, Luis, Dave, Pete, Mike and Luis. The Avilas turned 3 dp's and

almost turned 5 in the 9 inning game, The highlight was Mike picking up a heard shot from Dave and turning it with Lee and a nice scoop from Rich at 1b. Nice grab in LF by Kono and Mario made a great play at 3b.

Because you were too busy lashing out at others blaming them for your failures. Saying the most heinous things about your opponents after receiving criticism.

SUNDAY GAME ALLENWOOD MAKESHIFT

IF YOU WERE A NARCISSIST WATCHING OR PLAYING THE GAME TODAY YOU WOULD HAVE MISSED

RUSSELL'S TWO DOUBLE, A TRIPLE AND 4 HIT DAY

BECAUSE YOU WERE TOO BUSY LOOKING AT CELL PHONE CAMERA SELFIE'S

AND YOU WOULD HAVE MISSED DAN K'S 2 RUN IN 10 INNINGS PITCHING PERFORMANCE AND HIS 3 EXTRA BASE HITS, BECAUSE YOU WERE TOO BUSY WORRYING ABOUT HOW YOUR WRINKLES APPEARED TO OTHERS IN THE EXTREMELY HARSH GLARE OF TODAY'S SUN.

AND YOU WOULD HAVE MISSED JOHN VITALE'S MONSTER HOME RUN OVER THE LEFT FIELDER'S HEAD, DOWN THE DEATH KNOLLS OF ALLENWOOD PARK BECAUSE YOU WERE TOO PREOCCUPIED

WITH WATCHING THE NUMBER OF LIKES YOU WERE GETTING FOR YOUR NEWLY POSTED FACEBOOK PROFILE PIC.

AND YOU WOULD HAVE MISSED HARLAN'S FINE PLAY IN THE OUTFIELD BECAUSE YOUR WERE TOO BUSY TELLING OTHER HOW WONDERFUL YOU ARE.

AND YOU WOULD HAVE MISSED DRILLER'S 3 HIT, INCLUDING A DOUBLE, DOUBLE DAY, ABNER BECAUSE YOUR WERE BUSY LOOKING AT YOUR OWN REFLECTION IN A NEARBY PLAYER'S SUNGLASSES

AND YOU WOULD HAVE MISSED THE RETURN OF ELIE COHEN BECAUSE HE SIMPLY WAS NOT YOU.

Softball Riddle of the day:
What position does a narcissistic player always want to play?

Ans. Self-Center Field or Always Right Field

ALERT:
LABOR DAY WEEKEND HAS SWIFTLY CREPT UP ON US. THIS IS OUR BIGGEST SOFTBALL WEEKEND OF THE YEAR.
HERE'S THE SCHEDULE FOR OUR FIRST IRON MAN WEEKEND OF THE YEAR.

DATE	DAY	GAME #	LOCATION	TIME	
9.5.20	SATURDAY	21A AND 21B	KPP4 AND KPP 5 REDBROOK RD	7:45AM	
9.6.20	SUNDAY	22	ALLENWOOD	7:45AM	
9.7.20	MONDAY	SANDIA ANG SINGS THE NATIONAL ANTHEM	KPP3 BY STAGE REDBROOK RD	7:55AM	
9.7.20	MONDAY	23A AND 23B	KPP4 AND KPP5 REDBROOK RD	8 AM	
9.7.20	MONDAY	14TH ANNUAL GREAT NECK WEEKEND SOFTBALL AGE ADJUSTED HOME RUN DERBY	KPP4 REDBROOK RD	10:15AM	

LABOR-IOUS TO PUT TOGETHER HIGHLIGHTS

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2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team ARR-ANGER-S
21A	SAT	18	KPP5	Just great! No need to e-***labor***-ate	The Zee-ity* vs Steve F	10-9	Mike Sp
21B	SAT	20	KPP4	Ditto	Happy Leder* vs Daniel K,	8-2	Bruce

22A	SUN	17	Allen wood	Better than any ***labor***-atory could make.	The Zee-ity vs DougBee*	17–5	Mike Sp
22B	SUN	18	Allen wood Make shift	Ditto	Happy Leder* Vs Dangerous Dan	15-11	Bruce
23	MON	16	KPP5	Like the results of a collaboration between Mother Nature and Claude Monet	Happy Leder Vs Luis Avila*	13-0	Mike Sp
23Grass	MON	18	KPP4	Ditto	Dangerous Dan* Vs The Zee-ity*	7-7	Bruce/ Bobby
		Net Weekend Turnout 36+ 11+ 6 =53 67% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/23 = $1.09	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 79	Consecutive outdoor months played: 109* (New Record)	

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21A SATURDAY GAME 9.5.20. KPP5 By G and Mike Sp

TODAY'S GAME BETTER THAN FINE WINE DINING.

As it was 9 ON 9, WITH THE SCORE TIED 9-9 WITH TWO OUT IN THE 9TH, THE ZEES PULL OUT A COME FROM BEHINDER AFTER BEING DOWN 9-7, GOING INTO THE INNING. IF ONE WERE TO RATE THIS GAME, IT WOULD DEFINITELY HAVE GOTTEN A 9 OUT OF 10.
HERE'S WHY.
GARY CHARNEY CHARRED 3 HITS AND PLAYED A FINE DEFENSIVE RIGHT FIELD DESPITE THE BLINDING SUN.

HUGH HAD A HUGH-GE DAY CRUSHING 5 HITS, INCLUDING A DOUBLE.

KONO MADE AN IMPOSSIBLE, I-KON-OC, SLIDING CATCH IN LF AFTER RUNNING IN FOR A HALF MILE.

VINNY BATTERIA SLUGGED 3 HITS AND DEFINED FINE PLAY WITH HIS D IN CF.

MIKE SP GEMMED AT SS AND CAME UP WITH 3 VERY LONG AND HARD CLUTCH HITS.

GARY Z, NOT ONLY TOILED FOR 9 INNINGS ON THE MOUND TO GET THE COME FROM BEHIND W, BUT HELPED HIS CAUSE, WITH 2 BIG HITS.

MIKE SM CRUSHED A GAPPER FOR BAGS OF THRICE.

JOE P BACK FROM SUNNY FLA. FINE PLAYED A SCORCHED LINE DRIVED ATOM BALL TO 1B PREVENTING CERTAIN IRREPARABLE HARM TO HIS TEAM AT A CRUCIAL TIME.

More from Mike.
Nice comeback by the Z's who scored 3 runs in their last at bat for a walk off 10-9 victory over the Feinsteins. Jack's future son in law Corey, had a big hitting day and made some nice plays at 2b. Rich also had a big hitting day with 4 hits. There were web gems all around by Gary Ch, Barry and Kono in the OF. A nicely turned DP by Mike, Corey and Dave G on the IF. Gary Z had 2 hits on the day.

MANY THANKS TO JEFF B AND DOUG B (NO RELATION) WHO CAUGHT AND UMPIRED THE ENTIRE GAME, NO EASY TASK. THANKS GUYS.

21B SATURDAY GAME 9.5.20. KPP4 by Dan H

On Sep 5, 2020, at 2:21 PM, dan hegarty <danhegarty24@yahoo.com> wrote:

The Bruce led Homies took leads of 1-0 in the first and 7-0 around the fifth. Their attack was paced by Russel, Driller, Joe Sineno, Scottie and Steve who all had multi-hit games.
The Visitors closed it to 7-5 before the Homies added 10 "tack on" runs to seal the win. Key plays included a triple by Bobby W, a web gem by Seth at second, and a sliding catch by Mike K. As usual more happened but I forgot it. Bulletin just in - Steve H had 3 hits. Driller brought Jason who also played well

22 SUNDAY GAME 9.6.20 ALLENWOOD DIRT BY MIKE SP

HOWIE RETURNS FROM HIATUS

The Becks hammered the Z's 17-5. The top 3 guys in the lineup for the Becks, Barry, Ziggy and Mike combined for 14 hits. Howie

returned and he brought his glove. He made several dazzling stops at 3b. Mike robbed Smolens of a hit deep in the hole at SS. Mario continued to hit well with multiple hits for the Z's. Doug B pitched a great game.

22 SUNDAY 9.6.20 GAME ALLENWOOD MAKESHIFT

MAN OH MANFRED MANN, THIS GAME WAS A REAL DO WAH DITTY. YOU'LL NOT SEE NOTHING LIKE THE MIGHTY GORDO AND THE MIGHTY JOE P IN A LONG WHILE. THEY EACH PRODUCE A MIGHTY QUIN-TUPLET OF HITS, SHOWING WHY THEY ARE QUINTESSENTIAL SOFTBALL PLAYERS.

GORDO ALSO COMES UP WITH 2 ALMOST IDENTICAL SHOE STRING CATCHES. (I-CLONE-IC CATCHES?) TOO BAD I COULDN'T CATCH THEM IPHONE-ICALLY.

MANY THANKS TO GARY W, PETE, AND JEFF (WHO CAUGHT AND UMPIRED, NO EASY TASK. THANKS GUYS.

DRILLER HAD HIMSELF QUITE A DAY WITH NOT ONLY 4 HUGE RUN PRODUCING BLASTS BUT A DEFENSIVE GEM FOR THE AGES. WITH THE BASES JUICED, HE FIELDS A GROUNDER, TAGS THE RUNNER OFF 3RD, STEPS ON 3B AND THROWS ACROSS TO 1B FOR A <u>TRIPLE PLAY!</u>

ROB SHOWS SOME ROB-O-POP WITH A LOADED BASES DOUBLE-POP TO DRIVE IN 3.

LEDER CRACKS 2 DOUBLES TO ACCOMPANY HIS FINE 2K PITCHING VICTORY.

PLATA, PELE, JOEL, AND ELIE EACH HAVE A MULTI-HIT GAME.
JOEL ALSO
WALKED TWICE, ONE OF WHICH PRODUCED AN RBBI. (RUN BASE ON BALLED IN) AND HIT AN UNTRIPLE. HIS MONSTEROIDAL HIT WENT ONTO THE OTHER FIELD BUT BECAUSE THE FIELDER WAS INADVERTANTLY BLOCKED FROM GETTING TO THE BALL JOEL WAS GIVEN A DO-OVER.

RUSSELL MUST HAVE TAKEN GUN CONTROL PILLS BEFORE THE GAME BECAUSE HE MADE A PERFECT THROW TO THE PLATE TO GUN DOWN WHAT LOOKED TO BE A SURE RUN.

Game 23 Allenwood Dirt Monday 9.7.20 by Mike Sp

The Avila's blanked the Leders 13-0. Big hitting day for Rich, Juan, Lee and Kenny. But the big hero was Luis. Not only did he pitch a shutout, but he had multiple hits including a HR over the fence. He did not allow a runner to reach 3b! He was backed by stellar defense. Lee made several terrific plays at 2b, including a nice DP with Mike. Bobby played liked Clemente in the OF with several nice grabs.

Game 23 Allenwood Grass Monday 9.7.20 by Dan

BOBBY U AND RICH COY RETURN AFTER LONG LEAVES. IT WAS SO GREAT TO SEE THEM HEALTHY AND BACK IN ACTION!

In a Labor Day classic the visitors and homies batted to a 7-7 tie which ended on a double play turned by the defensive star of the weekend, Driller, with the bases loaded. Bothe Dan K and Gary Z pitched brilliantly and added key hits to help their own causes. Russell and Gordon pulled web gems and Joe Sineno played his usual solid Dimaggio like defense. Pete caught a masterpiece and Jeff sacrificed his body to block some blazing fastballs thrown by Z man,

As usual more happened but that's all I remember.

Errata: In the 2020 Home Run Derby report, 2019 winner Rob Wurtzel beat Mike Spiel, not Joel. Mike has been beaten by both Wurtzels! But tied with Joel one year.

AGAIN THANKS TO ALL THE HOME RUN DERBY VOLUNTEERS WHO STAYED TO FIELD BALLS, PITCH, LINE JUDGE, MEASURE DISTANCES, KEEP SCORE AND LEND SUPPORT. GNSB IS LUCKY TO HAVE YOU. MUCH APPRECIATED.

SEE EVERYONE TOMORROW

BACK TO SKOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team ARR-ANGER-S

24A	SAT	17	KPP 5	Chalky skies	His Johner * vs DOUGBEE*	11-11	Mike Sp
24B	SAT	18	KPP 4	Ditto	The Zee-ity* vs Daniel K,	13-12	Bruce
25	SUN	26	Allenwood	LIKE THE USUAL 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL WEATHER	His Johner * vs Eric the Celebrity	9-4	Bruce Mike Sp
		Net Weekend Turnout (35+ 26)-15 =46 58% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/25 = $1.00	2020 Paid up ($25PP)members to date = 79	Consecutive outdoor months played: 109* (New Record)	

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24A SATURDAY 9.12.20. KPP5 Mike Sp

HERE'S TODAY'S REPORT CARD REPORT CARD

The Hunts and Becks played to an 11-11 tie in a great game that was quite peaceful. Big hitting day from Lee, Juan and Kenny for the Hunts. Kenny blasted a triple over the RF's head. Vinny and Rich also had a bunch of big hits for the Becks. But the two stars on the day were Kono and Mark L, with line drive hits all over the field. Kono also made several nice catches in CF. Mark had an opposite field triple and a clutch two out hit in the 9th to tie the game. Dave G also made some nice grabs out in LF.

24B SATURDAY, 9.12.20. KPP4

AFTER *ROLL CALL* WE HAD 18 PLAYERS ON KPP 4

HUGH RECEIVES AN "*A*" ON TODAY'S GAME BY GETTING *5 OUT OF 6 PITCHES CORRECT*, INCLUDING A DOUBLE. HE WAS REALLY *HONOR ROLL* TODAY

JOHNNY V BECAME *A GRADUATE OF THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS,* HITTING THE BALL HARD 3 TIMES FOR BASE HITS, AND KNOCKING IN 4 RUNS.

GARY W GOES TO THE *HEAD OF THE CLASS* WITH HIS 4 HITS.

JOE SINENO *SCHOOLS EVERYONE IN THE* ART OF SLIDING AS CRASHES 4 HITS, 3 OF WHICH HE SLIDES INTO DOUBLES.

RU-SS-ELL WHO SPEAKS HEBREW LIKE A RABBI, *TEACHES PATIENCE BY EXAMPLE,* AS HE WALKS TWICE, ONE OF WHICH BECOMES AN RBBI (RUN BASE ON BALLED IN).

JOE G FOLLOWS HIS EXAMPLE AND ALSO GETS AN RBBI. HE ALSO DISPLAYED A *SCHOOLBOY CRUSH ON* THE HOME TEAM WITH HIS HITTING OF A LITTLE LEAGUE 60 FT. HOMER

BRUCE SHOULD PROBABLY S*ERVE DETENTION* FOR STEALING A HIT AWAY FROM THE COMMISSIONER IN RF ON A SINKING LINER.

***FRESHMAN* PLAYER MIKE K RAISES HIS HAND UP AND OUT TO *ERASE* A POTENTIAL EXTRA BASER FROM THE *CHALKBOARD*. HE ALSO *RECEIVES HIGH MARKS* FOR A SINGLE AND DOUBLE AT THE PLATE.**

GARY Z USUALLY KNOWN FOR HIS PITCHING, SHOWS HE'S ALSO *BATCADEMICALLY* ORIENTED BY SLUGGING 3 HITS.

***FRESHMAN* STEVE H, DESPITE *PEER PRESSURE,* REFUSES TO PLAY *HOOKEY* FROM HITTING AND GETS A KEY BASE HIT.**

***FRESHMAN AND ALMOST SENIOR,* DAN K SHOWS PUT ON HIS *BATTING CAP,* ONCE AGAIN, AND COMES UP WITH 3 HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE.**

25 SUNDAY 9.12.20. ALLENWOOD

***AFTER THE ATTENDANCE WAS TAKEN* 26 STUDENTS OF THE GAME WERE AT THE FIELD**

DRILLER DECIDED TO *MAJOR IN HIT-ERATURE* AS HE SLAMS 3 HITS IN 4 ABS, INCLUDING A DOUBLE AND A *MULTIPLICATION TABLE* OF RBI.

JOE SINENO CONTINUED *TO SCHOOL HIS TEAMMATES IN* HITTING AS HE HAS A 3 HIT GAME INCLUDING 2 DOUBLES.

DOUG BBBECK GOES *BACK TO BASICS AND PLAYS OLD SCHOOL BALL* WITH 3 BASE ON BALLS.

SETH K RETURNS FROM *PLAYING HOOKEY* ALL SEASON AND MAKES AN UNCREDILIEVABLE SLIDING CATCH IN CF. *HIS SLIDE RULE MEASURED* IT AT 12 FEET AND YOU KNOW THAT I DON'T *TELL TALES OUT OF SCHOOL.*

BARRY ALSO *HANDS IN* A SLIDING CATCH IN CF, MAKING IT LOOK AS *EASY AS A,B,C.* HE ALSO SHOWS THAT *HE PLAYS WELL WITH OTHERS* ON HIS TEAM, AS HE DRIVES THEM HOME ON A BIG BASE HIT.

GIVE SCOOTER AN "*A" FOR EFFORT* AND PERFORMANCE FOR BANGING OUT A COUPLE OF BIG HITS.

GARY W WAS A T*EXTBOOK* CASE OF CLUTCHERY FOLLOWING THE *EXAMPLES OF TEACHERS HITTING HIM. WITH A RULER* ON THE BALL WITH HIS BAT FOR 2 HITS WHILE DRIVING HOME HIS PEERS.

MIKE SPIEL TOOK SEVERAL FINE *CUTS OF CLASS* RESULTING IN A MULTI-HIT DAY INCLUDING A DOUBLE.

ERIC, ROB, PLATA, AND KONO ALL HAD BIG HITS. FOR THIS THEY EACH RECEIVED A *COMMENDATION*. ROB'S DROVE HOME 2 BECAUSE THE S*CHOOL BUSES WEREN'T RUNNING .*

ERIC, KONO, AND BOBBY ALL RECEIVED *EXCELLENTS* IN FIELDING ON THEIR *REPORT CARDS* FOR MAKING WEB GEMS AT THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS AND EACH GOT *A GOLD STAR.*

BY A SHOW OF HANDS MARIO WAS THE DEFENSIVE STAR MAKING A WEB GEM ON A LASER BEAM TO 3B AND THEN STARTING A 3RD TO 1ST DP. GIVE HIM *2 GOLD STARS.*

SORRY IF THESE HIGHLIGHTS DIDN'T MAKE THE GRADE. I DON'T HAVE THE FACULTIES TO DO ANY BETTER. I HAD TO PRACTICE MANY OF THEM BY "*WROTE*."

HAVE A GOOD WEEK ALL.

ROSH HASHANAH נקודות שיא (HIGHLIGHTS)

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GAME	DAY	TURNOUTS	LOCATION	CONDITIONS	PITCHERS	SCORES	TEAM MEMBERS
26A-B Blend	SAT	22	KPP5	NON-SWEAT SWEATER WEATHER	Dan K* vs The Zee-ity	6-3	Mike Sp/Bruce

27	SUN	23	Allenwood	WEATHER FOR SWEATERS WITHOUT THE SWEAT	His Johner* vs Eric / MARK L	9-8	Bruce Mike Sp
		Net Weekend Turnout (35+ 26)-15 =46 58% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/27 = $0.93 7 cents below no complaints line	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 79	Consecutive outdoor months played: 109 * (New Record)	

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Game **26 AB Blend SATURDAY 9.19.20. KPP5**
Pending

✡✡✡✡✡ HAPPY NEW YEAR. ✡✡✡✡✡

Game 27 Allenwood Sunday 9.20.20 by Dan H

The Mikes vs the Bruces went 4 and one half scoreless innings before the Mikes blasted the new ball in the bottom of the fifth for five runs and added one more in sixth to take a 6-0 lead. Key hits were provided by Pete (5 for 5) both Mikes

and Superior Mario (a homer).

The Bruces rallied for 4 in the top of the seventh. They were paced by Scooter and Howie with 3 hits. Scooter and

Gordon starred on defense with Gordon making the play of the day by throwing the tying run out at the plate to end the

game. The Bruces had finally taken the lead 9-8 in the top of the 10th.

A great game on a great day with more highlights than I can remember.

See you next week.

Dan

Please take note of the Oct 12 Columbus Day Game at Allenwood Park. It was just put on the TC schedule.

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	PESTI-SIDE MAKERS
28A	SAT	14	KPP5	Ecologically friendly weather	The DougBee* vs LeeTee	10-6	Mike Sp
28B	SAT	15	KPP3	Ditto	GaryZee* vs Daniel K,	14-11	Bruce
29	SUN	17	Allen wood	A nice environment	His Johner* vs The Leder of the wack.	A true working man's score. 9–5	Bruce/ Mike Sp
		Net Weekend Turnout 29+ 14 =43 54% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/29 = $0.86 This is $0.14 below the complaint line	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 80	Consecutive outdoor months played: 109* (New Record)	

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28A SATURDAY GAME 9.26.20. KPP5 Mike Sp

The Becks beat the Tannenbaums 10-5 in a fun 14 player game. It was the Gary and Gary show. Gary Charney had 3 hits including a triple to LCF and a spectacular catch in RF. Gary L, the commish, showed us that age is a state of mind. He blasted a triple and had multiple hits on the day. His defense was truly the stuff of legend, with several running grabs in LF and an awesome diving catch. Big hitting day for Mike Smolens who had 4 hits and turned a nice DP with Mike. Kono and Lee also banged out multiple hits on the day.

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28B SATURDAY GAME 9.26.20. KPP3 By Bruce

Saturday 9/26 saw the Great Neck Park Department's return of our beloved KPP3,
also known as the "B" field.
It was just in time for the game of the ages (or aged).
15 players whose total ages equals 853 were divided into Team Dan (not to be confused with Captain Dan) which had 8 players (440 years, average age 55) and,
Team Bruce with 7 players (413 years, average age 59).
Team Dan took a commanding lead with 4 runs in the first, 3 runs in the fourth and a final 3 runs in the seventh.
Team Bruce could not get the timely hits and so it was 10 to 3 going into
the ninth and final inning. It was then that the Brucies mounted an attack for the ages.
Scoring 11 unanswered runs and winning the game 14 to 10.
Winning pitcher: Gary Z (73)
Losing pitchers: Dan K (59), Dan H (72) and Mark L (55)
Web gems: Bruce (72), Jason (23), Barry (69) and many more that I do not remember.
Hitting stars: everyone.

29 SUNDAY GAME 9.27.20. ALLENWOOD

HIS JOHNER ALLOWS ZERO RUNS EMISSIONS IN 7 OF 11 INNINGS TO GET THE VICTORY AS HIS PITCHING IS BLAMED FOR A HITTING DROUGHT.

MARIO'S 2 CONSECUTIVE WEB GEMS AT 3B ON TOXIC LINE DRIVE SMASHES, SAVES WASTED POTENTIAL ENERGY, BY BY PREVENTING EXCESSIVE RUNNING OF THE BASES. RIGHT AFTERWARDS IN KEEPING WITH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL KARMA, HE LEADS OFF THE INNING AT THE PLATE. HE THEN VIOLATES EPA CLEAN AIR STANDARDS BY POLLUTING THE ATMOSPHERE WITH 2 BIG DIRTY HITS, ONE OF WHICH IS AN RBI TRIPLE. HE ALSO MAKES SEVERAL OTHER FINE PLAYS AT 3B AFTERWARDS. PLEASE MARK HIM DOWN ON BIODEGRADABLE PAPER, AS TODAY'S MVP.

MIKE SPIEL KNOCKS A HOLE FAR INTO IN THE OZONE (OUTFIELD ZONE) LAYER WITH HIS MONSTER 2 RUN HOMER BLAST TO CF, WITHOUT THE AID OF ANY WIND ENERGY AT ALL.

PLATA THOUGH USING A REUSABLE BAT, LITTERS THE FIELD WITH 3 HITS AND INCREASES HIS CARBON FOOTPRINTS AROUND THE BASES.

KENNY'S SLIDING CATCH OF A LINE DRIVE IN CF DISTURBS THE ECO SYSTEM BY KILLING HUNDREDS OF BLADES OF GRASS.

JOHNNY V POLLUTES THE SCOREBOARD WITH RUNS RESULTING FROM A NON EXTINCT MAMMOTH DOUBLE.

ZIGGY, SETH K, AND MARK LEDER REMOVE THE GREAT NECK BALL CATCHERS OFF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES

LIST, AS EACH COMES UP WITH A WEB GEM, THAT PREVENTS FLOOD OF RUNS.
SETH SHOWS CONCERN FOR THE RUN CONSERVATION MOVEMENT, AS HE SNAGS A SCORCHED EARTH GROUND BALL BETWEEN 1ST AND 2ND.
MARK SNATCHES A FOSSIL FUELED BULLET TO THE MOUND.

ZIGGY CAUSES PLAYERS TO GO GREEN, WITH ENVY AS HE OUTRUNS A FOUL POP DOWN THE 1B LINE.

JOE SINENO VIOLATES EPA CLEAN AIR STANDARDS, LAUNCHING LIFE THREATENING EXTRA BASE HITS INTO THE ATMOSPHERE, AS HE POLLUTES THE SCOREBOARD WITH 3 RBI ON A DOUBLE AND A SINGLE. THEN HE RECYCLES THE BASES WITH ANOTHER DOUBLE. ONE MIGHT SAY HE HAD A DOUBLE, DOUBLE DAY, ABNER.

ARGUMENTS OVER WHETHER AN OUTFIELDER MADE A CLEAN CATCH OF THE BALL CAUSES EXCESSIVE NOISE POLLUTION WITH NOXIOUS GASES.

YOUR FAVORITE ENVIRONMENTAL CASE. I APOLOGIZE IF YOU THINK MY HIGHLIGHT EMISSIONS STANDARDS ARE BELOW WHAT THEY SHOULD BE.
GAR
REMINDERS:
1. COLUMBUS DAY GAME AT ALLENWOOD 10.12.20
2. SUNDAY GAMES ARE LIMTED TO THE FIRST 26 SIGNUPS BUT THERE IS NO LIMIT ON SATURDAYS AND WE EXPECT TO BE USING BOTH DIAMONDS AT KPP FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS AT LEAST.

DEBATABLE HIGHLIGHTS

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2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	PESTI-SIDE MAKERS
30A	SAT	14	KPP5	Clearly Octob-urrrr-y. A VERY PRO-PITIOUS DAY WITHOUT CON-DENSATION	His Johner * vs the Zee-ity	7-6	Mike Sp
30B	SAT	16	KPP3	Ditto	GaryZee* vs Dan	14-11	Bruce
31	SUN	21	Allen wood	Con-ditions worthy of confetti	His Johner* vs The Leder* / The Uniform*	12-12 in 10. It dozen get any better.	Bruce/
		Net Weekend Turnout 51- 13 =38 48% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/31 = $0.81 This is $0.19 below the complaint line	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 80	Consecutive outdoor months played: 110* (New Record)	

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OUR ASTERISKED STREAK REACHES 110 CON-SECUTIVE OUTDOOR MONTHS!!!

30A SATURDAY GAME 10.3.20.

DEBATABLE HIGHLIGHTS.
PROS AND CONS OF TODAY'S GAME, OF WHICH, THERE WERE MANY.

HIS JOHNER BECOMES THE UNDEBATABLY, CON-FIRMED WINNER ON THE PITCHING PODIUM, AS HE DEBATS DE BATS OF HIS RIVALS AND HOLDS THEM TO JUST A SEXTET IN 10 INNINGS. AS HE RETIRES THE 1ST CON-SECUTIVE SEVEN BATTERS, IT WAS IF HE PUT PRO-PHYLACTICS AND CON-DOMS ON THEIR BATS TO PRO-HIBIT THEM FROM PRO-DUCING HITS.

LEETEE WINS THE GAME BY CON-NECTING WITH A WALK-OFF PRO-JECTILE, OVER THE HEAD OF THE CENTERFIELDER, IN BOT 10, WITH THE GAME TIED AT 6

SETH K SHOWS THAT HE'S BOTH A PRO AND A CON. HE LOOKS PROFESSIONAL ON SEVERAL FIELDING PLAYS AT 3B, STEALING 2 HITS, ONE A SCREECHING LINER DOWN 3RD, THE OTHER A SPECTACULAR 1ST TO 3RD DOUBLE PLAY IN A CLUTCH SITUATION, HENCE THE CON. HIS CON-FABULOUS FIELDING PAIRS WITH A MULTI HIT DAY.

SPEAKING OF PROS AND CONS, RICH CON-NORS DISPLAYS TREMENDOUS PLATE PRO-FFICIENCY WITH A 4 HIT GAME, INCLUDING CON-NECTING WITH A CON-TEST

TYING, MONSTER TRIPLE IN THE TOP OF THE TENTH, MAKING HIM ANOTHER MVP CANDIDATE FROM MY PRO-SPECTIVE.

SPEAKING OF MVP CANDIDATES, WHAT ABOUT BRIAN S, THE PRO-LIFIC HIT MAKER, WHO CON-TRIBUTED BIG TIME WITH 4 JET PRO-PELLED HITS, INCLUDING A GAME TYING 2 RUN TRIPLE IN TOP 8?

THE ZEE-ITY PITCHES VERY WELL, BOTH INTENTIONALLY AND UNINTENTIONALLY. HE ALSO SNAGS AN INDISPUTABLY LIFE THREATENING PRO-JECTILE LAUNCHED AT THE MOUND.

MIKE SMOLENS PRO-VIDED LOTS OF THRILLS. HE PRO-DUCED 4 CON-FIRMED LASER LIKE HITS, ONE OF WHICH IS A TRIPLE IN THE LAST INNING, WHICH BECAME THE WINNING RUN IN BOT 10. IN CON-JUNCTION WITH THIS, HE MAKES A WEB GEM ON A PLAY BY 2B TO PRO-TECT HIS TEAM'S LEAD. MAKING HIM ANOTHER MVP CON-TENDER.

THERE WAS CON-TROVERSY AND PRO-TESTS OVER THE PRO-HIBITION OF INTENTIONAL WALKS BUT THE RULE WAS CON-FIRMED AND CON-SERVED WITHOUT CON-CILLIATION.

CON-GRATULATIONS TO MIKE SPIEL WHO MADE VERY CON-GRUENT SIDES, WITHOUT CON-SULTATION.

30B SATURDAY GAME 10.3.20. BY DAN

The second consecutive game on the B game pitted the Dan Hs against the Bruces. The managers were also the starting pitchers. The Bruces jumped to a 5-0 lead behind key hits by Neil,

Juan. and Hugh. Bruce turned a base hit into an out by grabbing a screaming liner up the middle. Gary W made a great running catch on a tweener narrowly avoiding a crash into Hugh.

Dan's Homies bounced back with 5 runs in the bottom of the fourth. Key hits were produced by Neil, Gordon, Alan, and Mike L. Scottie had 2 extra base hits to go with some nice plays at short, The Homies added 6 in the bottom of the fifth as they spanked the new ball around park then added another 5 in the sixth. Nice plays were made by Seth, Neil and a host of others.

Plata and Mike L came in to pitch the eighth, ninth and tenth. Joe, Alan and Bruce combined on a rare 5-3-2 double play to squelch a eighth inning rally. Final score 19-9.

As usual more happened but I forgot what it was. Tune in tomorrow for more fun at Allenwood.

Dan

Game 31 Sunday, Oct 4,2020 Allenwood Park. Pro-se by Dan

On one of the top 3 weather days of the year 21 Great Neck stars played outstanding ball that resulted in a 12-12 10 inning tie between the Bobbies and the Brucies. The Judge faced Mark L and Eric in a game that featured mega hitting. Gary W went 6 for 6 with 2 doubles to pace the Brucies. There were 2 Brians who were both stars in hitting and fielding. One of the more amazing plays for the Brucies was a grounder that was headed up the middle deflected off a glove only to bounce off second base right to Bryan B, the second baseman. Rich Connors ran down a drive by the Judge to turn a hit into an out. Howie had his usual number of walks and added a triple and defensive gems to his achievements.

**The game started out with the visiting Brucies taking a 3-0 lead in the top of the first. The Homies chipped away, took the lead, were caught by the Brucies, took the lead again. They were tied in the top of the 10th.
in the bottom of the tenth the game ended with the winning run on third.**

**Counted in the multi hit parade were Bobby, Mike S, Rich C, Gary Ch., Gordon, Joe S. Mario and Mark L, (one of which was a triple) and many others. For the defense Bruce made some key grabs and scoops at first. Mario made a gold glover on a liner to third.
As usual the old man did not see it all but there is always next week.**

Kudos to Bruce who produced a 12-12 tie. As I've written for probably the 12th time, "It dozen get any better." BTW 12 is my address, my Admiral number, my Anniversary, and my age mentally.

Dan

DON'T FORGET: NEXT WEEKEND IS A 3 DAY IRON MAN COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY WILL BE AT THE USUAL FIELDS. MONDAY'S GAME, WILL BE AT ALLENWOOD.

PRE-COLUMBIAN. JUST DISCOVERED HIGHLIGHTS

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32A	SAT	18	KPP5	Bellisimo	His Johner * vs Dan K	15-12	Mike Sp
32B	SAT	19	KPP3	Ditto	GaryZee* vs Bruce/Mike Levine*	16-16	Bruce

33	SUN	21	Allen wood	Nuvoloso	His Johner* vs Happy Leder	10-9 in 11.	Bruce
	Mon	Rained out					
		Net Weekend Turnout 37+21- 15 =43 55% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/33 = $0.76 This is $0.24 below the complaint line	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 80	Consecutive outdoor months played: 110* (New Record)	

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32A SATURDAY GAME 10.10.20. KPP5

ON A PRE-COLUMBUS-IAN DAY, WITH HIS JOHNER AT THE HELM, HIS CREW GETS THE MAJORITY OF THE RUNS AND DISCOVERS HOW TO ACHIEVE THE POPULAR VICTORY

DAN K INVENTS THE NEW POSITION OF HITCHER. HE NOT ONLY PITCHES WELL HITS AS WELL.

HE CLUBS A PRE-COLUMBIAN MAMMOTH BLAST OVER THE SHRUNKEN HEADS OF THE OPPOSING OUTFIELDERS.

MIKE SMOLENS VOYAGES TO 1B, AND 2B, AND 3B FOR THE TRICYCLE THEN DECIDES TO WALK.

MARC KONO MAKES 4 SAFE JOURNEYS TO THE BASES AS HIS BATTED BALLS SAILED BY THE OUTFIELD STARS TO FIND DRY LAND. HE ALSO SACRIFICED A FLY FOR THE GOOD OF HIS MEN.

SEVERAL OF THE C'S WERE ANGRY TODAY MY FRIENDS LIKE RICH C, WHO EXCHANGED HIS WOODEN BOAT FOR AN ALUMINUM BAT AND BANGED OUT 4 HITS, INCLUDING A DOUBLE WHICH ALLOWED 3 RUNNERS TO SET FOOT ON THE BASE PATH HOME.

THE 2ND C'D, C-OREY, MADE A FINE RUNNING CATCH IN JUST PASSED THE 43RD MERIDIAN AND LATER THREW OUT A RUNNER AT THE PLATE.

DOUGBEE, MAST-ERLY SENT OUT BALLS 3 TIMES ON SAFE SAILING MISSIONS AND THEN DROVE 3 CREW MATES HOME.

VINNY B PROVES THAT CLINCHERS ARE FLAT, NOT ROUND AFTER HE CRUSHES 4 OF THEM FOR BASE HITS RESULTING IN SEVERAL SHIPMATES MAKING THEIR HOME IN THE NEW WORLD

SETH MAKES AN AMAZING 3RD TO HOME DP SAVING HIS VESSAL FROM CAPSIZING INTO THE SEA OF DEFEAT WITH 9 CREW MEMBERS ABOARD.

SCOTT D GIVES 2 STOWAWAYS A RIDE HOME ON HIS 2 RUN BASE HIT.

DAVE G'S DOUBLE EXPLORES THE UNKNOWNS OF THE OUTFIELD WHILE 2 CREW-MATES SAIL HOME.

QUEENS ISABELLA SAYS, "WHAT A GOOD FELLA!" AND NODS HER APPROVAL AS JACK DOUBLES.

KING FERDINAND SAYS YOUNG MIKE K IS GRAND, UPON SEEING HIS SINGLE, WHICH BRINGS ONE OF HIS CITIZENS BACK HOME.

32B SATURDAY GAME 10.10.20. KPP3 by Dan H

On a crisp sunny October day 19 Great Neck greats faced off for a Fall Classic. The Visitors began the scoring when Jolting Joe Sineno homered on the first pitch of the game from Mike Levine. The lead lasted until the bottom of the 10th when the Homies scored their 16th run. The Visitors ace Gary Z retired the last hitter on grounder and the game ended in a sweet 16-16 tie.

The Visitors were fueled by a three run over the fence blast by the Driller, four hits by Scooter, and at least 2 each by Jeff and Barry D.

The Homies had contributions at the plate from Steve H, Gary W, Bruce, Juan and Hugh. Seth put on a show with 3 hits, and a double in addition to a few nice defensive plays.

Golden glove defense was provided by Mark L with an over the shoulder grab. Mike L turned 2 back to the pitcher liners into outs. Scotty and Driller made some nice scoops.

Give Bruce his due for organizing a side makers dream, a time game after which everyone got a trophy and kissed his sister.

Game 33 Sunday 10.11.20 Allenwood by Mike Spiel

The Hunts beat the Leders in an exciting 10-9 11 inning game. There was a ton of hitting going on, led by Mike Sp"s 2 triples and 5 rbi's, which was matched by Luis who also had multiple hits and a bomb of a triple and 5 rbi's. Three hit games by Kenny, Rich "the hit man" Connors for the Hunts, Brian and Super Joe for the Leders. Web gems by Mark L on the mound, saving his life on a liner back at him. Kono made several nice catches in LCF and a great throw to Rich Connors back on a relay, LOL. Mike Spiel turned a nice 6-6-3 dp and Eric made a bunch of plays at 3b. The Judge not only was the winning pitcher, but contributed 2 hits to start run scoring rallies

HAVE A GOOD SAFE WEEK ALL. SOME RANDOM PHOTO OF THIS WEEKEND ARE ATTACHED.
GAR
516 996 2641

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	SIDE MAKERS
	SAT	**Slip, slidingly, sloppied out**		Would've been like being stuck. in a soupy sea without any sails			
34	**SUN**	**22**	**Ye Olde School yard**	Cracky, hard and joint jarring for some, WITH THE GREATEST WEATHER SINCE MAN DREW HIS FIRST BREATH	**His Johner vs Luis***	**11most to 5-est In 11 innings**	**Mike Sp / Bruce**
		Net Weekend Turnout 22 28% of the Paid membership)		**PPG 25/34 = $0.74 This is $0.26 below the complain t line**	**2020 Paid up ($25PP) member s to date = 80**	**Consecutiv e outdoor months played: 110* (New Record)**	

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34 SUNDAY GAME 10.18.20. AT THE BEST SCHOOL YARD ANYBODY HAS EVER SEEN, I CAN TELL YOU THAT.

LUIS TURNS IN THE MOST IMPRESSIVE PITCHING PERFORMANCE SINCE MOTHER EARTH WAS CREATED AND HE CRACKS A CENTERFIELD HOME RUN THAT WAS THE LONGEST BALL HIT SINCE THE ASHALT UNIVERSE WAS INVENTED. ADDITIONALLY HE DRIVES IN MORE RUNS THAN THERE ARE STARS IN THE SKY.

KONOS 4 HITS ARE THE MOST THAT ANY PLAYER WITH 4 HITS HAS EVER HAD. ONE WAS HIT SO HIGH OFF THE CF FENCE THAT IT DEVELOPED ALTITUDE SICKNESS. MARK ALSO DROVE IN MORE RUNS THAN THERE ARE GRAINS OF SAND ON ALL THE BEACHES ON EARTH.

RICH CONNORS HAS THE BEST DAY AT THE PLATE SINCE PREHISTORIC TIMES, AS HE BANGS OUT 3 BIG HITS. HE ALSO MADE THE MOST BRILLIANT GRAB OF A BALL IN LEFT FIELD SINCE THE WORLD WAS BORN.

BRYAN B PLAYS A BETTER INFIELD THAN ANYBODY HAS SEEN IN TEN MILLION YEARS, WITH SEVERAL SOLID PLAYS INCLUDING A RUNNING, OVER THE HEAD REACHING, PAST 1B CATCH THAT WAS THE MOST REMARKABLY TREMENDOUS PLAY IN HISTORY.

JACK HAS THE MOST FOUR-BULOUS HITTING DAY OF ALL TIME AS ALL 4 OF HIS HITS TURN OUT TO BE HITS.

JOHN VITALE HITS THE BALL HARDER THAN ANY HUMAN COULD EVER EVEN DREAM OF FOR A DOUBLE TO LEFT

BOBBY W HAS A COUPLE OF HITS, INCLUDING A TRIPLE TO CF, WHICH WAS THE TRIPLEST BALL EVER HIT. HE ALSO MADE THE GREATEST CATCH IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND IN RF.

SETH TRIPLES THEN SCORES SIMPLY BY OUTRUNNING A BALL THROWN HOME. HE IS A FASTER MAN THAN ANY MAN WHO HATH RAN THIS EARTH. LATER HE THEN TRACKED DOWN A BALL HIT TO THE DEEPEST DEPTHS OF OUTER FIELD FOR THE MOST DAZZLING AND STELLAR PLAY

THAT ANYONE HAS SEEN SINCE ANTIQUITY.

COREY HAS THE MOST SUPREME GAME SINCE THE UNIVERSE WAS CREATED WITH HIS PAIR-ADE OF HITS

MIKE SPIEL HAD A BETTER GAME THAN ANY HUMAN THAT HAS COME BEFORE, WITH 3 HITS AND A SAC FLY, IN ADDITION TO FIELDING THAT WAS MORE SOLID THEN TEN BILLION GRANITE MOUNTAINS.

SCOOTER E HAD 2 HITS INCLUDING ONE THAT HIT THE 3RD FENCE BAR UP, MAKING IT THE FURTHEST AND

HIGHEST BALL EVER TO HIT OFF THE RCF FENCE, SINCE TIME BEGAN

GARY CHARNEY TURNS IN A DEFENSIVE GEM IN RCF, MORE LUMINOUS THAN THE SHINIEST JEWEL ON THE PLANET. HE MADE A RUNNING GRAB AND THEN THREW THE MOST PERFECT STRIKE TO HOME PLATE, SINCE DINOSAURS ROAMED THE EARTH.

YOUR MOST AMAZING, SPECTACULAR, HANDSOME, AND WONDERFULLEST COMMISSIONER OF ALL TIME(AND YOU KNOW ME I DON'T LIKE TO BRAG, IN FACT I'M THE HUMBLEST PERSON EVER)
GAR

FREE-HIGHLIGHTS BECAUSE THEY MAKE NO SENSE (NO CENTS)

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2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	SIDE MAKERS
35A	SAT	18	KPP5	LIKE WHAT A SEAMSTRESS DOES. REPEATED	HIS JOHNER* VS THE ZEE-ITY	12-8	MIKE SP
35B	SAT	21	KPP3	DITTO	DAN H/ MIKE L* / JUAN VS DAN K	11-7	BRUCE

36	SUN	22	A-WOOD	GT 45 GE 55 SO LIKE TSAR BORIS'S LAST NAME	His Johner vs Happy Leder*	15-4	Mike Sp / Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 39+22-15=46 58% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/36 = $0.69 This is $0.31 below the complaint line	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 80	Consecutive outdoor months played: 110* (New Record)	

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35A SATURDAY GAME 10.24.20. KPP5

THE LETTERS (OR PHONETICAL HOMONYMS) "SENS" HAVE BEEN OMITTED PURPOSELY, TO PREVENT SENS-ORY OVERLOAD.

FILL THEM IN THE BLANKS YOURSELVES

MY REMINIS_ _ _ _ OF TODAY'S EVENTS.

SCORE: TWELVE APOSTLES ATE AT THE LAST SUPPER (12-8).

BRIAN S. MAKE A _ _ _ _ ATIONAL RUNNING CATCH OF A MIGHTY KONO-CK OVER HIS HEAD, ALMOST TO THE CF FENCE, WITH FULL EXTENSION.

DESPITE A CON _ _ _ UAL AGREEMENT BY THE OPPOSING OUTFIELD TO PLAY PELE IN, JEFF BASKIN HAS A BLAST, BY CRACKING ONE OVER THEIR HEADS FOR A BIG DOUBLE WITH THE BASES JUICED.

LEE TEE - BOMB CORRECTLY _ _ _ _ ING THE TYPE OF PITCHES THAT WOULD BE BE THROWN TO HIM, HAS A HUGE 5 HIT DAY.

BRYAN BLACK OBTAINED A LIC _ _ _ _E TO DRIVE 4 HITS 2 LEFT FIELD.

DAVE GERBER, DESPITE A NONCON_ _ _ _UAL AGREEMENT FROM THE PITCHER, TURNS ON HIS CENTEFIELD _ _ _ _ORS AND SMACKS 4 HITS UP THE MIDDLE.

DOUGBEE CRUSHES TWO 2B'S. THE 2ND ONE CAUSES SLIGHT DIS-_ _ _ _ION AND IS CALMLY _ _ _ _ORED DUE TO QUESTIONS OVER THE PINCH RUNNER'S EXTRA EFFORT. BUT THE OFFICIAL SCORER CREDITS HIM WITH THE DOUBLE.

SIDE MAKING _ _ _ _EI, CAPTAIN AND NEW BOARD MEMBER, WHO CAN NOW CONTRIBUTE HIS 2 _ _ _ _, MIKE SPIEL, USED HIS EXTRA _ _ _ _ORY

PERCEPTION TO FIGURE OUT WHERE FIELDERS WOULD POSITION THEMSELVES SO HE CAN FIND HOLES FOR 4 HITS. HE ALSO HAD A WALK.

THE ALWAYS _ _ _ _IBLE, JACK HAS A MULTI-HIT GAME INCLUDING A BASES LOADED, 2 RBI, DOUBLE.

RICH AND COREY ALSO HAVE MULTIS. IN ES_ _ _ _E THEY ARE TWO FINE SOFTBALLERS.

GARY CHARNEY SHOWED COMMON _ _ _ _ _BY RUNNING AND NOT SKIPPING, AFTER FLY BALLS AND MADE 2 FINE PLAYS IN RF.

VINNY B SHOWED A GOOD DEAL OF LUMINE_ _ _ _ WITH HIS SINGLE AND DOUBLE.

THE ZEE-ITY IN_ _ _ _ED HIS OPPONENTS BY BANGING OUT 3 HITS.

HIS JOHNER SHOWED PITCHING MAGNIFE_ _ _ _ BY ALLOWING ONLY 2 RUNS IN THE 1ST 8 INNINGS, INCLUDING A STREAK OF 7 SHUTOUT INNINGS IN A ROW.

THIS EMAIL HAS NOT BEEN _ _ _ _ORED IN ANY WAY.

35B SATURDAY GAME 10.24.20. KPP3 BY DANGEROUS DAN
What do you get when you have three Levines on the same team - an 11-7 win with key contributions by Mike, Ira and Andrew. The Levine clan had about 6 hits and some clever base running by Ira. The Homies took a 2-0 lead in the first on an over the fence dinger by

Danny K who showed that he is more than a song and dance man. The Visitors bounced back and took the lead for good with a 6 run fourth. The Tampa Bay like Visitors pitching staff featured an opener (Dan H), middle reliever (Mike L) and closer (Juan Plata). Hugh and Joe G flashed some leather to keep the Homies threat alive. Scooter had a three hit day. Gary W made two key tags at the plate to end rallies.

Another good job by Bruce that created a tight game. As usual a lot happened that I forgot.

36 SUNDAY GAME 10.25.20. ALLENWOOD

BIRTHDAY BAD BOY BRUCE BLATTBERG, BOTH BATS IN THE BATTER'S BOX AND BRINGS BIRTHDAY BISCUITS TO BALL FIELD. (THAT'S A SOFTBALLITERATION) THANKS BRUCE AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY

KONO MAKES A PRICELESS SLIDING CATCH IN CF RIGHT AT THE START OF

THE GAME. HE LATER CASHED IN ON 4 HITS.

ZIGGY BUSTED A HOME RUN. IT WAS A FARTHING, PLUS HE BROKE OUT OF THE BOX SO QUICKLY, THAT HE EASILY CIRCLED THE BASES BEFORE THE THROW HOME.

BRYAN B, ON A SMASH AT 2B DOES COME UP EMPTY HANDED, AS HE PULLS OUT A GEM

LUIS MAKES TWO WEB GEMS IN CF IN ONE INNING, ONE A SLIDNG CATCH SHOWING EVERYONE HOW TO GET DOWN AND OUT. THE OTHER WAS, A RUNNING GROUNDLESS ATTACK OF A LASER LIKE BLAST, PROVING THAT YOU MAY NOT CARE TOO MUCH FOR

MONEY, BUT MONEY CAN BUY YOU GLOVE. LUIS WAS ALSO FAR FROM BEING POVERTY STRICKEN AT THE THE PLATE WHERE HE ATE UP 4 PITCHES AND SPIT THEM OUT AS HITS.

DANGEROUS DAN H MAKES AN IMPOSSIBLE PICK OF A BALL AT FIRST BASE TO WIPE OUT A BATTER'S DREAM OF A HIT.

GARY CH BANKRUPTS FOR 4 HITS AND A WALK, ADDITIONALLY HIS RIGHT FIELD WEB GEM LEAVES THE OPPOSITION BEREFT OF ANY RUN EARNINGS.

LEDER'S ACCURATE PITCHING LEAVES OPPOSING BATS HIT DEPLETED AND DESTITUTE FOR

RUNS. FURTHERMORE HE PUSHES THE HOME BOYS FURTHER IN THE RED WITH HIS 4 HITS AT THE PLATE.

MATT S PUTS THE VISITORS BEHIND THE 8 BALL IN THE FIRST INNING WITH HIS SLIDING DOUBLE. HE LATER SCORES. HE ALSO BANGS OUT 2 MORE HITS.

MIKE S'S BATTED BALLS DIDN'T TRAVEL UP TO THE HILL OF BEANS, BUT HE MASS PRODUCES YET ANOTHER BIG 4 HIT DAY.

SWEET HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 10/31/20-11/1/20**

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	SAT		KPP5	LIKE A FIELD OF CHOCOLATE PUDDING			

37	SUN	26 PEEPS SHOWED	The Stage (The playground) Get it?	LIKE A FIELD OF **Cemented cracked jaw breakers**	Luis* vs Happy Leder	9-4	Mike Sp / Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 26 33% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/37 = $0.68 This is $0.32 below the complaint line	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 80	Consecutive outdoor months played: 111* (New Record)	

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I HAD ZERO TRICK OR TREATERS, SO THE CANDIES THAT I HAD HOPED TO GIVE OUT, IS STILL HERE WITH ME, SO I'LL SHARE THEM WITH YOU GUYS

ON 11.1 CONSECUTIVE MONTH* 111 IS ACHIEVED AND PLAYERS ARE ASTERISKITTLED

(THANK YOU TO ZIGGY FOR POINTING OUT 111 ON 11.1)

37 SUNDAY GAME 11.1.20. KPP5

FACING EACH OTHER ON THE MOUNDS IN GREAT NECCO SOFTBALL TODAY, WERE LUIS AND LEDER. BOTH WERE NONPAREILS. LUIS SERVED UP A STEADY DIET OF ATOMIC FIREBALLS WHICH MADE BATTERS LOOK LIKE SWEDISH FISH OUT OF WATER, TO GET THE VICTORY.

HE HELPED HIS OWN CAUSE HITTING A BABY RUTHIAN BLAST FOR A DUBBLE BUBBLE OVER THE RCF FENCE, BEYOND THE MILKY WAY. HE ALSO NESTLES CRUNCHED ANOTHER DUBBLE BUBBLE PLUS LOLLIPOPPED DUBBLE SINGLES.

SETH K'S HITS WERE GOOD AND PLENTY-FUL. HE HAD A DUBBLE BUBBLE PLUS 2 SINGLES.

THE M&MS WERE REAL TREATS TODAY.
BOTH MARK AND MARC
AND MIKE AND M-IKE MADE THEIR TEAMS JOLLY RANCHERS DUE TO FINE HITTING AND FIELDING PERFORMANCES.
MARC KONO, WAS A BIT OFF THE WALL TODAY HONEY, AS HE BLOW POPPED 2 CONSECUTIVE BLASTS OFF THE RCF WALL.

MARK L HIT THE BALL OFF THE CANDY BUTTON SEVERAL TIMES FOR HITS WORTH 100 GRAND,

IT WAS SO GOOD TO SEE ANDY BACK IN ACTION AFTER HIS SHOULDER SURGERY HIATUS BECAUSE ANDES MINT.

DAN H USED HIS LICORICE STICK, TO TWICE GIVE THE BALL LICKS FOR HITS.

IT WAS GOOD TO SEE BRIAN STAR BURST ONTO THE SUNDAY SCENE TODAY. HE PLAYED WELL AS USUAL

IT WAS A VERY WELL PLAYED GAME WITH VERY FEW PLAYERS HAVING BUTTERFINGERS. FOR EXAMPLE:

DAVE GERBER MADE A COUPLE OF VERY HARD CANDY CATCHES IN RCF WHICH HE HANDLED SO WELL THAT

HE MADE THEM LOOK LIKE CANDY CORNS.

MIKE SPIEL'S IMPOSSIBLE OVER THE HEAD GRAB OF A BALL LOLLIPOPPED INTO SHORT LF, WAS A REAL LIFE SAVER FOR HIS TEAM. HE ALSO HAD A QUITE A GEM LAST WEEK ON A LASER AT SHORT, WHICH FOR SOME REASON WAS OMITTED BY THE HIGHLIGHT WRITER. SORRY FOR BEING SUCH A SLO POKE AND HAVING TO WRITE ABOUT IT NOW AND LATER.

THE RED HOT GARY W SAID TOOT TOOT TOOTSIE ROLL GOODBYE TO A BALL HE HERSHEY KISSED GOODBYE OVER THE HEADS OF THE OUTFIELD WITH THE BASES JUICEDY FRUITED UP, TO DRIVE HOME 2.

JOHNNY V, BLACK JACK, AND MATT S WERE ALSO GOOD LUCK CHARMS FOR THEIR TEAMS, AS EACH CANDY WRAPPERED MULTI-HITS.

IN SUM, I THINK A VERY GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL WITH LOTS OF CHUCKLES AND SNICKERS. EVERYONE WAS CHERRY CORDIAL TO ONE ANOTHER. THERE WERE ONLY 2 CANDY CANE MUTINIES. AT LEAST I KNOW ALMOND JOY.

CONFECTIONATELY YOURS,
GAR

(FUN FACT: *MY GRANDFATHER HERMAN, OWNED A CANDY STORE IN ENGLEWOOD NEW JERSEY IN THE 50'S AND 60'S)*

HAVE A GREAT WEEK. GO VOTE. AND MAY THE CANDIDATE WHO'S BEST FOR THE COUNTRY BE THE WINNER.

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	HOMICIDE MAKERS
38A	SAT	15	KPP5	VERY WARM DESPITE ALL THE COLD BLOODED KILLERS PRESENT	STEVE F* VS THE LEDER OF THE WACK-OS	11-6	MIKE SP
38 KILLERB	SAT	16	KPP3	DITTO	THE ZEE-ITY VS DAN K*	9-7	BRUCE
39	SUN	25	A-WOOD	52ND DEGREE MURDER AT GAME TIME	His Johner* vs DougB	7-1 (12-0 one inning game)	Mike Sp / Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 56-15=41 51% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/39 = $0.64 This is $0.36 below the complaint line	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 80	Consecutive outdoor months played: 111* (New Record)	

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38A SATURDAY GAME 11.7.20. KPP5

SOMEONE IN THE VISITORS GANG PUT OUT A HIT ON 5 DIFFERENT BALLS FOR BASE HITS. WHO WAS THE CULPRIT? JACK

A HIT MAN FOR THE HOMIE MOB FAMILY BLUDGEONED A CLINCHER FOR A TRIPLE WITH THE BASES LOADED, TOOK A BASEBALL BAT AND BEAT THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS OUT OF AN INNOCENT CLINCHER FOR A DOUBLE, AND BRUTALLY ASSAULTED 2 MORE CLINCHERS FOR SINGLES. WHO WAS THE MURDER SUSPECT? BRIAN S

SOMEONE MADE A LEAPING STAB OF A BALL TO KILL A RALLY. WHO DUNNIT? MIKE SMOLENS BEHIND 2B.

SOMEONE GUNNED DOWN A RUNNER AT HOME PLATE. WHO DUNNIT? KEN MERSAND.

SOMEONE GUNNED DOWN A RUNNER AT 3B. WHO DUNNIT? MATT S.

SOMEONE WAS CHARGED WITH BEING A KILLJOY, FOR ANNIHILATING THE HOPES OF 3 BATTERS, EACH OF WHOM HIT BULLETS AT HIM ON THE MOUND. IT WAS A FATAL BALL/ GLOVE ATTRACTION. WHO WAS IT? MARK LEDER.

SOMEONE ASSAULTED 3 DIFFERENT CLINCHERS WITH A DEADLY WEAPON FOR A DOUBLE, 2 SINGLES AND MULTIPLE RBI. WHO DUNNIT? STEVE FEINSTEIN.

SOMEONE WENT ON A RUTHLESS KILLING SPREE AND WHACKED 4 BASE HITS FOR MULTIPLE RBI. WHO DUNNIT? GARY CHARNEY

SOMEONE VIOLENTLY CRUSHED 3 CLINCHERS JUST TO REACH 1ST BASE SAFELY. WHO DUNNIT? JUAN PLATA

SOMEONE WAS CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER FOR PUTTING OUT HITS ON 2 CLINCHERS. WHO DUNNIT? BRYAN BLACK

SOMEONE WAS CHARGED WITH USING WITH DEADLY FORCE ON 2 CLINCHERS TO GAIN ACCESS TO 2 SAFES. WHO DUNNIT? KEN MERSAND.

A PLAYER WAS HEARD SAYING, “IF THE UMPIRED WOULD HAVE CALLED THAT A STRIKE, I WOULD HAVE KILLED HIM.”HE’S BEEN ARRESTED FOR POST-MEDITATED MURDER. SOMEONE MURDERED THE BALL 3 TIMES FOR HITS. WHO DONE IT?

ONE OF THE CRIME FAMILIES EXTINGUISHED THE HOPES OF THEIR RIVALS BY CONVERTING 4 DOUBLE PLAYS IN THE FIELD, 3 OF WHICH WERE IN THE 1ST THREE INNINGS. WHAT MOB FAMILY WAS RESPONSIBLE? THE VISITORS LEAD BY MIKE SPIEL

SOMEONE MERCILESSLY SMASHED THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF VISITING TOURISTS FROM SEEING

MORE RUNS WITH HIS LETHAL PITCHING. WHO WAS IT? STEVE F

38B SATURDAY GAME 11.7.20. KPP3 BY DANGEROUS DAN

THE DANKEES SLAY THE ZEES

On a perfect day for a game, Joe Sineno tripled in the bottom of the first to set the tone of a 9-7 game that ended with the winning run at the plate. Also in the triples club were Mike Levine and Danny K. The Scooter made 3 put outs at short in one inning to go with 3 hits for the day. Gary W had another multi-hit game including a double. Defensive gems were provided by Mike K who was guilty of ***Patricide*** when he made a great play to rob his father of a hit. Barry D, Steve H, Joe G and Gary C made solid defensive plays greatly appreciated by the pitchers Gary Z and Danny K. Soccer Jeff performed nimbly behind the plate. In addition to several hits Gordy turned a nifty dp with Gary C and Bruce, in addition to organizing the game had a personal high 5 times on base in one game..

Give the W to Danny K and tune in tomorrow for more action.

39 SUNDAY GAME 11.7.20.ALLENWOOD by Mike Spiel

THE GOLDEN AGE LASTS FOR ONE INNING.
A LIVE GOLD BALL ERROR GIVES WAY TO A REINSTATED DEAD BALL ERA.

It was a GOLDen day, with lots of sunshine. The Hunts battered the Becks for 12 runs in the 1st inning hitting with the controversial

GOLD ball. Then went on to a 7-1 (19-1) victory. The Judge must have had a GOLDen ticket pitching a great game and contributing a clutch hit and 2 *perp* walks. Big hitting from Juan who had 4 hits for the Hunts, helped by 3 hits and Homer from Mike Smolens and Mark Leder. Jack, Kenny and Mike Spiel also had the 3 hits each for the victors. GOLDen slumbers for the Beck's bats, except for Bryan, who had multiple line drives hits. Lots of GOLDen web gems to go around. Dan and Bruce both flashed some leather at 1b. Jack made a nice running catch in LF. The GOLD glove infield of the Hunts were on display. Mike Smolens made a terrific play at 3b, Mike Spiel went deep in the hole twice to rob a couple of hits and Rob Wurtzel made a couple of GOLDen nuggets flashing leather at 2b. Gary W hit a triple for the 2nd consecutive day. They're calling it a double triple homicide.

SOMEONE SNUFFED OUT A SURE EXTRA BASER IN THE LCF GAP. WHO WAS THE CULPRIT? JACK WITH A RUNNING NAB. TOO BAD HE DIDN'T DO IT WHEN THE CLINCHER GOLD BALL WAS IN PLAY, HE COULD HAVE BEEN NICKNAMED THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER.

MURDER HE WROTE.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR WEDNESDAY'S 11.11.20 VETERANS DAY GAME . PLAYERS ARE NEEDED.

GAROO

GAME 40 VETERANS DAY HIGHLIGHTS - The Official Commissioner's
BLog: All-Star Dates 11/11/20

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	SIDE MAKERS
40	Wed.	22	Pallenwood	LIKE LOOKING AT A SUNNY DAY THRU A FOGGED UP WINDOW	The Zee-ty* VS His Johner	10-3 Certified by certifiable players	Bruce/ MIKE SP
		Net Weekday Turnout 22 28% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/40 = $0.63 This is $0.37 below the complaint line	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 80	Consecutive outdoor months played: 111* (New Record)	

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GAME **40 VETERANS DAY, WEDNESDAY 11.11.20.**
Pa-ll-enwood By Dan and Gary

TO ALL VETS:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

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ON 11/11 WITH 11 ON EACH SIDE IN OUR 111* CONSECUTIVE MONTH THE SCORE WAS NOT 11-11

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SCOREBOARD WATCHERS AND BALL OBSERVERS VET THE GAME TO MAKE SURE NO HI-JINX, MONKEY BUSINESS OR FUNNY STUFF TAKE PLACE, HOWEVER THEY COULDN'T STOP THE FUNNY STUFF.

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MIKE SMOLENS SMOKES 2 HOME RUNS TO CENTERFIELD IN HIS FIRST 2 AT BATS AND ALMOST RUNS HOME BUT DOESN'T RUN FOR OFFICE, AS 58 OTHER PAID UP MEMBERS DID. IN HIS 3RD AB, HE HAS TO SETTLE FOR A SINGLE. THEY ARE STILL

COUNTING UP HIS RBI TOTALS IN 2 STATES.

ITS A NEW KIND OF FRAN-DEMIC OUT THERE, AS NEW FRAN ROCKETS LIFE THREATENING BALLS OFF HIS BAT, WITH RED GLARE, ONE OF WHICH IS FLAGGED DOWN BY HIS JOHNER, AS HE HEROICALLY SAVES HIS TEAM FROM CERTAIN ANNIHILATION IN THE 3RD INNING.

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GORDO PREVENTS A SPIEL-UNKER FROM FINDING A WAY THROUGH THE OUTER CAVES AND POSSIBLY REACHING HOME RUN DAYLIGHT. HE ALSO SKILLFULLY LAUNCHES A COUPLE OF SAFE LANDINGS FROM THE BAT CAVE.

JOE SINENO ALSO PROBABLY HAD A GOOD GAME, BUT NOBODY WAS PAYING ATTENTION.

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OH GEE CAN YOU SEE? ZEE THREE RUNS THE VEES.

On an overcast but pleasant day Gary Z set the visitors down Len Barry style - 123 in the first. Mike Smolens then homered against the Judge to give the Homies a 1-0 lead which started them off on the way to a 10-3 win.

Mike Smolens hit another homer and went 5 for 5 for a perfect day. Luis had a homer for the visitors and the Judge avoided a trip to the ER by

stabbing a liner Fran sent directly at the jurist's head.

The Scooter went 3 for 3 and made several nice plays at second.

More happened but my mind is an old age wasteland. - Dan

To all:
Sorry for the overlap of the highlights. If it makes you feel better have someone do an overlap dance for you.

Please note that for the next two weekends, we have to stick with the

7:45 start time, due to conflict with youth groups.

HIGH AND HARD LIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates**
11/14/20-11/15/20

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	SIDE MAKERS
41	SAT	26	PS 213Q School yard	Hard yard still moist after a hard rain	The Zee-ity* vs His Johner	9-8 The Zee-ity* vs His Johner	MIKE SP/ BRUCE
42	SUN	26	OLD SCHOOL YARD	52ND DEGREE MURDER AT GAME TIME	His Johner vs The Leder of the Hosen people*	15-6	Mike Sp / Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 52-19=33 41% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/42 = $0.60 This is $0.40 below the complaint line	2020 Paid up ($25PP) members to date = 80	Consecutive outdoor months played: 111* (New Record)	

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41 SATURDAY GAME 11.14.20. New school yard PS 213Q

WITH THE HARD RAIN FALLING THE DAY BEFORE, IT TOOK HARD WORK THAT SOME CALLED FOOLHARDY BUT WE FOUND A SUITABLE FIELD FOR A HARD TO PLEASE GROUP, THANKS TO DAVE G AND A FOLLOW UP INSPECTION BY DAVE S, THOUGH SOME FELT THAT PARKING AND BATHROOMING MIGHT BE HARDSHIPS. BUT THEY WEREN'T. AS A RESULT, YOU'D BE HARD PRESSED TO FIND A BETTER GAME. A 9-8 FINISH WITH THE TYING RUN ON 2ND,THE WINNING RUN ON 3RD THE

RUN ON TOILET PAPER ENDS WITH THIS RUN ON SENTENCE.

ZEE GETS THE HARD EARNED VICTORY DESPITE GETTING HIT HARD IN THE LEG ON A ROCKET COMEBACKER.
LEE TANS A HARD LINER DOWN THE 3B LINE FOR A HOME RUN

ROOKIE STEVE H GOES TO THE NEW SCHOOL YARD OF HARD KNOCKS, A WEEK AFTER HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY, FOR A HARD KNOCKED TRIPLE OVER THE RF'S HARD HEAD.

THOUGH IT WAS A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW BOBBY W DOES A HARD COPY OVER THE RCFS HEAD FOR B2B 3B'S.

HARD CORE PLAYER MIKE SPIEL MAKES ANOTHER HARD TO FATHOM, OVER THE HEAD GRAB OVER SS INTO SHORT LF AND CONVERTS IT TO A DP BECAUSE THE RUNNER EXPECTED A SURE HARD LANDING OF THE BALL. HE ALSO GIVES THE OPPOSITION A HARD TIME WITH HIS TRIPLE DURING A TIME WHEN THE BASES WERE ALL HARD LIQUORED UP.

SO AS NOT TO PRODUCE HARD FEELINGS IT ALSO MUST BE MENTIONED THAT VINNY, MATT SP, BRIAN S, LUIS, MIKE SM, DAVE G, AND DRILLER HAD SOME NICE HARD HITS AS WELL.

JACK'S BLAST PLAYS HARD TO GET, AND ROLLS TO THE WALL FOR RBI TRIPLE.
IT WAS HARD LUCK FOR A RUNNER TRYING TO SCORE ON JACK WHO THREW A PERFECT STRIKE FROM LF TO NAB HIM AT HOME.

THE HARD TO PLEASE GORDO, WHO HARDLY EVER COMPLAINS, DRIVES A HARD BARGAIN, BUYING 4 HITS IN 4 AT BATS

KONO'S DOUBLE TRAVELS LIKE A HARD BALL TO THE OUTFIELD DEPTHS.

SCOOTER E GIVES THE DEFENSE A REAL HARD TIME, AS HE HARD

DRIVES 3 MEN HOME WITH A SINGLE AND A DOUBLE.

GAME 42 SUNDAY SCHOOL YARD 11.15.20

THERE WAS SOME HARDY BOYS OUT THERE TODAY IN THE COOL WEATHER BUT NOT A TRACE OF FRANK OR JOE.

LEDER DOES NOT GET HIT VERY HARD AT ALL. GIVES UP JUST 6 IN 10. AS A BATTER HE DISOBEYS THE GOLDEN RULE BUY HTTING THE

BALL HARD 4 TIMES FOR 4 BASE HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE AND SEVERAL RBI.

THE HIGHLY RATED LUIS, HITS THE BALL HIGH AND HARD OVER THE FENCE FOR A HOME RUN
HE ALSO SINGLES, DOUBLES, MAKES A RUNNING WEB GEM IN RCF AND ACCOUNTS FOR MANY RBI.

ON ANOTHER HIGH NOTE MIKE SMOLENS BANGS HITS AND WEB GEMS ON 2 LINERS TO 3B.

MARIO WEB GEMS ON HARD DRIVES TO 3B, AND SMASHES A COUPLE OF HITS, ONE OF WHICH WAS HIGH AND FAR OFF THE RF FENCE.

KENNY HITS A SKY HIGH AND HARD DOUBLE OFF THE TOP OF THE RF FENCE TO GO ALONG WITH 2 MORE HITS.

THE HIGHLY THOUGHT OF ROB WURTZEL SMASHES A COUPLE OF NICE HITS.

GIVE A HIGH FIVE TO MIKE SPIEL WHO MAKES ANOTHER OVER THE HEAD GEM AT SS AND THROWS OUT A RUNNER AT 3B ON A RELAY FROM THE OUTFIELD.

DAN H CAN HOLD HIS HEAD UP HIGH AFTER GEMMING ON A RUNNING CATCH OF A POP BETWEEN 1ST AND 2ND.

JOHNNY V, SHOWS WHY HE'S HELD IN SUCH HIGH REGARD AFTER

CRASHING 3 HITS INCLUDING A RUN PRODUCING DOUBLE.

JACK SINGLES AND SACS, BUT ALSO GOT ON HIS HIGH HORSE GEMS IN LF TO BRING DOWN A LINER THAT STARTED KNEE HIGH BUT WAS FLYING HIGH AND RISING.

THE HIGH AND MIGHTY GORDO, MAKES A FINE PLAY CUTTING OFF A BALL THAT WAS DESTINED FOR THE GAP. HE MUST'VE SAID, "I'M GOING TO GET TO THAT BALL COME HELL OR HIGH WATER."

DAVE GERBER HAD TO BE FLYING HIGH AFTER HAVING A COUPLE OF GOOD HITS AND MAKING SOME NICE CATCHES.

ZIG MAINTAINS HIS PLACE IN HIGH SOCIETY AS A HITTER OF THE HIGHEST MAGNITUDES WITH HIS MULTIPLE HIT DAY.

IT WAS HARD FOR SCOOTER TO ESCAPE HAVING A HIGH PROFILE AFTER DOUBLING OFF THE RCF FENCE AND GETTING 2 MORE RBI HITS

PETE CONTINUES TO BE HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM, ESPECIALLY AFTER SMACKING 3 HITS WHICH PRODUCES MULTIPLE RBI

SOFTBALL HIGHER UP BOBBY W, SHOULD BE RIDING HIGH, AFTER TRIPLING FOR THE 2ND DAY IN A ROW, DURING A MULTI-HIT, MULTI-RBI

DAY. IN ADDITION HE MAKES A BACKUP GEM FROM SCF.

BRUCE MAKES A PICK GEM AT 1B OF THE HIGHEST ORDER

I HOPE SOME OF YOU ARE SAYING HAR, HAR, HARDY HAR, HAR, AFTER READING THIS. CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR NEXT WEEK.
YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS
GARY

NO HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK ...NOT **The Official Commissioner's BLog:**
All-Star Dates NO-VEMBER /21/20-11/22/20

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	SIDE MAKE RS
43A	SAT	18	KPP5	No Rain No Clouds No Low Temps No breeze	The Zee-ity* vs His Johner	8-6 The Zee-ity* vs His Johner	MIKE SP
43B	SAT	19	KPP3	Ditto with no mud	Dan K* vs Happy Leder	13-11 in 12 innings	Bruce

44	SUN	24	ALLEN-WOOD	Ditto except no sun glare.	His Johner* vs The Leder of the Hosen people* REDUX	11-11 In 12 innings	Mike Sp / Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 51-8=43 54% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/44 = $0.57 This is $0.43 below the complaint line	2020 Paid up ($25PP- A NO-MINAL CHARGE) NO REFUNDS members to date = 80	Consecutive outdoor months played: 111* (New Record)	

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43A SATURDAY GAME NO-VEMBER 21.20 - KPP5 BY MIKE SP

A great game on a beautiful day. The Z's topped the Hunts 8-6. Big hitting day for Ralph, a guest, with 5 hits, Kono who hit line drives all day and Z who had 2 hits for the victors. The Hunts attack was led by Luis who had multiple hits. Defense was the name of the game and Jon Z made several nice catches in CF. Mike flashed some leather at SS, Ralph had some nice grabs in RF, Lee sparkled at 2b and Steve F made several great plays at 3b.

43B SATURDAY GAME NO-VEMBER 21, 2020 KPP3
GORDON HAD AN EXTREMELY NOTEWORTHY DAY.
HIS 6 HITS, MANY RBI, AND HIS -NO WAY I'M GOING TO LET THIS BALL FALL - ATTITUDE, ON 7 RUNNING POP UPS, MAKES HIM A NOMINEE FOR BOTH MVP AND THE KING OF POP…UPS.
THE NOTORIOUS MARK LEDER GOT THE NOD AGAINST

THE NO-NONSENSE DAN KRYGER. BOTH PITCHERS PERFORMED EXTREMELY WELL AND CONTENDED FOR THE NO-BALL PRIZE BECAUSE THEY THREW MOSTLY STRIKES. DAN STRUCK OUT 2 BATTERS IN A ROW, A RARITY IN GNSB AND GOT THE WIN. IT WAS NO PICNIC TO BAT AGAINST HIM. HE ALSO SLUGGED 4 POWERFUL BASE HITS.

THE NOBLE RICH COY HIT THE BALL ON THE NOSE 4 TIMES FOR BASE HITS AND MADE A NOTABLE RUNNING WEB GEM IN RF.

MARK LEDER HIT THE BALL ON THE NOGGIN 4 TIMES FOR BASE HITS INCLUDING A SOLO, NO LO CONTENDRE, NOBODY'S GONNA CATCH THIS ONE, HOME RUN OVER EVERYONES HEAD IN CF.

ITS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT HUGH HIT THE BALL ON THE NOSE 4 TIMES FOR BASE HITS

THE NOBLE JUAN PLATA WAS NOTICED FOR HIS 3 HITS.

NOVICE STEVE HERSHON BELTED 3 SINGLES TO ADD 3 MORE NOTCHES TO HIS HITTING BELT.

SUPER JOE SINE-NO COULD DO NO WRONG. HE MADE A NO. OF RUNNING CATCHES AND CAUGHT THE NO. 4 TRAIN TO HITSVILLE, USA.

JOHNNY V PERFORMED NOBLEY AT SHORT MAKING SEVERAL FINE PLAYS THAT DIDN'T SEEM POSSIBLE, INCLUDING A SINENO-VITALE RELAY THROWOUT OF A RUNNER AT THE PLATE,
BRUCE AT 3B SAYS NO WAY, NO HOW ANYTHING'S GOING TO GET BY ME TODAY AND COMES UP WITH 3 SPECTACULAR WEB GEMS.

THE GAME ENDED WITH THE BASES LOADED IN THE 12TH WITH THE TYING RUN ON 2B AND THE WINNING RUN ON 1B. KUDOS TO BRUCE FOR MAKING SUCH EVEN SIDES, ONCE AGAIN.

UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF CO-VID, WE HAD TO "JUST SAY NO TO HUGS" AND HIGH FIVES AFTER THE GAME.

44 SUNDAY GAME NO-VEMBER 22, 2020 ALLENWOOD BY MIKE SP

It was a tale of two games. The Leders jumped out to a 10-0 lead, only to be caught by the Hunts and ending in an 11-11 tie. I know Bruce likes ties, cause he likes kissing his sister. The Leders bats were hot early with back to back HR's by Mike Spiel and Luis. Both of them had 3 laser hits each. Kenny and Bobby both chipped in with multiple hits. The Hunts comeback was led by Ziggy and Barry with 4 hits apiece. Driller, John V and Joe had multiple hits as well. Bryan had a clutch, 2 out, game tying hit.

Despite the score, there was a lot of defense being played. Bryan Black made a terrific catch on a soft liner to 2b. Marc Leder snagged a liner back to mound, which probably saved his life. Driller had a couple of hot grabs at 3b. John V made all the plays at SS. Gary W made a nice catch on a foul pop up behind the plate, that Fran would not have caught. Lee scooped up a grounder at the mound and made the play that few of our pitchers, if any, would have made. The law firm of Spiel, Tannenbaum and Hershon turned a nice 6-4-3 DP. Mike Spiel made several nice plays at SS, one on a pop fly down the LF line and another on a grounder up the middle, taking a hit away from Mario. Jack was a defensive star today. With several great catches in LF, including a game saver off the bat of Lee.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE.

GET READY FOR A FOUR DAY IRON MAN WEEKEND.
REMEMBER WE START WINTER TIMES BEGINNING THIS THURSDAY (THANKSGIVING) 8:45 TO 10:45 AM

IN INNING NO. 1 BOTH MIKE SPIEL AND LUIS AVILA SAY NO TO NO OVERHEAD AND BLAST MONSTER SUPER NOVA, BACK TO BACK, BELLY TO BELLY, HOME RUNS, OVER THE HEADS OF OUTFIELDERS INTO THE NO MANS LANDS OF ALLENWOOD. THEIR NEXT TIME UP, THEY HIT COPYCAT LONG LINE DRIVE SINGLES.

JACK SAYS NO NUKES AS HE RUNS DOWN AND DIFFUSES 4 NUCLEAR BOMBS HEADED TO 3 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, NO. LEFTFIELDIA, LEFT NO. CENTERFIELDIA, AND NO RIGHTCENTER FIELDIA.

BRYAN PUTS THE NO IN SNO-CONE AS HE LITERALLY WEB GEMS A DRIVE HIT HIGH OVER 2B. HE CAUGHT ONLY 10% OF THE BALL AFTER A FINE LEAP, BUT THE OTHER 90% REMAINED ATTACHED.

Gary Charney was a stud running down balls all over the OF and had 2 or 3 hits in our losing cause Saturday…

Thanks. I'll work it into this weekends highlights. I didn't play on that field last weekend so I didn't know.

DRAMATIC HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates NO-VEMBER /26/20-11/29/20**

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	DIRECTORS
	Thur	Canceled	KPP5	Rained out			
45A	Fri	21- would have been 17. 4 came from canceled field Which had 19 players	KPP5	OK	His Johner vs LEETEE*	14-6	Mike Sp
45B		No game. Fields not available due to flooding and permits conflict with another group					
46A	Sat	21	KPP5	Ditto with no mud	His Johner* vs Dougbee	8-7 in 12 innings	Mike Sp
46B	Sat	19	Steam-boat	FINE	Gary Z*/ RALPH vs OTHERS	15-4	Bruce

47	Sun	25	ALLEN-WOOD	Ditto	His Johner vs The Leder* of the Hosen people* REDUX	13-8 In 11 innings	Mike Sp / Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 96-38=58 73% of the Paid membership)		PPG 25/47 = $0.53 This is $0.47 below the complaint line	2020 Paid up ($25PP- A NO-MINAL CHARGE) NO REFUNDS members to date = 80	Consecutive outdoor months played: 111* (New Record)	

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45A FRIDAY GAME 11. 27.20 - KPP5 BY MIKE SP

The Tannenbaums topped the Hunts 14-6 on a beautiful Friday morning. Lee was the star of the game with 4 hits and a long triple. He also pitched a great game and fielded well on the mound. The two Mikes, Spiel and Smolens also had 4 hits each while Vinny and Jon Z had 3 hits apiece. Joel hit a titanic home run for the Hunts. Web gems for the day, Joel turned 2 nice double plays at SS, Ziggy made a couple of great grabs at 3b, John V saved a couple of runs at 1b, Bryan made like Brooks Robinson at 3b and Mike Spiel had a nice running catch on a pop up in short LF.

45B FRIDAY GAME 11.27.20 - KPP5 BY
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46A SATURDAY GAME 11.28.20 - KPP5

HIS JOHNER PLAYS THE PART OF SCROOGE ON THE MOUND AS HE STINGIES THE HOME TEAM TO JUST 7 RUNS.

GARY CH MAKES A LONG BROADWAY RUN IN RF FOR A GEM OF A CATCH.

BRYAN B PLAYS THE ROLE OF HEART BREAKER AS HE DRIVES IN
THE TYING AND WINNING RUNS WITH HIS BROADWAY SMASH HIT IN THE 11TH HOUR. HE ALSO STOMPS ON ANOTHER PERSON'S DREAM WITH A WEB GEM OF A ONE LINER AT 3B

BOTH MATT AND BRIAN STAR, WHO HAS BEEN A STAR HIS WHOLE LIFE, PRODUCE 4 SMASH HITS IN THEIR ROLES AS LEADING MEN.

ALEX B. PRODUCES 3 BROADWAY SMASH HITS.

LEDER PUTS ON QUITE A SHOW WITH A TRIPLE THAT ALMOST REACHES THE LIGHTS ON BROADWAY IN RF.

MARQUIS PLAYER RICH CONNORS, SHOWS WHY HE'S ALWAYS THE CRITIC'S CHOICE AS HE ADD 3 MORE HITS TO HIS RESUME.

MIKE SPIEL IS NOMINATED FOR HIS ROLE AS

SHORTSTOP EXTRAORDINAIRE, AS HE TURNS A SURE BASE HIT INTO A DOUBLE PLAY AND PRODUCES A COUPLE OF KEY HITS.

MIKE SMOLENS ACTS AS IF HE'S A PROFESSIONAL PLAYER WITH A MULT-IHIT DAY, INCLUDING A TRIPLE WITH 2 ON.

THE MULTI-TALENTED VINNY B PLAYS SHOWS WHY HE'S ALWAYS ONE OF GNSB'S MAIN PROTAGONISTS WITH HIS 2 HITS, IMPOSSIBLE WEB GEM IN RCF ON A POTENTIAL HOMER AND A SAC FLY.

MARC KONO PROVIDES FOR GREAT THEATER WITH HIS DRAMATIC GRASS TOP CATCH OF A BALL.

DOUGBEE PLAYS THE ROLE OF SPOILER AS HE RECOVERS FROM A NUCEAR BOMB BLAST HIT TO THE MOUND THAT AND HAS THE PRESENCE OF MIND TO DEFUSE IT.

DAVE GERBER'S STAR CONTINUES TO SHINE ON B'WAY WITH ANOTHER MULTI-HIT PERFORMANCE.

LEE DESERVES A CURTAIN CALL FOR HIS 4 HITS INCLUDING A TRIPLE.

THERE WERE ALSO NICE PERFORMANCES FROM OTHER CAST MEMBERS LIKE STEVE F, JACK AND ROOKIE ADAM S

46B SATURDAY GAME 11.28.20 - KPP STEAMBOAT BY BRUCE

The beauty of the B game.
Today, 19 men joined together to play a softball game.
This is not unusual in itself but it was the factors of who and where that made this game unusual.
Because of the recent inclement weather KPP 3 & 4 were unplayable and so the B game had to be played at Steamboat field. I was later informed that GNSB started out it's journey at Steamboat, so for some it was a homecoming game.
I saw two junior high school buddies playing together after 30 odd years.
I saw two men in the legal system figure out where they know each other from and who they know in common.
I saw a father and son play together with such joy and pleasure.
I saw a selfless player make both the first out and last out for two different teams. Maybe a first for GNSB.
I saw a pitcher who has mobility issues playing a flawless first base.
I saw a sciaticly challenged player struggle to do his best.
I saw ethnic, racial & religious diversity playing together without rancor and divisiveness.
I saw a foul ball heading for a parked car and someone yelling "car" as if the car could duck.
The score was irrelevant.
The number of hits was unimportant.
The fact that we were playing a game of softball outside during a pandemic on November 28th: Says it all.

47 SUNDAY GAME 11.29.20 - Allenwood

SINCE EXTRAS RARELY GET CREDIT IN SHOWS, HERE ARE SOME EXTRA ONLY SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT.

GIVE EXTRA CREDIT TO THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS FOR GETTING EXTRA BASE HITS:

JOEL HR OVER RCF
SUPERJOE 2B TO RCF
MATTHEW S 2B TO CF
KENNY 3B TO RF
MARIO 2B TO RCF
SCOTT, WHO'S AN EXTRA IN FILMS, 2B TO RCF

IN ADDITION, HAVING EXTRA MERIT-ABLE AFFAIRS AND THEN GIVING WEB GEMS TO MAKE UP FOR THEM WERE:
ROB W AT 2B
ZIGGY AT 2B
BRUCE AT 1B
LEE IN CF

** Time left to pay 2021 GNSB dues of $20Countdown <script>(function(d, s, id) { var js, pjs = d.getElementsByTagName(s)[0]; if (d.getElementById(id)) return; js = d.createElement(s); js.id = id; js.src = "//www.tickcounter.com/static/js/loader.js"; pjs.parentNode.insertBefore(js, pjs); }(document, "script", “tickcounter-sdk"));</script>**

LAST HIGHLIGHTS? **The Official Commissioner’s BLog: All-Star Dates DECEMBER / 12/20-12/13/20**

2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	DIRECTORS

48A	**Sat**	**20**	**KPP5**	Danky without a show of Dan K	**His Johner vs Gary Z***	**7-4 in 12 innings**	**Mike Sp**
48B	**Sat**	**17**	**KPP3**	Danky without a Dan K but nary a wind blast	**Leder*/ Ralph vs DougBee/ Dan**	**16-13**	**Bruce**
49	**Sun**	**24**	**ALLEN-WOOD**	Very. Undecembe ry	**His Johner*/ Lee vs The Leder/Luis**	**5-3 In 13 innings**	**Mike Sp / Bobby**
		Net Weekend Turnout **61-20=41 51% of the Paid membership)**		**PPG 25/49 = $0.51 This is $0.49 below the complaint line**	**2021 Paid up ($20PP-** A NO-MINAL CHARGE) NO REFUNDS **Members to date = 60 as of 12.15.20**	**Consecutive outdoor months played: 112* (New Record)**	

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ON 12.12 WE ACHIEVE MONTH 112 AND PLAYERS ARE ASTERISKAL!

48A SATURDAY GAME 12. 12.20 - KPP5

DEETS ARE SKETCHY. THE ONLY CERTAINTY IS THAT THE PITCHERS DID VERY WELL AND PROBABLY PAINTED THE CORNERS AND STRIKE ZONE EDGES WITH REMBRANDTIAN PRECISION.

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED. YOU CAN READ BETWEEN THE INNINGS AND FILL IN THE BLANKS.

48B SATURDAY GAME 12.12.20 - KPP3

DRILLER LEAVES A LASTING IMPRESSION ON EVERYONE WITH 5 HITS, INCLUDING THE CYCLE AND 6 RBI

JOHNNY V BLASTS 4 BASE HITS AND EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM IS HARD ENOUGH TO HAVE CAUSED SOMEONE TO GET EMERGENCY RHINOPLASTY SURGERY, HAD THEY BEEN HIT IN THE FACE.

BARRY D SANDBLASTS 3 HITS INCLUDING A 3B FOR

MULTIPLE RBI AND MAKES BACK TO BACK WEB GEMS STRETCHING OUT FOR BALLS AS IF HE WAS ELASTIC LAD.

HUGH PLASTERS A TRIPLE AND GOES HOME ON THE OVERTHROW, THEN REPLASTERS ANOTHER. AT LAST COUNT HE HAD 4 HITS AND 3 RBI.

ONE OF THE LONGEST LASTING GNSB PLAYERS, DAN H COMES UP WITH 2 WEB GEM PICKS AT FIRST, SAVING RUNS AS FRANIE VALLIE SINGS …AT LONG LAST GLOVE HAS ARRIVED."

SUPER JOE PUTS AN EVERLASTING IMAGE IN EVERYONE'S MIND WITH HIS LAST DITCH, ALL OUT, DESPERATE, DIVING CATCH OF A BALL DESTINED FOR HOMERUNNIA. HE ALSO HAS A MULTIHIT GAME INCLUDING A DOWN THE LINE BI-BAGGER THAT HE WALLOPS, DESPITE THE PITCH BEING A GROUND GRAZER.

IN GORDO's NEXT TO LAST TANGO WITH THE PITCHER HE TRIPLES AND .

ROOKIE RALPH, IN LONG LASTING RELIEF, OUTLASTS OPPOSING BATTERS AND SHUTS THEM DOWN IN THEIR LAST LICKS IN ADDITION TO HAVING A FINE BATTING DAY.

SCOOTER HAS A 3 HIT DAY. I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME HE DIDN'T.

DOUGBEE, HELPS OUT IN A LAST MINUTE FIELD CHANGE AND HAS A SOLID PITCHING OUTING AND CRACKS A COUPLE OF HITS.

MARK WAS AGAIN ONE OF THE LEDERS OF THE SMACK PACK, WITH 2 RBI PRODUCING BLASTS IN ADDITION TO HIS FINE PITCHING, PROVING THAT NICE GUYS DON'T HAVE TO FINISH LAST.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, GARY W HAS A KEY BASE HIT AND RBI

THE VIZZIES HAD A 10-5 LEAD DOING INTO THE BOTTOM OF THE NEW BALL ERA. BUT THE HOME-TOWNERS HAD THE LAST LAUGH AS THEY BOUNCED BACK WITH 3 IN THE LAST OF THE 5TH, 2 IN THE LAST OF THE 6TH AND 6 IN THE LAST OF THE 7TH.

THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF SNOW TOMORROW AND THURSDAY. HOPEFULLY THIS WASN'T OUR LAST HURRAH FOR 2020.

THESE HIGHLIGHTS ARE OVER OR AS ETTA JAMES SANG……

49 SUNDAY GAME 12.13.20 - ALLENWOOD

PITCHERS DOMINATE!
THE BATTERS THEY EXTERMINATE
MAKING THEM SUBORDINATE
SO AS THEY CONTINUE TO FASCINATE

WE SHOULD NOT PROCRASTINATE
TO GO AHEAD AND COORDINATE
AN EFFORT TO ORIGINATE
A PROCESS TO NOMINATE
THEM TO HALL THAT WILL ILLUMINATE

HIS JOHNER (WP) GIVES UP ONLY 3 RUNS IN 12 INNINGS
LEDERLEE GIVES UP ONLY 5

ONLY 8 RUNS ARE SCORED IN A TOTAL IN 26 OFFENSIVE INNINGS. IN 20 OUT OF 26 OFFENSIVE INNING CHANCES, NO RUNS ARE SCORED.

BIG SNOW COMING TONIGHT. HOPEFULLY THIS WON'T BE OUR LAST HURRAH FOR 2021.

HIGHLIGHTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates DECEMBER /12/20-12/13/20

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2020 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	DIRECTORS
	Fri	0	No place	A wet Christmas		No score	No body

		Net Turnout 0		PPG 25/49 = $0.51 This is $0.49 below the complaint line	2021 Paid up ($20PP- A NO-MINAL CHARGE) NO REFUNDS Members to date = 68 as of 12.25.20	Consecutive outdoor months played: 112* (New Record)	

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Here's the highlights of Christmas
Because all thru my house not a creature is stirring,
Not even my spouse

There was rain on the field
It was piled up high
Throughout the morn
It would drop from the sky

But echoes past spoke to me
Allowing me to tell you
How it would have,
turned out to be

A big home run would make a big splash
An impossible grab following a mad dash.
A throw to the plate, had the runner dead in the water
He should'a stayed, as the coach said he ought'a

A claim for sure the ump was out to sea
Though 2020, he still cannot see
He must have contracted water on the brain
And should'a stayed home, because of the rain

But blue wouldn't listen to all of the squawks
So on the water, the batter did walk

Though in hot water, he got out of the frame
As the contest continued, he did more of the same.
And despite calls to start a new game.
His team caught up, to show they weren't that lame.

FIRST HIGHLIGHTS? The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates January 1-3, 2021

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	DIRECTORS
1	Fri GT 9:30	23	PS213	A crispy treat	His Johner * vs Gary Z	10-9	Bruce/ Bobby
2	Sat GT 9:00	19	OLD SCHOOL YARD	Vey play-sent	Der Lederhosen/Ralph* vs Gary Z	18-13 in	Mike Sp/ Bruce
3	Sun GT 8:00	20	OLD SCHOOL YARD	A Ogray	His Johner * vs Gary Z	13-12	Bobby/ Mike Sp
		Net Weekend Turnout 62-27=35 45% of the Paid membership)		PPG 20/3 = $6.67	2021 Paid up ($20PP- A NO-MINAL CHARGE) NO REFUNDS Members to date = 78 as of 1.3.21	Consecutive outdoor months played: 113* (New Record)	

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GNSB GAMES ARE PLAYED FOR THE FIRST 3 DAYS OF THE YEAR. THAT'S THE FOIST TIME! WE ARE ON A RECORD PACE TO PLAY THE MOST GAMES EVER (94) IN A YEAR!

STREAK GROWS TO 113!

Kudos to all the hardy boys who played on hard surfaces on all 3 days of the New Years Weekend in 3

different time zones and not only kept our streak alive at 113 straight months but hardly complained.... I said hardly.
Dare I say, "Har,har, hardy har, har?

8 IRON-MEN BECOME PART OF A SPECIAL CLUB AND ARE ENTITLEISTED TO OUR ACCOLADES. THEY ARE:

JACK,BOBBY, GORDON,BRUCE MARK L, HUGH,GARY Z,GARY W, AND MIKE SP

First Game of Year: FRIDAY 1.1.21 - PS213 As relayed by Bruce

ON 1/1 ITS A WIN, WIN SITUATION FOR ALL THOSE PARTAKING IN A 1-DERFUL GAME

23 players
Pitchers Z (Hunt (W)
10-9 10 innings
Firstly the Game was won in the bottom of the 10th.

A first among equals Luis, went 4 for 4
The first class Steve H, went 3 for 4
Mark Leder hit 2 monster triples, the first cut being the deepest.
The first rate Ralph, hit 2 doubles.
John V committed first degree murder on a ball that he struck so hard that he was charged with a triple.
Hunts team came back from 8-4, tied it gave back lead, tied it & won on a walk off single by Pete.
Web gems:
Gordon at SS made a play of the first order
Mario at 3rd made a provided first aid to his team with a gem at 3B
Bobby made 4 or 5 put outs in short center field but he doesn't read emails, so no need to waste a first cliche on him
The return of Dr E playing a flawless RF. It was the first time he's played in a while.
Connors left with a calf muscle pull.
Eric dressed in a uniform the put Egon von Furstenbeg to shame, brought pre-stamped post cards address to John Howe with the photoshopped John on the cover of the book Unbroken so that everyone could write words of encouragement to John.

Since I had no first hand knowledge of the Saturday and Sunday Games, Mike Sp provided both with some input from Bobby and Bruce

Game #2 Saturday 1.2.21 at Old Schoolyard since PS 213 was occupied as relayed by Mike Sp

It was a back and forth game with the Leders scoring 6 runs in their last at bat to overtake the Z's 18-13. Led by big hitting from Lee who drilled a triple to fence in left and had 5 hits. Luis also banged out a couple of extra base hits. Multiple hits for Jack, Brian and Leder led them to victory. Seth had multiple hits including a big rbi single late in the game to start the comeback. For the Z's, Mike had 5 hits including a shot off the fence in left and a triple through the opening in the fence in center. Hugh had 3 hits along with Dave who knocked one off the tree in center and on over the fence in right. Web gems, Bryan made a couple of gems at 3b, Mike grabbed a grounder up the middle and threw

Bobby out at first, Bobby made a nice running catch in RF and Dave also made a nice running grab in RF.

Game #3 Sunday 1.3.21 at Old Schoolyard as relayed by Mike SP

The later game time worked perfectly."Game over. Pictures taken and rain started. It doesn't get any better than this." - Bruce

First off, Lee goes schoolyard with the shot of the day, a hr. About the 4th pole, after the drop.

The Hunts came back with multiple runs in the last inning to beat the Z's, 13-12, I think. Lee led the way with multiple hits including a homer over the CF fence. Driller had a big hitting day with several bombs, including a bases loaded double in the last inning to take the lead. Ralph also had several hits for the victors. Barry led the way for the Z's with 6 hits. Mario blasted a double to the fence in LF and Mike had several hits including a ball over the fence in right and was awarded the first base after first base.(Double)

Web gems: Lee made a great play at SS, charging in and throwing a laser to first to get the out. Mike threw out 2 runners at home on relays from Ed and Leder. Rob made a terrific scoop at first base saving a run. Bryan made a couple of gems at 3b on a busy day.

Have a good weekend everyone. Full disclosure: This was not my first draft of the highlights and so thankful that the first amendment allows me to babble on like this.

Gar - First born of the Leventhal siblings and first in my first grade class to be given ether. (March of 1956).

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
4	Sun	24	OLD SCHOOL YARD	Too cold for comfort	His Johner vs Gary Z*/ Leder	8-5	Bobby/ Bruce
5	Mon. MLK	16	OLD SCHOOL YARD	TBA	His Johner* vs Gary Z/ Leder	8-5	Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 40-12=28 (35% of paid members)		PPG 20/5 = $4.00	2021 Paid up ($20PP- A NO-MINAL CHARGE) NO REFUNDS Members to date = 80 as of 1.17.21	Consecutive outdoor months played: 113* (New Record)	

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Game #4 Sunday 1.17.21 at Old Schoolyard by Bruce

This report was found in an hermetically sealed mayonnaise jar on the front porch of Funk & Wagnall's.
What began as a completely overcast and frigidly breezy Sunday morning, ended in a partially overcast and semi-breezy late morning.
24 men and boys returned to the "Old Schoolyard" to play a softball game where many had learned the game as children. They had mostly learned this amazing game on the asphalt fields of the New York City public school system.
It was a very evenly balanced set of teams lead by team managers Bobby & Bruce
The pitching chores were handled ably by John (Der Judge) Hunt who went all the way pitching 13 innings against Gary (The Z) Zwetchkenbaum (12 innings) and Mark (The Lederhosen) Leder (1 inning).
The great pitching was matched by great fielding with too many web gems to mention,
as well as great hitting.
The final out occurred in the 13th inning with the tying run at bat. Gamed ended with an 8 to 5 victory for the Bruce's. It does not get any better than this.
When asked to place their highlights on the scoreboard, these men and boys were too humble to toot their own horns. It was a great game in the true spirit of Great Neck Softball.

Monday Highlights: By Bruce

Final score 8 to 5 in 10 innings with the tying run at bat.
Deja Vu all over again.
Winning pitcher (again) was John (Der Judge) Hunt who pitched all 10 innings.
The losing pitchers (again) were Gary (the Z) Zwetchkenbaum (8 innings) and Mark (the Lederhosen) Leder (2 Innings).

Losing team Highlights:
Alexander (14 year old son of Vinny Bats) joined his dad in the outfield.
The kid moves like a young Daryl Strawberry and hits like him as well.
Vinny "Bats" played a great game both offensively and defensively.
Gordon hit the ball solidly every at bat, unfortunately most of them ended up in Mario's glove. He was the author of several web gems at short stop.
Bryan who started a non-sugar diet played with grace and ease and no signs of sugar withdrawal.
Mark Leder acquitted him self well both behind the plate as well as in front of it. He played catcher, pitcher and as a hitter.
Gary Z snagged a line drive smashed towards the pitcher's mound that shows he still has the reflexes of a 40 year old.

Winning team Highlights:

Sunday by Bruce: Final Score 8-5 WinningTeam Pitcher-John Hunt - Losing Team Pitcher-Gary Z. *** 1) Luis-4 Hits Including One Home Run. Also Game Ending Web Gem Catch down the Leftfield line. 2) Mario 3 Hits and 2 Web Gem Catches at Third Base. 3) Scooter 3 Hits -One a Long Double to Leftfield and 2 Web Gem catches at Shortshop. 4) Driller 3 Hits and Web Gem Catch on Short Hop at First Base. 5) Hugh had 3 Hits and some nice base running. 6) Alan Zamchick had a RBI Hard Single to left & some nice baserunning. 7) Gary W. played well defensively
behind the plate @ Catcher and some nice base running as well. ****

By Bruce and reported to our Florida Satellite Office, then relayed back to you.

FYI

Our own Scott Eliasoph will make a cameo appearance this Tuesday on FBI's Most Wanted on CBS, Channel 2, at 10pm. Watch for him

STREAKED HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates Feb.28, 2021**

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
6	Sun	22	OLD SCHOOL YARD	Like a Snow ringed circus suited for wet suits	His Johner* vs Gary Z	12-5	Bobby/ Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 22 (27% of paid members)		PPG 20/6 = $3.33	2021 Paid up ($20PP- A NO-MINAL CHARGE) NO REFUNDS Members to date = 81 as of 2.28.21	Consecutive outdoor months played: 114* (New Record)	

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Game #6 Sunday 2.28.21 at Old Schoolyard by Gordo

Twas a gloomy last day in February. The Great Neck Softball league streak of never missing an entire calendar month of playing (except for the pandemic) was in jeopardy and the black top was still partially covered in snow and ice. How would the faithful respond? Would they choose the cowardly route of sitting by a pool in Florida or would they get to the field en masse an hour before game time, outfitted with shovels, ice picks and brooms to clear the field and keep this most sacrilegious streak in tack? (COMMISSIONER'S NOTE: *In my own defense you should know that sitting poolside or walking along a beach on 85 degree days are no walks in the park.***)**

It is with an enormous sense of pride that I can report that the warriors of softball took the high road. Even Joe Sineno showed up! And after making the field playable, albeit with some changes to ground rules to accommodate the conditions, the show went on. And

what a show it was, although the start was should we say, bumpy.

A searing line drive that his honor tried to snare with his cheekbone and the promise of the moment quickly turned ominous. But, heroically, the Great Hunt said give me the ball and away we went. The visitors were able to scratch a run only to be temporarily thwarted by the home sides three spot. Key to the rally were consecutive singles by Brian, Hugh, Ralph, Johnny V, Eric and Mario before the visitors were able to quell the onslaught.

Maintaining advantage, the home side kept the visitors off the board until the fifth when with the bags full, Mark Leder went opposite way on a 3-1 count for a bases clearing triple.

The lead was short lived as the home side again put up a three spot behind powerful hitting from Ed, Pete, Bruce and an inspired Judge, who lashed a ball as hard as he used to lash guilty defendants.

In the top of the sixth, with the addition of Luis, who decided that the 8:00 a.m. start didn't apply to him, the visitors put up five. Leading the way were back to back triples from Lou and Joe.

Undaunted, Seth Cohen lashed a drive to center which plated Eric all the way from first. And once again, we had a nail biter.

But the veteran hurler Gary Z., with uncharacteristically good control, pitched brilliantly and behind deft fielding including smooth play at short by Gordon and at third by Bryan, frustrated the home side.

When the final inning was played, the score stood 12-8 for the Z's over the Huntsmen. But make no mistake; there were no losers in this epic contest. The streak endures.

TIME MARCH-ES ON HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates March 7-8, 2021

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
	Sat	Wind chilled out					
7	Sun	22	OLD SCHOOL YARD	A Sunny none wind chiller-diller	His Johner* vs Gary Z	12-5	Bobby/ Bruce

		Net Weekend Turnout **22 (27% of paid members)**		**PPG 20/7 = $2.86**	**2021 Paid up ($20PP-** A NO-MINAL CHARGE) NO REFUNDS **Members to date = 81 as of 3.8.21**	**Consecutive outdoor months played: 115* (New Record)**	

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OUR STREAK March-es on to 115 consecutive months of outdoor play!*
KUDOS TO ALL!

Game #7- Sunday 3.7.21 at Old Schoolyard by Gordo

Under a bright late morning late winter sun, the boys of all seasons triumphantly extended the consecutive months streak to 115 (tempered only by a global pandemic). The 10 a.m. game time was a departure

from the norm but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the invigorated group of 22. The two sides were assembled with the Z's squaring off against his Honor.

The home team scratched out a run in the bottom of the first led by Hugh's fleet feet and Leder's hosen the ball all over the park. But their efforts were quickly and decisively rebuked by the visitors who put a 7 spot on the board in the top of the second. Z's return to midseason form wasn't enough to offset the questionable defense and timely hitting. The rally started with the Judge, Juan and Bobby at the bottom of the order. Around to the top and Ziggy back in form, Brian, Barry and the Big Gerbowski lashed the balls with alacrity. Mario, Jack, and Ed all followed suit with Rob W closing the onslaught.

The home team caught their stride and posted a four pack in the bottom of the third. That man Leder drove in a pair before Gordon went left fence (thanks to Lou's swatter) for a bases clearing two bagger.

But when the visitors added two more in the fourth and then three in the eighth, it was all over but the dancing. His Honor hurled 7 straight scoreless innings all while getting endorsement offers from cup companies throughout the tri-state area.

The noon whistle ended the lopsided affair but no one with the exception perhaps of Barry had any reason to not share in the camaraderie of the day. The streak lives.

Do I see a Great Neck Park field in the not too distant future? Stay tuned…
By Gordon

Thank you to Gordon, Bruce , Bobby, and Jack for keeping things going.

PS For those coming down to Florida this month, I have Monday-Wednesday Pickup Game for you in Fort Lauderdale. Be well and stay safe everyone. See you in April.
Gar

DAY-LIGHTFUL HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates March 13-14, 2021

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
8	Sat	24	KPP3	Like brides without grooms and witches without brooms	His Johner/ Ralph vs Gary Z*	11-8	Bruce/ Mike S
9	Sun	22	KPP3	Day-lightful	His Johner vs Gary Z*	10-9	Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout (24+21)-8 +37 (46% of paid members)		PPG 20/9 = $2.22	2021 Paid up ($20PP- A NO-MINAL CHARGE) NO REFUNDS Members to date = 81 as of 3.8.21	Consecutive outdoor months played: 115* (New Record)	

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Game #9 Saturday 3.13.21 KPP 3 by Gordon

OPENING DAY (who knew?)

Owing to an unseasonably warm week in early March, the Great Neck Park District gave the league last minute approval to use the fields on Red Brook Road. And an enthusiastic group of players showed up ready, willing and able. The only problem was that field 5 was still covered in ice! No matter. The softball warriors picked up and staged combat on the B field. And what a game it was!

The visitors surged ahead in the top of the first with strong hitting by Brian, Rich, Mike Spiel, Vinny, Lee and capped by a bases clearing blast to right center by Gordon. The home side, undaunted, quickly responded with a three pack of their own; With the power surge supplied by the heart of the order; Arik, Lou and the Great Gerbowski.

Two scoreless innings ensued until Gary W unleashed a bomb and the visitors plated two more were on the board. Single runs were added and it appeared that the Judges crew would prevail when the ball was handed over to Ralph to quell the fire. But it was not to be.

Ralph was nearly unhittable. In both a good and bad way. He set a GNSB league record of record of recording both four k's as well as four free passes in three innings of work. But it wasn't the cagey

knuckleballers elusiveness that did the visitors in, it was the bat speed of Arik's son Seth who turned on a fastball to turn a one run deficit to a one run lead! Add to that, an outstanding diving catch by the swift left fielder and the visitors were done. Not even the eventful play of the right fielder who thought that the best course of action after dropping a fly would be to gun the ball across the outfield to the left center fielder would be enough to prevent the Z's from owning the day.

Scouting report: Spiel – twisted knee is listed as day to day (but aren't we all)

Game #9 Piday 3.14.21 KPP 3 by Gordon

A slight warming trend was enough for the second game of the opening weekend to be played on the A field. The warm air was very much needed as the springing of the clock to daylight saving time meant a low morning sun.

From the outset, it appeared that the home Z's didn't get the memo about an earlier game time as poor pitching and sloppy fielding pitted against strong hitting and the visitors were leading 9-0 before the crowd had settled into their seats. The hitting was balanced and everyone on the visitors contributed. The first inning onslaught featured strong hitting by Mike, Joe, Mark, Bryan and a red hot Rob. The second time around, the side maker Cousin Brucie and the Judge provided the spark. It left some of Z's teammates hurling vindictives!

And it looked hopeless for the home side until The ZIG came to town. Lashing a bases clearing triple to cut the lead in half and drawing a critical walk from the shell shocked magistrate in the pivotal seventh inning and the naysayers were left with nothing to say other than wow, what a great comeback. Productive hitting by

Pete, Juan, Z to help his own cause and Mario complimented the speed and agility from the top of the lineup. The top three Seth, Jack and Johnnie V were dynamite as the home team squeaked to a one run lead. And it would have been more had there not been "Rob"bery committed in right field on a sinking line drive by Rob himself.

The visitors had one last chance to tie the score when Joe Sineno, at one time one of the fastest guys around, failed to advance from first to third on a crisp single. Perhaps he thought leaving the bat in the volatile hands of Mr. Leder would be the prudent move. But it was not to be. Mighty Marko was bested by an inside heater from the Z, the comeback was aborted and the final score revealed a comeback for the ages.

Opening weekend was a success with special kudos for the Brucemeister for making such evenly balanced squads.

Commissioner's note: From somewhere near Pi-ami to Long Pi-land. Thank you Gordon and Bruce for keeping everything going with such high quality.

<u>To be noted</u>: ***Bruce sends me photo of the scoreboards when I am not there. Upon seeing yesterday's I immediately commented that there must have been complaints and calls for a new game with new sides. I wonder how I knew that would happen? Any theories?***
The game of course was continued with the team that was trailing 9-0 in the 2nd, winning. **Gar**

Inspirational Knocked the daylights out of the ball

Had he hit the ball an hour earlier it would have been a home run since there were no fielders yet.

WINTERLESS HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates March 27-28, 2021**

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
12	Sat	26	KPP	Winterless	His Johner*/ vs Gary Z	7-5	Bruce/
	Sun	Cancelled					
		Net Weekend Turnout 26 (31% of paid members)		PPG 20/12 = $1.67	2021 Paid up ($20PP- A NO-MINAL CHARGE) NO REFUNDS Members to date = 83 As of 3.27.21	Consecutive outdoor months played: 115* (New Record)	

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Game #12 Saturday 3.27.21 KPP Written by Mike Spiel

It was a well played game with the Hunts beating the Z's 7-5. For the Z's a big hitting day for Roy, Joe and his nephew Vinny with 3 hits each. Mark Leder and Joe each hit booming triples for the Hunts. Web gems by Z on a screaming liner back to the mound. Bryan made a couple of nice plays at 3b, as did New Fran at 3b and SS. Lee pitched 2 inning is relief and fielded his position well. Joe made a nice running catch in LCF. Matt made a nice catch in RF. Vinny had the defensive play of the day running in a long way to catch a fly in LF.

Please sign up for tomorrow's Momentous Event before 5pm this afternoon so we can tell if we'll have enough players for a viable game.

See everyone in April
Gar

GOOD HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates April 2-, 2021**

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
	Fri	Canceled					

13	Sat	16	KPP	Winterless	His Johner vs Gary Z*	15-14	Bruce/
14	Sun	21	A-wood		Leder* vs Luis*	10-10	Bruce/ Mike/ Bobby
		Net Weekend Turnout 37-6=31 (37% of paid members)		PPG 20/14 = $1.48	2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date = 83 As of 4.4.21	Consecutive outdoor months played: 116* (New Record)	

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Game 13 Sat. KPP 5 4.3.21 by Gordon

A stunning morning marked the return of regularly scheduled 8 A.M. games. And the conditions couldn't have been more delightful. Yet for some unknown reason, this grand opportunity to play was lost on several who seemed to be intimidated by the early morning chill. These late cancelations left a determined group of sixteen to square off in an 8 against 8 contest. And it was one for the ages. So engaging was the match that after ten hard fought innings and no winner declared, an extra frame was added stretching the morning game time to two and one half hours!

His Johner's boys started off with a two spot, anchored by Jack who was a hitting machine all day. The next four frames were quiet until the Z's get ontrack, platting 5 in the bottom of the third. Solid hitting by Brian, Jon Z and John V bamboozled the opponents. And with the tail end of the order, Gary, Bruce and Z providing clutch at bats, the contest turned around in a hurry.

The visitors came back strong as Joe, Bryan and Vinny delivered and the visitors were within one. In their following turn, his Johner's team batted thirteen! And plated 8 to put the visitors ahead by seven. Jack again delivered with a critical two run double which started the fireworks. But it was the normally pull hitting Jeff who doubled into rightcenter that delighted the visitors. The rally was finally thwarted thanks to some nifty defense by the Great Brucinzki who snared a screaming line drive.

Left for dead, the Z's came back with a vengeance. With Gary, Bruce and Z setting up the top of the order, the tandem of Jon and John smashed the ball and when the dust had settled, four runs for the home side. John's triple was the big hit and it put the Z's back in the game.

Four seemed to be their magic number as the Z's added 4 more in the bottom of the 8th. The key hit was a moon shot by Mark Leder that scared the nesting indigenous Kings Point Park warblers in deep right

field and another by Jon Z that scared the left field fowl. After being down by 7, the Z's led by a run. What a comeback.

But Joe said not so fast as he rattled Z's jowls with a moon shot of his own and just like that, tie game. Well, said Brian, one good rip deserves another and just like that the Z's were up by one. Game on!

In the top of the tenth, Jeff led off and roped one down the line and the judge came up and hit a bouncer that resulted in an errant throw. When the dust had settled, Jeff had made it all the way home and his honor stood on second with the top of the order coming to the plate. And then the play of the game:

Angry at his transgression, John V. stuck his glove out and snared Joe's screamer that was heading up the middle and in one motion tagged out the stunned runner who was looking to bring home the go ahead run! Rally over and on to the bottom of the inning.

A determined group strode confidently to the plate and with runners on the corners and Mark at the plate, the visitors elected to pitch rather than walk to set up a force at home. That is the way to play fellows! You got to bring some to get some and that's what Mr. Leder did. A rip to right and the game went to the Z's.

To all that came, congratulations. To all those that bailed, congratulations to all that came.

Game 14 Sun. A-wood 4.4.21 by Mike Sp

We know Bruce likes it when all games end in a tie. It looks like on Sunday, Bruce was kissing his sister. The Avilas rallied with 4 runs in the bottom of the 12th, aided by a missed call on a tag play at 3b that would have ended the game. Otherwise, Andy Paul did a great job umping this 10-10 tie. The Leders jumped out to the lead behind multiple hits from Joel and Mark Leder. The Avilas

came back behind the bomb that Kenny hit down the RF line for a homer. A 3 hit game for Doug and a clutch 2 out single from Matt to tie the game. Matt also made a terrific running catch in deep LCF to rob Bryan of an extra base hit. There were many web gems on the day. The infield of the Leders seem to make all the plays with Rob at 1b, Mike at ss and Jon S who was Juanderful at 2b. Newcomer Junior made a nice running catch in RF. Jack and Gary W made several plays in SCF in turning would be base hit into force outs at 2b. Mario flashed some leather at 3b.

Thank you to Gordon and Mike Spiel for taking the time and doing the Highlights and to Andy Paul who travelled all the way from Brooklyn just to umpire. Excellent above and beyond
jobs.

NEGATIVE TESTED HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates**
April 11-12-, 2021

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
15	Sat	25	KPP	Cloudy start then clarity sets in.	His Johner* vs Gary Z	7-6	Bruce/ Mike
16	Sun	15	A-wood	Rainy pregame them a windows opens	Leder vs The Uniform*	18-17	Bruce/ Mike/ Bobby

		Net Weekend Turnout **25+15 -8=32 (37% of paid members)**		**PPG 20/16 = $1.25**	**2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date** **= 86** **As of 4.12.21**	**Consecutive outdoor months played:** **116*** **(New Record)**	

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Game 15 Sat. KPP 5 4.11.21 by Mike

The game started out in heavy rain and ended in sunshine. The Hunts beat the Z's in 11 innings 7-6. With a 4-0 lead, Gary Z had a no hitter going into the 8th inning, when the Hunts put together 3 hits and a walk to claw back into the game 4-2. Everyone knew Z had the no-no going and it was jinxed by someone verbally mentioning it. Sure enough, the next inning, the no-no, was gone, as was the shut out and soon the enough the W. The Hunts rallied

for 5 runs in the top the 11th to win the game. They had 2nd and 3rd with 2 outs when the Judge drew the 9th walk of the game for the Hunts. Jon Z came up clutch with a two run single to take the lead. Mike and newcomer Eddie, blasted a double and triple in the bottom of the inning, but Eddie, the tying run, was left stranded at third.

For the Hunts, not much hitting today, I think Leder had 2 hits. Mike led the Z's with 3 hits and a Sac fly. Guest Jonas blasted a triple over the RF's head and Hugh had a couple of hits. To have a no hitter going that deep, there must be web gems. Joe made a great diving catch in LCF. Hugh tracked down a long drive in RCF, Jonas grabbed a hot liner in SCF. On the infield, Mike gobbled up all the grounders to SS, including a nice 6-6-3 DP and a bare handed catch on a force out at 2b. Steve made a bunch of plays at 3b. For the Hunts, Bruce made a nice stop and throw at 2b, Leder turned a nice DP and Seth made a couple of nice running catches in RCF.

Game 16 Sun. A-wood 4.12.21 by Gordon

The weather forecast for Sunday April 11th 2021, was ominous. Rain was predicted all day starting with light showers somewhere around 9 a.m., increasing in intensity to a heavy rain, which would subsequently curtail all outdoor activities, including the Mets game scheduled that afternoon. From the outset, the weather was suspect with a heavy fog evident from the break of dawn. What to do?

Using the latest in weather technology, ranging from radar to tide charts to temperature to wind charts and availing themselves of the greatest technology in the history of mankind, including but not limited to the Mars Integrity, the Large Hadron Collider, CRISPR (which as we all know stand for, Clustered regularly Interspace Short Palindromic Repeats) and dozens of other state of the art scientific tools, it was decided to go ahead with the game. But what kind of a game would it be?

That was answered on the first pitch when Barry lifted what was certain to be a Texas leaguer into short left field, only to have his effort snatched by Gordon with an over the shoulder grab. GAME ON! And so it was. With that, into the box strode Mr. Kono who promptly launched a lunar probe that nearly started the clouds to erupt. It would be the first of two four baggers for the wily veteran. Matt, Mark, Bryan and Jack also supplied offensive firepower providing the visiting Leders to take the lead.

Eric' home side would not go quietly. Super Joe, who seemed to be on base more times than Bugs Bunny, promptly led the homies back into contention. Timely hitting by Eric, Gordon, Mario, Gary Ch., Rob and Bobby gave the home side the advantage 6-4 heading into the fourth.

The fourth inning was the only inning that was scoreless. But it was then, that it became clear that we would get the game in as the rain was holding up nicely. In the bottom of the fifth, the homeside added a pair and it looked like the 8-4 advantage would hold up, particularly after Gary Ch. made the catch of the day. Ranging to his right from his left field position, he dove and snared a scorching line drive that was a cinch four bagger had he not made the play.

The three goose eggs put up by Leder's visiting side would not continue however. Getting 3 in the 6th, and two in the 7th put them up by a run. Key hits were provided by Mark Leder who continues to drive the ball like Hideki Matsuyama, Matt who slaughtered a screamer into the ionosphere and Gary W. who blasted a triple.

Down by a run, Eric's home side got going and plated five to seemingly put the game away. Gary Ch added to his day with five hits and great base running. Going into the eighth, this and one more, the home side went OFF! Eight runs later and the home side looked worse than one of Barry's gold glove opponents. Great hitting by the entire lineup which

started with Barry and then Kono, Matt, Leder, Bryan, Jack, Pete and Gary W. and going into the bottom of the eighth it was Leder's boys 17, Eric's Vikings 13.

Not so fast. A gutsy three spot started by Gordon's triple and clutch hitting by Mario, Gary, Rob, Bobby, Joe and Erick and the home side was down by a single run.

After a scoreless top of the ninth, the home side was down by one in the bottom of the ninth. Mario flied to left before Gary Ch was clutch yet again and lashed a full count single up the middle to keep home alive. Rob then came up and bounced into a fielder's choice but great hustle by Gary put the pressure on the defense and the home side had men on first and second. Bobby, under pressure from Barry, was unable to advance the runners. That left the fate of the free world up to Joe Sineno. Joe had been hammering the ball all day and the outfield had to play a no doubles defense. As fate would have it, this decision would be the determinant of the day's events.

Joe lifted a bloop into short center field. Matt, whose glove had been nothing short of spectacular all day, raced forward to make the catch. Time slowed down. Would he get there or would it fall. Matt reached valiantly and it appeared that the game would end in the webbing of his glove. But it was not to be. The ball dropped inches from Matt's forward lean. And with Matt on a full sprint, when the ball landed, he could do no better than run past it. Without hesitation and with blazing speed, Rob circled third just as Matt recovered. The throw, the catch, the play at the plate….SAFE and the home side takes the game 18-17.

Kudos to Bruce who played first for both sides and filled out the lineup card. He almost got himself another tie!

Thank you Mike and Gordon for providing such enjoyable highlights.

See everyone next weekend

Gar

HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates April 17-18, 2021**

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
17	Sat	30	KPP5	Exceptionally ordinary	His Johner* vs Gary Z	16-6	Bruce/ Mike
18	Sun	21	KPP3	Soft, warm and pleasant unlike some players	Leder vs DougBee*	19-10	Bruce/ Mike/ Bobby
		Net Weekend Turnout 30+21 -13=38 (44% of paid members)		PPG 20/18 = $1.11	2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date = 86 As of 4.18.21	Consecutive outdoor months played: 116* (New Record)	

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Game 17 Sat. KPP 5 4.11.21 by Mike

The Hunts put a beatdown on the Z's 16-6 in a game involving 30 players. Rotating players in this game was a full time job. John Hunt was the star, throwing strikes and did not allow an earned run. Big hitting for the Hunts, led by Lee and his 3 hits. Also big hitting from Jon Z, and Mike. Bryan blasted a double to LCF, Leder hit a bomb to RF and Vinny had multiple hits. Web gems start with the highlight of Steve F grabbing a hot liner at 3b and stepping on third for a double play, killing a rally. Hugh made a nice sliding catch in RCF. Jon Z had a nice catch on a shallow hit to LCF. New players Jamie and Dee joined in the fun. Jamie had a nice hit knocking in a run and Dee made a great effort on a flyball to RF, showing she can put the Dee in defense

Game 18 Sun. KPP 3 4.18.21 by Mike

The Becks pounded the Leders 19-10 on a rare Sunday game at KP5 B field. Rich Connors led the way with 5 hits and a bases clearing bomb. Multiple hits for almost everyone on the Becks. Bryan and Matt both hit homers, Bryan to LCF and Matt to RF. For the Leders, Mark hit a homer to RF that is still going! Eddie continues to impress with multiple line drive hits. Web gems start with Doug Beck, who pitched well, but fielded his position even better. With multiple assists on hard grounders and grabbing several popups. Bryan, Eric and Matt turned a nice 5-4-3 dp and Mike turned a 6-6-3 dp. He also robbed Ziggy of a hit on a one

hop liner in the hole. For the Leders, Pete made a couple of nice plays at 2b, including a stop on a one hop liner from Kenny.

There are some random sights and scenes of Sunday's Game attached.
Enjoy
See everyone next weekend
Gar

ALMOST MAY HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates April 24-25, 2021**

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
19	Sat	26	KPP5	Almost May-like	His Johner* vs Gary Z	8-7	Bruce/ Mike
	Sun	RAINED OUT					
		Net Weekend Turnout 26 (30% of paid members)		PPG 20/19 = $1.05	2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date = 86 As of 4.25.21	Consecutive outdoor months played: 116* (New Record)	

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Game 19 Sat. KPP 5 4.24.21

IT ISN'T QUITE MAY, BUT PLAYERS WALKED AWAY VERY MERRY ANYWAY, PARTICULARLY THE VISITORS, WHO WERE DOWN 6-3 GOING INTO THE 10TH, BUT REFUSED TO LAY DOWN. THEY MADE HAY FROM A COUPLE OF BREAKS TO SCORE 5 RUNS AND TAKE AN 8-6 LEAD.
MEANWHILE HIS JOHNER HELD THE HOME TEAM AT BAY, AFTER THEY LAUNCHED A MINI-RALLY IN THE BOTTOM OF THE 12TH, ONLY TO FALL SHORT A RUN.

HELPING THE VISITOR'S CAUSE WERE FANTASTIC DEFENSIVE PLAYS, LIKE 3 FROM DOUG BECK AT 2ND BASE WHO SAID NAY TO OPPOSING BATTERS TRYING TO GET HITS, ONE OF WHICH TURNED A CERTAIN BASE HIT INTO A DOUBLE PLAY.

A LEDER TO LEE RELAY THROW CUT DOWN A RUNNER AT THE PLATE AND PROBABLY MADE THE DIFFERENCE IN THE GAME.

MIKE SPIEL TURNED A DOUBLE PLAY BY TAKING A THROW WITH HIS BAREHAND AT 2B AND FIRING IT TO FIRST.

ALSO SAY YAY TO GEMS ON THE HOME TEAM FROM JACK IN SCF, THROWING OUT A RUNNER AT 2B ON A FORCE PLAY ON WHAT NORMALLY WOULD HAVE BEEN A BASE HIT.

GARY Z SAVED HIS OWN LIFE TWICE BY SNAGGING 2 LINE DRIVE, LASER RAYS HIT RIGHT TO HIS MID-SECTION. ONE MIGHT SAY HIS GEMS SAVED HIS JEWELS.

HAVING THE BIGGEST PAYDAY AT THE PLATE TODAY WAS MARK LEDER WHO HAD 2 SINGLES, A DOUBLE, AND A TRIPLE. HE THEN LEFT TO WITNESS A DEDICATION TO NAME A STREET AFTER HIS DAD ROBERT. LEDER IN THE BRONX. IT WILL BE CALLED ROBERT LEDER WAY. DETAILS AND PHOTOS TO FOLLOW.

BARRY AND RICH CONNORS BOTH HAD REASON TO FEEL GAY TODAY, IN THE OLD FASHION SENSE OF THE WORD,OF COURSE. BOTH HAD BIG 4 HIT DAYS. RICH'S HITS INCLUDED A TRIPLE WAY OVER THE LFS HEAD.

ABNER WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD TO SEE DOUBLE DAYS FROM JACK, LEE, JOE SINENO, JUAN PLATA, AND DAVE G. NOT TO MENTION HUGH AND GORDO EACH OF WHOM HAD 2 ADDITIONAL HITS.

SEE EVERYONE FOR MAYDAY. PRAY FOR GOOD WEATHER, SO OUR STREAK CAN REACH 117 CONSECUTIVE OUTDOOR MONTHS. PLEASE BE GROOMED PROPERLY FOR THE PHOTO :) OKAY?

GAR
516 996 2641

RECORD BREAKING REWIND **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates**
May 1-2, 2021

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
20	Sat	28	KPP5	Breezy and not May-like	Mark L*/ SteveF/Luis vs Gary Z/ Lee	12-8 In 13 Innings	Bruce
21	Sun	22	A-wood	The definition of Spring as the winds get rewinded	Leder vs Eric the U*	8-6 In 15* Innings A GNSB record for innings played	Bruce/ Bobby

		Net Weekend Turnout **50-14=36 (41% of paid members)**		**PPG 20/21 = $0.95 5 cents below the no complaint line**	**2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date = 88 As of 5.2.21**	**Consecutive outdoor months played: 117* (New Record)**	

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- **OUR 117TH CONSECUTIVE OUTDOOR MONTH IS RECORDED. A NEW RECORD!**
- **15 INNINGS ON SUNDAY. - A NEW GNSB RECORD.**
- **28 COMBINED INNINGS FOR THE 2 DAY WEEKEND - A NEW GNSB RECORD FOR LONG PLAYING (LP).**

Game 20 Sat. KPP 5 5.1.21

THIS WAS ANOTHER ELECTRA-FYING GNSB GAME. IN WHICH THE HOME TEAM WAS LEADING 6-1 GOING INTO THE 5TH, UNTIL THE VISITORS TURNED THE TABLES WITH 5 IN THE 5TH AND 5 MORE IN THE 7TH.

Z K's 4

A GNSB record according to the Elias Sports Bureau (pronounced He-lie-us).

- **LEDER GEMS ON A LIFE THREATENING CD BURNER TO THE MOUND.**
- **JACK DEMOS A RUNNING GEM AS HE TRACKS DOWN A BULLET RISING TO THE TOP OF THE CHARTS IN RCF**
- **FOR THE RECORD MATT SP, LEE, AND VINNY EACH HAD 3 HIT SINGLES, AT LEAST.**
- **FROM THE B SIDE OF THE ALPHABET, BRYAN BLACK'S BLAST FROM THE PAST HITS THE WARNING TRACK FOR A TRIPLE**
- **ED H KEPT IN THE HITTING GROOVE WITH A BIG HI FI TRIPLE TO CF.**
- **VINYL-LY, JONAS RECORDED THE 2 BIGGEST HITS WITH A TAPE MEASURE TOWER-ING DOUBLE TO CF AND A SUPER HI FI TRIPLE TO RF.**

Game 21 Sun. Allenwood 5.2.21

ON THE FLIPSIDE OF THIS WEEKEND SUNDAY'S GAME WAS TRULY GNSB'S MOST EPIC (LP) GAME (15 INNINGS).

IT WAS MONO A MONO, ERIC VS LEDER.

ERIC, THE KC MONARCH, THREW 10 STRAIGHT SCORELESS INNINGS, BUT THERE WERE 5 ADDITIONAL INNINGS!
A LESSER MAN WOULD HAVE BEEN READY FOR THE ASYLUM BY THEN. GIVE HIM THE VICTROLA-RY

GARY W EARNS A GOLD RECORD FOR MAKING 2 GOLDEN GLOVE PLAYS IN ONE INNING. ONE WAS THE SNAGGING OF A FAST FORWARDED, LASER DISK. THE OTHER THE GUN DOWN OF A RUNNER AT THIRD.

ZIGGY, KENNY, AND KONOGRAPH ALL BECAME FOUR HITS WONDERS. INCLUDED IN THOSE SMASH ITS WERE A DOUBLE BY ZIG AND TRIPLE BY KONO.

JACK, NO RELATION TO BRUCE, AND GORDON, NO RELATION TO PETER, ALSO HAD MULTI-RBI TRIPLES

IF ERIC TOSKY PUT OUT HIS UNRELEASED ALBUM IT WOULD BE CALLED HIGH FIVE FOR FIVE.

BRUCE WEB GEMMED AT 1B ON A BALL TRAVELING AT 45 RPM.

BOBBY W EARNED 2 WEBBIES. ONE WITH A LONG RUNNING CATCH OF A SMASH TO RIGHT, THE OTHER BY BEING THE PIVOT MAN IN A 1 -2-3 DOUBLE PLAY AT A CRUCIAL TIME AND CAUSED HIS OPPONENTS TO REWIND THEIR RALLY.

SORRY FOR MY PROBABLE POLYGRAM-MATICAL ERRORS. YOU CAN NEEDLE ME ABOUT THEM IF YOU WANT.

HAVE A GOOD WEEK ALL. SEE YOU BACK IN THE PRESENT.
GARY 516 996 2641

LONGLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates May 8-9, 2021**

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
22	Sat	29	KPP5	Cool and misty-cal	His Johner*/ SteveF/Luis vs Gary Z/ Lee	12-2	Bruce
23	Sun	23	A-wood	Cool and mist-akel with undecided skies	Leder vs DougBee*	8-7	Bruce/ Bobby

		Net Weekend Turnout **52-12=40 (44% of paid members)**		**PPG 20/23 = $0.87 13 cents below the no complaint line**	**2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date = 90 As of 5.9.21**	**Consecutive outdoor months played: 117* (New Record)**	

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Game 22 Sat. KPP 5 5.8.21 Guest Writer: **Gordon Charlop**

It was a grey Saturday morning when the intrepid softball warriors braved a light but steady drizzle to bring their unrelenting determination to the diamond. On one side, Gary Z and his pranksters were the home team, aiming to stake a claim to the begrimed pitch. Pitted against them were the Huntsmen who were ready, willing and waiting to do whatever it would take to achieve victory on this remote and turbid piece of Kings Point real estate.

The visitors got off first, early and often, platting one in the first, two in the second and three in the third. The offense was balanced with particular acuity being shown by the lower half of the lineup, namely cousin Bruwsky and Your Johner. Back around to the top and Brian, Kenny, Vinny and the LederMan lashing wicked trajectories to parts unmanned.

The visitors responded with a run in the bottom of the third until the inflection point of the game presented itself. Mike Spiel carrying the heavy aluminum and striding to the plate with a couple on and two out, lashed a missile into left center field. It was at that moment that it was all but a foregone conclusion that the lead would be cut in half and the rally would be on. But there was one who saw it differently. Vinny, (aka the people's champion because of the way the home run derby was stolen from him by the corrupt governing body that exploits its own people) sprinted straight to the spot where Mike's projectile was certain to land. Showing courage and reckless abandon, Vinny lunged forward and managed to corral the sinking line drive just before it touched the turf. This unbelievable play not only ended rally but crushed the resolve of team Z as they were only able to muster a single run the rest of the way.

Bolstered by this incredible feat, the visitors relaxed and started pounding shots all over the yard. Mike G, Lee, Gary CH, Jack, Alan Z., and Jeff all took turns supplying the explosive offense and when it was all said and done, your honor took the honor of a 12 inning 12 to 2 victory.

Two other notable occurrences that need mention are: it was the ninth consecutive Saturday where one side or both had 14 players on its team. This meant that once again, about an hour and a half between at bats. But rather than dwell on the incompetence of the Commissioner and his staff, let it be known that in one inning, a total of six pitches were

needed to record six outs. First Z got three in a row and then Mark Leder in relief matched the feat. Congrats to the two pitchers for the unprecedented effort. May this memory serve as an inspiration to all pitchers to throw strikes and keep the game moving. Also, a special shout out to Steve who after a fifteen year hiatus crushed a double down the left field line.

Game 3 Sun Allenwood 5.9.21 Guest Writer: **Gordon Charlop**

Sunday: A Mother's Day Sunday found the boys of all seasons at Allenwood Park. The field was in fine shape and the rain wasn't forecast until later that afternoon. Play Ball!

Today's event pitted the stylings of Doug Beck's bombers against Mark's Leaders. Leder and company struck first as the visitors. A seeing eye double by Barry led to a run but regrettably also caused the wily batsman to pull up at second holding his hamstring. Inspired by his heroism, the visitors added four in the fourth. The middle of the lineup did the damage. Jack, Matt and Mario strung together a few hits and Dan, newcomer Eric, Juan and Bobby supplied enough savvy to give the visitors a five run lead heading to the bottom of the fifth.

It looked like the home side would come right back when Lee lashed a two out rope with two men on between Right and Left Center that looked like it would get through the outfield. And with Lee's speed, likely a game changing three run homer but Gordon reached and grabbed to ball on one hop and fired to third. A stunned runner could only try to dodge the tag with the inevitable outcome.

A few innings later, the home side plated two more. Gary Ch. who had three hits, led the rally. Pete and Bruce also delivered clutch hits. With the score now at 5-3, it was game on. But Mr. Ed had other ideas and absolutely crushed an inside pitch to deep left field. Dave Gerber is still

looking up at the sky to try to find it. And now it was 6-3 heading to the last two innings.

The home side was undeterred and scored five times or more specifically Lee scored five times as a repeat "courtesy" runner. But that's fine; if you're not cheating you're not trying. Combining his feet with the bats of Eric, Dave, Bryan, Doug and Rob, the home side took a one run lead.

Big Joel Wurtzel led off the visitors half and with one mighty wallop tied the game. Gordon followed and hit a 1-0 pitch sharply to the right side. But the home sides defense made a strong play and he was retired. However, somewhere between his running down the baseline and returning to the dugout, the score was changed so that a tie game now showed the visitors trailing by a run.

The game ended in this manner. So to celebrate and commemorate this brilliant display of bush league antics, it has been decided that at each and every Mother's Day game going forward, the league will supply everybody with whiteboard markers to doodle, change the score, draw pictures, or do whatever to express their motherly sensitivities.

E-MASK-ULATING HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates May 15-16, 2021

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
24a	Sat	19	KPP5	ROOM TEMPERA-CHEERY	His Johner/ vs Gary Z*/ Lee	12-3	Mike Sp

24b	Sat	18	KPP3	Ditto	**Mike L*/Dan (H) vs. Marc L**	19-9	Bruce
25	Sun	24	A-wood	Criminally delightful	Leder/Lee vs Eric the Uniform*	10-3	Bruce/ Bobby
		Net Weekend Turnout (19+18+24)-15= 46 (51% of paid members)		PPG 20/25 = $0.80 20 cents below the no complaint line	2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date = 90 As of 5.16.21	Consecutive outdoor months played: 117* (New Record)	

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MASKS ARE ASKED NO MAS, IF YOU'RE FULLY VAXED!

"WHO WAS THAT MASKED MAN?" NEEDS TO BE ASKED NO MORE.

(BUT IT WAS MOORE! ….CLAYTON MOORE)

THE TWO DIAMOND SYSTEM RE-EMERGES AT THE SATURDAY KPP GAMES, AS THE SOFTBALL NATION FINALLY WAKES UP FROM HIBER-NATION.

MANY OLD FAVORITES RETURN.

(MIKE, IRA, AND HARLAN LEVINES, BEN, RUSSELL, HOWIE, FLASH PAISNER)

Game 24A SAT. KPP5 5.15.21 BY MIKE SPIEL

Well, we are finally back to two games on Saturday. The Z's beat the Hunts 12-3 behind the return of Howie and Jon P. Howie did not miss a beat, hitting 2 bombs for triples on the day. Mike and Doug each hit doubles to ignite big innings for the Z's, but Kenny was the hitting star of the day with 4 hits. Newcomer Chris smacked a triple to RF and almost lapped the baserunner. There were plenty of web gems on the day. The Z's turned 5 dp's on the day, a new Great Neck Softball record. Bryan turned a nice dp from 3b on a hot shot. Brian Star was a star in the OF, making a terrific catch and later throwing out a runner at 3b. Catch of the year was made by Kono. Marc the magnificent made a diving catch in CF to rob a would be extra base hit away from Bryan.

Best Regards,
Michael Spiel

Game 24B SAT. KPP3 5.15.21 BY MIKE LEVINE

B Game – May 15, 2021
# of Players: 18
Pitchers: Mike (W)/Dan (H) vs. Marc L
GM: Bruce
Playing Conditions: 'Top 5'

B-sters' 9 Run 7th Sink the Home-Boys 19-9

B-Boys seal it with 6 big enchiladas in the 10th!

- **Barry's 2 run triple in the 7th was the straw that put the camel on its back!**
- **Gord-o ties a GNSB record with 7 hits and key glove gem @ S.S.**
- **Super Joe makes a 'Say Hey Kid', over the shoulder grab in deep leftcenter**
- **The 3 Amigo Levine-o's contributed: Harlan w/ x-tra base smash to left, Roth Ira with couple of hits and some serious base chugging**
- **The Plata-mon escaped serious injury with play at the plate**
- **Mike G. with timely hit to leftcenter duing 9 run 7th**
- **Gary in right making a tremendous catch down the line to save 2 runs**
- **Marc continuously tested Super Joe in CF to no avail**
- **Gary W. pulling the ball for 2 hits to left**
- **Steve with all-around play at 1B**
- **Russ bringing high energy and lots of fun and x-tra-baser to rightcenter**
- **Jeff the mensch with fine play at 2b**
- **Bruce displaying Wee Willie Keeler skills with 2 hits to left**
- **Hugh with high energy and great play in the field**
- **Ben playing long ball-dangerous hitter**

& finally

- **Dan, playing the game it's supposed to be played, getting a ribby hitting to right side of diamond (take that Aaron Hicks!)**

<u>Game 25 SUN. ALLENWOOD 5.16.21</u> (Highlights Fresh out of De-mask-us. Are you Syria? Yes I am.)
MARK LEDER E-MASK-UALTES THE UNMASKED OPPOSING BATTERS WITH HIS 3 RUN IN 12 INNINGS, PITCHING PERFORMANCE

LEE PUTS THE LEE IN STANLEY IPKISS, BY SHOWING HE HAS A PERMIT FOR HIS BAZOOKA ARM AS HE GUNS DOWN A RUNNER AT HOME, AIDED BY A FINE CATCH AND TAG BY GW (not the bridge).

GORDO WAS S-s-s-s-s-s-mokin'! WITH A 4 HIT DAY, INCLUDING A DOUBLE.

LEDER SEES THE BALL LIKE A SPICEY MEATBALL AND IPKISSES IT GOODBYE WITH A MONSTER HOME RUN ALMOST TO TENNISYLVANIA.

BOBBY DOUBLE-U DOUBLES TO RCF AND YELLS, "SOMEBODY STOP ME." AS HE PULLS INTO SECOND BASE."

SETH CRIES OUT "SOMEBODY STOP ME." AS HE RUNS A HALF MILE AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT, TO MAKE AN AMAZING CATCH IN LCF.

ROB WURTZEL SAYS, "You were good, kids, real good. But as long as I'm around, you'll always be second best, see?" AS HE BLASTS OUT 3 QUALITY HITS.

VINNY BATS MAKES A WEB GEM ON A BALL TO LCF THAT COULD'VE BEEN A HOMER AND THE BATTER WAS HEARD SAYING, "Tell Auntie Em to let Old Yeller Out. Tell Tiny Tim I won't be coming HOME this Christmas. Tell Scarlett I do give a damn."

ERIC "THE POLITICALLY INCORRECT CLEVELAND INDIAN" SAYS WAHOO! AFTER HE BLASTS A DOUBLE OFF THE GLOVE OFF THE COMMISHUGANA IN DEEP LF. AND HE COMMISHUGANA EXCLAIMS, "

Look mom, I'm roadkill. Ha Ha!!! Look mom, I'm roadkill. Ha Ha!

JACK AND BRYAN HAD MULTIHIT/RBI DAYS AND THERE WERE PROBABLY OTHERS BUT THEY DIDN'T ADMIT TO IT.

Somebody stop me!

Gar of Great Neck Weekend Softball since 1991

"Signup or get old"

HOT OFF THE PRESSES HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates May 22-23, 2021**

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
26a	Sat	18	KPP5	In mid-unseason ally warm form	Lee vs DougB*	10-8	MIKE SP
26b	Sat	19	KPP3	Ditto	His Johner*vs The Zee-ity*	5-5	Bruce
27	Sun	25	A-wood	Ditto all over again	Leder/Lee vs The Zee-ity*	13-9	MIKE SP/ BOBBY W

		Net Weekend Turnout (19+18+25)-18= 44 (48% of paid members)		PPG 20/27 = $0.75 25 cents below the no complaint line	2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date = 92 As of 5.23.21	Consecutive outdoor months played: 117* (New Record)	

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Game 26A SAT. KPP5 5.22.21 BY MIKE SPIEL

A great game on a beautiful day. The Becks beat the Tannenbaums 10-8. Corey and Rich led the way with 4 hits each. Big hitting for Bryan with 2 line drive extra base hits and a bomb by Marc L and Mike G. Also contributing at the plate Doug, Gary C and Jack. For the T's, Mike led the way with 5 hits and Dave had 4 hits. Kenny and Lee continue to stay hot with multiple line drive hits. Lee and Doug both pitched and fielded their positions well.

Web gems all around. Kono made 2 terrific sliding catches in LF. Corey had a leaping catch at 2b and helped turn a nice DP. Mike and Steve had a ton of action at SS and 3B. Jon P made a great grab running in full speed in CF. Both Brian and Gary C made nice catches on the run in the OF.

Game 26B SAT. KPP3 5.15.21

YOU'D THINK ON SUCH A **SCORE-CHER** THERE'D BE MORE OF A SCORE TO CHEER, BUT HIRED FLAME **THROWERS JOHN HUNT AND GARY Z CHILLIED THE SIZZLING BATS OF THEIR OPPONENTS AND LIMITED THE BLAZES TO ONLY 5 ALARMS EACH.**

JUAN PLATA WAS ON FIRE WITH 3 HITS. HIS JOHNER COM-BUSTED TWO BASE HITS AND LUIS SMOKED A FLAMING MISSILE OVER THE LF FENCE INTO THE PICNIC AREA BY THE BARBECUE PIT.

A WARM THANK YOU GOES OUT TO GARY Z , JOHN HUNT, LUIS, ED H AND CHRIS M. FOR HELPING THE GAME BY PLAYING ON KPP3 TODAY.

Game 27 SUN. ALLENWOOD 5.23.21

WHILE LESSER FOLK STAYED INSIDE IN THEIR A/C, AFRAID OF HEAT STROKE, GNSB PLAYERS WERE OUTSIDE STROKING HOT BATS VS. PITCHERS WHO THREW COMBOS OF HEATERS, SEMI-HEATERS AND STEAMING JUNK WITH LOTSA FUNK.
ABLE TO OVERCOME THOSE PITCHES WERE:

- **PETE, WHOSE BAT WAS HOTTER THAN A MATCH HEAD TODAY, AS HE WENT 4 FOR 4 INCLUDING A FIRE-BREATHING MONSTER OF A HOME RUN TO LCF.**
- **ED H, WHOSE BAT WAS HOTTER THAN A FURNACE TODAY, AS HE BLASTED A SEARING DOUBLE, AND A SIZZLING TRIPLE.**
- **LEE, WHOSE BAT WAS HOTTER THAN AN INFERNO TODAY, AS HE SMOKED 4 FLAMING HITS INCLUDING A SCORCHING DOUBLE, AND A BLISTERING TRIPLE.**
- **ERIC B, WHOSE HOME RUN LEFT A TRAIL OF FLAMES UP THE HILLS ALONG THE LF LINE.**
- **MARK L, WHOSE HOME RUN SOARED INTO CF LIKE A BURNING COMET.**
- **KENNY, WHOSE BAT WAS LIKE A BONFIRE TODAY, WITH 3 HITS INCLUDING A TORRID DOUBLE**
- **ZIGGY, WHO DOUBLED TO START THE GAME, USING HIS CHARIOTS OF FIRE-ESQUE LEGS.**
- **GARY CHARNEY, WHO CHARRED THE BALL WITH A TRIPLE.**
- **KONO, WHO SCALDED A TRIPLE TO CF.**
- **MARIO, WHO HOT SLAMMED A TRIPLE TO RCF THAT WAS MISTAKEN FOR A FIREBALL BY NEARBY RESIDENTS.**

<u>ALSO</u>

DOUG B WALKED THRU A VALLEY OF FLAMES 3 TIMES, TO GET TO FIRST BASE. IN OTHER WORDS, DB HAD 3 BB'S

<u>SEVERAL WEB GEMS CAUSED OPPOSING BATTER'S HOPES AND DREAMS TO GO UP IN SMOKE LIKE</u>:

- **BRYAN'S BACKHANDED PLAY AT 3B**
- **MIKE SP BACKHANDED PLAY AT SS**
- **ED H'S RUNNING CATCH IN RCF**
- **KENNY'S SLIDING SNATCH IN LCF**
- **GARY CH'S RUNNING GRAB IN RF**
- **ERIC T'S GRAB ON THE MOUND OF A RED HOT BULLET**

- **ROOKIE ERIC B'S THROWOUT OF A RUNNER AT 2B FROM SCF. STOPPING A HIT.**

NEXT WEEK IS A 3 DAY IRONMAN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. SAT KPP, SUN ALLENWOOD, MON KPP

LUIS SHOT AND EDITED THE YOUTUBE VIDEOS OF THE MEMORIAL DAY SCHOOLYARD GAME. THE LINKS ARE BELOW. YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THEM. THANKS LUIS!

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https://youtu.be/DYpMPX-eIuM
https://youtu.be/ZbPGn5Du6vY
https://youtu.be/bW8lIP399vw
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ENJOY 5/31 GAME CUT UP

ASPHALTMAN HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates**
May 31, 2021

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
28 Game 1	Mon	20	PS 811 schoolyard	In mid-unseasonally warm form	The Zee-ity vs Luis*	Lot-Little 4 INNINGS	Commish w/ input Bob W and Lee

28 Game 2	Mon	20	PS 811 schoolyard	Ditto	Luis*vs The Zee-ity*	7-6 6 INNINGS	Commish w/ input Bob W and Lee
		Net Weekend Turnout 20 22% of membership		PPG 20/28 = $0.71 29 cents below the no complaint line	2021 Paid up ($20PPN O REFUNDS Members to date = 92 As of 5.31.21	Consecutive outdoor months played: 117* (New Record)	

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THERE COULDN'T BE AN IRONMAN WEEKEND BUT..

20 ASPHALTMEN-TAL CASES SHOW UP TO SALVAGE THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND.

<u>Game 28. 5.31.21 at School Yard</u>
DUE TO AN ASPHALT BUNGLE, GAME 1 ENDED AFTER 4 INNINGS. A TRADE WAS MADE. A CLOSE 6 INNING 2ND GAME FOLLOWED.

THE AGGREGATE INGREDIENTS THAT MADE THIS ASPHALT GAME WHAT IT WAS, WERE:

LUIS WHO SANDBLASTED 7 HITS, INCLUDING 4 EXTRA BASERS, ONE HIT THE FENCE, ONE HIT A TREE, ANOTHER WAS HIT TO THE FURTHEST SPOT ON THE FIELD PLUS HE CEMENTED BOTH WINS ON THE MOUND. HE CERTAINLY SEAL COATS TODAY'S MVP AWARD.

OTHER CONCRETE EXAMPLES WERE:
VINNY BATS AND DAVE G ALSO SANDBLASTED 7 HITS. ROB, SCOTTIE, LEE, ZIGGY, MARIO, GORDON, LEDER(INCLUDING A MASSIVE TRIPLE), JEFF, RICH, AND MATT ALL HAD 3 OR MORE HIT DAYS.

QUITE AN OFFENSIVE DISPLAY WAS PUT ON BY LEAD OFF HITTER, OFFENSIVE JOE SINENO, WHO REALLY TARRED THE BALL AS HE WENT 4-5 IN EACH GAME INCLUDING A COUPLE OF OFF THE FENCERS.

ROB W, WHO IS NEITHER A MINER OR A MINOR, PRODUCED SEVERAL SPARKLING GEMS AT FIRST BASE.

MARK L THREW OUT A RUNNER AT 3B FROM LF AFTER PERFORMING A BROADWAY MUSICAL QUALITY PIROUETTE, ON A FORCE PLAY.(SEE LINKED VIDEO)

ITS REALLY HARD TO BLACK TOP THESE PERFORMANCES

TODAY'S ASPHALTMEN WERE:

Bobby Widawsky
David Gerber
Gary Leventhal
Gary Weinstock
Gary Zwetchkenbaum
Gordon Charlop
Jack Schonhaut
Jeff Baskin
Joe Sineno
Lee Tannenbaum
Luis Avila
Mario Ranieri
Mark Leder
Matt Spiegelman
Rich Connors
Rob Wurtzel
Scott Eliasoph
Steven Hershorn
Vinny Batteria
Ziggy Zborowski

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D-DAY WEEKEND DEELIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star**
Dates June 5-6, 2021

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers

29a	Sat	20	KPP5	DE-CENT BUT IN NEED OF A DE-HUMIDIFIER.	Johner*vs The Zee-ity	7-5	MIKE SP
29b	Sat	22	KPP3	Ditto	LEDER/ BRUCE VS SCOTT*/ DOUGK	13-8	Bruce
30	Sun	25	A-wood	SUMMERY DE-FINED	Leder* vs Lee	6-5 In 12 innings	MIKE SP/ BRUCE/ BOBBY W
		Net Weekend Turnout (20+22+25)-18= 49 (52% of paid members)		PPG 20/30 = $0.67 33 cents below the no complaint line	2021 Paid up ($20PPNO REFUNDS Members to date = 94 As of 6.6.21	Consecutive outdoor months played: 118* (New Record)	

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4 OLD FAN FAVORITES ARE DE-ACTIVATED FROM THE COVID RESERVES AND REJOIN GNSB AFTER ALMOST 2 YEARS:

STEVIE SCHWARTZ
DOUG KOCH
SCOTT SMITH
BARRY Z

CONSECUTIVE MONTH OF OUTDOOR PLAY 118 IS ACHIEVED DESPITE LACK OF PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE.

Game 29A SAT. KPP5 6.5.21 BY MIKE SPIEL

Great game today, the Hunts beat the Z's 7-5. The Hunts jumped out to a 7-0 lead behind the hitting of Bryan who led the team with 5 hits. Lee blasted a triple in the RCF gap and Jon Z added 3 hits. For the Z's they made a strong comeback getting within 2 runs, but hitting into 2 dp's in the last 2 innings ended their rallies. Mike started both dp's, the last one on a line drive, then doubled off the runner on first. Steve F had a big day with 4 hits and stellar defense at 3b, including a diving stop of a grounder and getting the force at 2b. Jon P had a couple of nice running catches in CF. Seth had a big 2 out hit knocking in 2 runs, but the Z's could not get even.

Game 29B SAT. KPP5 6.5.21 BY GORDON

It was an absolutely glorious first Saturday in June. Despite the drenching rains of the previous two days, the infield was in spectacular shape. The outfield, however, was entirely something else. So our review today starts with an acknowledgement of the brave men and women who gave life and limb to swim after fly balls.

In what was a jocular affair that saw the reemergence of Steve Smith, Doug K., Barry Z. and Schwartzie. There was an extra surprise as we were joined by the husband/wife duo of Wandy and Marilyn. Additionally, we saw a wonderful pair off of Dee vs Dinah, the first time

that these two female warriors went head to head. Dee was with Smith/ Koch and Dina was with the Leders. And the day was all the more glorious without the intimidating glare of the no show Commissioner.

The visitors struck first. Led by Joe, Vinny and Mark, they pounded out three runs. Not to be outdone, the bottom of the order did them one better by plating a four spot in the top of the second. Alan, Steve and Gary got things rolling. And rolling it was or rather sliding as Gary W made a fabulous slide into home. Barry, Dinah, Bruce and Barry Z., also provided additional offensive firepower.

And while this was happening, the home side could muster next to nothing. Recognizing that Joe S. was in left Center and Bruce was in left, the home side did everything they could to take advantage of others in the outfield. But try as they might, they kept hitting the ball to Bruce who looked like Roberto Clemente and Willie Mays rolled into one. With over the head grabs and basket catches a plenty, the home side could do nothing but gaze in wide wonder.

At long last, the home side got going thanks to a blast by Wandy that went into the second deck or should I say the picnic area in Left field to get the home side going. But Leder retorted, "not in my house" and when he wasn't slugging two triples, he went yard with an easy four bagger.

The home side's resolved was shattered when the call came in from the bullpen and Bruce came in from left field to pitch. Or should we say field. He continued his incredible display, snatching ball after ball and robbing batter after batter. Finally the home side plated a six spot to make it a game but the man of the day, Bruce put the fire out for a well played and hard earned 13-8 victory.

The only blemish on what was one of the friendliest games in GNSB history was when a simple fly was launched to Dina in short center and

Russ, showing his true colors, essentially pushed her into a puddle so he could make the catch. Disgraceful. But Dinah showed him, as it was her grab of a wicked liner that provided the last out of the game. Take that Russ!

Game 30 SUN. A-WOOD D-DAY.21 DE-BRIEFING

GREAT DEFENSE DEFUSES BATS, DEJECTS BATTERS, DEPRESSES HITTERS AND DEFLATES RUN PRODUCTION.

EXAMPLES:

- MIKE SPIEL GOES DEEP INTO SS HOLE TO GUN DOWN AND DENIES A HIT TO A DESERVING BATTER
- MIKE GOLFEDER AT SS DEFIES GRAVITY WITH A LEAPING GRAB OF A BULLET.
- ERIC B DEPLOYED AS A SHORT CENTERFIELDER, DEDUCTS A HIT FROM A BATTERS STATS, WITH AN IMPRESSIVE CATCH WITH HIS GLOVE HAND, THEN DEPRIVES ANOTHER BATTER OF A HIT, BY THROWING OUT THE FORCED RUNNER AT 2B FROM SCF.
- THE ALWAYS DEPENDABLE ROB WURTZEL, DEMORALIZES THE OPPOSITION BY DECLINING TO PERMIT 2 HITS TO SCF, BY MAKING 2 FINE, LINER GRABS, PLUS DELETED A RUNNER AT 2B WITH A FINE TOSS.

PITCHERS LEE AND LEDER DETER BATTERS WITH DEEDS, NOT WORDS.

BY DELIBERATELY THROWING STRIKES, THEY DEBILITATE AND DEFANG OPPOSITION BATS. ITS A SHAME THAT ONLY ONE COULD BE DECLARED THE WINNER OF THIS VERY CLOSE, 6-5 GAME.

FOR THE FIRST 11.5 INNINGS THERE COULD BE NO DEBATE THAT THE HIT OF THE GAME WAS A BOMB DEPOSITED DEEP INTO THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE IN RIGHT FIELD, FOR A DENNY'S GRAND SLAM HO-MERSAND, OFF THE BAT OF KENNY MERSAND. HAD THERE BEEN A FOREST THERE, IT

WOULD HAVE BEEN DEFOLIATED, DEFORESTED AND DESTROYED. THE BLAST AT THE TIME, PUT HIS TEAM UP 5-0 WHICH SEEMED LIKE AN INSURMOUNTABLE LEAD. THE HOME TEAM WAS DETERMINED TO COME BACK. THE DEPRAVED DECEIT, AND DEMONIC DEVIOUSNESS OF LEE MADE IT DIFFICULT, BUT DEVOUT NOODNIK, MARK LEDER, DENUDED THE VISITORS OF RUNS FOR THE FINAL 6 INNINGS WITH HIS HARD TO DECIPHER WORDS AND PITCHES. IN THE MEANTIME THE HOME TEAM REFUSED TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WERE ON THE EVE OF DESTRUCTION AND CHIPPED AWAY. THEN IN THE BOTTOM OF THE 12TH, RICH CONNORS WITH 2 MEN ON, LAUNCHED A MISSILE THAT COULDN'T BE DETECTED FOR A 2 RBI, COME FROM BEHIND, GAME WINNING, WALK OFF BASE HIT AND THUS THE DEMISE OF THE VISITORS!!!

ALSO HAVING BIG HITTING DAYS WERE BOTH WAH-WAH SISTERS, JOE (3 HITS) AND GORDON, ROB W, KONO, ZIGGY, AND OTHERS.
THOUGH THE VISITORS WERE DETHRONED, THERE WERE NO DEMANDS FOR A SCORE RECOUNT.

ON MEMORIAL DAY AT THE SCHOOL YARD A JETS BENCH PAD WAS LEFT. ON SATURDAY ON WATER BOTTLE WAS LEFT. LET ME KNOW IF ITS YOURS. MORE **DE**TAILS TO FOLLOW.

SIGN UP OR GET OLD.
PLAY GOLF AND REMAIN OLD.
GAR

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
31a	Sat	20	KPP5	PARTIAL TO FULL SHADE WITH BELOW HOTHOUSE TEMPS	DOUGK*vs The Zee-ity	9-4	MIKE SP
31b	Sat	21	KPP3	Ditto	Dangerous Dan* VS SCOTT	13-9	Bruce
32	Sun	26	A-wood	Mostly warm with hybrid of clouds and sun- mostly sun	Leder vs HUNT/LEE* (NO RELATION TO CHET.)	DON'T ASK ME WHAT I 8-4 DINNER, In 12 innings	MIKE SP/ BRUCE/ BOBBY W
		Net Weekend Turnout (20+21+26)-14= 53 (54% of paid members)		PPG 20/32 = $0.63 37 cents below the no complaint line	2021 Paid up ($20PPNO REFUNDS Members to date = 99 As of 6.13.21	Consecutive outdoor months played: 118* (New Record)	

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Game 31A SAT. KPP5 6.12.21

DOUG KOCH, A-ROSE FROM COVID HIBERNATION ON THE 'A" FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY 2 YEARS.

AND HE GAVE A TREE-MENDOUS PITCHING PERFORMANCE. HE ALLOWED JUST ONE RUN IN THE 1ST ELEVEN INNINGS MOWING DOWN BATTER AFTER BATTER BY PITCHING STRIKE AFTER STRIKE.

OTHER MORNING GLORIES GO TO:

- **TOP SEEDED PLAYER DOUGBEE: WHO SLUG-GED 4 HITS WHICH GERMINATED INTO A WHOLE HOSTA RUNS.**
- **PERENNIAL ALLSTAR KENNY: WHO HIT THE DAY LILIES OUT OF 3 BALLS FOR BASE HITS AND WHICH SOWED SEVERAL RBI.**
- **JUAN PLATA: WHO IMPRESSED ALL THE LADY BUGS IN THE AREA WITH HIS 3 HITS.**
- **DAVE GERBER: WHO SHOWED STAR FLOWER POWER, HAD HITS IN SPADES, INCLUDING A DOUBLE AND 2 RBI.**
- **JACK-ARAN-DA-OWN TO 2B FOR ONE OF HIS 2 HITS.**

ENOUGH ALREADY WITH THE BAT-ONISTS.

ON DEFENSE:

- **THE HOME SWEET HOME BOYS INFIELD SHOWED GOOD GROUND COVER, COMING UP WITH 4 DP'S**
- **GARY CHARNEY ROTO-TILLED THE VERDANT TERRAIN AND SOILED HIS PANTS WITH A SLIDING CATCH IN RF.**
- **JACARANDA MADE A SPIDER WEB GEM AT 1B WITH A GRASSHOPPER-ESQUE LEAP AT 1B.**
- **A SETH TO MIKE SPIEL (SHOWING OFF HIS GOLDEN ROD), RELAY TO PLATA'S PLATE, CUT DOWN A BIG RUN. PLATA MADE AN UNBE-LEAF-ABLE TAG.**

DESPITE BEING DOWN 8 RUNS, THE VISITORS REFUSED TO THROW IN THE TROWEL AND PLANTED 3 RUNS IN THE TOP OF THE 12TH BUT DOUG K STEMMED THE TIDE.

Game 31B SAT. KPP5 6.12.21 YOUR GORDON VARIETY HIGHLIGHTS BY GORDON

It was a cool late June morning when Scott S. led the home squad on the field against Dan's visiting team. The cool weather did little to cool the bats and the visitors struck with two in the top of the first. Russ, Hugh and Joe S. led off matters and handed it over to the clean up hitter, Steve H. Steve rewarded this placement by driving a laser into right field. Shwartzie (I can't use Steve S., it has already been taken) kept it going and passed it along to Dee, who crushed a shot to left. Gary W. and Barry Z. continued the onslaught only to be extinguished by solid defensive play that left the bases full.

The home side, undaunted, came to bat and with Andrew aboard, Wandy went yard for his second blast in consecutive games. Inspired by this show offense, the home side added two more, led by Ben, Gordon, Scott S, helping his own cause and the wile veteran Joe G. And at the end of one, the score was 4 to 2 in favor of the home side.

The visitors refused to yield and after loading the bases, Joe S. hit a shot in the gap that spun between the center fielders. When the dust had settled, the bases were empty except for Joe standing on second. Visitors 5 Home Side 4.

In the bottom of the frame, the home side scratched across the tying run. Clutch hitting from Alan, Dina and Ira set the table for Barry D. and Marilyn.

Things calmed down for a scoreless third but the 5-5 tie was broken when Joe S. hit a moonshot to deep right center for a two run dinger and the visitors led by two. The lead did not last long. In the bottom half,

Andrew ripped a double followed by singles from Wandy and Ben it was a tie game yet again.

With Dina flashing leather, the home sides defense stiffened and when they came to bat, the game swiftly changed. Scott S. and Joe G. set the table for Alan and then Dina and Ira and the home side had a two run lead. And it stayed that way until the bottom of the eighth when Alan, Dina and Ira again handed it over to Barry D., and the rapidly improving Marilyn and the home side added two more to take a commanding 11-7 lead.

The visitors had other ideas and when Bruce, Dan and Barry Z. were done, it was 11-9. This and one more came the call from Captain Bruce. But the home side responded with a pair and held the visitors scoreless in the top of the tenth to preserve the 13-9 victory. With, once again, the shortstop, this time Gordon, essentially shoving Dina out of the way to grab a simple pop up. Will wonders never cease?!? But just like last week, the game ended in Dina's glove as she calmly corralled the final out. Yet again, the girls showing the boys how to do it.

Game 32 SUN. A-WOOD 6.13.21

A NOISY BOUQUET OF PLAYERS SHOWED UP TODAY, WHERE MUM WAS CERTAINLY NOT THE WORD.

HOE-LY COW! JOE SINENO MAKES 2 CONSECUTIVE FORGET-ME-NOT, PLAYS OF THE YEAR. ON THE FIRST HE RAN ACROSS FIELDS AND MEADOWS TO OUT-FOX GLOVE A BALL LOOKED TO BEGONIA. THE SECOND WAS A MERE MARIGOLD GLOVER.

WEED BE REMISS NOT TO MENTION KONO'S DOUBLE, TRIPLE UP THROUGH THE GRASSY KNOLLOS OF ALLENWOOD PARK AND HIS 4 RBIS

ITS HARD NOT TO ROOT FOR, THE EVER BLOSSOMING GARY WEINSTOCK, FOR HIS DOUBLE AND TRIPLE WHICH BOTH TRAVELED PASTURE OUTFIELDERS AND PICKED UP 3 RBIS.

MARIO AND MIKE SP MADE OTHER PLAYERS GREEN WITH ENVY AS EACH RAKED UP 3 HITS INCLUDING DOUBLES AND RBI.

LEE'S TRIPLE GATHERED NO MOSS AS IT SPED BY OUTFIELDER REACH.

GORDO PUT THE PETAL TO THE METAL RUNNING INTO THE GORDON OF EDEN TO MAKE A FINE GEM IN LF.

JACK PISTIL WHIPPED A RUNNER AT THE PLATE FROM LEFT FIELD AS HIS THROW GRAZED THE CAP OF THE RUNNER AND ALMOST DEAD HEADED HIM FOR A THROW OUT AT THE PLATE.

ZIGGY HAD A MULTIPLE-HIT AND RBI DAY PLUS A FINE DAY TENDING THE FIELD.

ROOKIE BEEKEEPER, MARK LEDER BEEHIVED HIMSELF ON THE MOUND WITH A BUSY COUPLE OF INNINGS, AS HE STARTED 2 DP'S AND ASSISTED IN ANOTHER PLAY TO HAVE A HAND IN 5 CONSECUTIVE OUTS.

HOPE HEW ENJOY. I'M IMPATEINS TO SEE EVERYONE FOR OUR ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND. TILL THEN.

ABOUT 65 HAVE ORDERED THE NEW JERSEYS (THE GARDEN STATE) IF YOU WANT ONE, PLEASE CONTACT BRUCE ASAP. I'D LIKE TO PUT THE ORDER IN BY THE END OF TODAY SO WE CAN BEAUTIFY THE PARKS WITH THEM BEFORE SUMMER. HOWEVER I WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOTR THE SIDE EFFECTS OF WEARING THEM. THEY ARE LISTED BELOW IN FINE PRINT

SIDE EFFECTS:

***CAUTION:* WEARING THE NEW GNSB JERSEY CAN CAUSE SEVERE AND UNCONTROLLABLE ATTRACTION TO YOU BY MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX.**
***CAUTION:* WEARING THE NEW GNSB JERSEY MAY CAUSE OTHERS TO THINK THAT YOU ARE A MOVIE STAR OR CELEBRITY AND MAY HOUND YOU FOR AUTOGRAPHS.**

DADICATED WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates June 19-20, 2021

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
33a	Sat	20	KPP5	A typical Juneteenth Day.	DougKvs The Zee-ity*	9-6	MIKE SP
33b	Sat	22	KPP3	Ditto	LEDER*VS SCOTT Game #1 LEDER* vs DOUGBEE Game #2	13-1 game #1 12-0 Game #2 13-13 cumulative	Bruce
34	Sun	27	A-wood	Typical Summer Solstice Day but with no ice	Leder* DougBee vs His Johner/ Lee	9-8 In 11 innings	BOBBY W / MIKE SP/ BRUCE /

		Net Weekend Turnout (20+22+27)-18= 51 (52% of paid members)		PPG 20/34 = $0.59 41 cents below the no complaint line	2021 Paid up ($20PPNO REFUNDS Members to date = 100 And counting As of June two-ty tooth. 21	Consecutive outdoor months played: 118* (New Record)	

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Game 33A SAT. KPP5 6.TEENTH.21 BY MIKE SPIEL

The Z's beat the Koch's 9-6. Big hitting day for Josh, a guest, who had 4 hits including 2 bombs, a double and triple. Dave G had 2 triples in the game. Mike Sp.led the Koch's with 4 hits and Juan had 3 hits. Zo hit a blast to LCF for a double. Lots of great defensive plays in the game. Kono made a great sliding catch in

LF, Jon P flashed his leather in LCF robbing an extra base hit with a great catch. Steve H made a couple of great plays at SS, including a diving stop to get a force at 2b. Jon Spiel made a great play at 2b, diving for a ball and throwing the runner out at 1b.

Game 33B SAT. KPP5 6. TEENTH.21 BY GORDON

It was a glorious final Saturday of the spring for the intrepid cast of Great Neck Community Softball. Pitted against the visiting Scott's were the men and women of Lederville.

The visitors started well, led by Russ, Hugh and the power couple Wandy and Marilyn. But outstanding defense thwarted the visitors. And when the home side came to bat, the power was turned on, piling up 13 runs in four at bats. The onslaught was led by Joe S., Gary Ch., Alan, Ben and Dee. But it was Scooter who blew the game wide open with a laser to right center that rolled and rolled on the dry June pitch. Leder, Dan and Steve H also provided clutch hitting.

When the dust had settled after five, the score stood 13 to 1 and it was decided to start a second game. The squads were adjusted and this time, it was the visitors who ruled the battlefield. The destruction was led by Vinny (who actually showed up this time), Barry D., Bruce, Gary W. and in a show of strength, Marilyn drove in her first run of the season. Wow. The hits kept coming and coming. And the battery of Beck and Beck was tremendous, both offensively and defensively.

A shaken Mark L., rediscovered his control and supported by outstanding DEE fense, the home side was unable to plate a single marker. Al Z. is still wondering how his smash between short and third ended up in Gordon's glove!

When it was all said and done, the cumulative score of the combined games was 13 for the home side and 13 for the visitors. It was not a conventional way to get there but after further review, it was ruled a tie with everyone getting a participation trophy except Joe S. who refused it on ethical reasons.

Game 34 SUN. Allenwood 6.20.21 BY GORDON

Sunday's contest was a see-saw binary affair as the scoreboard consisted of zeros, ones and twos. This tight contest was leaning the way of the Huntsmen who managed to put up runs in five of the first six innings. The offensive firepower was supplied by Lee who went yard, and Dave Gerba who hit not one, but two triples. Bryan also lent some of his power with a triple of his own.

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Joe S., obviously still reeling from Saturday's events was uncharacteristically out of sorts. The normally unflappable one, made a critical #%%*% and the final &$% of the game, along with a $#! hopper to the pitcher. He was offered a participation trophy anyway. Gordon, Jack, Eric and Scooter combined with Pete, Gary W., and Bruce to offer tough competition to the visiting Leders.

But when it was all said and done, Father's day belonged to the visiting side. Zig powered with a two run homer, while Kono, Mike S, Connors and Ken provided a powerful top of the lineup. When Barry, Matt and Leder in his own cause got going, the game went to the bottom of the tenth with the visitors nursing a one run lead. It looked like the home team would break through but the tandem of Mario, Doug B., Eric and

Bob were strong enough to hold on for the victory in this tense down to the wire contest.

The play of the game however belongs to Dan, who worked a walk in a critical late inning at bat to propel the visitors into the lead. It was obvious to all that the Judge had to pitch around Dan in that spot rather than face the wrath.

Sadly, a couple of tweaks to the calf of Scooter and the hamstring of Ed, put a small damper on the affair. But most importantly, Dave G., who was running like a demon all game, took a bad fall in a bold attempt to snare a fly in right field. We all wish Dave a full recovery and hope to see him with us as soon as possible. Get well Mr. Gerba!

PLEASE NOTE:
THE SUNDAY-ALLENWOOD PLAYER LIMIT OF 24 HAS BEEN REINSTATED. IT WAS LIFTED FOR FATHER'S DAY ONLY DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND A SECOND BATCH OF JERSEYS WILL BE ORDERD. PLEASE INFORM BRUCE IF YOU WANT ONE OR MORE. $10 PER PAID UP PLAYER.

NEW JERSEY HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates
June 26-27, 2021

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
35a	Sat	18	KPP5	Grazy and warm	DougKvs The Zee-ity*	19-11	MIKE SP
35b	Sat	19	KPP3	Ditto	LEDER VS SCOTT*	7-6	Bruce

36	Sun	26	A-wood	Civil Warlike (Gray skies yielding to Blue skies)	Leder/Eric the U vs His Johner*	11-10 In 11 innings	BOBBY W / MIKE SP/ BRUCE /
		Net Weekend Turnout (18+19+26)-11= 52 (52% of paid members)		PPG 20/36 = $0.56 44 cents below the no complaint line	2021 Paid up ($20PPNO REFUNDS Members to date = 100 And counting As of 6.27.21	Consecutive outdoor months played: 118* (New Record)	

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Game 35A SAT. KPP5 6.26.21

AS THE SOMERSET IN AND

AS PLAYERS TRADED IN THEIR TEANECKS FOR THEIR NEW, BLACK AND BLUE, V-NECKS CAUSING SOME TO SING THE JERSEY BOY HIT, "CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF OF YOU,"

NEW, NEW JERSEY RESIDENT LUIS, MOMENTS BEFORE RECEIVING HIS NEW JERSEY, DRIVES THE BALL OVER THE FENCE, ACROSS THE CROSS BRONX EXPRESSWAY AND HUDSON RIVER, INTO THE KPP5 ENGLEWOODS, AND LIKE A TRUE JERSEY BOY, SAYS BYE, BYE, BABY,BABY BYE BYE FOR A HOME RUN, A RARITAN ON THE "A" FIELD.

LEE'S DOUBLE IS SO IMPRESSIVE, THAT THEY'RE THINKING OF NAMING A FORT AFTER HIM BY THE GW BRIDGE.

ALEX, BADA BOOM BADA BINGS 4 HITS OUT INTO THE FAIR LAWNS OF KPP 5.

STEVE FEINSTEIN, JUST BACK FROM NEBRASKA, WHICH IS NOT NEW JERSEY AND WHO DID NOT ORDER A NEW JERSEY, SAYS OMAHA HA, HA, AFTER CRACKING 5 HITS INTO THE SCOTCH PLAINS OF KPP5 ONE OF WHICH REACHED THE OUTERBRIDGE.

VINNY HACKENSACKS A TRIPLE INTO THE DELAWARE (WHAT DID DELWARE BOYS? SHE WORE A B RAND NEW JERSEY) WATER GAP IN KPP5 THEN BLACK AND BLUES A PITCHER WITH A DEATH RAY TO THE MOUND, FOR ANOTHER HIT.

KONO, BRIAN S, HOBO-KEN-NY AND JERSEY MIKE SP ARE HEROES ONCE AGAIN AS EACH UNLOADS A TRIO OF HITS OUT ONTO UNSUSPECTING OUTFIELDERS.

BRYAN BLACKENS THE PITCHERS DAY, AS HE BLACK AND BLUES A CLINCHER, FOR A TRIPLE, FA-RAHWAY FROM HIS NY HOME BASE.

DOUGK NOT ONLY GETS THE PITCHING VICTORY, BUT UN-LODI-S A MASSIVE TENAFLY DEEP INTO LCF AND JOGS IT INTO A DOUBLE.

<u>Game 35B SAT. 6.26.21 KPP3 GORDON</u>

A glorious late June Saturday was the scene of the weekly KPP "B" game. On one side were the visitors led by hurler Mark Leder. Opposing them was the home side led by the cagey southpaw, Scott.

Instantly, the game rose from the mundane to the sublime as Al Z. made not one but two sensational fielding plays at second base. Inspired by this example, the home side got on the board first with Dee driving in the first of her two RBI's.

The visitors also flashed some spectacular leather when Russ made a fabulous play to lead his team back into the game. And the visitors also showed what they could do with the lumber. The big hit offensively was provided by Mark Leder who blasted an opposite field ground rule double. Others who contributed to the offensive outburst were Jeff, Doug and in a sensational return, Kent. Dina and Steve H. rounded out the hitting prowess and it looked like the visitors would claim the victory.

But hold on screamed Joe S.! As he laced a critical RBi double. But the major blast came off the bat of Mike Levine, who crushed an RBI double into the gap. With Scott providing a single that drove in a run coupled with contributions by Juan, Andy, and Barry D. the home side led by two going into the top of the last inning.

It looked like it was all over save the dancing until Russ came to bat with a runner on first and one out in the top of the last inning. Russ drove Scott's outside corner fastball deep to right center field. And when the relay throw was off line and started rolling towards third base, Russ turned on his afterburners to tie the score. But hold on there said Ira Johnnie on the Spot Levine! Ira alertly tracked the errant throw and gunned a bullet to Juan who easy as you please and in one fell motion tagged the beleaguered Russ to preserve the one run victory.

Two evenly matched teams that fought courageously to the end, that is what Great Neck Community Softball is all about!

Game 36 SUN ALLEN-GLE-WOOD

THIS LEDER/TOSKY VS HIS JOHNER CONTEST WAS A DUEL LIKE NOBODY'S SEEN SINCE JULY 11, 1804 WHEN AARON BURR VS

ALEXANDER HAMILTON “met on the dueling grounds at Weehawken, New Jersey, to fight the final skirmish of a long-lived political and personal battle. When the duel was over, Hamilton would be mortally wounded, and Burr would be wanted for murder. ” *
*https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/duel-alexander-hamilton-and-aaron-burrs-duel/
THE CONTEST WAS CONTENTIOUS FROM THE START AND PUT NOISE LEVELS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH, CAUSING ALLENWOOD PROPERTY VALUES TO PLUMMET AND WORD COUNTS TO RISE DANGEROUSLY ABOVE THE 10 TRILLION MENTAL HEALTH LIMIT.

MEANWHILE THE LEAD CHANGES HANDS 6 TIMES!!!
IN OTHER WORDS, THERE WERE MANY PEAKS AND FRANKIE VALLI-S (From 5-0 Visitors, to 6-5 Home, to 8-6 Visitors, to 9-8 Home, to 10-9, Visitors to to 10-10 to 10-9, Home team).

BOBBY W GOES 5 FOR 5. THE CHERRY HILL ON TOP WAS A MONSTER TRIPLE.

JERSEY MIKE SPIEL ALSO GOETHALS 5 FOR 5 WITH RBI ON TOP.

OTHER SUNDAY am-BOYS LIKE ANDY (3 HITS, 3 RBI) FROM THE BROOKLYN SIDE, MARK LEDER FROM THE FAR SIDE, MATT RICE FROM THE EAST SIDE, AND RICH CONNORS FROM THE BRIGHT SIDE, ALSO HAVE BIG RBI PRODUCING HITS TODAY.

JACK MATAWAN-DERFUL RUNNING CATCH IN DEEP RCF TO PREVENT AN EXTRA BASER.
BARRY’S RUNNING GRAB IN LCF WAS LIKE A BAYONNE-ETTE TO THE OPPOSITION’S GUT.
ON ANOTHER PLAY HE GUNS DOWN A RUNNER AT 3B TRYING TO TAG UP AFTER A CATCH FOR A DOUBLE PLAY WHICH IS A PITCHER’S BEST PAL-ISADES.

BRYAN B’S STAB AND THROW OF A ROCKET DOWN THIRD MADE IT A VERNON VALLEY SUNDAY FOR HIS TEAM.

EAST MEADOW JOE, GUNNING DOWN OF A RUNNER AT THE PLATE GOT HIS TEAM TO PUMP THEIR FISTS, SINCE THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO PUMP THEIR OWN GAS IN JERSEY.

BARRY'S SLIDE INTO HOME LEAVES HIM ASBURY-IED IN DIRT BUT SCORES A BIG RUN.

BUT THE FLOYD PATERSON NJ, KNOCKOUT BLOW BELONGS TO KENNY M WITH HIS BOTTOM OF THE 11TH WALK OFF LIKE A MAN BASE HIT WITH 2 OUTS, TO DRIVE IN THE WINNING RUN WITH THE BASES LOADED, AFTER 2 PRIOR TEAMMATES FAILED TO DO SO, DUE TO FANCY PITCHING BY MARK "THE BEEKEEPER" LEDER AND HEADS UP FIELDING BY BRYAN AT 3B, SMARTLY THROWING OUT THE RUNNER AT HOME.

REMINDERS:
ADDITIONAL SHIRTS ORDERS ARE DUE BY 8PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY, JUNE 29) EMAIL YOUR REQUESTS.
NEXT WEEKEND IS A 3 DAY IRON PERSON WEEKEND FOR THOSE WHO PLAY ALL 3 DAYS. MAKE SURE YOU ARE SIGNED UP FOR ALL 3 DAYS

SCHEDULE: 7:45 TO 10:15

DAY	DATE	LOCATION	SIDEMAKERS
SATURDAY	JULY 3	KPP 3 AND 5	BRUCE (B) BOBBY W (A)
SUNDAY	JULY 4	ALLENWOOD	BRUCE AND BOBBY
MONDAY	JULY 5	KPP 3 AND 5	BRUCE (B) BOBBY W (A)

THERE IS A SUNDAY LIMIT OF 24. PLEASE BE 100% JERSEY SHORE YOU'LL BE THEIR IF YOU SIGN UP.

GET WELL AND SPEEDY RECOVERY WISHES TO DAVE GERBER, DAVE SEIDMAN, VINNY BOVE, MARTY KOHN, AND JOHN HOWE. WE MISS YOU ALL AND THINK OF YOU OFTEN.

DAKOTA HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates July 3-5, 2021

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
	Sat	Rained out		Rainy			
	Sat	Rained out		Ditto			
37	Sun	19	Schoolyard	DECENT except for the asphalt grass and water fountain in monument Park	Leder* vs His Johner	10-5 in 12 innings	BOBBY W/ BRUCE
38A	Mon	17	KPP5	Nature's Dehumidifier in need of repair	Zeity* vs Doug/Lee	13-11 9 innings	Lee with consult from Bobby
38B	Mon	18	KPP3	Ditto	Leder* vs Scott S	14-13 come from behind 12 innings	Bruce

		Net Weekend Turnout (19 +18+19)-10=46 (46% of paid members)		PPG 20/38 = $0.53 47 cents below the no complaint line	2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date = **100** And counting As of 6.27.21		

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Game 37 Sunday 7.4.21 Schoolyard by Gordo Charlop

This year's Independence Day Ironman weekend got off to a soggy start. After the rains forced a cancellation of Saturday's games, the Allenwood field was determined to be unplayable so a quick call by the brain trust and off to the schoolyard we went for Sunday's affair.

The two combatants were led by on the cement hill by Mark Leder vs. the Judge. And it started with a bang. Leder's visitors got off early,

sporting a four spot in the top of the frame. With Zig leading off, Gary Ch, Joel, Bryan and Gordon all laced screamers and set the stage for the hitting exploits of the aforementioned Mr. Leder. The Leder bomb cleared the way and with Vinny , Rob, the new Grandfather Dan and Bobby in the rear, the game was leaning heavily for the visitors.

After a few quiet innings, the visitors plated two more with the big blow coming from Zig who blasted a fourth of July bomb deep to left field. The home side, however displayed some fireworks of their own. Joe S. smashed a shot over the fence in right center and Kenny continued his blazing hitting, with another of his six hits on the day. The home side looked primed to seize control of the game as Lee, Mario, Eric the U, Barry and Gary W. all sent off bottle rockets in advance of the cagey veterans Bruce and His honor. But the play of the game turned it back in the visitors favor.

With the bases loaded a ball was tipped and landed just in front of home plate. Rather than waiting for the spin to into foul territory, the ever alert Bobby jumped up from behind the dish and snagged the ball, concurrently stepping on home plate for a force out. Fireworks extinguished.

Others who displayed fabulous defensive prowess were Joe S and Vinny who made a sensational grab of a Ziggy blast. Ziggy is still to this moment wondering how in the &%$ did you catch that?

But in the end, it was two much offensive behavior from Leder and company. Joel put one onto the school, Brian slammed four hits and Leder had a two rbi double.

Of note, the game featured two 5-2 double plays, one engineered by Mario and the other by Brian. The final count was 10-5 and the beleaguered Judge could only ask to be sequestered when it was all said and done.

Game 38A Monday, KPP5 7.5.21

LOST TO THE AGES.

NO PHYSICAL, PHOTOGRAPHIC, OR WRITTEN EVIDENCE THAT A GAME WAS EVER PLAYED. ("If a tree falls in a forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?")

Game 38B Monday, KPP3 7.5.21

Monday was the official celebration of July fourth and the B game was one for the ages. Playing nine against nine, the combatants featured were Leder's visitors vs. Scott's home team.

Scott pitched brilliantly and held the visitors off the scoreboard for the first five frames. In the meantime, the home side was nickel and diming runs every inning. First one, then two, then one and then three, a scoreless frame and then one, one and two respectively. This propensity to nibble was facilitated by a balance hitting attach that featured, Russ, Gary Ch., Scott, Gordon, Scooter, Andy, Juan, Alan Z. and Gary W. Russ started the onslaught by getting three hits in his first three at bats. Andy had a ground rule double, Gordon hit a long triple to left center and Scooter hit an opposite field homer. Add to the fine hitting, an unassisted double play by Alan Z. and you had the ingredients for a one sided affair. But alas, it was not to be.

In the top of the eleventh, playing twelve, the visitors went bionic. Everyone contributed in the entire lineup that featured Joe S, Vinny (looking sharp in his return to action), Marco, John V., the aforementioned Mr. Leder, Big Ira, Jeff B. and Bruce. But the day belonged to Barry D.

Not only did he make catch after catch in right field, his bases clearing blast to deep right that went for a triple was the game changer. As the visitors scored TEN runs in one inning to take a two run lead.

Bloodied but unbowed, the home side got a two out double from Scooter that drove in two and tied the score. Which set the stage for a dramatic final inning.

With one out and Leder on third, Gary Ch. ranged over in left field to snag a fly ball. Leder tagged up and arrived just a moment before the ball. SAFE was the call and the visitors took a 14-13 lead into the bottom of the twelfth.

Yet the home side would concede nothing. And when clutch hitting Gary Ch. came up with two out and runners on the corners, the homeys were feeling confident. More so after Gary Ch laced a screamer between first and second. But the jubilation went to the visitors as Bruce made a spectacular lunge and backhanded the ball just before it hit the ground and carried into right field. Game Set Match.

A holiday spectacular for the ages…

Attached photos courtesy of Russell. Enjoy.

DAKOTA HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates July 10-11, 2021**

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
39a/b mix	Sat	29	KPP5	Goodo according to Gordo	The Zeity and Beck vs the firm of Leder* and Koch*	14-13	Bruce/ Bobby

40	Sun	24	Allenwood	Overcast with accumulated rainfall of less than 0.000000000 00000001 of an inch	Leder*/ VinBats vs His Johner*	12-12 in 12 innings	BOBBY W/ BRUCE
		Net Weekend Turnout (29+24)-14=39 (38% of paid members)		PPG 20/40 = $0.50 50 cents below the no complaint line	2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date = 102 And counting As of 7.12.21		

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Game 39 Saturday 7.10.21 KPP5 by Gordo Charlop

Saturday July 10th saw a single game played on Kings Point Park's field number five. The previous days rains had "abatted" and the field was in good condition, good enough for the resounding call of Play Ball.

The game pitted the visiting Z's against the pitching duo of Leder and Beck. But it wasn't the pitching that carried the day. Starting off the top of the first, the visitors plated a three spot. Leading off things with a double was man about town, Joe S. He was followed by Gary Ch, Roy, Steve H., Gordon and Bryan. And when the dust had settled, the visitors had staked their claim.

The home side waited an inning to get started but the bottom of the second saw them tie the score. It was the bottom of the order that made it happen. Mike G., Mario, Leder, Doug, Juan and big Al thumped their way back into things. Alan's two RBI's were the catalyst.

Each side scratched both a single run a and then two more making the score 6 apiece until the bottom of the seventh when controversy reared its ugly head. A tactical misinterpretation of the rules and incredible hitting from Seth K., Marcos, Kenny and John V. followed by J Paisner set the stage for Marios's 3 rbi triple. And just like that the home side was up by four.

The visitors though, came back with a vengeance and got two triples by Joe and a clutch 2 rbi double by Bobby and some fancy hitting from Dee who had a couple of hits and an important RBI and the home side was looking at a three run deficit.

The homeies got single runs in the eighth and ninth and after a scoreless tenth, helped by a miraculous catch at short by Steve H., they were facing a single run deficit going into their final at bat. And as fate would have it, it was then that the most unlikely of heroes emerged.

Bruce led off with a walk, a smart decision by Z. and was followed by a sharp single by Wandy. With runners on first and second, a determined Marilyn strode to the dish and with the game pinned on her success, promptly roped a seeing eye infield single to load the bases.

The next batter laced a one hopper to third and a force out and throw out tag play at the plate and the no out bases loaded scenario became Marilyn on second with the tying run and Marcos with the winning run. To the plate came John V., who lofted a Texas leaguer that fell just beyond the fielders reach and just inside the left field line. Marilyn raced home with the tying run and Marcos with the winner.

The final score was Marilyn and the gang 14, the visitors 13. However, owing to the controversy regarding a blown call, the game was appealed to Joe Sineno. Joe ruled the game a tie and called for everyone to get a participation trophy except himself as he disdains such ephemera.

A BIG THANKS TO GORDON FOR CHECKING OUT THE FIELD CONDITIONS THE NIGHT BEFORE!

Game 40 Sunday 7.11.21 A-wood

AS DOZENS OF DUES PAYING GN SOFTBALLERS WERE DOZING IN BED,
A REAL DOOZY OF A GAME IS PLAYED.

IT "DOZEN" GET ANY BETTER
12-12 IN 12 INNINGS

LEDER ANTELOPES AROUND THE BASES LIKE A CRAZY HORSE TWICE, HITTING 2 HOME RUNS INTO THE RF ALLENWOOD BADLANDS PICKING UP 4 RBI ALONG THE WAY.

ZIGGY SHOOTS 4 HITS INTO THE FRONTIERS AND BACKTIERS OF ALLENWOOD,
CAUSING LOTS OF TEARS FOR OPPOSING PITCHERS.

GORDON TRIPLES TO THE RF FOOTHILLS PAST SOME GRAZING BUFF-FELLOWS

ED H RIPS A MIGHTY TRIPLE. DUE TO AN INJURY HE COULDN'T RUSHMORE, OTHERWISE HE WOULD HAVE HAD AN EASY HOMER.

OPPOSING PITCHERS WANT TO SIOUX BARRY FOR ABUSING THEM WITH 3 HITS.

KENNY'S CLUTCH 2 RUN DOUBLE INTO RF PLAINS, SCATTERS THE ALLENWOOD PRAIRIE DOGS.

RICH C TOMAHAWKS A COUPLE OF HITS IN KEY SPOTS.

VINNY BATTERIA DOES A BERT CAMPANERIS AND PLAYS ALL THE POSITIONS. (VINNY BERT-TERIA?)

PLATA SPEARS AN ARROW AT 2B TO GET THE GEM OF THE GAME, WITH NO MINING NECESSARY.

INJUN' JOE SENT 2 FLAMING ARROWS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF ALLENWOOD, EACH PRODUCING 2 RBIS AT IMPORTANT TIMES.

ZIG AT SS AND BARRY AT 2B EACH MAKE FINE TAKE-IT-YOURSELF DPS, BEFORE RETURNING TO THEIR DUGOUT CANOES.

DOUG BECK HAS NO RESERVATIONS ABOUT RATTLESNAKING OPPOSING PITCHERS WITH HIS 3 BIG TIME HITS PLUS A SAC FLY THAT TIED THE GAME IN THE LAST INNING.

MEANWHILE THE WAH-WAH SISTERS KEPT SQUAW-KING

BUT THE THE CHIEF HIGHLIGHT WAS VINNY BOVE'S CLUTCH, TOP OF THE 11TH, SCORCHING, ON THE LINE DRIVE, WHICH SCORED 2 RUNS. THE SECOND OF WHICH ALLOWED HIS TRIBE TO STAVE OFF DEFEAT AND PROVED TO BE THE GAME TIE-ER.

In other news.

Kudos to Gordo who went 2-3 in the Long Island Senior Softball 60 and over game and Rob Wurtzel who went 4-4 in the New York Senior Softball 70 and over Allstar game.

Get well soon to
Mike Smolens, Driller, Dave Gerber, Ed A, John Howe, Marty Kohn, Evan M, Junior,
Ron Bernstein, Dee and any others we don't know about.
You are missed.

DRUNKEN HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates July 17-18, 2021

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
41a	Sat	19	KPP5				LEE
41b	Sat	24	KPP3	Wine-derful!	Scott S*/ DougB vs Dan K/Ira	10-3	Bruce
42	Sun	19	School Yard	ON THE HARD STUFF A DRY EXTRA TREAT With an occasional spritzer	MARTK LITER*/ VinBats vs His Johner*	12-12 in 12 innings	BOBBY W/ BRUCE

		Net Weekend Turnout (43+19)-13=49 (48% of paid members)		PPG 20/42 = $0.48 52 cents below the no complaint line	2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date = **102** And counting As of 7.18.21		

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Game 41A Saturday 7.17.21 KPP5

19 IMBIBED IN THE GAME.

Game 41B Saturday 7.17.21 KPP3

24 PATRONS FOUND THEMSELVES IN FINE SPIRITS TODAY, BAR NONE. SO LETS DRINK (RESPONSIBLY OF COURSE) TO THE FOLLOWING EXPLOITS :

NO PITCHERS OF FINE WINE WERE SERVED, BUT THE FINE PITCHER TEAM OF SCOTT SMITH AND DOUGBEE IMPOSED PROHIBITION FOR HARD HITS (PRO-HIT-BITION) FOR MOST OF THE GAME WITH THE EXCEPTION OF,

ANDREW LEVINE, WHO UPON SEEING A MELON BALL DOWN THE MIDDLE GOT DRUNK WITH POWER AND HIT A BALLANTINE BLAST OVER THE LF FENCE. THOUGH SCOTT WAS SHAKEN, HE WAS NOT STIRRED.

MIKE KRYGER, SEEN AT THE LAKE SUCCESS LA FITNESS AFTER THE GAME IN UNIFORM, WORKING ON HIS SIX PACK, MADE A FINE RUMMING CATCH IN LF MAKING IT LOOK LIKE A CANDY CORN.

THE DRINK OF THE DAY, DESPITE NO DRINKING AND DIVING LAWS WAS A KAMIKAZE, FLYING, DIVING CATCH BY BAZOOKA JOE IN CF. JOE THOUGH PREVENTING A BALL FROM FALLING INTO THE LUSH GREEN OUTFIELD, WAS FOUND GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO THE GIVING A DEFENSIVE DIVING COURSE.

IN THE 8TH INNING, GORDON, NO RELATION TO GORDON'S LONDON DRY GIN, PULLED OFF A HAT TRICK AT SS, MAKING ALL THREE PUTOUTS AND/OR ASSISTS.

IN THE VERY 1ST INNING THE HOME TEAM NEEDED A CHASER IN RCF. VINNY F FILLED THE POSITION CHASING DOWN A TEQUILA SLAMMER WITH A FINE OVER-THE-HEAD STEAL.
ALSO SEEN GETTING MULTI SHOTS OR HITS WITH THE BAT-TLE AT THE BAR WERE:
RUSSELL, ANDREW, DOUG B, MIKE K, MARCOS, SCOTT S, AND VINNY F, EACH OF WHOM ALCO-HAULED HIS ASS TO FIRST BASE OR BEYOND.

WHEN THE BAR CLOSED DOWN THE HOSTS WERE SINGING, "WE ARE THE CHAMPAIGN-IONS."

I'M SORRY IF YOU CAN BEER NO MORE BUT HERE ARE SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS.

<u>Game 42 Sunday 7.18.21 SCHOOL YARD</u>

WITH ALLENWOOD WET, THE SCHOOL YARD'S RESPONSE WAS SEE

"HOW DRY I AM."
(THOUGH THERE WAS NO BATHROOM KEY).

LETS MAKE A TOAST TO BOBBY W, FOR GOING VERY EARLY AND CHECKING OUT THE SOBRIETY OF A-WOOD

ALSO RAISE YOUR GLASSES TO:
MARIO, GORDO, GARY CH, AND JACK ALL OF WHOM HAD MOJITOS THAN ANYONE WITH 4 APIECE. GORDO ALSO HAD A JOHNNIE WALKER

BRUCE WHO CAUGHT FOR 8 INNINGS WITHOUT ANY "WINE"-ING WHATSOEVER LIKE SOME OTHERS DO

OTHER DEWARS OF HEROIC DEEDS WERE:
JOE SINENO: WHO WAS SEEING DOUBLE 3 TIMES AND DROVE IN 6 RUMS

ED HARTIRCK: WHO ORDERED 3 DOUBLES, 2 OVER THE FENCE AND ONE WAS A HIGH BALL OFF THE FENCE, FOR A MAGNUM OF RBIS

MARK LITER (LEDER): WHO SAID "SOME SAY INTOXI-CANT BUT I SAY, INTOXI-CAN," LACED 3 TEQUILA SHOTS (ENOUGH TO KILL A MOCKING BIRD) FOR A KEG FULL OF RBI, INCLUDING 2 DOUBLES, ONE OF WHICH WENT OVER THE FENCE, THROUGH THE TREES AND HIT GRANDMOTHER'S SCHOOLHOUSE DOOR.

BOBBY W: WHO PLASTERED A STINGER OFF THE RF FENCE AND BUZZED ANOTHER FOR A 3 RBI DAY.

BRYAN BLACK: WHO HIT A FIRE BALL FOR A RBI AND DISTILLED THE SPIRITS OF A BATTER WITH HIS GEM PLAY OF A 3B LINER IN FOUL TERRITORY

IN ADDITION WITH THE BASES ABSOLUT-LY LOADED, VINNY BATT'S SAID "THIS IS MAI TAI-ME" AND UNCORKED A VERY HARD

LIQUORED UP SHOT TO CF AND WAS THE CHOSEN DESIGNATED DRIVER IN OF 2 RUMMERS.

DEFENSIVELY:
DAN H MADE A TOP DRAWER PLAY AT 1B ON AN ABSOLUT-E STINGER
JACK GUNNED DOWN A RUMMER AT 2B, AT A CRUCIAL MOMENT, DETOXIFYING A POTENTIAL BIG INNING BY THE OPPOSITION.
MARK LITER SCARFED DOWN 3 LIFE THREATENING SHOOTERS TO THE MOUND.
A NICE MARIO TO GORDO TO BRUCE DP PUT OPPOSITIONAL HOPES ON THE ROCKS.

WHEN THE BAR CLOSED DOWN, THE TEETOTAL WAS 17 FOR THE GUESTS AND 9 FOR THE HOSTS.

THE BEST THING OF ALL WAS THAT YOU DIDN'T HEAR ANY BOOS TODAY. IN OTHER WORDS THERE WERE NO COMPLAINERS, MEANING, NO BOO-ZERS.

WOW! I THINK I'M GETTING BUDWEISER WITH AGE.

REMINDER: WHENEVER YOU GET TO THE BOTTOM OF A FIFTH YOU MUST REPLENISH WITH A NEW BALL.

SEE EVERYONE NEXT WEEK. HOPEFULLY THE NEW CORONA DELTA STRAIN WON'T IMPACT ANYTHING.

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Speedy recovery for players who are "ale"-ing and abstaining from. softball:

Mike Smolens, Driller, Dave Gerber, Ed A, John Howe, Marty Kohn, Evan M, Junior,
Ron Bernstein, and any others we don't know about. You are missed.

SPACE HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates July 24-25, 2021

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
43a	Sat	18	KPP5	OTHER WORLDLY	The Zei-ty vs DougK*	17-9	Commi shugag a
43b	Sat	20	KPP3	EARTHLY DELIGHTFUL	Scott S vs Dan K*	8-4	Bruce
	Sun	RAINED OUT					
		Net Weekend Turnout 38 37% of paid members)		PPG 20/43 = $0.47 53 cents below the no complaint line	2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date = 102 And counting As of 7.25.21		

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HIGHLIGHTS INSPIRED BY THE RECENT JEFF BEZOS SPACE TRIP

Game 43A Saturday 7.24.21 KPP5 BY DAN HEGARTY

On a perfect day for some hot summer softball, Scott's Visitors faced off against Bruce's Homies. After Scott and Dan K dueled for 2 scoreless innings. Mark L blasted one almost to the C field that was matched by an over the picnic area blast by Andrew. The Homies took a one RUN lead in the bottom of the fourth that lasted until the top of the eighth when a two spot gave the Visitors a one run lead. The game featured some fancy fielding by Bruce at third, Dynamic Dee in center, Mikey K in left and Joe S in center. Offensive blasts were provided by Eric B, Hugh, Harlan, Steve H, Marco and Al Z.

The game turned in the bottom of the ninth when a five run rally put the Homies ahead for good.

The drive of the day was a triple by Ben during that ninth inning rally. Defense of the day was provided by three outfielders - Ben, Andrew and Omid- who all moved to the infield and starred.

There was more but I forgot. NEXT game tomorrow

Dan

Game 43B Saturday 7.24.21 KPP3

FIRST MAGNITUDE STAR, ELMER TIME TRAVELS BACK FROM THE PAST AND QUICKLY REGAINS HIS STARDOM WITH HIS OUT OF THIS WORLD PLAYING PERFORMANCE.

ED H MAKES A PAIR OF WEB GEM-INIS ON 2 UNMANNED MISSILES LAUNCHED DEEP INTO THE HYPER SPACES OF LEFT FIELD.

MARC KONO A-STEROID BELTS 4 GAMMA RAYS, FAR BEYOND EARTHS GRAVITATIONAL PULL INTO DEEP SPACE, INCLUDING 3 DOUBLES.

STEVE HALPERIN LAUNCHES 4 CLOUD BUSTING ROCKETS THROUGH THE STRATOSPHERE FOR SAFE LANDINGS INCLUDING 2 DOUBLES, ONE OF WHICH ACHIEVED AN ESCAPE VELOCITY SO HIGH THAT IT REACHED AN ALTERNATE UNIVERSE. HE REALLY GAVE IT A SALLY RIDE, SALLY RIDE

STEVE FEINSTEIN'S BLASTS FROM EARTH'S CRUST COULD HAVE BEEN FROM THE MANTLE. THEY ALLOWED HIM TO GLOBE TROT AND TO LAND SAFELY ON A BASE 4 TIMES.

VINNIE BATTS WAS STELLAR AGAIN. HE SATTE-LITES UP THE FIELD WITH 3 GAMMA RAYS THAT WERE ONLY PULLED DOWN TO THE GROUND, DUE TO EARTH'S GRAVITATIONAL FORCE.

BRYAN BLACK SENDS 2 ORBS OUT INTO RIGHT FIELD TO FIND A COUPLE OF BLACK HOLES, ONE OF WHICH IS A DOUBLE.

MATT SP EMITS 4 COSMIC RAYS INTO THE EMPTINESS OF OUTFIELD SPACE FOR BASE HITS

GARY CHARNEY SAYS ROCKET TO ME BABY, AS HE PERFORMS A STAR WARS DEFENSE, INTERCEPTING AND DEFUSING A BOMB DESTINED TO DO DAMAGE TO THE KINGS POINT RAIN FOREST

BRIAN STAR STARS WITH A WEB GEM OF A GRAVITY DEFYING, RISING COMET TO CF, DESTINED TO REACH A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY FOR THE PLAY OF THE GAME. HE APPEARED TO BE ABSOLUTELY WEIGHTLESS IN HIS PURSUIT OF THE ORB.

ALSO LAUNCHING BALLS DEEP INTO THE VASTNESS OF THE 3 MANNED OUTFIELD SPACE WERE:
BRIAN S, JACK, DOUGK, HOWIE, ANDY, AND SCOTT

THE COMMISHUGANA DRAWS 2 SPACE WALKS.

THERE WERE 3 FINE GRAVITY ASSISTED DPS MADE
A 1-6-6-3 (DOUGK, STEVE F-STEVE F-ANDY)
A 5-5-4 (STEVE H- STEVE H- GARY W)
A 6-4-3 (SCOTT-JACK-MATT)

APOLLO-11-GIES TO THOSE THAT I FORGOT.
See attachment of the Jeff Bezos space crew honoring the space cadets of GNSB

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2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
44a	Sat	17	KPP5	The type of weather everyone PINES for	The Zei-ty* vs Doug	13-5	NEVE-Lee
44b	Sat	17	KPP3	Ditto	Scott S vs Ira*	14-7	Commi shugag a
45	Sun	20	Allen, Woody	Comme ci, comme ça In other words, "Come see for yourself next time."	His Johner vs Leder*	8-7	Bruce/ Bobby W
		Net Weekend Turnout 54 - 12=42 41% of paid members)		PPG 20/45 = $0.44 56 cents below the no complaint line	2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date = 102 And counting As of 8.1.21		

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**KUDOS TO ALL ON ACHIEVING CONSECUTIVE MONTH 120*
(THAT'S 10 YEARS FOR THE MATHEMATICALLY CHALLENGED)**

Game 44A Saturday 7.31.21 KPP5

LUIS BORSCHT BELTS A MASSIVE 3 RUN HOMER

ED H ROBS LUIS OF A BIG FAT SALAMI WITH A GULDEN'S GLOVER IN LCF.
GARY Z TAMA-RACKS UP THE WIN, WITH BRILLIANT PITCHING AS THE VISITORS FALA-FEL ON THEIR FACES

Game 44B Saturday 7.31.21 KPP3

VISITORS SHMEAR THE HOME TEAM 14-7
MARK LEDER HOMOWACKS A HOMER AND A DOUBLE FOR A 4 RIBBY STEAK.

MAN OH MANISCHEWITZ!
SCOTT SMITH KNOCKS THE KISHKAS OUT OF THE BALL WITH 4 HITS INCLUDING 2 DOUBLES.

HUGH RUNS DOWN AND KUTSHERS A BALL IN CF, THAT WAS DESTINED TO BE A VILLA ROMA HOMER.

IRA KNOCKS THE KREPLAH OUT OF THE BALL WITH A DOUBLE OVER THE HEAD OF A SCHMOOZING LEFT FIELDER

AL Z, (NO RELATION TO MALZEE LAWRENCE), REACHES BASE SAFELY 5 TIMES INCLUDING A TRIPLE

JOE CASINENO PUTS SCHMALTZ ON THE BALL 5 TIMES, FOR 4 HITS, INCLUDING 2 DOUBLES, 4 RBI, AND A SAC FLY.

BEN PRODUCES A LATKA RBI WITH HIS 3 HITS INCLUDING A TRIPLE

CHALLAH COW! MARCOS WITH THE BASES TOO FULL TO EAT ANYMORE, DOUBLES AND DRIVES HOME 2.

Game 45 Sunday 8.1.21 Allen, Woody

MATZOH BRY-AN BLACK SHOWS SOME SERIOUS BAT-SKILLS AS HE SCHMECKS A HOME RUN UP ONTO THE CATSK-HILLS MTS OF ALLENWOOD

ED H MAKES ANOTHER SPECTACULAR RUNNING CATCH OF A BALL IN DEEP LEFT FIELD BEFORE IT REACHED THE ALLENWOOD DANGERFIELDS.

ZIGGY'S MULTI-HIT DAY INCLUDES A DOUBLE. PLUS HE ASKS THE WAITER FOR A DOUBLE PORTION OF BASES AS HE SPEEDILY TAGS UP FROM 2ND AND SCORES ON A JOEL TAPE MEASURE SAC. (HIS 2ND OF THE GAME) JOB. RALEIGH HAVE WE SEEN THIS HAPPEN!

MARK L WINS TODAY'S TALENT CONTEST, WITH HIS COMBINATION OF VICTORIOUS PITCHING, FENCY SHMENCY FIELDING (2 PUTOUTS AND 5 ASSISTS) AND MULTI-HITTING, INCLUDING A HUGE, 3 RUN ZETZ PASSED THE ALLENWOOD PINEGROVES IN WHICH HE EASILY WAS ABLE TO DIRTY DANCE AROUND THE BASES FOR A HOMER.

DON'T TAKE BRUCE'S BATSKILLS FOR GRANIT! YOU'D THINK HE'D BE TIRED AFTER FIXING HIS FLAT, BUT HE BANGS OUT 3 HITS.

ROB MAKES AN IMPOSSIBLE
SOUPER GRAB OF A FLAMING MATZOH BALL
AT 1B AND THE TOWN OF WURTSBORO, NY CHANGES ITS NAME TO WURTZELBORO.

REFUSING TO REST ON HIS LAURELS, HIS JOHNER DRILLS 2 BASE HITS INTO THE ALLENWOOD GRASSLANDS.

SUPER JOE PROVES HE'S NOT CHOPPED LIVER, AS HE SHLOGN DI PILKES FOR 4 HITS, INCLUDING 2 DOUBLES TOTIE FIELDS OF ALLENWOOD.

ALSO GETTING IMPRESSIVE HITS TODAY WERE JOEL, KENNY, BOBBY W, AND KONOOO,

BUT THE BIG MACHER OF THE DAY WAS RICH CONNORS, WHO AFTER THE VISITORS WOULD FLANKEN THEIR ATTEMPT TO SCORE A RUN IN THE TOP OF THE TWELFTH, CREAMED A WALK-OFF YOUR DINNER HIT, TO DRIVE HOME THE WINNING RUN, WITH THE SCORE 7UP. IT WAS THE SECOND WALK OFF HIT THIS SUMMER FOR RICH - MR CLUTCH? HE'S THE DR. BROWN'S CREAM SODA OF THE CROP

I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT ONCE AGAIN WE ALL GOT ALONG AND WITH GREAT CONCORD AMONGST THE PLAYERS.
WE HAD SO MUCH FUN WE WANTED TO **NEVELE-AVE**

HIGHLIGHTS WITH A BOOSTER SHOT

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates AUG 7-8, 2021

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
46a	Sat	20	KPP5	Cloudy with a few shots of sun	The Zei-ty vs DougK*	8-3	MIke
46b	Sat	20	KPP3	Ditto	Scott S*/ Bruce vs Mark L*/Dan	MUNSTERS MOCKINGBIRD LANE ADDRESS. 13-13	Bruce
Rained out	Sunday? Renamed Rain day		Allenwood				

		Net Weekend Turnout 40 38% of paid members)		PPG 20/46 = $0.43 57 cents below the no complaint line	2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date = **104** And counting As of 8.8.21		

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Game 46ASaturday 8.7.21 KPP5 BY MIKE SP

THE OPPOSITION VS DOUGK SHOT BLANKS IN 8 OF 10 INNINGS

Game 46B Saturday 8.7.21 KPP3

THE OPPOSITE OF BOO-STER IS YAY-STER.
SO YAYS GO OUT TO:

MARK LEDER, WHO FIRES THE WEEKEND SHOT HEARD ROUND THE WORLD WITH A CROSS-DIAMONDAL, MOONSHOT, HOME RUN

THAT REACHES DEEP INTO THE CONTINENT OF FIELDFOURIA, WITH A RUNNER ON. HE ALSO, ONCE AGAIN, MADE SEVERAL FINE PLAYS ON THE MOUND OF SHOTS UP THE MIDDLE.

RUSSELL, WHO DESPITE A SHOULDER THAT IS SHOT TO HELL, WITH A COMBINATION OF SLAP SHOTS AND LONG SHOTS PRODUCES 4 HITS.

BEN, WHO NOT ONLY SHOT DOWN A BALL TO RF DESTINED TO BE AN EXTRA BASER, WITH A RUNNING GEM, BUT ALSO TOOK POT SHOTS AT THE OTHER TEAM FOR 3 IMPRESSIVE BASE HITS AND A SAC FLY.

GARY WEINSTOCK, WHO LIKE FINE WEIN GETS BETTER WITH AGE, GETS A SWINGING MEDALLION FOR HIS DOUBLE AND TRIPLE SHOTS OF HIS BABY LOVE.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57s89xrC93o

GORDO, WHO AFTER FIRING SEVERAL FOUL BALL WARNING SHOTS, SHOT FROM THE HIP, TO TRIPLE TWICE

ERIC B SHOT PUTS A SINGLE INTO SHORT LEFT, THEN SHOT FOR THE STARS TO GET HIS BEST SHOT, A MONSTER DOUBLE OVER THE LCF'S HEAD.

SCOTT SMITH, (NO RELATION TO SMITH AND WESSON), WHO SHOT 3 BULLETS FOR BASE HITS, INCLUDING A TRIPLE.

AL ZEE, WHO IS SUSPECTED OF RECEIVING ILLEGAL SHOTS IN THE ARM, AFTER CRUSHING 3 HITS, INCLUDING A DOUBLE SHOT. HE WAS A REAL BOOST TO HIS TEAM.

SETH, WHO BECOMES A HOT SHOT AFTER DOUBLING IN A BIG SPOT.

STEVE HERSHON, WHO HAD 2 SOLID HITS BEFORE THE SHOT CLOCK RAN OUT.

GARY CHARNEY WHO SHOT 3 ARROWS INTO THE AIR AND WHERE THEY LANDED WAS NO WHERE NEAR A FIELDER, FOR A 3 HIT DAY.

JOE SINENO, WHO DESPITE TAKING SEVERAL CHEAP SHOTS AT THE BIG SHOT COMMISSIONER, SHOOTS OUT 3 BASE HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE TO PRODUCE 4 RBI.

THERE WAS A VERY FINE JEFF TO RUSSELL TO STEVE H DP PERFORMED IN THE EARLY INNINGS. THAT'S 2 OUTS IN ONE SHOT.

AND NOW FOR MY PARTING SHOT, I'D LKE TO SAY:
ALL WAS GOOD TODAY. THOUGH MANY OF US SHOT THE BREEZE NOBODY SHOT OFF HIS OR HER MOUTH… EXCEPT FOR THE WAH-WAH SISTERS, OF COURSE.

A FEW RANDOM SCREEN SHOTS AND MUG SHOTS ARE ATTACHED.

FIELD OF DREAMY HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates AUG 14-15, 2021

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
47a	Sat	20	KPP5	Dreamlike	The Zei-ty* vs DougK	8-7	BRUCE LEE
47b	Sat	18	KPP3	Ditto	A Dantastic matchup. Dan K*/ Bob G vs Dan H/Mike L	10-3	Bruce
48	Sun day	22	Allenwood	Ditto	LEDER VS LEE*	8-6	BRUCE /BOB / MIKE

		Net Weekend Turnout 60-14=46 43% of paid members)		PPG 20/48 = $0.42 58 cents below the no complaint line	2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date = 106* TIES REC ORD		

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Game 47A Saturday 8.14 .21 KPP5 BY BRUCE

In a scene reminiscent of the original and recently recreated "Field of Dreams", our own Mark Leder emerged from the dense forest in left field's foul territory carrying an errant Debeers F12 Clincher softball. The game would go on.

In a classic Great Neck tradition, the home team Jackies swept to an early lead of eight to nil against the visiting Lee's by the fourth inning. Again, in another GN tradition, the grumbling of whom made these sides that are so unfair and unbalanced could be heard in the land. This was followed by a third GN tradition of the game ending with the Jackies winning by one run in 11 innings. The final at bat for the Lee's looking for one run to tie and two runs to go ahead ended with bases loaded but no runs to be had. This lead to the fourth GN tradition of complimentary things said about the side makers Lee & Jack.

Hitting for 3/4 of the cycle was Vinny “Bats” Batteria. Getting clutch hits was Vinny Bove, Corey & the aforementioned Mark Leder.

Pitching was handled admirably by Gary Z (winner with only a few whines) and taking the close loss was Doug K.

The game was played in 2 hours and 10 minutes under an azure blue sky with a heat index of 99 degrees.

The players stayed hydrated and fed by Gatorade and snacks brought by Bruce (who got 3 well-placed hits and a walk).

Game 47B Saturday 8.14 .21 KPP3

WHILE MOST GREAT NECK RESIDENTS WERE DREAMING THEIR LIVES AWAY, DAN “SPECIAL K” KRYGER WAS LIVING THE DREAM. HE TURNS OUT A SURREAL PITCHING PERFORMANCE AT ALLENWOOD, ALLOWOODING JUST 3 RUNS IN 9 INNINGS, WITH CLOSING HELP FROM BORN AGAIN ROOKIE FROM THE PAST, BOBBY G.

MEANWHILE DAN K’S SON MIKE, TURNS OUT TO BE A BAD DREAM FOR THE OTHER TEAM, AS HE COMES OUT OF THE CORNFIELDS TO DELIVER A CORNUCOPIA OF RUN PRODUCING BOUNTY, INCLUDING A 2 RUN HOMER, A SAC FLY, AN RBI BASE ON BALLS (RBBI), PLUS 2 MORE HITS.

ALSO HAVING A-MAIZE-ING GAMES WERE:

- **BOB G WHO CORN POPPED A TRIPLE.**
- **DAN SPECIAL-K WHO WITH AN ETHANOL BASE-D HIT THAT DRIVES HOME TWO GUYS SITTING ON A CORNFLAKE WAITING FOR THE VAN TO COME.**
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- **ED I WHO’S BIG RBI BASE HIT ALLOWED HIM TO HAVE SWEET DREAMS THIS WEEKEND.**
- **JOE G WHO MADE A WEB GEM ON AN ACORN CAP’N CRUNCHED DOWN 3RD BASE.**
- **BEN WHO HAD A DOUBLE THAT WAS HIT AS HIGH AS AN ELEPHANT’S EYE THAT LOOKED LIKE IT WAS CLIMBING CLEAR UP TO THE SKY.**

- ALAN Z WHO GOT HIS KIX BY STOMPIN ON OPPOSER'S DREAMS, AS HE MADE AN IMPOSSIBLE WEB GEM AT 2ND BASE

Game 48 Sunday 8.15 .21 ALLENWOOD

LONG TIME VETERAN AND PLAYER FAVE, RON "BURN BABY BURN" BERNSTEIN RETURNS WITH 2 OLD ADULT KNEES AND 1 BRAND NEW KIDNEY (PROVIDED BY HIS DAUGHTER.) TO UMPIRE TODAYS GAME. THANKS RON. IT WAS FANTASTIC TO SEE YOU.

MARIO, MAKES DAY DREAM BELIEVERS OUT OF EVERYONE WITH HIS 3 HIT PERFORMANCE, INCLUDING A DOUBLE AND TRIPLE. PLUS HE MAKES A WEB GEM PLAYING THE HOT CORN-ER.

CEREAL BALL KILLER, MIKE SPIEL HAS ANOTHER 3 HIT GAME.

KONO CORNSTALKS DOWN A BALL THAT WOULD HAVE LANDED IN THE CORNFIELDS, HAD THERE BEEN CORNFIELDS, IN RIDICULOUSLY DEEP CENTER FIELD ON A LUIS-IAN BLAST.

ED H MAKES A FINE RUNNING GRAB OF A BALL, AS IF HE WERE A CORNERBACK INTERCEPTING A 90 YARD PASS THROWN INTO THE END ZONE.

LUIS PLAYS THE ROLE OF DREAM CATCHER IN RF, MAKING SEVERAL DIFFICULT CATCHES LOOK LIKE CANS OF CORN. HE ALSO CRACK -CORNS A DOUBLE AT BAT AND I DO CARE.

MATTHEW R AND ZIGGY MAKE CORNSECUTIVE GEMS AT SCF AND SS.

ROOKIE DANE'S RUNNING CATCH IN LF WAS WORTHY OF A PARADE OF 76 TROMBONES WITH 110 CORNETS RIGHT BEHIND.

BOTH LEE AND LEDER HAVE FINE PITCHING PERFORMANCES. THEY HAVE BECOME CORNERSTONES OF GNSB

PLEASE FORGIVE MY CORNBALL HUMOR. THOUGH I ANTICIPATE THAT IT WILL BE MET WITH A LOT OF SCORN

SEE EVERYONE TOMORROW.

ANTEDELUVIAN (PRE-A -RAIN-GED) HIGHLIGHTS The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates AUG 21-22, 2021

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49a	Sat	18	KPP5	DEWY. BUT DO WE MIND?	The Zee-ity vs DougK*	11-7	Mike Sp
49b	Sat	18	KPP3	Ditto	Another Dantastic matchup. Dan K*vs Dan H/Bruce	17-7	Bruce
	Sunday	Rained out	Allenwood				
		Net Weekend Turnout 36 34% of paid members)		PPG 20/49 = $0.41 59 cents below the no complaint line (This means you must pay 59 cents per complaint)	2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date = 106* TIES REC ORD		

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Game 49A Saturday 8.21 .21 KPP5 BY MIKE SP

The Koch's beat the Z's 11-7 with an explosive 7 run inning. Nicole had a big game with 2 hits. There were some extra base hit bombs from Steve, Dane, who continues to hit line drives every time up, Mike, Leder and Vinny. 3 hit days by Kono, Brian and Lee. Not too many web gems today, except 2 nifty dp's turned by Lee and Mike and one by Corey and Scott. The 2nd one was a 6-4-2 dp with Lee making a perfect throw home to nail the runner.

Game 49B Saturday 8.21 .21 KPP3

HUGH AND ED I, BOTH HAVE
REM-ARKABLE 5 HIT DAYS AND BOTH SP-ARK VICTORIES.

BRUCE SNAGS A LINER ON THE MOUND EARM-ARK-ED FOR A CERTAIN BASE HIT.

ERIC B, THE M-ARK-SMAN, BANGS 3 HITS.
(You can ask him why I called him a marksman)
GARY CHARNEY SPRAYS 3 HITS ALL OVER THE BALLP-ARK
REMINISCENT OF ARK-Y VAUGHN

M-ARC-OS SHOWS FINE FIELDING AND HITTING SKILLS AND THATS NO MALARK-Y. HE'S BECOME A MEMBER OF THE GNSB HIGHER-ARK-Y.

SUPER JOE SP-ARK-LES IN CF WITH 2 GEMS AND AT THE PLATE WITH 3 HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE. HE IS A BENCHM-ARK OF SOFTBALL EXCELLENCE.

STEVE HERSHORN HAS A LANDM-ARK DAY WITH 3 HITS AND A WALK.

DAN K'S PITCHING PROVIDES FOR A STRONG BULW-ARK AGAINST OPPOSING BATS AS HE HOLDS THEM TO JUST 7 RUNS AND HE LEADS HIS TEAM THROUGH THE ARK dE TRIOMPHE. IN ADDITION, HE ABSOLUTELY POUNDS 3 HITS LEAVING POCKM-ARK-S ALL OVER THE FIELD. PLUS HE HITS 2 OVER-THE-FENCE, LENGTH FOUL BALLS.

In other news.
For the second week in a row Russell loses his sole. Please pray for him.

Will the person who gave Steve H his leather jacket to be cleaned please identify yourself. It's ready.

GORDON'S BAND WILL PERFORM LOCALLY ONCE AGAIN. SEE ATTACHED FLYER

On September 18th, a highly respected group of long time Great Neck residents, Russell Brodsky, George Feaster, Gordon Charlop, Glenn Sherman and Vic Ciappa, collectively the Frog Daiquiri Band will be performing at the Good Company Cafe in the heart of Little Neck. This historic event will mark their 40th season of performing. Come and be a part of it.

Game Sunday 8.22 .21 Rained out.
Anyone Noah good ark builder? Ark-imedes will help it float.

YOUR GNSB MON-ARK,
THE ARK-AIC, GAR

DICKENSIAN HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates

AUG 28-29, 2021

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
50	Sat	19	Schoolyard	Asphalt is asphalt.	The Zee-ity vs Ledr*	5-4	Lee
51	Sun	20	Allenwood thnx to GNDP wrkrs	Soft	The Zee-ity/ Lee vs Leder*/ Bruce	18-5	MikeSp /Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 39-11=28 26% of paid members)		PPG $20/51 games = $0.39 Per game 61 cents below the no complaint line (This means you must pay 61 cents per complaint)	2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date = 107* BREAKS RECOR D		

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Game 50A Saturday 8.28 .21 KPP5 BY Dan H

Here are this morning's highlights. Conditions were actually pretty good. The clouds cut down sun glare and several close calls were handled well. Please add anything else you might remember.

When the rain finally stopped, Lee divided 18 A and B Great Neck Weekend Softball Stars into such well matched teams that the final score was 5-4 and the game ended with the tying run in scoring position. The Visitors gave Gary Z a 2-0 lead in the top of the first due to excellent base running by Seth K. The Homies got 1 in the second and 2 in the third to take the lead. Once again superior baserunning ignited the comeback as Jon Paisner and Elmer zoomed around the bases. Mark L made his usual assortment of super stabs to turn potential line drive doubles into outs. Bruce and Lee turned some web gems in the middle infield while Brian made playing outfield look easy.

Key hits by Lenny - who just flew in from LA - and Rich kept the game close. Rookie Cliff figured out Gary Z's hesitation pitch made the score 5-3 going into the 10th. The Visitors got one more run before Lee caught a pop up to end a thoroughly enjoyable game.

Multi-hit performances were turned in by Hugh, Vinny Bats and a few others. Nice job by Bruce on handling the site and time changes.

Game 51 Sunday 8.29 .21 Allenwood by Bruce

"It was the best of times, WE GOT TO PLAY SOFTBALL.
It was the worst of times, WE HAD TO SWITCH FIELDS.
It was the age of wisdom, ALLENWOOD CREW WAS ABLE TO READY THE FIELD.
It was the age of foolishness, WE HAD AN ARGUMENT BETWEEN ADULTS.
It was the epoch of belief, WE THOUGHT THAT WE COULD PLAY.

It was the epoch of incredulity, THEY THOUGHT THAT WE WERE CRAZY.
It was the season of light, THE SUN MADE AN APPEARANCE.
It was the season of darkness, WE HAD AN ARGUMENT AMONG ADULTS.
It was the spring of hope, WE HOPE THAT THESE ARGUMENTS WILL END.
It was the winter of despair, WE KIND OF THINK THEY WILL NOT….."

Sunday's game was a nail biter of 6 to 5, if you deducted the 12 run 5th inning.
It was during the 5th inning when the fireworks erupted on the losing team and even though cooler heads prevailed, the Mike-Lee team could not get overcome the 12 run 5th.
They did beat the Bruce's in the second half by 5 to 4.
I guess it was the tale of two games….

Winning pitchers were Leder & Bruce v. Z & Lee.

Outstanding hitting by Kono, John V., Gary Ch. and many more…

Webbies go to Sineno, Mario and others…..

Birthday catering provided by Ziggy & Eric "the uniform".

Thanks to all who played.

LA-BOR-IOUS LABOR DAY WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates Sept 4,5,6, 2021

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
52a	Sat	18	KPP5	Wet-shoed grass	The Zee-ity/ Luis vs Leder*	17-14	Mike Sp
52b	Sat	18	KPP3	Ditto	Dandy Dan H* /Andy vs Bruce*	11-11	Bruce
53	Sun	23	Allenwood	MADE NICE BY PARK LABORERS	The Uniform* vs DougB	5-2	MikeSp
54a	Mon	24	KPP5	STARTING WITH SARA VAUGHN SINGING ENDING WITH BOBBY HEBB	DOUGB VS THE ZEE-ITY*	15-14	MIKE SP
54b	Mon	23	KPP3	Ditto	LEDER* VS ANDY	9-6	BRUCE
Home Run Derby	Mon	33	KPP3	A derby was needed because it was mostly sunny	Winner: Super Joe Sineno *	10 HOMERS.	
		Net Weekend Turnout 106-49=57 54% of paid members)		PPG $20/54$_{games}$ = $0.37 Per game 63 cents below the no complaint line (This means you must pay 63 cents per complaint)	2021 Paid up ($20PP NO REFUNDS Members to date = 107* BREAKS RECORD		

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Game 52A Saturday 9.4.21 KPP5 BY MIKE SP

We haven't had such a high scoring game in months! But the Avilas/ Z's outslugged the Becks 17-14. Luis was the star of the day getting a win in relief and pounding out 5 hits, including a laser over the LF fence for a homer. Dave Blitz banged out 4 hits including a triple to the RF fence. Vinny Bats had 3 hits for the Avilas as well. Long extra base hits by Rich and Mike Spiel. As well as Mike G and Howie, who had 3 hits each on the day for the Becks. Web gems by Z on the mound, Ed in CF, Mike at SS and multiple gems by Howie, who was busy at 2B.

Game 52B Saturday 9.4.21 KPP3

SUPER JOE SINENO HITS 2 HOMERS, ONE TO BOR-A BOR-A, THE OTHER TO BOR-NEO. HE ALSO SINGLES, DOUBLES AND HITS A SAC FLY

HARLAN'S RUNNING WEBGEM IN LF OF A SU-BOR-BITAL LINE DRIVE, A-BOR-TS A RALLY, THEN HE HITS A GAME TYING TRIPLE OUT OF THE KPP3 NEIGH-BOR-HOOD TO GO ALONG WITH 2 OTHER HITS.

ANDY P BECOMES A BOR-N AGAIN SUPERSTAR COLLECTING 4 HITS AND SNAGGING A BOR-SCHT BELTED SCREAMER THAT HE TURNED INTO A DOUBLE PLAY WITH THE BASES LOADED AND ONE OUT IN THE BOTTOM OF THE LAST, WHICH SAVED THE GAME.

OMID, GARY CHARNEY, AND ELMER ALL BOR-E RESEMBLANCES TO TY COBB, CRASHING 3 HITS APIECE.

ED IP BOR-E RESEMBLANCE TO OMAR VIZQUEL AS HE GUNNED DOWN A POTENTIAL LEAD RUN AT THE PLATE

GARY W'S DEEP SAC FLY IN THE BOTTOM OF THE 9TH WHICH STAYED AIR-BOR-NE FOR A LONG TIME, DRIVES IN THE GO AHEAD RUN

Game 53 Sunday 9.5.21 Allenwood
THROUGH 8 FULL INNINGS PITCHERS ERIC T AND DOUGB HELD THE SCORE TO ONE-ZIP BY THROWING A SMORGAS-BOR-D OF MOUTH WATERING STRIKES.
IT WAS A FAST PACED GAME THAT ALLOWED FIELDERS TO BE ON THEIR TOES AND MAKE AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF GREAT DEFENSIVE PLAYS. SUCH AS:

- **MATT RICE WHO BOR-ROWED A PAGE FROM THE "SAY HEY KID" IN THE FIRST INNING AND MADE AN ABSOLUTE WILLIE A-MAYS-ING, OVER THE HEAD AND SHOULDER CATCH, IN UBER RIGHT FIELD, ON A BALL DESTINED TO LAND BEYOND THE AURORA BOR-EALIS, OFF THE BAT OF MARK LEDER. ALL PRESENT AGREED IT WAS ONE OF THE TOP CATCHES SEEN IN ALL OF GNSB HISTORY.**
- **ED H WHO DARINGLY DOVE THROUGH THE AIR WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE TO SNARE A CERTAIN EXTRA BASE GAPPER, HEADED FOR THE NON-AR-BOR-ETUM IN LEFT FIELD.**
- **KONO WHO MADE A SLIDING GRAB IN LCF AS HE STUB-BOR-NLY REFUSED TO LET THE BALL FALL.**
- **RICH C WHO BOR-E A RESEMBLANCE TO JOE DIMAGGIO WITH CLASSIC SHOE STRINGER IN LF**
- **MIKE SPIEL WHO BORE A RESEMBLANCE TO THE WIZARD OF OZZIE WITH AN OVER THE SHOULDER GRAB FROM SS, RUNNING INTO CF**
- **ARIK, BACK FROM KNEE SURGERY, WHO BOR-E A RESEMBLANCE TO BROOKS ROBINSON, MAKING TWO AMAZING GEMS AT THE HOT CORNER.**

BESIDES GOLDEN GLOVES MAKING MISSILES MISS THEIR TARGETS, AN ARMS RACE AROSE ON BOTH TEAMS TO PREVENT MUTUAL DESTRUCTION VIA RUN PRODUCTION.

KENNY WHO BORE A RESEMBLANCE TO ROCKY COLAVITO THROWING OUT A RUNNER AT THE PLATE FROM RCF IN THE 10TH INNING AT A CRUCIAL TIME.

BARRY AT A KEY TIME WHO BOR-E A RESEMBLANCE TO ROBERTO CLEMENTE THROWING OUT A RUNNER AT THE PLATE FROM RF IN THE 8TH WITH THE BASES JUICED.

RICH C WHO BOR-E A RESEMBLANCE TO CARL FURILLO THROWING OUT A RUNNER AT HOME. NICE TAG ON THE PLAY BY LEDER

AN IMPRESSIVE LEE (SS) TO JACK (2B) TO ROB (1B) DP BOR-E RESEMBLANCE TO KUBEK TO RICHARDSON TO SKOWRON.

OFFENSIVELY
MARK LEDER HITS A 3 RUN HOMER THAT ALMOST REACHES THE INTER-BOR-OUGH PKWY. IT NOT ONLY GETS HIS TEAM OFF AN 8 INNING SCHNEID, BUT ALSO PUTS THEM IN THE LEAD FOR GOOD. HE ALSO HAD A SINGLE IN A GAME WHERE HITS WERE SCARCER THAN A-BOR-IGINES PLAYING SOFTBALL IN LICHTENSTEIN.

ALSO HAVING MULTIHIT GAMES WERE MIKE SPIEL, WHOSE TRIPLE ALMOST LANDED IN THE NY HAR-BOR AND LEE WHO SINGLED AND DOUBLED AND DROVE IN 2.
RICH C HAD A 10TH INNING BASE HIT AND RBI

Game 54A Monday 9.6 .21 KPP5 BY MIKE SP
Mondays game was historic. It was the first time that I can recall where we had 3 homers over the fence. Those bombs were hit by Arik, Joel and Luis. The Z's beat the Becks 15-14. Arik and Joel each had 4 hits and Brian and Rich contributed 3 hits for the Z's. The Becks were led by Dane and his 4 hits and Lee had 3 hits. Despite all the hitting, there were some Web gems. Ed made a nice sliding catch in CF, Howie made a nice running catch in RF, Mike robbed Barry of a hit, deep in the hole at SS and newcomer Alex had a great running catch

on a popup to short LF. He also hit some rockets, including a triple to LCF. A nice debut for the youngster!

The play of the day was made by Vinny, with a superb over the head running catch in LF with his back to the hitter, a la Willie Mays. He thought it was a meatball parmigiana hero!

<u>Game 54B Monday 9.6 .21 KPP</u>

ON 9/6 THE SCORE IS 9-6

Alan Z, FROM THE BOR-OUGH OF MANHATTAN, COMES UP WITH 7 ASSISTS AT 2B, INCLUDING 3 IN ONE INNING!

THERE WERE 2 IMPRESSIVE DOUBLE PLAYS MADE.
ANDY (P) TO AL (2B) TO DAN H (1B) AND ED I (3B) TO MIKE L (2B)TO STEVE H(1B). SHOWING GREAT DEFENSIVE COLLA-BOR-ATION.

ELMER, FROM THE BOR-OUGH OF QUEENS MAKES SEVERAL FINE DEFENSIVE PLAYS AND GETS A KEY BASE HIT.
ANDY WHO DRIVES IN FROM THE BOR-OUGH OF BROOKLYN, DRIVES IN 3 RUNS WITH A MULTI-HIT DAY

MARIO CRACKS 3 HITS AND IF I MAY ELA-BOR-ATE, ALSO MAKES A FINE WEB GEM AT 3B.

ED I DOUBLES OVER THE LF'S HEAD AND IF I MAY ELA-BOR-ATE AGAIN, ALSO MAKES A WEB GEM AT 3B

JOE SINENO WHO PRODUCED MORE WHINES THAN THE ENTIRE REGION OF BOR-DEAUX, FRANCE, BOR-E HOLES THROUGH THE OUTFIELD DEFENSE SYSTEM 3 TIMES, FOR HITS.

ALSO GETTING BIG HITS TODAY WERE MATT R, JOHNNY V, BOBBY U, GARY CHARNEY WITH A DOUBLE AND THE ALWAYS INSU-BOR-DINATE GORDON.

AND LEDER CONTINUED HIS HOME RUN JAM-BOR-EE WITH HIS 3RD HOMER (2 RBI) IN 3 GAMES.

HIGHLIGHTS TOO BOR-ING? FOR ME, I WAS EXCITED AS A VIRGIN GOING INTO A BOR-DELLO, TO WRITE THEM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN UNIDENTIFIED PLAYER GAVE A LEATHER JACKET TO STEVE H TO HAVE CLEANED. PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN TO HIM, OR IT WILL BE RETURNED TO THE COW FROM WHENCE IT CAME.

MANY THANKS TO BOBBY WIDAWSKY WHO CAME TO DO THE UMPIRING DUTIES ON SUNDAY AND TIME KEEPING ON MONDAY FOR THE HOME RUN DERBY, DESPITE HAVING HAD A MEDICAL PROCEDURE DONE DAYS BEFORE.
AND TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO PITCHED, CAUGHT, FIELDED, LINE JUDGED, PROTECTED CARS, MEASURED AND MARKED THE DISTANCES, FED THE BALL CADDY, MOVED THE BLEACHERS, AND KEPT THE HR COUNT FOR OUR 15TH ANNUAL DERBY.
SPECIAL THANKS TO GORDON FOR LUGGING THE MIKE AND SPEAKERS AGAIN AND TO LUIS AND ED H FOR HELPING BRING THEM OVER.
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IT WAS VERY NICE TO SEE SEVERAL INJURED PLAYERS IN ATTENDANCE (PLATA, RUSSELL AND DRILLER) TO WATCH AND HEAR SANDIA SING OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM AND TO GIVE THEIR SUPPORT TO GNSB'S FINEST TRADITION.
AND OF COURSE MANY THANKS TO BRUCE, BOBBY W, AND MIKE SP, AS ALWAYS, FOR ASSIGNING FIELDS, MAKING AND CAPTAINING TEAMS AND TO LEE AND JACK FOR THEIR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE. THEY WORK VERY HARD TO MAKE THINGS WORK. IT DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN. BUT PARTICULARLY TO BRUCE WHO WORKS TIRELESSLY BEHIND THE SCENES TO SELL HUNDREDS OF OUR USED BALLS ON EBAY TO DEFRAY OUR COSTS AND KEEP OUR DUES THE LOWEST IN ALL THE LAND, CONTACTS PLAYERS ENCOURAGING THEM TO PLAY, PURCHASES NECESSARY EQUIPMENT ETC. GIVE A BIG THANKS TO BRUCE WHEN YOU SEE HIM.

FINALLY THANK YOU TO SANDIA ANG FOR GIVING YET ANOTHER INSPIRATIONAL PERFORMANCE OF OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM. ITS OUR FINEST TRADITION.

ANOTHER NICE WEEKEND IS EXPECTED, SO SIGN UP OR GET OLD OR PLAY GOLF INSTEAD AND GET OLD AND HINT: STARTS WITH A B AND FITS INTO THE THEME.

ERRATA: DOUGK DID NOT PITCH LAST WEEK. IT WAS SENOR LEDER. YOU CANT BLAME ME. THEY LOOK SO ALIKE.

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WHILE OTHERS STAYED HOME PLAYING SOL-ITAIRE:

Game 55A Saturday 9.11.21 KPP5

ROOKIE ALEX MAKES THE OPPOSING FIELDER OB-SOL-ETE AS HE HOMERS OVER THE FENCE AND TRIPLES. HE ALSO MAKES SEVERAL GOOD PLAYS IN THE OUTFIELD.

ARIK SHOWS A WHOLE LOTTA GLOVE AT 3B WITH SEVERAL MAGNIFICENT FIELDING GEMS, NOT TO MENTION HE GETS 4 HITS. (IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE BUT NOBODY ON THE "A" COUNTS THAT HIGH.)

LEE WITH AN OVER THE SHOULDER CATCH AT SS, ADDED GA-SOL-INE TO HIS TEAMS DEFENSIVE ENGINE.

LEDER BLASTED ONE TO THE RF FENCE FOR A DOUBLE, LEAVING THE DEFENSE FEELING DE-SOL-ATE

Game 55B Saturday 9.11.21 KPP3

GNSB PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE VICTIMS OF 9/11 WITH 4 MOMENTS OF SILENCE AS SIRENS BLARE.

OH SOL-O MIA! BRUCE, WHO HAS SOL-D SEVERAL DOZENS OF OUR USED BALLS TO DEFRAY GNSB COSTS, MAKES A SPECTACULAR PLAY TO SAVE A RUN, BUT THE OFFICIAL SCORER RULES THAT IT CAN'T BE CONSIDERED A WEBGEM. INSTEAD ITS A SOL-EGEM BECAUSE HE STOPPED THE BALL FROM GOING INTO THE OUT OF PLAY WITH HIS FOOT! ITS THE SOL-E, SOL-EGEM EVER AWARDED. (GNSB - WHERE YOU SEE THINGS THAT YOU JUST DON'T SEE IN THE BIGS.)

THE SOL-ID BUT SOUL-ESS JOE SINENO, EARNS THE TITLE OF SUL-TAN OF SWAT AS HE DOUBLES THRICE, TRIPLES, AND DRIVES IN MOST OF HIS TEAMS RUNS. INCLUDED WERE 2 GROUND RULE DOUBLES, ONE THROUGH THE LF GATE THE OTHER A GNSB DOUBLE THAT GRAZES OFF THE PITCHER'S MITT, THEN SPIN OFFS INTO THE OUT OF PLAY AREA. (GNSB - WHERE YOU SEE THINGS THAT YOU JUST DON'T SEE IN THE BIGS.) HE WAS QUITE THE SOL-O ACT TODAY.

GARY Z IS RE-SOL-UTE ABOUT NOT GIVING UP HITS OR WALKS TODAY AS HE LIMITS OPPOSING BATS TO JUST 7 RUNS. HIS CON-SOL-ATION WAS A VICTORY

GARY CHARNEY IN RCF, DIS-SOL-VED HOPES OF HITS FOR SEVERAL BATTERS, MAKING NUMEROUS FINE PLAYS, INCLUDING THE NABBING OF A RUNNER AT 3B TRYING TO TAG, FOR A DP. HE ALSO HAD A COUPLE OF FINE HITS AND MULTIPLE RBI'S.

STEVE H GOT HIS SCORELESS TEAM OFF THE SCHNEID WITH AN RBI BASE HIT, WHICH HE DUPLICATED A FEW INNINGS LATER. FOR THAT HE'S AB-SOL-VED OF ALL CRIMES THAT HE'S COMMITTED.

MARCOS SLUGS AN AB-SOL-UTE LAZER FOR A TRIPLE THRU THE CF GATE.

THERE WAS A VERY NICE DOUGB TO GARY W TO STEVE H DOUG-BLE PLAY IN THE FIRST INNING.

Game 56 Sunday 9.12.21 A-wood

24 GOOD SOL-DIERS CAME TO PLAY DESPITE NEAR PERFECT WEATHER.

HIS JOHNER RETURNS, BACK FROM HIS HAMPTONS FORTRESS OF SOL-ITUDE. IT WAS GOOD TO SEE HIM BACK ON THE DIAMOND ON THE SOLE-S OF HIS SHOES.

KONO MUST HAVE SOL-D HIS SOUL TO THE DEVIL, BECAUSE HE GOT A HIT ALMOST EVERY TIME UP THIS WEEKEND. INCLUDING AT 5-6 DAY TODAY.

ED H HITS SAYS BYE, BYE, FAREWELL, SO L-ONG TO THE BALL, WITH A 2 RUN HOMER, THAT WAS HIT SO L-ONG THAT IT SHOUTED SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER 22. THIS WAS IN ADDITION TO HIS 2 OTHER HITS AND RBI. PLUS HE STEALS A CERTAIN EXTRA BASER, WITH SUCH A
SPECTACULAR CATCH, THAT THE OTHER TEAM WANTS HIM LOCKED UP IN SOL-ITARY CONFINEMENT.

BRYAN PAINTED THE SCOREBOOK BLACK 3 TIMES WITH 1Bs SOLE-LY BECAUSE HE'S A FANTASTIC HITTER.

RICH CONNORS HITS THE BALL TO WHERE THERE WAS NOT ANOTHER LIVING SOUL IN SIGHT, 3 TIMES, INCLUDING A DOUBLE FOR 3 RBI. HE ALSO MAKES A FINE RUNNING GEM IN LF. THE BATTER WAS INCON-SOL-ABLE ABOUT IT.

DOUG BECK SOL-IDIFIED HIS TEAMS DEFENSE WITH A GEM AT 2B ON A VERY HARD SMASH.

DON'T TELL A SOUL ABOUT THIS, BUT MARCOS UNMERCILESSLY RUNS DOWN A BALL IN RCF SHOWING NO R-E-S-P-E-C-T FOR THE COMMISHUGANA.

THE QUESTION OF HOW TO GET ZIGGY OUT REMAINS IN-SOL-VABLE FOR PITCHERS. HE COLLECTS 4 HITS INCLUDING A 2 BAGGER.

3 TIMES ARIK HIT THE BALL INTO DESOLATE AREAS OF ALLENWOOD FOR 3 HITS, PLUS A WALK ON A PITCH THAT LANDED IN A DE-SOL-ATE AREA OF HOME PLATE. ON " D" HE SNAGS A BULLET DOWN THE 3B LINE ON HIS KNEES, THEN GETS UP AND RETURNS FIRE WITH A BULLET OF HIS OWN ACROSS THE DIAMOND TO NAB THE RUNNER. THE OPPOSITION BELIEVES THAT THIS TYPE OF THIEVERY PUNISHED WITHOUT AB-SOL-UTION.

MARIO'S BAT MUST HAVE BEEN ENHANCED WITH SOL-AR POWER, BECAUSE HE RIPS 3, MAYBE 4 HITS AGAINST HIS INSOLENT RIVALS.

OTHER MULTIPLE HIT GUYS WERE LEE, LEDER, MARCOS, AND SUPER JOE, WHO BRAVELY PLAYED WITHOUT HIS SOUL SISTA, GORDON.

<u>SEVERAL NICE DPS WERE PERFORMED TODAY.</u>

ERIC (2B) > LEE (SS) > BRUCE(1B)
MARIO (3B)> ERIC (2B)
ERIC (2B) > MARIO (3B)

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LOWLIGHTS? The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates Sept 18,19, 2021

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57b	sat	17	kpp3	ditto	dan H*/bruce* vs scott s	17-8	bruce
58	sun	24	allenwood	a low of 64 degrees	leder* vs his johner	4-3 in 12	bruce, bobby and mike sp
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while others stayed home with their heads on their pillows, here's the blow by blow account:

2 blowouts today!

game 57A saturday 9.18.21 kpp5

gary z, with the help of his fellow teammates, disallows all but a handful of shallow hits and runs to the opposing clowns in victory.

arik has a mind blowing 8 hits including 2 triples and a double
kono, amps up his kilowattage by using a lighter bat to slug 6 hits including 2 extra bases.
leder is aglow today going 4 for 5 including a double.
to bryan b, ed h, and scott d, the ball looks likes a giant marshmallow as each blast 3 hits.

several balls were mashed way past the old cut down willow tree but were swallowed up with stupendous catches by corey, ed h, and jon z.
mike spiels bro jon Spiel, spectacularly dove and swallowed up a ground ball smash up the middle by 2b.

lee, despite an early exit made 2 take your self dps at ss to flower potential rallies. He also hit an early game triple.
rich connors hit a mighty blow to lcf for a triple.

luis upon hearing that our numbers were low plowed thru the traffic in nj for the good of the game. thanks luis! it allowed us to have decent numbers and 2 good games. That beats all highlights.
mvp?

game 57b saturday 9.18.21 kpp3 by dan h

Today's B Battle pitted the Visitors behind Scott against the Homies behind Dan and Bruce. The Homies took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Joltin' Joe Sineno homered. Each team plated 2 runs in the third and went back and forth until the ninth and tenth inning when when the homies added 9 runs to ice the victory - final score 17-8.

It was a big offensive day as Harlan, Mike G, and Hugh had multiple extra base hits. Howie, Barry, Gary W, Gary Ch and Eric B ripped some killer liners.

Defensively, play of the day goes to Jeff who survived a crash at the plate to end a rally. Additional web gems were provided by Mike G, Seth and Joe S who stole a homer with a running catch. Bruce put an end to the festivities with three fine plays to end the game. More happened but my 70+year old hard drive couldn't hold it.

PS. Mike G hit one over the fence and Gordon peppered the outfield with base hits.

Tune in tomorrow for more fun.

game 58 sunday 9.19.21

here's the low down at the hallowed grounds of allenwood park:

leder goose eggs the opposition from innings 2 thru 9, allowing his fellow mates to come back after a couple of

geese had flown the coop in bot 1, as the first 3 men in the order, zig, kono and mike sp lead with 3 consecutive doubles. but his johner is not too shabby either, deflowering bat after bat. Both pitchers have fine control and don't wallow in high pitch counts. His johner closes the game by shutting out his low life opponents in the last 6 frames and leaves them to go searching over at lowe's for better lumber. he also comes up with the most heroic play of the game. it is the 1st defensive triple we've ever had. in fielding a ball, he trips 3 times, then falls but somehow, some way, in the midst of all that, he manages to throw the ball to 1b for the out. hopefully he'll be ok.

A rare triple play prevents an overflow of runs.
A ground ball is hit to johnny v on the ss side of 2b. He steps on 2nd, tags the runner coming off 2b, then fires to first to get a runner who's no slowpoke. 6-6-3.

johnny also gemmed on a bullet hit deep into the ss hole by kono, who's not slow. adding to his resume johnny v had 2 laser hits over 3b.

gary charney glows at the plate with 3 hits and as you can see his name is hollowed out here in the lowlights.

the mellow, but not yellow, rob wurtzel out glows all hitters with 3 hits including a double and he drives in 2 of his team's 3 runs.

despite the oppressive sun glow, the low-keyed ed l. makes a scintillating, running catch on a ball to rf .

the low profiled marcos, makes a fine running catch in deep lf, which I didn't see, but heard.

andy makes several fine picks at 1b, including knocking down a killer laser, hit below the belt and outracing the runner to 1b

there was a low bar for hits today, but besides those mentioned above, I'll mention those who got more than one, below
barry, bryan, kenny, bono, Andy, ed i, leder, rich, marcos, jack, and zig

the deathblow is definitely mike spiel's walk off home run as he sings "Swing low sweet chariot coming for to carry me home." that had flown way over shallows in rcf, in the bottom of the 12th to send the visitors to the gallows. it is definitely the blow of the day and something to bellow about.
gar
sorry for setting such a low bar for these lowlights.

EQUI-NOC-TIAL LIGHTS? The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates Sept 25,26, 2021

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WHETHER ITS AN EQUINOX OR AT ANY OTHER TIME, SIDE-MAKERS TRY TO MAKE TEAMS GIVING EACH SIDE AN EQUAL NUMBER OF KNOCKERS, JUST LIKE THERE ARE EQUAL HOURS OF DAYLIGHT AND DARKNESS. HERE ARE THE RESULTS:

Game 59A Saturday 9.25.21 KPP5 by Mike Sp

There was no shortage of runs today as the Z's beat the Koch's 14-13. The Z's were led by Vinny Bats who had 5 or possibly 6 hits in the game. Mike and Ed each had 4 hits. The big inning for the Z's was a 7 run, extra base hit explosion, Rich, Mike, Bryan, Vinny and Jon S, smashed doubles and triples one after the other. Doug had a case of whiplash after the game. Kono and Jack led the Koch's with 3 hits apiece. Jon P and Ed both made sliding

catches in CF for web gems. Gary Z ate his Wheaties before the game and had 3 hits.

WE CALL THIS A NOXEMA GAME BECAUSE AT 14-13 IT WAS A CLOSE SHAVE AND THE CLOSER YOU SHAVE THE MORE YOU NEED NOXEMA
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ho9XNfy6JBM

Game 59B Saturday 9.25.21 KPP3

DANGEROUS DAN KNOCKS 3 TIMES ON THE GRASS CEILING FOR BASE HITS AND DRIVES IN RUNS TWICE ON THE PIPES.

DINA THE DYNAMO MAKES SURE THERE ARE NO KNOCKS IN HER TEAM'S DEFENSIVE ENGINE, AS SHE MAKES 9 ASSISTS PLUS A PUT-OUT AT 2B, WITHOUT A SINGLE MISCUE. SHE ALSO SINGLES AND DOUBLES AND DRIVES IN A RUN.

GORDO KNOCKS THE TAR OUT OF THE BALL 5 TIMES FOR HITS, INCLUDING 3 DOUBLES!

GARY W KNOCKS THE STUFFING OUT OF THE BALL 4 TIMES FOR HITS, INCLUDING 2 HITS THAT WERE STUFFED INTO IN ONE INNING.

VINNIE F, MUST HAVE GONE TO THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS BECAUSE HE KNOCKS THE BALL HARD 4 TIMES FOR HITS, INCLUDING A DOUBLE AND A HOME RUN THAT WAS HIT SO FAR THAT YOU NEEDED BI-KNOCK-ULARS TO SEE IT.

MIKE G MAKES A DIVING WEB GEM AT SS THAT WOULD KNOCK YOUR WET SOCKS OFF. BTW HE ALSO KNOCKS THE CRAP OUT OF THE BALL TWICE FOR BASE HITS.

KNOCK. KNOCK. WHO'S THERE? CLIFF. CLIFF WHO?
CLIFF HANGER. DETERMINED NOT TO MAKE THE GAME A CLOSE CLIFF HANGER, CLIFF SLAMS 2 HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE TO RF

STEVE HERSHON, KNOCKS THE OPPOSITION FOR A LOOP WITH A VERY NON-LOOPING, ROPE TO RF FOR A BIG DOUBLE.

JOE SINENO, AFTER RECEIVING HIS 2021 GNSB HOME RUN DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP MUG, HITS A SINGLE, A DOUBLE, AND A TRIPLE, BUT NO HOME RUN. MAYBE HE DIDN'T WANT TO KNOCK HIMSELF OUT RUNNING THE BASES.

SCOTT SMITH KNOCKS 'EM DEAD WITH 2 HITS INCLUDING A RBI TRIPLE.

WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY COMES KNOCKING TO BRUCE HE TAKES IT BY DRAWING A RBBI (RUN BASE ON BALLED IN) WALK. HE ALSO DRIVES IN ANOTHER RUN WITH A BASE HIT.

JEFF BASKIN LAUNCHES A KNOCK-CLEAR BOMB DOWN THE LEFT FIELD LINE FOR A MONSTER TRIPLE.

ON THE "B," BEEKEEPER LEDER, RIPS 2 STINGING HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE AND KNOCKS THE OPPOSING OFFENSE OFF OF THEIR PERCHES, WITH A FINE PITCHED GAME.

IN ADDITION. THERE WERE 3 VERY SPIFFY DOUBLE PLAYS MADE:
BARRY D>MIKE G>STEVE H
SCOTT S>GORDO>DAN
DINA>GORDO>DAN

Game 60 Sunday 9.26.21 Allenwood

IN AN ALLENWOOD PARK KNOCK DOWN DRAG OUT BATTLE, MORE GOLD GLOVE PLAYS THAN FORT KNOX ARE SEEN:

- **MARIO MAKES AN IMPOSSIBLE GEM AT 3B ON A POSSIBLE GE-NOC-IDAL MISSILE**
- **ARIK RUNS INTO AN UNI-NOC-ULATED AREA OF ALLENWOOD TO NAB A VERY FOUL BALL AND SAVE HUMANITY.**
- **GARY CHARNEY FABULOUSLY, SLIDES INTO THE U-NOC-CUPIED TERRITORY OF ALLENWOOD LEFT FIELD TO STEAL A HIT.**
- **MARK LEDER SNAGS A LASER ON BOOSTER-STEROIDS ON THE MOUND THAT WOULD HAVE KNOCKED A LESSER MAN ON HIS ARCE.**

- MIKE SP MAKES A 6-6-3 DP
- ZIG MAKES A 4-4-3 DP

BATTING: HOW ABOUT THESE KNOCKERS?

- MARC KONO LAUNCHES A KONOCKULAR BOMB DEEP INTO RIGHT FIELD FOR A 2 RUN HOMER IN THE VERY 1ST INNING.
- MATT REISS SMASHES A HOME RUN THAT TRAVELED SO FAR OVER THE OUTFIELDERS, IT MIGHT AS WELL HAVE LANDED IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
- ZIGGY HAS A MULTI-HIT DAY INCLUDING A HOMER AND A SINGLE, KNOCKING IN 3 RUNS.
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- ARIK HAS A 4 HIT DAY INCLUDING A 2B THAT COULDA BEEN A 4B, HAD HE NOT HAD A NEW KNEE.
- BOBBY W PROVES TO BE VERY NOC-UOUS TO HIS RIVALS. HE HAS A HUGE DAY HITTING FOR THE TRICYCLE A SINGLE, DOUBLE, AND TRIPLE.
- MIKE SPIEL TRIPLES PAST A NONPI-NOCHLE PLAYING RC FIELDER.
- SUPER JOE, DOING A CHEAP KNOCK-OFF OF JOE DIMAGGIO, BANGS OUT 3 HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE AND MAKES SEVERAL FINE DEFENSIVE PLAYS BUT HIS FINE FOR COMPLAINING TOPS $150. ($0.67 PER COMPLAINT).

- THE BATTING STAR OF THE GAME IS DEFINITELY BRYAN BLACK, WHO HAS 3 SINGLES, A TRIPLE AND A HOMER THAT HE KNOCKS UP THE KNOLL IN LEFT. HE IS A REAL KNOCK AND KNOLLER TODAY.

I HAVE TO KNOCK OFF NOW, BUT I JUST WANT TO MENTION THAT BARRY AND MARK LEDER HAVE MULTI-HIT DAYS.

APOLOGIES TO ALL THOSE WHOSE HEROICS I DIDN'T CATCH. SEE EVERYONE NEXT WEEK.

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122 CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY BOTTLES OF BEER ON THE WALL HAVE FALLEN AND PLAYERS ARE VERY HOPPY

61A SATURDAY GAME 10.2.21 KPP5 BY MIKE SP.

FACING EACH OTHER ON THE

61B SATURDAY GAME 10.2.21. KPP3

IT LOOKED AS IF THE VISITORS WERE GOING TO LOWENBRAU BEAT THE HOME BREWED CREW BUT THE HOMIES MANAGE TO MAKE IT RESPECTABLE SCORING A 6 PACK IN INNINGS 5 AND 6. AS A RESULT, THEY ARE ONLY OUTNUM-BEER-ED BY 4 RUNS IN A 12-8 GAME. MARK LEDER FROM THE MOUND, CALLED FOR PROHIBITION ON ANY BEER RUNS ATTEMPTED IN MOST INNINGS.

JEFF BASKIN MIGHT HAVE PUT HIMSELF IN THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS AS HE THROWS OUT 3 RUNNERS FROM THE OUTFIELD, TWO AT SECOND BASE, ONE AT THE PLATE FOR A DP.

THERE WERE 3 OTHER STELLA DPS:

JOHN V TO DINA TO DAN 6-4-3
JOHN V TO DAN 6-6-3
MARK TO DINA TO STEVE 1-6-3

JOHNNY V AT SS, ALSO THROWS A RUNNER OUT AT THE PLATE ON A RELAY 10-6-2

GORDON MAKES A RHEINGOLD-EN GLOVE PLAYS IN RCF WITH A RUNNING CATCH.

SMACKING BALLANTINE BLASTS TODAY ARE:

THE BEER-LY COHERENT, MARK LEDER WHO USUALLY ACTS AS IF HE'S CONSUMED A LEDER OF BEER BEFORE RACH GAME SERVES AS A ROLE MODELO TO FELLOW PLAYERS, WITH A 2 RUN HOMER, TO GO ALONG WITH 2 OTHER HITS.

OMID WITH A 3 RUN HOMER DESERVES TO GET A PABST BLUE RIBBON

BLOW THE SCHAFFER FOR SUPER JOE, WHO CLOB-BEERS 2 TRIPLES AND 2 OTHER BASE HITS, FOR A 3 RBI DAY.

GORDO WITH A TRIPLE AND 3 OTHER HITS FOR A 3 RBI DAY HAS HIS OPPONENTS FOAMING AT THE MOUTH. YUENG LING I SAW THE WHOLE THING.

DAN, STEVE H, GARY W , AND COUSIN BREWSKY EACH HAVE 3 HITS TODAY. ONE OF BRU-SKI'S WAS A DOUBLE.

ERIC BEERMAN GETS A BIG HIT TO SHOW WHY HIS NAME IS WORTHY OF TODAY'S THEME.

BARRY D MAKES THE MILLER HIGHLIGHTS WITH A CLUTCH SINGLE AND SAC FLY.

62 SUNDAY GAME 10.2.21. A-WOOD
GORDO, PLAYING THE GAME THE WAY IT SHOULD BE PLAYED, BUDWEISER-LY PICKS OFF THE GAME'S IST RUNNER AT 1B, AFTER HE LEISURELY STROH-LS BACK TO THE BASE. THE RUNNER COULD BARLEY BELIEVE IT.

ZIG RETURNS THE FAVOR BY PICKING OFF A RUNNER GOING PAST 2B

MATT REISS GUNS DOWN A RUNNER AT 2B FROM FAIRLY DEEP RF, LEAVING THE BATTER BEER-EFT OF A BASEHIT.

KONO MAKES A TYPE OF CATCH THATS SEEN ONCE IN A BLUE MOON, IF THAT, IN LCF, RIGHT BEHIND A LEAPING LEFT FIELDER.

J-RO WHO'D BEEN IN HI-BEER-NATION FOR A WHILE, HAS A GAME TO BE REMEM-BEER-ED. HE SLAPS 4 HITS THRU THE INFIELD.

WHAT'S A GOOD WAY TO FORGET WHAT ALES YOU? DO WHAT HEINEKEN-NY MERSAND DID, SMACK 4 HITS INCLUDING A HOMER AND A TRIPLE TO DRIVE HOME 4 RUNS.

DOUG BECK SHOULD HAVE A BEER NAMED FOR HIM, AFTER HITTING A MASSIVE DOUBLE AND MAKING A WEB GEM ON A ONE HOPPER AT 2B.

I HATE TO BE A BLABBEER MOUTH BUT BOBBY AND GORDO GO BEER-ZERK AND HAVE A BREW HA HA IN THE 7TH INNING. I CALL IT THE 7TH INNING KVETCH

LEDER REALLY RAISED THE BAR TODAY. DESPITE SERVING AS A PITCHER OF BEER FOR 10 INNINGS, HE DELIVERS A LEDER'S WORTH OF HITS-5 IN ALL. (3 SINGLES, A DOUBLE AND A HOMER FOR 4 RBI). I AMSTEL IN AWE OF THAT GUY.

PETE TAPS THE PITCHER TO DELIVER A BREW-SING BLOW WITH A MONSTER TRIPLE OVER EVERYONE'S HEAD .

ONE OF THE BIG CHAI-LIGHTS OF TODAY BELONGS TO THE SOMEWHAT ORTHODOX HEBREW ROB, WHO JEWISH STARRED TODAY WITH 4 SMASH HITS.

ALSO HAVING MALTI-HIT GAMES TODAY WERE:
ZIGGY, JACK, MARCOS, BOBBY, GORDO, ARIK AND GARY CH. BUT THIS IS NO
A-BEER-ATION FOR THESE GUYS.

JACK'S WALK OFF BASE HIT IN BOT 10, HAS HIS TEAMMATES EXU-BEER-ANT BUT LEAVES THE VISITORS CRYING IN THEIR BEERS.

FYI I GOT MY BOOSTER SHOT. I CALL IT MY CORONA EXTRA VACCINE. HOPE TO SEE ALL YOU BUDS NEXT WEEK.

PRE-COLUMBIAN AND COLUMBIAN NOTEWORTHY DEEDS THAT ARE NOT WORTHY

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Game 63A Saturday 10.9.21 KPP5 BY Mike Sp

The Leders beat the Z's 17-10 in another high scoring affair. It was bombs away! As Alex and guest Hickory hit HR's over the fence. It was Howie's last game before moving the FL and he was the star. Smashing 3 hits in his first 3 at bats and making several web gems out in RF, before he hurt his hamstring and had to leave the game. The Leders were led in hitting by Marc himself, who singled, doubled and tripled in his first 3 ab's. Hickory, Rich and Jon Z also had 3 hits each for the victors. For the Z's Doug B had a great day at the plate with 4 hits, also Jon P, Alex, Corey and Ed had 3 hits apiece.

Web gems, Hick made a nice running catch in LF, both Jon P and Jon Z in CF and Ed made a diving catch in RF.

Game 63B Saturday 10.9.21 KPP3

FROM THE YELLOW NOTEPAD, HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS THAT WE SEE.

DAN K ABSOLUTELY HYP*NOT*IZED BATTERS AS HE GAVE UP JUST 2 RUNS IN 11 PITCHED INNINGS WITH HIS TOP*NOT*CH PITCHING.

HE WAS HELPED MOST *NOT*ABLY BY A DEFENSE THAT TURNED 5 DPS, 4 OF WHICH WERE "TAKE IT YOURSELF" DP'S, FROM JOHNNY V TO STEVE H. (6-6-3). IT HAPPENED SO OFTEN, THAT IT BECAME MO*NOT*ONOUS. DINA TURNED THE 5TH DP.

BUT A*NOT*HER KRYGER PLAYED HERO ON OFFENSE, MIKE K SMACKEROOED 4 HITS, INCLUDING A DOUBLE AND A TRIPLE (THAT BECAME A HOMER ON AN ERRANT THROW) FOR 4 RBI.

WE CAN*NOT* OVERLOOK MIKE G OR BRYAN B EACH OF WHOM WHO HAD A TRIO OF HIT INCLUDING DOUBLES.
IT SHOULD BE VERY NOTED THAT BOTH PLAYERS, FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME, CAME OVER TO PLAY ON KPP3, AS DID DOUG KOCH. NOTHING TRUMPS THIS AS A HIGHLIGHT. THANKS GUYS!!!

ALSO TAKE ***NOT***E THAT JOE SINEO DITTOED BRYAN AND MIKE G AT BAT, BUT HE ALWAYS PLAYS ON KPP3. THAT ACT SHOULD ***NOT*** BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED.

STEVE HERSHON ***NOT***ICEABLY DONNING A CAPTAIN AMERICA OUTFIT, SEE ATTACHMENT, BANGED 2 HITS AGAINST A SHIFTY DEFENSE. ITS ***NOTE*** WORTHY THAT GARY W MADE 2 CATCHES ON HIM IN RF, ON 2 OTHER OF HIS HARD HIT LINERS.

I ALSO FEEL OBLIGATED TO NOTIFY YOU THAT BIG HITS CAME OFF THE BATS OF HUGH WITH A TWO BAGGER, VINNY BATTS WITH A 3 BAGGER AND THAT BARRY D HAD A SAC FLY AND GEMMED AT SECOND BASE ON A LASER GROUND BALL.
THERE ALSO SHOULD BE ***NOT***IFICATION OF DAN H'S VERY UNFLINCHING, NONCHALANT CATCH OF A BULLET TO 1B.

GAME 64 SUNDAY 10.10.21. A-WOOD

See

Updated Attachment

GAME 65 MONDAY/COLUMBUS DAY/ INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY 10.11.21. A-WOOD

The teams played on, notwithstanding the early drizzle today.

THIS WEEKEND HAD NO TRUE IRON MEN, BUT THERE WERE 7 WHO WERE 97% IRON MEN. THEY WERE:
GARY CHARNEY, GARY WEINSTOCK, JOE SINENO, GORDON CHARLOP, MARK LEDER, BRYAN BLACK AND BRUCE BLATTBERG.
IF I HAVE TIME, I'LL RECONSTRUCT THEIR UNTAKEN PHOTO FROM MEMORY. IT WON'T BE PRETTY!
BALLS WERE NOT HIT OUT OF THE ALLENWOODS YET, BUT ALL SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING PRE-SIXTH INNING EVENTS:
SUPER JOE LEAD OFF BOT 1, WITH A TRIPLE
FLASH PAISNER TRIPLED FOR AN RBI
ZEE DOUBLED WITH THE BASES LOADED FOR 3 RBI
BARRY HAD 2 HITS AN A RBI BEFORE INNING 6
MARK LEDER DITTOED BARRY
CHARNEY AND E THE U HAD BIG HITS
ED H MADE AN IMPOSSIBLE RUNNING CATCH IN CF ON A BALL WAY OVER HIS HEAD TO STEAL AWAY A CERTAIN HOMER. MAKING HIM A "MAN OF STEAL"

GORDON BECAME THE HIGHLIGHT CLOSER, BUT MOST OF HIS WRITING HAD TO BE CENSORED DUE TO ITS INFLAMMATORY

NATURE. WHISTLE BLOWERS HAVE COME FORWARD SAYING THAT HE HAD SENT THEM IN WITH THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR POTENTIAL HARM. THOSE PARTS HAVE BEEN REDACTED. THE REST REMAINS IN TACT.
"Rough fielding day for XXX at XX. Apparently, when he was asked if he'd like to play XXXXXXXXX, he meant he wished he had the ability. Sort of like the fellow who cuts his finger and asks the doctor if he'll be able to play the violin.

Joe continued his XXXXXX XXXX XX production.

XXXX X seemed to misunderstand that getting the XXXX XXXX XXX XXXXX did not refer to the North American XXXXXXXX XXXXX.

Barry D. hit wonderfully,

Gordon stroked a 2 rbi lazer (Editor's note SP. Laser)and gunned out XXXX XX at home from right field.
Visitors mashed the ball when they weren't XXXXX XXXXXX or helped by XXX'X "XXXXXXX". Ed had a monster home run. The entire team lashed the ball."

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COMMISSIONER'S NOTE: THE *NOT*ION THAT PLAYERS WHO ARE ASKED TO HELP OUT BY BALANCING THE FIELD ON SATURDAY IS A DEMOTION IS FALSE. *NOT* ONLY DO SOME OF OUR BEST PLAYERS, PLAY ON KPP3, THERE BUT THE REQUEST IS BASED TOTALLY ON NEED AND HAS *NOT*HING TO DO WITH ABILITY.

STRIKING HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates
10/16/21-10/17/21

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	SIDE MAKERS
66A	SAT	14- A LOW TURNOUT THAT YIELDED A FINE TURNOUT	KPP5	WE STRIKE IT RICH WITH THE WEATHER. MILD WITH A LOW-GLARE CLOUD COVER	Zee-ter vs Leder*	6-4	BRUCE
66B	SAT	15- A LOW TURNOUT THAT YIELDED A FINE TURNOUT	KPP3	DITTO	DAN H*vs BRUCE	12-10	BRUCE
67	SUN	14.75	Allenwood	NO LIGHTENING STRIKES	Leder*/ Bruce vs his Johner	16-9	BOBBY W and BRUCE
		Net Weekend Turnout 43-10=33 30% of the Paid membership)		PPG 20/67 = $0.30 This is $0.70 below the complaint line. Fines of $0.70 per complaint will be imposed	2021 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 109* NEW RECORD	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 122* (New Record)	

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Game 66A Saturday 10.16.21 KPP5

BRUCE STRIKES A HAPPY MEDIUM BETWEEN TEAMS ON BOTH DIAMONDS.

WITH THE VIZ-ZEES LEADING 2-0 IN TOP 5, THE HOMESTERS STRIKE BACK TO STRIKE A 2-2 BALANCE IN BOT 5, BUT THEY THEN STRIKE TERROR INTO THE VIZ-ZEES IN BOT 6, WITH 2 MORE. HOWEVER THE VIZ-ZEES REMAINING WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE, STRIKE BACK AND TIE IT AGAIN 4-4 IN BOT 6. THEY THEN STRIKE BLOWS IN TOP 8 AND 10 TO STRIKE DOWN THEIR OPPONENTS 6-4. THOUGH THERE WERE NO STRIKE OUTS, GARY Z WAS HUGE ON THE MOUND, HOLDING THE MIGHTY HOME-STERS TO JUST 4 RUNS WITH ONLY 3 OUTFIELDERS.

STRIKING GOLD ON DEFENSE IS

- **A GARY Z SNAG OF A LIFE THREATENING BULLET TO THE MOUND TO HELP HIS OWN CAUSE BEARING A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO BOBBY SCHANTZ**
- **A RUNNING, DIVING CATCH BY MATT SP IN CF BEARING A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO TRIS SPEAKER.**
- **A BRYAN SS TO LEDER 2B TO SCOTT DP 6-4-3 IN A CRUCIAL SPOT BEARING A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO KUBEK TO RICHARDSON TO SKOWRON.**
- **A CLUTCH LUIS TO SCOTT DP 5-5-3 BEARING A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO NETTLES TO CHAMBLIS**

STRIKING PAY DIRT WITH WEB GEMS FOR THE HOMESTERS:

- **KONO MAKES A RUNNING DIVING CF CATCH BEARING A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO KEN GRIFFEY JR.**
- **DOUG BECK MAKES AN OUTSTRETCHED GRAB OF A LUIS UBER-LASER ON HYPER-STEROIDS AT 3B, WHICH COULD HAVE EASILY PULLED HIS ARM OUT OF ITS SOCKET, A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO BROOKS ROBINSON**

STRIKING FEAR INTO THE HEARTS OF THE DEFENSES TODAY:

- **DID DOUG BECK STRIKE A BARGAIN WITH THE DEVIL? HE CRACKS 4 HITS INCLUDING 2 DOUBLES.**
- **KONO, BRYAN, AND MATT SP, LIKE RUBY BEGONIA, STRIKE A FAMILIAR NOTE, WITH 4 HITS APIECE, INCLUDING A 2B.**

- **VIN BATTS, BRIAN STAR, AND LEDER WITH 3 HITS EACH.**
- **SCOTT, BRYAN'S BRO-IN-LAW, MADE AN IMPRESSIVE DEBUT STRIKING SEVERAL VERY HARD HIT BALLS.**

WE DID NOT STEEE-RIKE THE SATURDAY "B" GAME FROM THE RECORD! THREE VETERANS, INDEPENDENTLY, CAME THRU IN THE CLUTCH. HERE ARE THEIR INTERPRETATIONS OF GAME 66B.

Game 66B Saturday 10.16.21 KPP3 BY NO ONE, THEN BY GORDON, THEN BY BRUCE, THEN BY DAN.
LSMFT BUT I'M NOT SURE IF I'M ALLOWED TO WRITE THAT BUT I GOT NOTHING ELSE.

Game 66B Saturday 10.16.21 KPP3 BY NO ONE, THEN BY GORDON, THEN BY BRUCE, THEN BY DAN.
LSMFT BUT I'M NOT SURE IF I'M ALLOWED TO WRITE THAT BUT I GOT NOTHING ELSE.

BY GORDON

It was a beautiful early October morning. The sun was strong and the changing leaves brilliant surrounding the field at Kings Point Park. Equally as brilliant was the side-making of Captain Bruce who divided up the 15 combatants for what turned out to be a spirited affair.

The hill was populated by two cagey veterans, the Danimal vs. the southpaw Bruce. It also featured the return of the venerable Marty, playing for the first time since his replacement. And his return was magnificent as he crushed a line drive to left in his first at bat. This stroke of genius was pivotal as the Danimals took an early lead. But the Brucemeisters would not be denied, led by an explosive display of hitting by Mike G. who launched not one, not two

but three four baggers including a laser to the left field parking lot.

But the Danimals were dogmatic and when Jeff put the Bash in Baskin, two runners were plated and the Basher stood on second. Couple that with Al Z.'s five hits and the rest of the firepower unleashed by Barry D, Cliff, Joe, Gordon and Dan, all the Brucesters could do was try to stay close. And they did. Steve had multiple hits including a moon shot over the right fielder's head. And Gary Ch. stroked five hits. Hugh, Dina, Bruce and Eric also pounded the stuffing out of the ball but in the end, the Danimals prevailed.

10 D / 12 B in 11 innings by Bruce

The best highlight of the game was the return of Big Marty from knee
replacement surgery. Marty K. who wore a knee brace but didn't seem to need it as he peppered the ball to all fields and played a flawless first base.

The star of the game for slugging of Mike G. who hit 3 home runs.

The defensive stars were Dina and Joe S. as usual.

From this reporter's point of view, the best thing about this game was the joy of playing a short-handed 7 on 8 game. The level of cooperation needed to pull this off was tremendous. Thanks to everyone who showed up.

By Dan

Additional highlights include a drive with an exit velocity of 200 by Bruce that nearly decapitated Dan. Jeff made a great play on a potential Texas Leaguer by Mike G to finally get him out. Barry starred at second base for both teams.

Game 67 Sunday 10.17.21 Allenwood

5 PLAYERS GO ON STRIKE AGAINST GNSB!

21 ARE SIGNED UP SATURDAY NIGHT, ONLY 15 SHOW AND ONE MORE HAS TO LEAVE EARLY. NOT ACCEPTABLE: PLEASE DON'T EVER SIGN ON, UNLESS YOU ARE 100% SURE YOU ARE COMING.

AS THEY PROTEST AGAINST:

- EXCELLENT WEATHER.
- COMPETITION ON A MAGNIFICENTLY MANICURED FIELD.
- GOOD COMPANY AND CAMARADERIE.
- EXCESSIVE LEVELS OF FUN.
- FRESH AIR.
- EXERCISE.
- BEING WITH FRIENDS.
- THE TYRANNY OF HAVING TO BAT, CATCH, THROW, AND RUN.
- THE THRILL OF VICTORY AND THE AGONY OF DEFEAT.
- THE BEAUTIFUL FALL COLORS

ALL 7 MEN IN VIZZY LINEUP HAVE DAYS THAT BEAR STRIKING RESEMBLANCES TO TY COBB.

LEDER, MARIO, ERIC THE UNIFORM, BRUCE, GARY CHARNEY, AND DOUG B ALL SEND LIGHTNING STRIKES ALL OVER THE FIELD, IN, OUT, AND ALL AROUND AND HAVE VERY MULTI-HIT AND VERY EXTRA BASEHIT, DAYS

LEDER WITH HIS HOMER AND STRONG PITCHING BEARS A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO BABE RUTH.

DESPITE ALL, FEAR DOES NOT STRIKE OUT AND A GREAT TIME (AND MORE AT BATS), ARE HAD BY ALL.

SEE EVERYONE NEXT WEEK, IF IT STRIKES YOUR FANCY.

<u>Game 67 at Allenwood 10.17.21</u> reinvented by Gordon
In addition to the previously sent Sunday highlights, Gordon writes: "He (*the Commishugana*) **states that there were 7 players and then names 6. Who does he leave off? Yes sir, give that man a cigar. I'm surprised since I (***Gordon*) **carried the team with a triple, homer, 6 hits in 6 at bats"**

Commishugana's comment: *<u>Hopefully delusions are not catching</u>*. **However umpiring catchers are often delusional.**

YOUR STRIKINGLY HANDSOME COMMISSIONER

HANDWRITTEN HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 10/23/21-10/24/21**

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	SIDE MAKERS
68A	SAT	18	KPP5	COOL AND DANK BUT NO DAN K	Zee-ter vs DougK*	15-6	HAND-CRAFTED BY MIKE SP
68B	SAT	18	KPP3	COOL AND DANK W/O DAN K	DAN H vs BRUCE*	12-9	HAND-CRAFTED BY BRUCE
69	SUN	23	Allenwood	A HANDSOME DAY	Leder vs His Johner*	14-13	HAND-PICKED BY BOBBY W, MIKE and BRUCE

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Game 68A Saturday 10.23.21 KPP5 HANDED IN by Mike Spiel

A LOW RUN, 3-2, PITCHER'S DUEL THROUGH 7, BUT THEN HOMIES GAIN THE UPPER HAND AND WIN QUITE HANDILY.

It was a close game for a while, when the Koch's erupted for 10 runs in the bottom of the 8th that turned a 4-2 deficit into a 12-4 lead. They went on to beat the Z's 15-6. 3 hit games by Marc L, Alex, Mike G, Jack and Jon P for the Koch's. Kono led the Z's with 3 hits. Multiple web gems by Mike G at 3b, Alex made a great play up the middle at SS taking away a hit. Mike S turned 3 nifty 6-6-3 double plays at SS. Lee made a terrific play on a tough hop grounder at 2b. Matt made two nice one hop picks on errant throws at 1b.

Game 68B Saturday 10.23.21 KPP3

EVERYONE PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR DINA, WHO SLUGGED 5 STRAIGHT HARD, CLEAN, LEGITIMATE HITS IN HER FIRST 5 AT BATS!

SING RETURNS FROM NORTH CAROLINA FOR A VISIT. HE HAS NO TROUBLE FINDING THE FIELD. HE KNOWS IT LIKE THE BACK OF HIS HAND.

GIVE A HAND TO ALAN Z, WHO QUIETLY BANGED 4 HITS.
HUGH LENT A HUGE HELPING HAND TO HIS TEAM'S CAUSE, WITH 5 HITS, INCLUDING A HOMER.

HANDS DOWN THE BEST WEBGEM OF THE GAME WAS A RUNNING CATCH BY GORDO, WHO WANTS TO TRY HIS HAND AS GN PARK COMMISSIONER, IN LF. I HANDED OUT THE NOMINATION PETITION ON SUNDAY FOR HIM.
HE ALSO COLLECTS 4 HITS, THE MOST BY ANY PARK COMMISSIONER. WILL HE BE A HANDS ON COMMISSIONER? THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

YOU HAVE TO HAND IT TO GARY CHARNEY ONCE AGAIN. HE HAD A GREAT DAY WITH 4 HITS, 3 WALKS AND SEVERAL FINE PLAYS IN LF.

IF WE HAD CHEERLEADERS THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN DOING HANDSTANDS OVER THE OFFENSIVE DAYS THAT LEFT-HANDERS STEVE HERSHON AND CLIFF HAD, EACH CRASHED 4 HITS. ON THE OTHER HAND THE CHEERLEADERS WOULD ALSO HAVE BEEN DOING HANDSTANDS OVER THE OFFENSIVE 4 HIT DAY THAT RIGHT-HANDERS ERIC B AND GORDO HAD, INCLUDING A DOUBLE EACH.

SUPER JOE, WHO CONTINUES TO BITE THE HAND THAT FEEDS HIM, HANDS IN HIS USUAL NICE PIECE OF WORK, WITH 3 HITS INCLUDING A SELF IMPOSED DOUBLE AND A HOME RUN.

JEFF BASKIN AT SS, HAD A HAND IN MAKING 2 DPS AT SS. ONE A TAKE IT YOURSELFER 6-6-3. THE OTHER A 4-6-3 ER.

HE ALSO STOPPED A BULLET FROM GOING THROUGH TO THE OF AND RICOCHET-ED IT PERFECTLY TO 2B WITH HIS SOCCER TALENTED FOOT, (HANDS ARE SO YESTERDAY) TO GET THE OUT.

ANDY P HAD A MULTI-HIT DAY AND HANDLED MANY CHANCES WITH CARE, HANDILY AT 2B.

ALTHOUGH I WAS THERE TO SEE THE ACTION FIRST HAND, I PROBABLY MISSED A FEW THINGS. APOLOGIES ANYTHING OMITTED, BUT I WASH MY HANDS OF ALL BLAME FOR ANY MISTAKES THAT I MADE

IT TURNED OUT TO BE A GOOD, FAIRLY LOW SCORING, COMPETITIVE GAME, THANKS TO THE FINE UNDERHANDED PITCHING BY DAN AND BRUCE

Game 69 Sunday 10.24.21 Allenwood

WITH ALMOST ALL HANDS ON DECK, (23 of the signed up 24) A GAME THAT SEEMED TO HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF HAND WITH A 11-3 SCORE GOING INTO BOT 7, BECOMES A CLASSIC GNSB COMEBACK, AS IF THERE WAS SOME GUIDING HAND DIRECTING THE OUTCOME. BUT YOU REALLY HAVE TO GIVE THE HOME TEAM CREDIT FOR NOT THROWING THEIR HANDS UP IN DEFEAT AFTER AN EARLY GAME FLURRY OF MISCUES AND MISPLAYS, WHICH IS LIKE GIVING HANDOUTS TO THE OTHER TEAM, MINUS THE OUTS. ROB, ZIGGY, KENNY, AND KONO EACH SLUGGED 3 OR MORE HITS. GORDO HAD A BIG 2 RBI BLAST AND J-RO HAD A HUGE 2 RBI TRIPLE EARLY IN THE GAME. JACK MADE A WEBGEM IN RF FOR THE OTHER TEAM AND HIS JOHNER WEB-GEMMED BY OUTSTRETCHING HIS GLOVE HAND ON A MISSILE LAUNCHED TO THE MOUND. BUT HANDS DOWN, IN A PERFORMANCE THAT MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE TO RE-PETE, THE MVP-ETE WAS PETE, THE TOR-PETE-O, WITH 4 HITS AND 7 RBI, INCLUDING A 2 RUN HOMER AND A CLUTCH LATE GAME, GRAND SALAMI WHICH BROUGHT THE HOME TEAM ALL THE WAY BACK AND SET THE STAGE FOR STEVE HER-O-SHON TO DRIVE IN THE WINNING RUN WITH A RBI WALK-OFF LASER TO RF.

EXCITEMENT AND GNSB JUST GO HAND IN HAND.

GORDON WHO BIKED OVER TO THE FIELD, WHICH MEANT HE USED HAND BREAKS AND HANDLEBARS, MAY RUN FOR PARK COMMISSIONER. PLEASE ARRANGE WITH ME TO SIGN HIS NOMINATION PETITION. HE NEEDS TO GET IT IN REAL SOON. YOU HAVE TO BE A GNPD RESIDENT.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BRUCE WHO SUPPLIED US WITH HEALTHIER SNACKS. IN FACT, HE TOOK THE DO OUT OF DONUTS TO PROVIDE MANY PACKETS OF NUTS, WHICH WASS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

YOUR VERY HANDSOME COMMISSIONER.
ANY COMPLAINTS? TALK TO THE HAND.

MORE HANDWRITTEN AND HALLOWEEN HIGHLIGHTS

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70	SAT A/B Mix	16	School yard	COOL AND DAMP WITH DIMLY LIT LAMP	Zee-ter* vs Leder	14-11	HAND-CRAFTED BY MIKE SP
71	SUN	19 + 1 injured Guest Vampire who volunteered to call balls and strikes.	Ghoul yard	GHOUL AND VAMPY BUT OTHERWISE BOOTIFUL	Leder* vs Eric the Pittsburgh Crawford	14-7	Witchcrafted by BRUCE
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Game 70 A/B mix Saturday 10.30.21 School-yard
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Game 71 Sunday 10.31.21 Ghoul-yard.

Here's my Yard Schtick for Lunatics

LUIS PROVED TO BE A GRAVE YARD SMASH WITH HIS UNEARTHLY 6 HITS INCLUDING A MONSTER MASH TO CF THAT ALMOST FELL OFF THE DEEP END IN CF PLUS A DOUBLE ALMOST AS FAR.

KONO'S BLOOD CURDLING 6 HITS WERE ALSO SOMETHING TO SCREAM ABOUT.

GARY CHARNEY MERCILESSLY HAUNTED THE OPPOSITION WITH 5 HITS.

THERE WERE 2 SPOOKTACULAR, GHOUL-DEN GLOVE DP'S MADE. A ROB W AT 2B, TAKE IT YOURSELFER 4-4-3 TO STEVE H AND A LEDER TO BRYAN B TO BRUCER 1-6-3

GOURD-ON TORMENTED THE OPPOSITION WITH SEVERAL GHOUL-DEN GLOVE SPIDER WEBGEMS, IN FRONT OF THE MONOLITHIC, CEMENT TOMBSTONE IN CF.

BRYAN, ALL NAMED IN BLACK, TERRORIZED THE OPPOSITION WITH HIS 4 FEAR INDUCING HITS.

JOHNNY V FRIGHTENED DEFENDERS EVERY TIME UP, AND FRIGHTLY SO. HE MUTILATED 4 HITS.

ZIGGY PROVED TO BE A DREADED, CURSE FOR THE OPPOSITION AS HE CARVED OUT 4 HITS TO RF

MARIO PROVIDED MORE CHILLS AND SPILLS WITH A BIG 2 RBI DOUBLE, DEEP INTO DEAD CENTER

LEDER, NOT ONLY PRACTICED EVIL, PITCH-CRAFT AND PARALYZED BATS WITH FEAR, BUT HE CONTINUED HIS ASSAULT ON THE RF FENCE AND THE ENEMY DE-FENCE WITH OFF-THE-FENCERS, OVER-THE- FENCERS AND FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, A STUCK- TO- THE FENCER FOR 3 DOUBLES. I'M NOT SURE IF WE CAN CALL THE LAST ONE A GROUND RULE DOUBLE SINCE IT NEVER HIT THE GROUND.

Big thanks to Juan Plata for coming out to umpire while recuperating from his LURKING injury. HE SHOULD BE A ROLE MODEL TO ALL.

THANK YOU TO BRUCE FOR ALERTLY TAKING THE FENCE CLIMBING PHOTOS.

SEE EVERYONE NEXT WEEKEND FOR OUR RECORD SETTING 123RD CONSECUTIVE MONTH OF OUTDOOR PLAY

HIGHLIGHTS WITH SUPPLY CHAIN SHORTAGES

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2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	SIDE MAKERS
72	SAT A/B Mix	24	KPP3	Degree shortage with blue frost to start but ample supply degrees by end	Zee-ter/ Bruce vs His Johner*	12-5	Mike Sp Bruce
73	SUN	23	Allenwood	Degree shortage with blue frost to start but ample supply of sunshine and warmth by finish	LEDER* vs HIS JOHNER	6-5	Mike Sp Bobby Bruce

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NOTHING PREVENTS THE FLOW OF CONSECUTIVE, OUTDOOR, MONTHS TO GNSB PLAY AS MONTH 123 WAS DELIVERED WITHOUT DISRUPTION TO THE GN BALLFIELDS.
WE ALSO BROKE THE RECORD, THIS WEEKEND, FOR PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS, IN A SINGLE SEASON. WE NOW HAVE 111. AS WE WELCOME ROGER KASS AND MARK KAROW TO THE GNSB FAM.

Game 72 A/B mix Saturday 11.6.21 KPP3
SHORTAGE OF PLAYERS FROM THE SUPPLY CHAIN CAUSES AN A/B BLEND
SEVERAL PLAYERS REPORTED TO HAVE STAYED HOME DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF DEGREES AND NO SHORTAGE OF BLUE FROST ON THE FIELD. (SEE ATTACHMENTS)

THERE WAS NO SHORTAGE OF HITS IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN FOR MIKE SPIEL, JON PAISNER OR BRYAN BLACK, ALL OF WHOM HAD 3 FOR THE WINNING CAUSE.

OTHER BIG TIME IMPORTANT CLUTCH HITS WERE SUPPLIED, WITHOUT ANY DISRUPTION, BY:

GORDO WITH AN RBI 3B AND A 1B
MATT WITH AN RBI 1B
ROOKIE MARK K WITH A RBI 1B
HIS JOHNER, MARK L, HUGH, MIKE G AND MARIO.

THERE WAS NO SHORTAGE OF AGED PLAYERS. EXACTLY 50% WERE OVER 60!

THERE WAS A LOW SUPPLY OF RUNS AND LOADED BASES SITTING IN SHIPPING CONTAINERS NEVER MADE IT ONTO THE FIELD THANKS TO THE PITCHING OF HIS JOHNER, WHO ALLOWED JUST 5 RUNS TO THE HOMEO-PATHETICS.

<u>SEVERAL DEFENSIVE WEB GEMS CAUSED A SHORTAGE OF RUNS</u>
DINA MAKES A GEM AT 2B ON A LINER THAT WOULD HAVE SUPPLIED MORE RUNS TO THE VIZZIES.
JACK GUNNED DOWN A RUNNER AT HOME WITH JEFF MAKING THE TAG.

HUGH MADE A SENSATIONAL GRAB IN RF WHILE COLLIDING WITH JACK IN A SCARY SCENE.

ALAN Z MADE MANY FINE PLAYS AT 2B CAUSING LOADS OF RUNS TO BE STRANDED ON OFF-SHORE HIT BAR-RA-GES

PLAYERS MADE ME PROMISE THAT I WOULD SUPPLY A REPORT STATING THAT I MADE A GOOD PLAY IN LF, THUS I MADE A DECENT PLAY. BUT I WON'T GIVE MY NAME.

<u>Game 73 Sunday 11.7.21 Allenwood</u>

FINE PITCHING BY HIS JOHNER AND MARK LEDER, PLUS A SCARCITY OF ERRORS CAUSED LOW RUN PRODUCTION DESPITE THE INTENSE DEMAND.

A GLUT OF WEB-GEMS ARE FOUND AT THE ALLENWOOD MINES, WHICH HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON RUN PRODUCTION.

ED I SNARED A FROZEN ROPED, DEATH RAY TO 3B WITH A MAJESTIC, SNO-CONE-ER.
JACK IN RF, ZAPPED A RUNNER AT 2B. CONVERTING A SURE BASE HIT INTO A FORCE OUT.
BRYAN TOOK A RUN OUT OF CIRCULATION WITH A SNAG AT A BALL DEEP IN THE HOLE AT SS ACCOMPANIED BY A BULLET THROW TO 1B.

GARY CHA, CHA CHASED DOWN A BALL, OVER HIS HEAD IN SHORT CF IN A CRUCIAL SITUATION.

ERIC THE RED UNIFORM STOP A FLIGHT RISK OF A MISSILE IN MID-AIR AT 2B.

MIKE SP RAN WELL BEHIND 3B FROM SS TO SEND BACK A HIT AND EXCHANGE IT FOR AN OUT.

LEDER SHIPPED A BALL TO DEEP SPACED CF, ONLY TO HAVE BARRY SEND IT BACK AS AN OUT.

<u>THE HIGH DEMAND FOR RUNS WAS ALLEVIATED BY:</u>
- **SAC FLIES FROM KONO AND ERIC THE RED UNIFORM.**
- **A HOME RUN AND RBI B-HIT FROM BRYAN, WHO'S B. AVG WAS ONCE AGAIN KEPT HIS TEAM IN THE BLACK.**
- **A MARIO TRIPLE.**
- **MULTI-HIT GAMES FROM ZIGGY, ROOKIE ROGER, AND J-RO**
- **HITS FROM BARRY AND MIKE**

<u>BUT THE HIGHEST PRICED HITS CAME FROM:</u>
- **ROB W, WHO TIED THE GAME AT 5-5, WITH A SMASH TO RCF.**
- **GORDON, WHO GLUTTED THE RUN AND RBI MARKET WITH 4 HITS INCLUDING A HOME RUN TO RF AND A MONSTER TRIPLE UP THE PEAK IN LF, THAT COULD'VE BEEN A HOMER, AND TWO SIZZLING SINGLES. CREDIT HIM WITH TODAY'S IMAGINARY MVP AWARD. JOHN HUNT OBSERVED THAT "RODE TO THE GAME ON HIS BICYCLE AND ALMOST HIT FOR THE CYCLE."**
- **JACK WHO WON THE GAME WITH A WALK-OFF BASE HIT UP THE MIDDLE AS AN OVERABUNDANCE OF TENSION AND EXCITEMENT LAY STOCKPILED IN THE DUGOTS**

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A SHORTAGE OF SHORT-AGED PEOPLE WAS OBSERVED! LONG AGED PLAYERS GREATLY OUTNUMBERED THEM. 17 OF 23 WERE OVER 60 YRS. OLD. WHAT UP WITH THAT YOUNGSTERS?

WE OLDIES, ALWAYS HAVE A DOC STOCK PILE OF APPTS.

THE WAS NO SHORTAGE OF COMPLAINTS, OF COURSE.

THOUGH THIS WEEKEND, WE SEEM TO HAVE RUN OUT OF RUNS, ITS BETTER THAN HAVING TOO MANY CASES OF THE RUNS.

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STEVE HERSHON LEFT HIS 1ST BASEMAN'S MITT AT THE SCHOOLYARD LAST SUNDAY. IF YOU KNOW OF ITS WHEREABOUTS PLEASE LET US KNOW!!!

I APOLOGIZE FOR ANYTHING THAT I MISSED DUE TO A VERY SHORT SUPPLY OF MEMORY CHIPS LEFT IN THE GARY, GRAY MATTER.

INTEREST IN A VETERAN'S DAY GAME THIS THURSDAY? 2 PLAYER SHAVE INQUIRED. I'LL PUT IT UP ON TEAMCOWBOY TONIGHT. IF WE HAVE A VIABLE 18 OR MORE, WE'LL PLAY.

VETERANS DAY HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates
11/11/21

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	SIDE MAKERS
74	THURS	21	Allenwood	COULDN'T BE VETTER.	Zee-ter/ Leder/ Captain Bruce vs His Johner*	LOT-6	Bruce

				PPG 20/74 = $0.27 This is $0.73 below the complaint line. Fines of $0.72 per complaint will be imposed	**2021 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 111* NEW RECORD**	**Consec-utive outdoor months played: 123* (New Record)**	

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THESE HIGHLIGHTS ARE DEDICATED TO ALL THE US MILITARY VETERANS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

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Game 74 Thursday 11.11.21 Allenwood

LADIES AND SARGENTLEMEN HERE ARE TODAY HIGHLIGHTS.

ON VETERANS DAY, NAVY VETERAN PETE STRIKES DEFENSIVE FORCES WITH 5 HITS INCLUDING A MASSIVE 2 RUN HOMER INTO ENEMY TERRITORY, TO WIN THE COVETED MPV AWARD (MOST POPULAR VETERAN). HE WAS DEFINITELY AN AIR FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH TODAY

BARRY DOG TAGS A GRAND SLAM TO CENTER FIELD TO FURTHER DISTANCE HIS REGIMENT FROM ANY ATTACK BY ENEMY FORCES

GIVE LUIS THE OFFENSIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR CRACKING 6 HITS INCLUDING A MONSTER 2 RUN HOMER TO CF. HE GETS PROMOTED TO LEIU-TENANT FOR HIS EFFORTS

OTHER PLAYERS WHO GAVE OFFENSIVE MERITORIOUS SERVICE WERE:

FLASH PAISNER LEADS OFF HIS TEAM'S HIT PARADE, COM-BATTING SAFELY 4 TIMES, INCLUDING A DOUBLE AND 3 RBI HITS

GORDON PROVIDES HIS PLATE POWER FOR HIS PLATOON WITH HIS 4 DESTRUCTIVE BLOWS, DRIVING SEVERAL RUNS BACK TO THE HOME BASE.

STEVE HALPERIN LAUNCHES A QUARTET OF EXPLOSIVE BOMBS FOR HIS SQUAD.

BOTH PITCHERS JOHN HUNT AND GARY Z HELP THEIR ARMY'S CAUSE WITH 2 HITS EACH.

ED I'S QUICK TOES VETOES A HIT WITH A MAGNIFICENT RUNNING CATCH WEB GEM IN RF DMZ.

ALEX NEUTRALIZED AN OFFENSIVE ATTACK, AS HE SPEEDILY VETE-RAN DOWN A BALL IN SHORT CF WITH SCINTILLATING COMBAT BOOT STRINGER.

NON-GNSB VETERAN MARK K DE-ESCALATES AN OFFENSIVE ATTACK WITH A BEAUTY OF A PICK AT 1B TO END A DP.

GENERALLY A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL, WITH RELATIVELY LITTLE KVETCHING.
YOU CAN HAVE SUCH RIVETING FUN TOO. JUST DON'T FORGET TO ENLIST FOR THIS WEEKEND,
ENSIGN UP ON TC. HOPEFULLY THE RAIN WILL STOP SOON IN TIME FOR US TO HAVE KPP DUTY.

YOUR CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STIFF
GAR

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	SIDE MAKERS
75	SAT A/B Mix	22	GREEN GRASS CHANGED TO BLACK TOP SCHOOL YARD	Yesember! Extra embers put into November.	Zee-ter/vs His Johner*	15-12	Bruce
76	SUN	20	Allenwood	Slight Degree Scarcity but better than expected	TOSKY*/ LEDER* vs HIS JOHNER	14-10	Lee Bobby Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 42-13=29 26% of the Paid membership)		PPG 20/76 = $0.26 This is $0.74 below the complaint line. Fines of $0.72 per complaint will be imposed	2021 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 111* NEW RECORD	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 123* (New Record)	

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Game 75 A/B mix Saturday 11.13.21 SCHOOLYARD

RISING SEA LEVELS ON KPP FORCE GAME TO BE PLAYED ON HIGHER PLAYGROUNDS.

HOME TEAM IS IN A WINNNG CLIMATE FOR THE FIRST 8 INNINGS, BUT THEN THE CLIMATE CHANGED.

MEANWHILE HIS JOHNER DEDICATES INNINGS 1,2,4,6,7,8,9 AS 0-8,9 AS 0-ZONES, WHILE HIS TEAMMATES' BATS BECOME HOTTER THAN A CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE. BUT THE CLIMATE ALMOST CHANGED BACK AGAIN WITH TYING RUN AT THE PLATE IN THE FINAL INNING.

MIKE GOLDFEDER, MIKE GOLDFEDER.
HE'S DOUBLED UP BECAUSE HE DOUBLED IN 3 OF HIS UPS.

TOP PLAYER, BRYAN BLACK FLOODS THE BLACKTOP WITH 3 HITS AND A SAC FLY

LUIS LAUNCHES A 2 RIBBY, HEAT SEEKING, GLACIER MELTING, HOME RUN OVER THE CF FENCE.

ARIK'S BAT EMISSIONS DO NOT DIMINISH, AS HE FOSSIL FUELS A 2 RIBBY, ICE SHEET MELTING, HOME RUN OVER THE CF FENCE.

VIN, THE LATE-Y BUG, CONTRIBUTES TO GLOBAL WARMING, WITH HIS HIT PRODUCING, RED HOT BAT.

LEE AND MATT R EACH BIOFUEL THEIR TEAM'S OFFENSE WITH DOUBLES.

<u>Game 76 Sunday 11.14.21</u> SCHOOLYARD

THE CLIMATE CHANGES 5 TIMES AS THE LEAD SWITCHES BACK AND FORTH.
DESPITE ATTEMPTS TO KEEP BAT-TEMPS COOL, THEY RISE, AS MANY PLAYERS ON BOTH TEAMS HAVE 4 HIT DAYS.

ARIK SOLAR-POWERS A SOLO HOMER HIGH OVER THE FENCE AND THEN CONTINUES TO HIT FOR THE CYCLE, JUST TO CUT DOWN ON GREENHOUSE GASSES.

ED I. SLUGS 4 SINGLES PLUS MAKES A LEAPING WEB GEM AT 2B HIGH ABOVE THE RISING SEA LEVELS.

J-RO HAS 4 BIG HITS WELL OUT OF REACH FROM THE RANGE FREE OUTFIELDERS

MARIO LEFT HIS CARBON FOOT PRINTS ALL OVER THE FIELD AS HE FOOT SPRINTED AROUND THE BASES FOR TWO TRIPLES AND A DOUBLE.

DEMONSTRATING RENEWABLE ENERGY, ROB, BOBBY, JACK, MATT R, AND GORDO, ALSO HAD BIG MULTI-HIT GAMES PROVING THAT 60+ YEAR OLDS AIN'T EXTINCT YET.

NICE GUY BRYAN BLACK MAKES THE CASE THAT SHRINKING NICE-BERGS ARE A MYTH AS HE COOLY PLAYS A NICE SS, HAS A FEW NICE HITS AND HIS 2ND SAC FLY OF THE WEEKEND, MAKING HIM GNSB'S SAC-SIEST MAN OF THE WEEKEND.

STEVE HERSHON HAD A NUMBER OF SOLID SMACKS AND THREW OUT A RUNNER AT HOME TO TURN A DP

LEE HAD A MULTI-HIT DAY WHICH INCLUDED A TRIPLE TO THE MELTING POLAR ICE CAP IN CF.

LEDER COOLED OFF HOT BATS WITH HIS 1ST HALF, BUT NOT HALF ASSED, PITCHING PEERFORMANCE, WHICH INCLUDED STARTING A 1-3-2 DP. THEN WHEN SWITCHED TO RCF HE MADE 8 PUTOUTS IN THE 2ND HALF. PLUS HE THREW OUT A RUNNER AT 2B!
IN ADDITION, THE SNEAKER COLLECTOR, AKA THE BEE-COLOGIST, HAD A MULTI-HIT GAME, INCLUDING AN OFF-THE-POLE-FENCER IN RCF.

THERE WERE NO OIL WELLS IN SITE TO WARM THE PLANET BUT THERE WERE A FEW WELL OILED DOUBLE PLAYS.
ARIK TO PETE 5-5-2
ARIK TO BRUCE TO ALAN 5-4-3
LEDER TO STEVE H TO JOE R 1-3-2
LEDER TO BRYAN 9-6 ON A FLY BALL

NO TREES WERE CUT DOWN IN THE MAKING OF THESE HIGHLIGHTS BUT A FEW WERE BADLY DAMAGED BY BATTED BALLS.

<u>CORRECTION FROM LAST SUNDAY:</u> STEVE HALPERIN SHOWED WHY HE WAS THE QUINTESSENTIAL HITTER IN THE VETERAN'S DAY GAME AS HE DELIVERED A QUINTET OF HITS.

Special recognition to Pete and Joe R, who caught all game for their teams today, despite being over 60.

<u>Reminder:</u> We start playing at 9am for the rest of the year into Spring this coming weekend 11/20.

Save the date: **April 10, 2022.** We will be playing BEEPER BALL vs. a team of blind players called the BOMBERS in a very publicized game. It will take place right after our usual game @ Memorial Field IN GREAT NECK. The press will be present.
IT WILL BE ON TEAMCOWBOY SOON

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GASOLINE FUELED HIGHLIGHTS

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2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM DISTRIBU-TORS
77	SAT A/B MERGE	22	AT THE FLYING A KPP5	A BIT OF A CAR-BRRRR-ATOR. A LITTLE ANTI-FREEZE NEEDED TO START BUT THERE WAS NO WIND AND WAS QUICKLY DEFROSTED	ZEETER*-JEFF/vs HIS JOHNER/ VIN BATS - DOUGB,GARY L, LEDER	7-2	Bruce

78	SUN	21	Gasoline Alley-nwood	THE CAR HEATER WORKED WELL, AND THE FIELD WAS POTHOLE FREE	LEDER* caught by DOUGB& ROB vs HIS JOHNER caught by J-RO	4-3 in 15 innings* GNSB Record	Bobby Bruce Mike Sp
		Net Weekend Turnout 43-14=29 26% of the Paid membership)		PPG 20/78 = $0.26 per gallon of fun This is $0.74 below the complaint line. Fines of $0.74 per complaint will be imposed	2021 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 111* NEW RECORD	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 123* (New Record)	

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Game 77 A/B MERGE Saturday 11.20.21 KPP5

HIGHLIGHTS AS SEEN IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR

24 PLAYERS PUT THEIR CARS IN KP PARK.

WHILE OPPOSING BATS IDLED, THE ZEEITY SHOWING NO SIGNS OF TIRE, STEERS HIS TEAM TO VICTORY AS HE KEEPS THEIR RUNS ON EMPTY FOR 7 INNINGS IN TANDEM. HE YIELDS JUST 2 RUNS IN 11 INNINGS.

IT WAS A CRUSH HOUR FOR BRYAN B AS HE FAN BELTED A LONG DRIVE TO THE OPPOSITE FIELD AND MOTORED AROUND THE BASES BEFORE FINALLY PUTTING ON THE SKIDS AT 3B.

RICH CONNORS GIVES A CLINCHER A TURBO CHARGED, SWEET RIDE INTO DEEP LF FOR A DOUBLE.

ED H COMBUSTS A DOUBLE HIGH OFF THE LFS GLOVE.

WHENEVER IT WAS A HUGH-TURN AT BAT IT WAS HUGHSUALLY PRODUCTIVE.

SIX CHOOSE TO WALK INSTEAD OF TO DRIVE.

WHEN THE GOLD GLOVE COMPARTMENT WAS OPENED, INSIDE WE SAW:

- A GEM BELONGING TO CLIFF IN SCF ON A HIGH OCTANE BLAST FROM ED.
- A LEAPING GEM ON A FUEL INJECTED BULLET TO 2B FROM JON SPIEL
- SEVERAL CLUTCH PLAYS AT 3B BY MIKE G.
- A RUNNING JEWEL BELONGING TO BRYAN, WHILE USING HIS BACK UP CAMERA AT SS ON A POP OVER 3B, WHICH PUT THE BRAKES ON A POTENTIAL BIG INNING.
- A SCENIC 4-6-3 DOUBLE PLAY: JONATHON SP TO BRYAN TO STEVE HERSHON.
- IT WAS HARD TO CURB THE ENTHUSIASM FOR A THROW OUT AT THE PLATE BY MATT R. AT A CRUCIAL TIME

Game 78 Sunday 11.21.21 Gasoline Alleywood

A NEWLY REGERBRISHED DAVE GERBER RETURNS TO ACTION 5 MONTHS AFTER BRAKING HIS LEG. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE HIM BACK!!! HE CAN STILL SHELL-AC THE BALL AS HE DRIVES THEM DEEP INTO THE OUTFIELD,

TODAY'S GAME DEFINITELY GETS A TRIPLE A RATING.

THANKS TO AN OILY START, GREAT DEFENSIVE DIVING AND HIGH PERFORMANCE PITCHING, THE GAME GOES 15 INNINGS IN REGULATION TIME, TO SET A NEW GNSB RECORD.
WITH THE SCORE TIED 3-3 GOING INTO BOT 15, BEFORE THE RALLY FLAG HAD A CHANCE TO BE UNFURLED, JON SPIEL SMASHES A FIELDER'S BUMPER, THEN VIA A SERIES ACCIDENTS AND MISHAPS IS GIVEN A FREE TICKET TO RIDE AROUND THE BASES AT 100 MILES PER HOUR TO GET HOME IN TIME FOR WINNER, WALKING OFF IN FRONT OF HIS CHEERING TEAMMATES WHO WERE SITTING IN THE REST STOP, AS HE BURST THE AIR BAGS OF THE VISITING TEAM.

KUDOS TO THE SIDEMAKERS WHO KEPT THE GAME'S TIRES INCREDIBLY IN BALANCE.

KUDOS TO BOTH MARK LEDER AND JOHN HUNT FOR NOT ONLY HAVING ENOUGH GAS IN THEIR TANKS TO PITCH 15 INNINGS, BUT FOR DOING IT EXTREMELY WELL RESULTING IT VERY INTERMITTENT HITTING WITH FEW ENGINE KNOCKS. NO MORE THAN 1 RUN WAS SCORED IN ANY OF THE 30 OFFENSIVE INNINGS. THE REST WERE WINDOW WIPERED CLEAN WITH ZEROS. HIGHLIGHTED BY THE JUDGE'S K OF A BIG TIME SWATTER IN A CLUTCH SITUATION

SEVERAL DPS HELPED.
A 1-6-4-3 JUDGE ASSIST-JOHNNY V- ED I- DAVE G
6-6-3 JOHNNY V TAKE YOURSELFER - DAVE G
4-6-3 ED I - JOHNNY V- DAVE G
1-6-3 LEDER- MIKE -STEVE H

THOUGH MOST BATS HAD THEIR MUFFLERS ON, THERE WERE SOME NOISY HITS FROM LEDER (DOUBLE), ROB, GORDON, BARRY, DOUG, BRYAN. TWO SAC FLIES THE LOOMED LARGE IN THIS LOW SCORER. BOTH J-RO AND JON SP DROVE HOME CRUCIAL RUNS WITH LONG DRIVES.

THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED OLD SNEAKERS FOR MARK L'S CHARITY. HE'LL BE COLLECTING UNTIL 11/24. HIS CELL AN EMAIL ARE ON TC.

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND MAN OF STEEL SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
THURDAY THANKSGIVING	11/25/21	8:45am	KPP 3 and 5, if enough players for 2 games
FRIDAY	11/26/21	8:45am	KPP, if enough players for 2 games

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY	11/27/21	8:45am	KPP, if enough players for 2 games
SUNDAY	11/28/21	8:45am	Allenwood 24 limit

HIGHLIGHTS THAT ARE BLACK AND WHITE AND RED ALL OVER

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2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
79	THURS - THANKS GIVING	24	KPP5	Very Thanksgiving -esque	THE ZEE-ITY VS HIS JOHNER		
	BLACK-FRI-DAY	RAINED OUT					
80	SAT. A/B MERGE	20	KPP5	VERY WINDCHILLY	ZEETER*-C. Gary L vs HIS JOHNER-C. Jack	12-7	Bruce-Mike
81	SUN	17	Allenwood	Cloudy with lots of fine flurry friends.	LEDER/ ROGER caught by J-Ro& vs BRUCE*/ JON SP caught by Pete	20-13	Bobby Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 61-27=34 31% of the Paid 2021 membership)		PPG 20/81 = $0.25 PG This is $0.75 below the complaint line. Fines of $0.75 per complaint will be imposed	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 40* 36% of 2021 Members DUES DUE12.25.22	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 123* (New Record)	

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Game 79 A/B MERGE THANKSGIVING DAY 11.25.21 KPP5 FORTHCOMING?

Game 80 A/B MERGE Saturday 11.27.21 KPP5
AS MANY LAZY BONES SLUMBERED, HERE'S WHAT TRANSPIRED, ACCORDING TO WHAT WAS REMEMBERED

2O PLAYERS WEATHERED THE WEATHER

THE HOME TEAM WAS IN THE BLACK 3-1, UNTIL TOP 5, BUT FELL INTO THE RED WHEN THE VISITING NURSES REDISTRIBUTED THEIR RUNS AND SCORED 4. THE HOMIES, CROSSED AT BEING RED, TIED UP THE NURSES AND BROKE EVEN IN BOT 5, ONLY TO SEE THEIR RUNS OUTNUMBERED FOR THE REST OF THE GAME AND TO GET CONQUERED 12-7

HIS JOHNER SNAGGED A BALL HAMMERED TO THE MOUND, THAT ALMOST SHEARED HIM IN HALF AND TURNED IT INTO A DP. BOTH HIS JOHNER AND Z DELIVERED BASE HITS TO HELP THEIR TEAM'S CAUSE.

LEE SPREAD BASE HITS ALL OVER THE FIELD. WHEN THE GAME TIME EXPIRED HE A DOUBLE, A TRIPLE, 2 SINGLES AND SEVERAL RBI.

LUIS ABSOLUTELY CLOBBERED THE BALL 4 TIMES FOR SOME HUGE BASE HITS, INCLUDING A 2B AND MANY RBI.

IT WAS A RED LETTER DAY FOR BRIAN S, WHO REACHED BASE SUCCESSFULLY 5 TIMES.

GORDO, WHO AFTER A REDUNDANT AMOUNT OF FOUL BALLS, CAUSING AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF BAT REDOS, FINALLY READ BETWEEN THE LINES AND WAS ABLE TO READJUST ENOUGH TO HAVE A MULTI-HIT GAME INCLUDING A DOUBLE, AFTER REDOUBLING HIS EFFORTS.

EXTRA, EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT. EXTRA BASE HITS WERE ALSO POWERED BY JON SP AND HUGH BOTH WITH 2BS

A PRETTY 4-6-3 DP JON SP TO BRYAN BLACK TO STEVE H REDUCED THE VISITING RUN OUTPUT.

ROLL OUT THE RED CARPT FOR MARK LEDER WHO SCHMEARED A MASSIVE TRIPLE TO LCF

VINNY BATTS GOT REDEMPTION AS HE ROSE TO THE OCCASION AND MADE AN IRONIC RUNNING WEB GEM TO END THE GAME.

Game 81 Sunday 11.28.21Allenwood

17 HARDY BOYS GATHERED AMIDST THE FLURRIES, READY TO PLAY. HERE'S WHAT OCCURRED

PLATA RETURNED AFTER MANY A MONTH, STILL IN HIS 19 YEAR OLD CAMEL HAIRED, THOUGH FAR FROM THREADBARE, MOCHA COLORED, CASHMIRE, DOUBLY LINED FLEECE AND DELIVERED THE BEST LINE OF THE MORNING. UNFORTUNATELY IT MUST BE CENSORED. MORE IMPORTANTLY HE MADE A FINE PLAY IN RF AND LINED A DOUBLE.

PETE IS DECLARED TODAY'S MVP WITH 5 HITS INCLUDING 2 HOME RUNS, WHICH CLEARED THE BASES AND A SAC FLY!

THE GAME ALSO FEATURED FEATS BY:

JACK, WHO PLASTERED BOTH A TRIPLE AND A HOME RUN INTO THE RCF GAPS, BEYOND THE WINGSPREAD OF ANY OUTFIELDER AND THREW OUT RUNNERS AT 2B TWICE TURNING WHAT NORMALLY WOULD HAVE BEEN BASE HITS INTO FIELDER'S CHOICES. BECAUSE OF THAT, 3 WOULD BE HITS TO THE OUTFIELD, BY YOUR COMMISHUGANA IN A ROW, BECAME FIELDER'S CHOICES. IN HIS 4TH TIME UP HE HIT INTO JUST A NORMAL FC. I ONLY MENTION IT BECAUSE ITS PROBABLY A GNSB RECORD.

DAVE GERBER, WHO'S BEEN BACK JUST A COUPLE OF WEEKS, INSPIRED US ALL BY GOING 6 FOR 8 INCLUDING A TRIPLE.

MARIO FIRED 2 MISSILES WHICH SOARED INTO THE SPACES BETWEEN OUTFIELDERS FOR A DOUBLE AND A TRIPLE, AS HIS TEAMMATES CHEERED.

BRYAN WHO IS ALWAYS BLACK AND ALWAYS WHITE, BUT NEVER RED ALL OVER UNLESS HE RUNS THROUGH A FIELD OF 7 FOOT POISIN IVY VINES, BECOMES A SUPER SPREADER OF HITS WITH 4 IN ALL. HE ALSO GEMS AT SS ON A BALL UP THE MIDDLE, TO STEAL A HIT, WHICH WAS A DREADFUL DISAPPOINTMENT TO THE BATTER.

ED I PLAYED A REMARKABLE SS WHICH GREATLY HINDERED THE OPPOSITION'S HIT PRODUCTION AND PREVENTED THE HOMEBREDS FROM GETTING TOTALLY MASSACRED.

GORDON REDACTED A POTENTIAL RUN FROM THE SCOREBOARD WITH HIS THROW TO THE PLATE WHICH GOT THE RUNNER BY A HAIRBREADTH. HE ALSO HOMERED

MATT R AIRED A TRIPLE AND FLARED A COUPLE MORE BASE HITS.

DESPITE THE MCFLURRIES, CLOUDS, AND RELATIVELY LOW TURNOUT, A GOOD TIME WAS HAD FOR SURE. IT WAS A LOW PRESSURED AFFAIR WITH NOBODY GETTING INJURED AND NO ONE CARED IF ANYBODY ERRED.

RED ALERT!!!

PLEASE RED FLAG THESE RED LETTER DATES:

- **PARK DISTRICT ELECTION, DECEMBER 14. GORDON WILL HAVE ABSENTEE/EARLY ELECTION BALLOTS.**
- **BEEPER BALL VS LONG ISLAND BOMBERS APRIL 10, 2022 AT 10:15**
- **$20 DUES DUE BEFORE CHRISTMAS 2022 PLEASE. TO DATE 40 HAVE PAID OUT OF 111.**
- **THE 2022 SCHEDULE AND BEYOND WILL BE POSTED ON TEAMCOWBOY AT THE END OF DECEMBER. PLEASE WATCH FOR IT SO YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR GAMES, IN ADVANCE.**

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HIGHLIGHTS THAT TEST POSITIVE

The Official Commissioner's BLog:
All-Star Dates 12/4/21-12/5/21

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
82	SAT. A/B MERGE	23	KPP5	Positively Delightful	ZEETER*-C. PLATA vs HIS JOHNER-C. JEFF	5-4 in 14 innings	Bruce-Mike

83	SUN	24	Allenwood	Positively Lovely	Zee/Leder caught by J-Ro vs His Johner*/ Eric The Industrialists caught by Pete	16-9 in 11innings	Bobby MIke
		Net Weekend Turnout 47-12=35 32% of the Paid 2021 membership)		PPG 20/83 = $0.24 PG This is $0.76 below the complaint line. Fines of $0.76 per complaint will be imposed	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 48* 43% of 2021 Members DUES DUE12.2 5.22	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 124* (New Record)	

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Game 82 A/B Saturday 12.4.21 KPP5

TODAY'S GAME TESTS POSITIVE FOR EXCITEMENT!

ZEE AND HIS JOHNER TEST POSITIVE FOR EXCESSIVELY HIGH AMOUNTS OF PITCHING PROWESS IN THEIR BLOOD AS THEY KEEP THE SCORE 1-1 THRU 11 INNINGS.

PROOF POSITIVE THAT GNSB IS THE BEST PICKUP GAME ANYWHERE.

ED H TESTS POSITIVE FOR DEFENSIVE BRILLIANCE AS HE MAKES 2 IMPOSSIBLE RUNNING WEG GEMS IN LCF, ONE OF WHICH SOME SAID WAS THE BEST CATCH THEY EVER SAW. PLUS HIS LAST AT BAT HAS VERY POSITIVE RESULTS AS HE WINS THE GAME WITH A

WALK OFF BASE HIT IN BOT 14. THIS WAS SET UP BY LEE WHO TESTED POSITIVE FOR CLUTCH HITTING WITH A HUGE TRIPLE AHEAD OF ED'S HIT.
THIS WAS THE 4TH WALK-OFF WIN THIS FALL KUDOS TO BRUCE AND MIKE SP WHO TESTED POSITIVE FOR TEAM BALANCING

DINA TESTS POSITIVE FOR BOTH OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE MASTERY. SHE GETS ON BASE MORE THAN ANYONE ON HER TEAM WITH 2 WALKS AND A SHARP BASE HIT TO LF AND SHE MAKES 2 OUTSTANDING WEB GEMS, THROWING OUT A FAST RUNNER AT 1B FROM SHORT CENTERFIELD, ON WHAT LOOKED TO BE A CERTAIN BASE HIT UP THE MIDDLE AND THEN PLACING HERSELF IN PERFECT POSITION TO REACH WAY UP CATCH A SMOKER TO RF DESTINED TO BE A HIT.

LUIS WHO TESTS POSITIVE FOR BEING A SUPER STAR CRASHES A BIG HIT IN THE TOP OF THE 14 TO TIE THE GAME.

GORDO TESTS POSITIVE FOR PROFESSIONAL BALL PLAYER GRADE ADROITNESS, MAKES 3 GEMS: A RUNNING OVERHEAD GRAB OF A CERTAIN EXTRA-BASER, A RUNNING SNATCH OF A BALL WAY OFF IN LF FOUL TERRITORY, AND THE SCINTILLATING PLAY AT 3B OF A SPINNING, POPPED, DINK, THAT LESSER MEN NEVER WOULD HAVE REACHED, LET ALONE BE SO COMPOSED AS TO THROW OUT THE RUNNER. HE ALSO HAD A MULTI-HIT GAME ON A DAY,WHEN EVEN A SINGLE HIT WAS HARD TO FIND.

VINNY TESTS POSITIVE FOR FINE FIELDING WITH HIS HIGH REACHING CATCH OF A POSITIVELY CHARGED MISSILE TO CF

BRUCE TESTS POSITIVE FOR REAL 1ST BASE TALENT AS HE MAKES A NUMBER OF SERIOUS GRABS OF CRUSHED BALLS DOWN THE LINE, PICKS AT 1B, AND THROWS TO 2B TO GET LEAD RUNNERS INCLUDING ONE FOR A DP.

MIKE SP TESTS POSITIVE FOR OZZIE SMITH/OMAR VIZQUEL CHROMOSOMES, MAKING MULTIPLE FINE PLAYS INCLUDING 3 SLICK ASSISTS IN THE FIRST INNING ALONE. HE ALSO DRIVES IN THE ONLY RUN IN THE 1ST 11 INNINGS FOR THE HOME TEAM, WITH A MASSIVE SAC FLY.

TESTING POSITIVE FOR DPS

VISITORS 4-6-3 JON SP-BRYAN B-BRUCE
VISITORS 3-6-4 BRUCE- RYAN B - JON SP
VISITORS 5-5- 4 MIKE G-JON SP

Game 83 Sunday 12.5.21 Allenwood

BOTH ROSTERS CROW WACKADOODLE DOO LOUDLY, AS TRASH TALK RISES TO NEW HEIGHTS.

ERIC THE INDUSTRIALISTA HAS A POSITIVE OUTCOME IN 4 OUT OF 5 OF HIS AT BATS, INCLUDING A TRIPLE.

MATT R SHOWS SOME REAL POSITIVE BATTITUDE, CRUSHING A MASSIVE 3 RUN HOMER WAY OVER RF.

ROB WURTZEL WITH HIS 3 HITS, ONCE AGAIN ACTS AS A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL FOR FELL-OWLD HITTERS.
STEVE HERSHON COURAGEOUSLY RISKS BODILY INJURY AS HE PUTS HIS GLOVE IN HARMS WAY OF A LEDER BULLET TO 1B AND COMES UP WITH POSITIVE RESULTS
IN A VERY CLUTCH SITUATION, IN WHICH 2 RUNS WOULD HAVE EASILY SCORED. MARK WAS POSITIVE IT'D GET THRU, BUT THAT WAS A FALSE POSITIVE.

J-RO GETS POSITIVE REVIEWS FOR HIS BIG 2 RUN HOME RUN.

LOTS OF POSITIVE VIBES EMANATE FROM JUAN PLATA'S MULTI-HIT BAT. HIS BAT IS DEFINITELY BACK

MARK LEDER CONTINUES TO DISPLAY HIS POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING WITH A COLOSSAL SOLO HOMORUNNO, ALMOST TO THE THE PICKLEBALL COURTS.
AFTER THE GAME HE TESTS BEE POSITIVE AS HE DISTRIBUTES HOMEMADE HONEY FROM HIS PET BEES FOR NO MONEY. THANKS MARK.

THE GAME ENDS ON A NICE 6-6-3 TAKE IT YOURSELFIE, MIKE TO BRUCE.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BOTH MIKE SP AND LUIS!!! THANKS FOR THE DONUTS.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
OUR BEEPER BALL GAME DATE VS THE LONG ISLAND BOMBERS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO APRIL 24TH AT THEIR REQUEST. I WILL REPOST IT ON TC SHORTLY.

BE WELL ALL. SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.
GAR
516 996 2641

HONEY COATED HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 12/11/21-12/12/21

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
	SAT.	Rained out	KPP5				
84	SUN	21	Allenwood	Honey they shrunk the temperature	Leder* caught by Bobby/Joe/ Dan vs His Johner caught by Juan/Steve	15-7	Bobb Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 21 18% of the Paid 2021 membership)		PPG 20/84 = $0.24 PG This is $0.76 below the complaint line. Fines of $0.76 per complaint will be imposed	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 51* 46% of 2021 Members DUES DUE 12.22.22	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 124* (New Record)	

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TODAY'S THEME IS DEDICATED TO THE GENEROSITY OF MARK "HONEY BOY" LEDER WHO RESEARCHED, BACK -YARD PRODUCED, AND DISTRIBUTED JARS OF HONEY TO PLAYERS LAST SUNDAY

Game 84 A/B Sunday 12.12.21 ALLENWOOD

ZIG HAD A HONEY BUNCH OF HITS - 5 IN ALL, INCLUDING A DOUBLE AFTER WHICH HE SAID HONEY I'M HOME BY TAGGING 2 BASES ON A MONSTER SACRIFICE BY LUIS THAT WAS CAUGHT DEEP INTO THE CF LAND OF MILK AND HONEY.

ED I. FLOATED ONE OVER THE LEFT FIELDER'S HEAD THAT STUNG LIKE A BEE FOR A TRIPLE IN ADDITION TO 2 OTHER HITS. PLUS HE FIRED A BEE-BEE GUN TO CUT DOWN A RUNNER TRYING TO REACH HOME SWEET HOME.

J-RO EXPERIENCED THE TASTE OF BASE HIT HONEY 4 TIMES INCLUDING A RCF TRIPLE. PLUS HE MADE A HONEY OF A RUNNING GEM IN FOUL TERRITORY BY 1B.

JACKIE GLEASON WOULD HAVE DESCRIBED MARIO'S SWING BY SAYING HOW SWEET IT WAS, AFTER SEEING HIM USE HIS BAT'S SWEET SPOT TO BANG OUT 4 HITS.

SWEET LUIS SNAGGED A BALL TRYING TO MAKE A BEE-LINE FOR THE LEFT FIELD LINE.

PLATA, WEARING HIS CLASSIC HONEY COLORED FLEECE, MADE AN UN-BEE-LIEVABLE CATCH IN SCF ON A BALL THAT LOOKED LIKE A BEE GOING TO A HONEY POT.

BRYAN BLACK, INITIALED BEE-BEE, HAD A MULTI-HITTER INCLUDING A TRIPLE TO THE GREAT BEE-YOND.

GORDO PUT SOME HONEY MUSTARD ON SEVERAL BALLS FOR A MULTI-HIT GAME.

LUIS SAW THE BALL LIKE A HONEY DEW MELON AND LAUNCHED A MULTIPLE BALLS OVER THE HONEYMOON FOR 2 HITS PLUS A SAC.

SETH K THREW AWAY THE VINEGAR AND TOOK OUT THE HONEY TO CATCH MORE FLIES THAN ANYONE IN THE OUTFIELD PLUS HAD A POLY-HITTER AT THE PLATE.

ERIC THE UNIFORM WANNA-BEE, STEVE H SLUGGED A HONEY OF A DOUBLE.

LEDER BEE HIVED HIMSELF FOR THE MOST PART, BUT FOR MOST INNINGS HE GAVE UP NUTTIN' HONEY, AS FAR AS RUNS.

DESPITE THE COMPETITIVE SPIRIT BETWEEN THE TEAMS WE DEPARTED IN SUCH SWEET SORROW AT THE END

BIG THANK YOU TO JACK AND BOBBY WHO SCOUTED OUT THE CONDITIONS OF THE DIAMONDS ON THEIR FREE OWN TIME AND ENABLED THE BEST POSSIBLE DECISION ABOUT WHETHER TO AND WHERE TO PLAY THIS WEEKEND.

THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEER UMPIRES, WHO BRAVELY FACE INEVITABLE DISAGREEMENT AND DISTURBING ATTITUDES.

THANK YOU TO SIDE-MAKERS, BRUCE, BOBBY, AND MIKE AND SOMETIMES OTHERS, WHO GET THERE EXTRA EARLY AND ALMOST ALWAYS SUCCEED IN MAKING EXTREMELY EVEN, COMPETITIVE, EXCITING GAMES.

ON BEHALF OF THE 111 GNSB MEMBERS, WE APPRECIATE IT.

Have a good week all. Don't forget to vote tomorrow.

Gar

LANDMARK HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates
12/18/21-12/19/21

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
	SAT.	Rained out	KPP5				
84	SUN	23	Allenwood	Temperatures that Crossed the THE BRRR RLIN WALL in the Cold War Era	His Johner* caught by J-Ro vs The Zee-ity caught by Pete	22-6	Bobb Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 24 21% of the Paid 2021 membership)		PPG 20/84 = $0.24 PG This is $0.76 below the complaint line. Fines of $0.76 per complaint will be imposed	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 56* 50% of 2021 Members DUES DUE 12.22.22	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 124* (New Record)	

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Game 84 Sunday 12.19.21 ALLENWOOD

SOFTBALLGRADA FAMILIA.

23 MACCHU PICCHU MEN. a literal PANTHEON of softball stars, that belong on the Allen WOOD WALK OF FAME, braved the elements and turned out today.

Chuck the fan came to watch and he really saw REALLY SAW AN EIFFEL .

It was MT. CRUSHMORE time for MARK Leder who had a LANDMARK of a day. 5 times he hit the ball so hard that it left MARKS on the LAND. His hits included 2 doubles, and a triple good for 6 RBI.

Gordo SPANISH STEPPED HIMSELF AROUND THE BASES WITHOUT EVEREST-ing, after belting a colossal 2 RBI, drive, that could have rolled to the THE GREAT NECK WALL OF CHINA had it not been stopped by the GOAL-DEN GATE BRIDGE'S internet connection. His goal was to hit a home run and his home run hit the goal. But there's more to the story.

Prior to his blast, Gordon had reached safely every time up. But a heckler from the bench said to him that he was due for a hit. Gordon replied that the only thing more that he could do for the team was to hit the ball over the left fielder's head. And that's exactly what he did ala, Babe Ruth's famous finger pointing call in 1931. Upon hearing the story Alan Zamchik said it was "Charlopian."

He also made a fine running GOLDEN GATE glover in cf, leaving the batter at the WAILING WALL.

Ya gotta Louvre these stories.
Gary W returning after a 3 month broken finger layoff returns and erupts like MT VESUVIAS at the home PENTAGON. He collects 3 hits including a 2 bagger.

Roy Z returned to the diamond after breaking his leg in two places and having rod inserted, back in late September, collected a couple of hits. He's the ROCK OF GIB-ROY-LTER. His son Johnny also played. He slugged a big triple and made several fine plays on scary balls

The new hipster of the future Bobby W, SQUARED OFF 2 TIMES for ball dropping line drive base hits. It was more exciting than seeing a ball drop in TIMES SQUARE

His Johner must have PETRA-fied the pitcher because he walked 3 times.

Matt R, THE MATTERHORN, now know as the BATTERHORN, provided for more hit-roelectric power than NIAGARA FALLS coming up with 3 safe blasts.

Both Ed I. and Bryan played SS better than 99% of all tourists that have visited the PALACE OF ZOILO VERSAILLES

Bryan B smacked a couple of safeties plus a SACRE COUR fly that could have gone over the WASHINGTON MONUMENT and may have been far enough to have jumped the GRAND CANYON.

Mario Ranieri's name is now a larger than MT RANIER due to his 3 hit day including a 2 run double

Rich Con played a fine RCF stopping several fly balls from entering the FORBIDDEN CITY

Rob W crowded 4 more hits into the GN Softball COLOSSEUM. He really should be charging people a dollar and a half just to see 'em.

The game ended when his Johner who pitched a fantastic game, REACHED UP LIKE THE STATUE OF LIBERTY to snag a rocket to the mound that was enroute to the CF DEATH VALLEY and lead the visitors THRU THE ARC D TRIUMPH. Meanwhile the Home team losers had to pass under the BRIDGE OF SIGHS.

Hey all, If things go according to plan I'll be heading down to Florida this week for about 3 months. Of course you know that I will miss you guys, but I'll leave knowing that the game is in extremely capable hands. I'll still be in touch though, as always. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and you'll get in lots of games this winter. Have a great winter season. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and stay healthy. See you in the Spring. Please **do not** send me a dues check via mail until April. Venmo though would be fine.
Gar

CHARLOPIAN HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 12/24/21-12/26/21

2021 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
	FRI CHRISTMAS EVE GAME	Rained out					

	SAT.	Rained out	KPP5				
85	SUN	24	Allenwood Makeshift		His Johner* vs The Zee-ity	12-4	Bobb Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 24 22% of the Paid 2021 membership)		PPG 20/85 = $0.24 PG This is $0.76 below the complaint line. Fines of $0.76 per complaint will be imposed	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 58* 52% of 2021 Members DUES DEADLINE HAS PASSED FOR 2022.	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 124* (New Record)	

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Game 85 Sunday 12.26.21 ALLENWOOD MAKESHIFT BY GORDON

A seasonably warm Boxing Day saw the Great Neck faithful enjoying the cozy confines of Allenwood Park, albeit on the far side owing to muddy conditions. Jack was Johnny on the spot bringing the needed five bases and Bruce brought the measuring tape and new clinchers and it was game on.

The visitors started off strongly with a triple by the Zig who came around to score. His Johner with some deft fielding by Mike, held them to a lone run. The aforementioned Mr. Spiel then grabbed his aluminum lumber and crushed a bomb to right center and as fast or as slow as he could make it around the bases, the score was tied. Two innings of goose eggs followed until the visitors scratched another run thanks to Ed, Bryan, Steve and Joe, who combined to get across the go-ahead run to take a one run lead.

And in the top of the sixth, Hugh belted a seeing eye triple that plated a pair and the Z's, up by three, were looking to pull away. However, despite solid defense by Jack, who made a tremendous over the shoulder, the home team bats awakened. And Z started to feel the pressure and his control became elusive. This set the stage once again for that man about town, Mr Boxing Day himself, Mike S. who sent a deep drive down the left field line for a triple that cleared the bases. Lou followed with his own meteor shot and the tide had turned. Meantime, the home side displayed some outstanding fielding of their own. Barry made two marvelous plays, one coming in on a Texas leaguer and one ranging to his right to rob Big Dave of extra bases. And as hard as he tried to blunder, Gordon actually caught one that he juggled four times before corralling the elusive clincher. Juan also made an outstanding play as catcher, lunging head first to snarl a soft foul pop. In the bottom of the tenth, the home side iced it with a four pack. The rally was started by the Judge who was relentless, getting on base consistently. Clutch hitting by Rob, Lee, Matt, Ed, Bruce and Gary rounded out the attack. Meanwhile, the visitors could not solve the Judge and his court. Five consecutive scoreless innings later, the visitors were vanquished and the scoreboard read Judge and Co. twelve, the Z's four.
By Gordon

Attached is a video by a pickleball player and long time friend Shlomo, who was spying nearby. My eyes are everywhere. He said you guys were very noisy. I'm sure there's no truth at all to that statement.

Special thanks to Gordon and Bobby who checked out the fields this weekend in their free time and to Jack and Bruce for bringing the necessary supplies for and setting up the makeshift field.
Gar

ERRONEOUS HIGHLIGHTS The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 12/31/21-1/2/22

2021-2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
86	FRI New Years Eve Game	21	KPP5	Softer than usual	His Johner* vs The Zee-ity	12-6	Lee and Bruce
	SAT.	Rained out					
	SUN	CANCELED WET GROUNDS	School-yard	TOO WET			FIELD CHECKERS Bobby and Bruce

		Net Weekend Turnout **24** **19% of the Paid 2021 membership)**		**PPG 20/86 = $0.23 PG This is $0.77 below the complaint line.** **Fines of $0.77 per complaint will be imposed**	**2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 59* 53% of 2021 Members** **(100% of 2022 Paid Members)** **DUES DEADLINE HAS PASSED FOR 2022.**	**Consec-utive outdoor months played: 125* (New Record)**	

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Game 86 Friday 12.31.21 KPP5. See for yourself https://www.facebook.com/rich.connors.35/videos/288440099790647

2022 RANG IN WITH AN ERROR. A BALL WAS DROPPED. THIS IS SYMBOLIC, BECAUSE A GNSB FACT CHECKER FOUND AN ERROR PERTAINING TO OUR STREAK HEADING INTO THE NEW YEAR. EVEN THOUGH WE DID NOT PLAY A JANUARY GAME YET:

THE STREAK'S ALIVE AT ONE TWENTY FIVE!!!

NOT 124. HERE'S WHY:
In March of 2020 our streak had reached 108 consecutive outdoor months. Then the GN Park District shut down all facilities, so we were not allowed to play until August, 2020. When we resumed, I had the streak remaining at 108 throughout August,

because I didn't know yet whether we were justified in calling it a consecutive month streak anymore. But considering that the streak ended due to no fault of our own and the months in which we were locked out were prime months in the softball season, in which the streak would have easily continued, everyone felt justified in saying the streak was still alive. However when the decision was reached, I did not back track and add the month to August. Thus our streak is now at 125 and if and when the next January game is played we will be at 126. (10.5 years)

12.31.21 Game 86 KPP5
It was ere of New Years and a late addition to the schedule saw a spirited contest played at a soft but not soggy KPP 5. The visitors were led by his Johner and the homies had the Z.

The top of the first saw the visitors plate two with the outstanding play being a head first slide into third by the league's MVS, Hugh. Rich C., Lederhosen and the Great Gerberski all had a hand in the rally.

The home side answered with a single run. It would have been more if not for the solid defense of Big Al Z. who snarled a smash with the bases loaded and recorded an unassisted putout to squash the rally.

To the top of the second and the bottom of the order for the visitors. And with two out and the bottom of the order up with the bases full, the home side was confident that they would put out the fire unscathed. But alas, it was not to be, not even close. Roger the artful Dodger stepped to the plate and absolutely launched a lunar shot into right field. It was merely a courtesy that the fleet footed short centerfielder stopped at third with a bases clearing three bagger.

The home side valiantly came through again with bases loaded and were destined to score more than just one when short stop extraordinaire Lee ranged back and robbed a disappointed batsman of a certain two run Texas leaguer.

The visitors plated a solo run in the top of the third and were looking to pull away. But Juantanamo made a dazzling grab and the rejuvenated home side came to bat looking to explode back into it. And the explosion came off the bat of Big Lou who rocketed one off the fence in deep left field. Down by only a pair both sides battled back and forth with the visitors once again getting a big time laser off the bat of that man about town Roger the Dodger and a solid double from Barry. And it looked like it was all over save the dancing.

But the home side were bloodied but unbowed. And the heart of the order of Zig, the two Brians, Vinny B. and Jon Z said not so fast. Add to that Jack, Juan, Bruce and Z and it was game on heading into the final two innings.

Alas, it was all for naught for the home side as Gordon's rope to Left Center eluded a lunging Brian emptying the bases and when the mud had settled, the visitors ended the year with a convincing 12-6 victory. The combination of clutch hitting and balanced fielding by the likes of Barry, Rob, Alan, the Judge and Lee proved too much for the vanquished Z's. So this battle was won but the war rages on…See you all next year!

MVP CREDIT GOES TO BRUCE AND BOBBY FOR GIVING UP THEIR OWN FREE TIME AND CHECKING OUT THE SCHOOL YARD EARLY.

Have a good week guys. Happy New Year to all
Gar

HIGHLIGHTS OF BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 1/25/22

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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
1	TUES 1ST EVER	16	KPP5		His Johner* vs The Zee-ity	14-9	Bruce
		Net WeekDAY Turnout 16		PPG 20/1 = $20 PG	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 59* 52% of 2021 Members DUES DEADLINE HAS PASSED FOR 2022.	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 126* (New Record)	

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Game 1 FIRST TUESDAY GAME EVER! 1.25.22 KPP5 BY GORDON

A LAST MINUTE, EMERGENCY, FIRST TUESDAY EVER, STREAK KEEPING GAME IS PULLED OFF THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF BRUCE, AND 16 MANLY MEN, DESPITE SEVERAL UNFORESEEN OBSTACLES. IT WAS TRULY MIRACULOUS!

THEY ARE CALLING IT BIBLICAL IN PROPORTION, AS BIG AND AS IMPORTANT AS THE 16 DEGREE PARKWOOD POOL PARKING LOT GAME OF '14

MICAH SMOLENS RETURNS FROM A KNEE REPLACEMENT TO HELP KEEP THE STREAK ALIVE

The streak was in peril. The forecast for the final weekend in which to have a January game was terrible. It appeared all hope was lost and that the no show commissioner's failures would be front and center for all to chastise and castigate. It would take a miracle to salvage whatever reputation he still had. And then, through the brilliance of one man, a man whose heroics loomed larger than life, whose essence must have been touched by the Lord above, the reputation was saved. This man among men, this giant among giants is none other than our own Pete Iannicelli. known affectionately as Three-Pete (basehit basehit basehit).

Summoning up his courage, vision and fortitude, 3Pete contacted the legendary Bruce Blattberg and informed him that Tuesday the 25th would be the last playable day of the month. Armed with this essential information, O Captain, My Captain promptly sent out an SOS and lo and behold, 16 warriors answered the call.

But finding a field would be a daunting task in and of itself. The school uses the schoolyard, so Allenwood was announced. But when the fearless and intrepid warriors arrived, the park staff said no bueno. This prompted man about town Jack Schonhaut to jump in his car and like a batter out of hell, he checked and declared game on at KPP 5. So it was written, so it shall be done.

The contest was lively and hard fought despite the conditions. The outfield resembled the Siberian Tundra, but the gallant outfielders from both sides, Ed, Jack, Gordon, Luis, Mark, Roy braved the frozen turf and

ice patches. Kudos as well to the extras that filled in, Rich and Juan. The catcher's box was no picnic either but the duo of 3Pete and Jeff handled the chore and also, the umpiring. The pitching assignments went to Judge and Z who pitched heroically. The shortstop counterparts were Mike and Bryan. Cousin Brucie and Mario flashed leather on the diamond as well.

Of particular note was the participation of Rich Coy who played marvelously and Roy Z. who stepped into the outfield for the first time since his injury late last summer. Without them, there wouldn't have been a game. I guess it was too cold for Joe Sineno although I'm sure the hot air he provides would have helped the field conditions.

Z's visitors got off quickly in the top of the first. Bryan, who crushed the ball all day including two homers, got the home side going. Not to be outdone, Leder drove the ball to the wall in right. Lou stung the ball all day and before the ice had started to melt, it was 3 nil.

The home side wasted no time getting two back. And paradoxically, the hitting star of Your Johner's visitors was the same man that we all owe the credit to for getting the game scheduled. Pete was 4 for 6 including a triple and a home run. In fact, when the visitors were down by two going into the bottom of the sixth, it looked like it was going to be a nail biter. Sorry! Not today! 14 batters came to bat and when the inning was over, 10 runs had crossed the plate. The lineup of Mike, Ed, Mario, Pete, Roy (who also had a homer), Jack, Rich and His Johner proved unstoppable. The visitors clawed back courtesy of a Home Run by Lederhoisen but the home side wound up with a stunning 14-9 victory.

At this point in the season, it is a toss up between Brian and Pete for MVP. But really credit goes to all the guys who had the guts, the fortitude and will to preserve a streak that is now over ten years.
BY GORDON

KUDOS GUYS!!!

EN-ABE L-ED HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 2/12/22**

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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
2	LINCOLN'S B'DAY	21	KPP5	Feb-ulous for February	His Johner* vs Leder/ Vinny	11-7	Bruce Bob
		Net Weekend Turnout 21		PPG 20/2 = $10 PG	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 61* 55% of 2021 Members	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 127* (New Record)	

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Game 2: 2.12.22 SCHOOL YARD

CONSECUTIVE MONTH 127 IS IN THE BOOKS!
KUDOS TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED
READ UP.
THERE WERE MANY FEB-GEMS AND FINE PLAYS BUT THANK YOU MOST TO BRUCE, JACK, AND BOBBY WHO

CONSULTED ABOUT WITH THE GNPD, CHECKED THE FIELDS, AND MADE THE DECISION OF WHERE TO PLAY TO MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN.
TEAM PHOTO CREDIT TO BRUCE

HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 2/19/22 - 2/21/22**

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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
3	SAT	18	KPP5	All mucked up	His Johner vs The Zee-ity*	14-7	Bruce Mike Sp
	SUNDAY	CANCELLED					
4	MONDAY PRESIDENTS DAY	18	Schoolyard	WELL-WEATHERED ASPHALT	His Johner vs The Zee-ity*	10-9	Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 36 -12=24 39% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/4 = $5 PG	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 61* 55% of 2021 Members	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 127* (New Record)	

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Game 3: SATURDAY 2.19.22 KPP5 BY MIKE SP

The Z's beat the Hunts 14-7 in a shortened game. Led by Gordon and Mike with 3 hits and multiple bombs, the Z's took a commanding lead early and never looked back. The Hunts tried to stay close with Luis hitting lasers all over the field. Plenty of web gems around. Lee made a sparkling play ranging up the middle to rob a hit. The Judge snared a liner back up the middle. Mario also grabbed a hot liner at 2b, leaping about 3 inches to make the play. Ed made a nice running grab in LF to turn an extra base hit into an out. Jeff actually wen to Rf for a base hit in a 6 run inning for the Z's. Gary hit line drives all day, but he was Seaver like on the mound with no walks. Roger had a nice day at the plate with a couple of hits.

Unfortunately the game was cut short due to the frozen ground melting and creating a mud puddle all over the left side of the infield.

Game 4: MONDAY 2.21.22 KPP5 BY GORDON

A glorious Monday found our weathered gladiators battling on the cement field of the schoolyard. A perfect setting to celebrate the occasion of the birthday of the father of our country, George Washington. Interestingly, President Washington was born while the Julian calendar was in use and always referred to his birthday as February 9, 1731 rather than February 22, 1732, as the day was marked on the Gregorian calendar. To honor the event, the father of Great Neck Softball, the legendary Bruce, divided up the participants so evenly that it took a walk-off hit in the bottom of the 12th to settle things.

The gutsy visitors with the brandisher of Justice on the hill, started off with a two spot. Ed, Mark L., Mario and Pete, who had three hits over the day, led the charge. Juan, Dan and His Johner plated a run an inning later and it looked like the home town Z's would be left in the rear view mirror. But then an unprecedented power display off the bat of Lou changed things. He crushed a drive that almost went into the basketball basket at the far end of the park. And on his next at bat, he blasted a drive to the deepest part of center field, the apex of the Polo Grounds, behind the Yankee Stadium monuments. And just like that, the rest of the team caught fire as well. Ed I., Hugh, Mike G., Rob, Roger, Gary and Bruce supplied the power and before long, the home side was one up. If not for the courage of the fearless Mark Leder who made two web gems on screaming line drives to shortstop, the flood gates would have opened.

And it was that same courage that saw the visitors plate four and take back the lead. That man about town, the Chiropractor of dreams, Mark L., nearly broke the home sides back. But not so fast said the home side as they crossed the Delaware to regroup. And then it came down to the bottom of the 12th. Down by a run, the home side sent up the bottom of the order, the hapless Gary Z., who stunned everyone including himself, squared up and lined a single. From there, Ed and Hugh followed with hits which set the stage for Big Lou who crushed a drive into the Left Center Field Gap, and the redcoats were dispatched by the loyal Americans.

THANK YOU TO MIKE AND GORDON, THE REVISIONIST FOR SENDING IN THE HIGHLIGHTS.
THANK YOU TO BRUCE FOR ORGANIZING.

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BE WELL GUYS
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HIGHLIGHTS BREWED WITH VARIOUS TEAS

HIGHLIGHTS **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 2/27/22**
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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
5	SUN	21	KPP5	Chills with thrills	His Johner* vs The Zee-ity*	13-13	Bruce w/ consult from Bobby
		Net Weekend Turnout 21 34% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/5 = $4 PG	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 61* 55% of 2021 Members	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 127* (New Record)	

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Game 5: SUNDAY 2.19.22 KPP5 BY GORDONZOLA

The final weekend in February saw a raucous battle between the home side Johnnies against the visiting ZZZ's played at the Schoolyard of dreams.

The visitors got off first when Seth K launched a shot that landed just inside the right field foul line before curling into the corner. Turning on the jets, the fleet feet touched them all and the visitors led by one.

The Johnnies were led by Jon Zuck, who responded in kind with a double, ultimately scoring on an RBI drive by Hugh before Mike Sp. uncharacteristically was called on strikes by Bruce which led to a pleasant discussion.

And then deuces went wild. For the next five consecutive innings, the ZZZ's scored two runs in each inning as they bolted out to a large lead. The hitting onslaught included everybody from Jack, Mike G, Bryan, Vinny and Bobby, with highlights being provided by Steve H. who drilled one off the fence and Ed R who lashed line drives all over the park. But the most impressive at bat of the day belonged to Luis, who smoked a ball into the dancing ladies of Korea, the farthest part of the park. Luis also barely missed a homer later in the game, instead settling for a two-bagger. Mark L. exhibited his own brand of offensive prowess with he crushed a triple.

And despite the high scoring, there were a number of defensive gems. Mark L., catching foul pops, Jon Z., in front of the water fountain but the catch of the day was made by Vinnie who ranged to his left and snagged a line drive in front of the wall in Right Center with the bases loaded.

But the home side refused to surrender. Led by their own Z's, Jon and Roy, and supplemented by Juan, they pieced together a few runs to keep the visitors within sight, with each of them getting at least three hits. The biggest hit came in the bottom of the eighth when Jon blasted his second homer of the day, a three run shot to cut the lead to two.

A call by umpire Magoo allowed the visitors to tack on a run to make it a three run game but then the unthinkable occurred. With runners on first and second and one out, the Judge bounced a one hopper to the pitcher, who appeared flummoxed and instead of going to second for the sure game ending double play, he threw to first allowing both runners to advance. Clutch hitting by Jon and Hugh, and tough at bats by Mike Sp who smoked a double and the great Gerbaski, and the table was set for Gordon to tie the game. And he promptly delivered a clutch two out game tying single. The ball don't lie!

And there the game ended as the clock ran out. Kudos to the side makers and the players who braved the thirty-degree temperatures and the swirling winds. Forward March!

Thanks to Gordon for the great write-up.

Stay warm and well everyone.
Sent from Great Neck to our Sunrise, Florida GNSB winter offices then relayed back to you all.
Please note: Our GNSB Winter Offices will be relocating to Delray Beach, Florida soon to accommodate more of our Florida players.

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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
6	SUN	17	School-yard	"Beautiful March Day"	His Johner* vs The Zee-ity	13-12 In 12 innings	Bruce w/ consult from Bobby
Rain shortened 2+ innings, non-official game	SUN		School-yard	Rainy, wet and dangerously slippery			Bruce w/ consult from Bobby
		Net Weekend Turnout 17 NOT COUNTING SUNDAYS 2 INNING GAME. 28% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/6 = $3.33 PG	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 61* 55% of 2021 Members	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 128* (New Record)	

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THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE!

THEY SAID NOBODY COULD DO IT!

THE HARD MONTHS ARE OVER.
CONSECUTIVE MONTH 128 IS ACHIEVED!
KUDOS TO ALL THE STREAK KEEPERS!

Game 6: SATURDAY 3.5.22 KPP5 BY BRUCE

Act One:
Fade into a grey day on an asphalt schoolyard.
Background orchestra strikes up " Grey skies are gonna clear up".
Seventeen men and boys arrive to play their softball game on
something less than their field of dreams.
The sides are drawn, the umpire calls out: "Play ball."
Act one belongs to the Visitors, who were led by the Judge.
His masterful pitching allowed the Homies to take the lead during act one.

Act Two;
Fade into a sunny day on an asphalt schoolyard.
The Homies, led by Gary the Zester, make the comeback of the day.
Winning act two and almost tying the game in the 12th and final inning.
Final score 13 to 12 with runners on base as the final out is recorded.

Starring:
Mark Leder at 3rd base hitting for the truncated cycle of 2 singles,1 double and 2 triples.
The lead walk on was Dave Gerber who walked 3 times after a massive blow in act one.
Best supporting actor award goes to Juan Plata for his sterling portrayal of a catcher tagging out a runner at home plata.
Best performance by a one armed man since the "fugitive " goes to Eric the uniform for his masterful portrayal of an amazing 2nd baseman as well as hitting the cover off the ball.
Web gems galore, few argued calls and a great time was had by all.
Kudos go out to Inspector Cuff and the entire cast of the 4th grade performance of "The Moonstone" by Wilkie Collins.

As reported to Bruce.

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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
7	SUN	23	KPP5	Springlike	His Johner* vs The Zee-ity	8-6 In 11 innings	Bobby W and Mike/
		Net Weekend Turnout 23 38% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/7 = $2.86 PG	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 61* 55% of 2021 Members	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 128* (New Record)	

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Game 7: SUNDAY 3.20.22 KPP5 BY MIKE SPIEL

Beautiful day back at KP5. The Hunts beat the Z's 8-6. Mike and Barry led the way with 4 hits each and Lee got on base 4 times with 2 hits and 2 walks. The lower part of the order started a big rally with hits by Pete, Roger, Bruce and the Judge. There were plenty of web gems on the day. Eddie I was the defensive star,

making several great plays at 2b including a running grab of a pop up in LF! John V turned a nice unassisted DP at SS. Dave G made a nice catch running in down the line in LF. Bryan continues to shine defensively, with several great plays at 3b, liners, grounders and rocket throws to 1B. Bruce and Mike turned a nice 3-6-3 DP. Ziggy tracked down a pop up down the line in RF, turning a base hit into an out.

Best Regards,
Michael Spiel

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Academy Award Winning Highlights.

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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
8	SAT	23	KPP5	"Overcast and seasonably cool"	Luis vs The Zee-ity*	7-6 In 11 innings	BRUCE/ MIKE W BOBBY'S CONSULT
9	SUN	20	SCOOL YARD AFTER EMERGENCY MOVE	"Seasonal, blustery and chilly at points, sunny and delightful when the clouds broke and the wind subsided."	HONEYBOY LEDER* VS THE ZEITY	26-10	BOBBY/ LEE
		Net Weekend Turnout 44 -14=30 48% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/9 = $2.22 PG	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 62* 56% of 2021 Members	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 128* (New Record)	

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Game 8: SATURDAY 3.26.22 KPP5 BY GORDO

Allow me to begin the weekend highlights but first apologizing for the inaccurate highlights from last week, which were labeled, It's Finally Springtime. As we all know, our games are played at 9 a.m. and end approximately 11 a.m. Since the spring equinox didn't happen until 11:33 a.m. it is obvious that the game was the final game of winter, not the first game of spring. In the interior of the highlights, the description springlike was used. This is accurate. The rest is flat out wrong.

Now that we have corrected this delusion, let it be known that Saturday March 26, 2022 was the first game of spring. And it was spectacular. I'm not referring to the weather conditions, which were overcast and seasonably cool at KPP 5, but rather the competition itself. And the credit for that goes to the Commander of the High Seas, Captain Bruce, who pitted twelve against twelve with the visiting Z's facing off against the home side Lou's. An assist goes to Mike S.

The bottom of the first saw Fran drive one to left center for a double. Then the veteran tandem of L's; Lee, Lou and Leder provided offensive destruction. Coupled with the smooth hitting of Bryan, Ed and Brian, the home side plated two to take the lead.

The visitors were baffled by Lou's dazzling antics and started with four goose eggs. And Lou aided his own cause by blasting a bases clearing triple to put the home side up by five.

But slowly the worm turned and the visitors got one on the board. Rich, playing on a troubled wheel, sent a triple to the left side and was plated on an infield out. The following inning, Eric the U went deep to left center and he came around to score, cutting the lead to 5-2.

And then the following inning, Rich once again delivered a three bagger which drove in two and when he scored on the next at bat, it was all even at five.

At this point, the Zmeister was finding his groove and held the home side scoreless for five straight innings. But it would not have been that way if Dave hadn't made two sensational catches, first on Leder's bomb to left that saw a Gerbastaire pirouette and then a shoe string catch on a rocket hit by Bryan.

Emboldened by the dramatics, the bottom of the order, which hit the ball squarely all day, gave the visitors their first lead of the game. It was Steve, Roger and the Gary's, W and Z who led the charge.

But one good turn deserves another and Jeff, Matt, Dan and Bruce delivered the tying run in the bottom of the ninth.

But as fate would have it, one of the most popular guys in GNSB history delivered the blast that would bring home the winning run. The writer wishes to recuse himself from mentioning who that player is.

One final note; some suggested that this game was really a tale of two Spiels; one whose absence hurt his team, the other's did not. Sadly, Jon tweaked his shoulder on a relay throw. And as much as he tried to battle through it, he made the prudent decision to withdraw. And it was likely that his missing bat was the real difference. Conversely, in the bottom of the last inning, when Mike abandoned his team, Mike G. made the play of the game. With one out and the tying run on first, a ball was laced up the middle. Mike G., who bravely volunteered to take over the shortstop

responsibilities, laid out and snagged the hot smash and flipped it to second for the force. A bedazzled home side could muster no further resistance and the contest went to the Z's 7-6.

Game 9: SUNDAY 3.27.22 SCHOOL YARD BY GORDO

Sunday's game was scheduled for KPP 5 save for a torrential downpour on Saturday afternoon, which caused a last second transfer to the schoolyard. The weather was seasonal, blustery and chilly at points, sunny and delightful when the clouds broke and the wind subsided. As players reacted to the last second announcement and picked up their sneakers, the side makers went at it. Bobby and Lee had to make sides up on the fly as they were unsure who would show up. The start of the game was delayed fifteen minutes as the brain trust had at it.

The visiting Z's got off to a quick start by plating three. Balanced hitting by the top of the order starting with Hugh followed by Ed I., Vin, Luis and Bryan got the show on the road. The big blast was Bryan's rope that took a fortuitous bounce for a two RBI triple.

The home side Leder's got their act together in the second, plating five before the frame ended. Mario, Lee, Ed, Joe and Steve were integral in getting back to the top of the order where Jon, Zig, Ed H., Leder and Gordon held up their end of the stretcher.

The visitors responded with two in the top of the third to tie and after the home side scored one, they responded with a single run to keep matters close. And then the home team's hitting shoes high stepped it all over the field. Hit after hit came off the bats with Lee driving in runs in three consecutive at bats, Mario blasting a triple, Zig and Ed each roping rbi shots.

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The visitors tried to respond but the defensive work of Jon gunning out a runner at the plate dashed all hope for the beleaguered Z's. Despite four anemic hits by Vinnie, Bobby sending a shot deep to left and Brian hitting a round tripper, the home side was too good. They piled on runs in 8 of the next 9 innings, including an eight spot and when the asphalt had settled, the home side walked away with a lopsided 26-10 victory.

Next week is April and that means 8pril…all games will start at 8 a.m.

Highlights.

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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
10	SAT	17	SCHOOL YARD	Sunderful.	Luis vs The Zee/Honey Boy Leder*	20-11 In 11 innings	Lee
11	SUN	16	SCOOL YARD AFTER EMERGENCY MOVE	COLORFUL	HONEYBOY LEDER VS THE ZEITY*	21-14	BOBBY/ LEE
		Net Weekend Turnout 33 -13=20 32% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/11 = $1.82 PG	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 62* 56% of 2021 Members	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 130* (New Record)	

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OUR FREAKISH STREAK REACHES 130!!!
KUDOS TO ALL!

Game 10: SATURDAY 4.2.22 SCHOOL YARD BY GORDO

April is a delicate time of year for the GNSB. Their needed and venerated showers are wonderful for the fauna but often leave the faithful in a quandary. And this Saturday's 2022 inaugural 8 a.m. start suffered from such a fate.

On Friday evening, a much heralded but barely heeded foot soldier went to KPP to assess field conditions. His conclusion was that the fields were close and could use an additional hour to dry. Sage wisdom is only valuable if the recipients choose to receive it. Alas, the suggestion was discarded and the original plan was adhered to. I need not tell of the fiasco that followed. Onward and upward to the playground we went, minus nine players who dropped out owing to the last second scheduling change.

The reduced head count produced a spirited contest, sprinkled with fine defense and powerful offense. The sides were made by Bruce and Lee, not Bruce Lee. Lee packed one side with an explosive top of the order and pitted them against a rugged and well-balanced squad.

In the top of the first, the visitors got to work. Hugh, Ed, Leder, Gerb, Vinnie and Bryan lit up the home side for three. But the home side immediately responded with Brian, Lee, Luis, Mike G and Jack returning the favor.

The visitors scratched a run in the top of the inning and when the home side came to bat, the decision of the game was made. Z was having trouble finding his rhythm and the venerable captain Bruce handed the ball to Mr. Leder. Mark threw strike after strike but it was his fielding

that proved decisive. Like a cat, he snarled everything hit his way and the beleaguered home side could only muster eight runs in ten innings against a three outfield defense. Even attempts to push through with aggressive base running failed as Gordon pegged to Bruce to tag a darting Lee at the plate to end a rally. And Dave G. grabbed everything hit his way in Right Field including an over the shoulder grab near the fence.

On the other side, the visitors had their hitting shoes on and three was the number, scoring three runs in five of the eleven innings played. The big hitting star was Bruce who crushed a ball against the right field fence and then blasted a triple to the deepest part of the park in Left Center.

Game 11: SUNDAY 4.3.22 A-WOOD BY GORDO

Sunday's game was the first in some time at Allenwood and the conditions were magnificent. The colors of early spring and the spring of the pliant field were perfect. Why it was that some of the players signed up and didn't show up owing to a weather report that predicted rain after the game was over remains stupefying. Nonetheless, another 8 on 8 with three outfielders was played.

The visitors were let by Mark L. pitted against the home side Z's. In the home half of the first, Gordon went yard for the first of his two four baggers. A second two run inning by the home side in the second made the score 4-0. And then the visitors got rocking. Barry, Joe, Jack, Bryan, Mario , Leder, Steve, and Bobby went hog wild and when the inning was over, 11 had crossed the plate. This was the first double digit inning this year. Congratulations to them for that.

The home side went quietly in the bottom of the third and when the visitors put another on the board in the top of the fourth it looked like it was going to be a cakewalk. But then a delayed Ziggy arrived at the field. And whatever magic he brought, it was absolutely infectious.

With two outs, the Ed's I. and H respectively kept a rally alive and Zig drove in a run and all of a sudden the door was open a crack. Then Gordon went Right Center for a three run RBI Home Run and the door was kicked wide open. The home side received offensive contributions from Rob, Juan, Bruce and Z. and when the dust had settled they had scored 9 then 4 then 3 runs to take a 20-12 lead. The visitors scratched a few more runs but the final after ten was 21-11.

Congrats on all the warriors who make GNSB what it is.

19 DAYS LEFT UNTIL BEEPER BALL.
GREAT NECK WEEKEND SOFTBALL PLAYERS VS THE LONG ISLAND BOMBERS.
BRING THE FAMILY. FREE EATS FOR ALL. MEMORIAL FIELD, APRIL 24, 10:15 sharp

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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
	Canceled due to weather failure						
12	SUN	24	ALLENWOOD	COLORFUL	HIS JOHNER VS THE ZEITY*	12-7	BOBBY/ MIKE SP
		Net Weekend Turnout 24 39% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/12 = $1.67 PG	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 62* 56% of 2021 Members	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 129* (New Record)	

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OUR FREAKISH STREAK REACHED 129!!! LAST WEEK DESPITE AN OVER ENTHUSIASTIC REPORT. KUDOS TO ALL!

Game 12: SATURDAY 4.10.22 ALLENWOOD BY GORDO

Weekend Highlights:

Saturday's highlights belong to the KPP park staff, which worked diligently to prepare the field for a game. The infield was raked, leveled and the lines were fresh. The outfield was soft and easy on the knees. But alas, the game was called on account of _____ (Please fill in the blank).

Sunday's game at Allenwood was staged on another perfect field for play. The conditions were classic for this time of year, cool when the cloud covered and warm in sunlight. The game was played and well attended, a maximum 12 on 12 affair. Bobby put together a very competitive game that had the two teams either tied or within a single run for eight consecutive innings.

The visiting Z's could muster nothing in the top frame with any chance scoring squelched when Zig was gunned out at third on a beautiful relay to Mike G. who applied the tag.

The energized home side plated three in the opening frame. The Ed's I and H, combining with Mike, Mark, Vinny and Jack all provided solid hitting.

The visitors responded in the top of the second led by Kenny, Mario, Barry, Matt, Rob and Joe who supplied a personal offensive explosion of four hits.

The home side slowed down and when the visitors scored two in the top of the third, the lead changed hands. Dan, Z and Zig who also had four hits, led the charge.

The home side said, not so fast and Doug, Gary W., Steve, a first pitch swinging Judge, Juan and Bobby put the home side back in front by one.

And then the pitchers got stingy. Both the Judge and the Z were firing strikes of all speeds, shapes and sizes. Between the third and ninth inning, there was only one run scored by either side. The only consistent hitting being provided by the Vin, who blasted four hits.

The tying run was sent home on a drive by Gordon that barely eluded the deft fielding Juan at first base. And with the score tied at five the Z kept rolling putting goose eggs up in seven consecutive innings.

With time running short, the top of the tenth proved the Judge and companies undoing. First, Zig led off with a Texas league homer or perhaps a little league homer. Whatever you call it, the swift Zig touched them all and the Z's led by one. But that was only the tip of the iceberg. Kono, Mike S., Kenny, Mario, Gordon, Barry all got hits and

then it was Big Matt's turn. And he delivered in a big way, blasting a three run four-bagger to cap the seven run rally.

The visitors gamely threatened in the bottom of the last by scoring two. But the abyss was too wide and the final score of 12-7 doesn't accurately reflect a very close game.

Next weekend is an Ironman weekend. Of course, it remains to be seen if the Commissioner will recognize those that play all the games. I'm sure he'll do what's best….

Sent from a Motel Room in Emporia, Virginia

13 days left until BEEP BALL vs LI Bombers.
BRING THE FAMILY. FREE EATS FOR ALL. MEMORIAL FIELD, APRIL 24, 10:15 sharp

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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
13	FRI	17	KPP5	Soft underfoot, like a cake left out in the rain, under a ton of sun and bluetopian skies	HIS JOHNER VS THE ZEITY*	23-13	BRUCE/ BOBBY

14	SAT	19	KPP5	UNSUNNY AND COOL	THE BEEKEEPER * VS THE ZEE-ITY/ BRUCE	9-3	BRUCE/ MIKE SP
15	SUN	19	ALLENWOOD	UNCLOUDY BUT WINDY AND UN-WARM CAUSING THE NEED FOR HEAVY UNDER GARMENTS	HIS JOHNER* VS THE BEEKEEPER*	11-11	BOBBY/ MIKE SP
		Net Weekend Turnout 55-26=29 35% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/15 = $1.33 PG	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 84* 76% of 2021 Members	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 129* (New Record)	

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I'VE DONE SO MANY RELIGIOUS PUNS BEFORE PLUS I HATE TO REPEAT MYSELF, SO THESE HIGHLIGHTS ARE VERY UNINSPIRING, YET STILL PUN-INSPIRED. I APOLOGIZE.

Game 13 GOOD FRIDAY 4.15.22 KPP 5

HOME BOY, HONEY BOY LEDER'S 2 HOMEY RUNS TO UNKNOWN PARTS OF THE KPP5 OUTFIELD FOR 5 RBI AGAINST UNDERHANDED PITCHING, IS UNQUESTIONABLY THE HIGHLIGHT OF

THE GAME.

THE UNEQUIVOCAL DEFENSIVE STAR OF THE GAME IS ROB WURTZEL WHO MAKES 2 UNDENIABLY, UNCANNY .
CATCHES OF BALLS DRIVEN INTO THE UNINHABITED PARTS OF RCF. BOTH APPEARED UNREACHABLE TO HIS UNFORTUNATE, UNWASHED OPPONENTS.

THE UNSTOPPABLE MIKE G UNLEASHES 4 BOMBS TO VARIOUS UNSETTLED OUTFIELD TERRITORIES.

THE UNRIVAL-ED H REACHES BASE SAFELY EVERY TIME UP AS HE UNLOADS AT LEAST 4 HITS.

DOUG BECK MAKES AN UNFATHOMABLE GRAB OF A BALL OVER HIS HEAD AT 2B INTO RF. HE ALSO SMOKES AN UNMISTAKABLE HOME RUN AT THE PLATE TO COMPLEMENT HIS 3 OTHER HITS FOR THE DAY.

THE UNBELIEVABLE LUIS, UNCORKS A QUARTET OF HITS.

THE UNRELENTING GARY Z NOT ONLY UNPLUGS THE POWER IN HIS OPPONENTS BATS BUT, ELECTRIFIES THE FANS WITH 2 HITS OF HIS OWN.

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF THE HUGH WHO PROVES TO BE AN UNSAFE DRIVER AT ANY SPEED AS HE DRIVES HOME MULTIPLE RUNS WITH HIS HIS 4 SAFETIES.

Game 14 SATURDAY 4.16.22 KPP 5

BEEKEEPER LEDER HAS AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY ON THE MOUND. HIS UNHITTABLE PITCHES RENDER OPPOSING BATS TO BE UNPRODUCTIVE, UNRESPONSIVE AND UNDERWHELMING. HE KEEPS HIS OPPONENTS UNDER HIS

THUMB FOR 11 FRAMES ALLOWING 3 MEAGER R-UNS. NINE OF THE INNINGS WERE SHUTOUT INNINGS, WHICH WE SHALL CALL UN-NINGS.

KONO'S 4 HITS FOR THE LOSING SIDE IS UNSURPASSED, BUT MIKE G'S 3 HITS, 3 RBI, AND WEBGEM AT SS EARN HIM UNCHALLENGED MVP HONORS.
JEFF, HUGH, AND GORDO GET R-UN-NER UP FOR THEIR FINE PLAY.

Game 15: SUNDAY 4.17.22 ALLENWOOD ANOTHER "GNSB STUFF YOU JUST DON'T SEE IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES" AND GNSB FIRST:

THE UN-PIRE

FOR THE 1ST TIME IN GNSB'S RICH 32 YEAR HISTORY, A "DO OVER" WAS CALLED, AFTER ED H SMOKED A MAGNIFICENT LEADOFF HIT INTO RIGHT CENTER FIELD, BECAUSE THE UMPIRING STATION WAS UNMANNED! THUS THE HIT

WAS RULED UNSANCTIONED. HE THEN FLIED OUT ON THE DO OVER. THIS WAS UNCHARTED TERRITORY. IT HAD NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE. AFTER THE GAME YOUR COMMISSIONER CONCLUDED THAT THIS WAS UNFORGIVABLE. BASED UPON THE LOCATION OF THE BATTED BALLS THAT FOLLOWED, A RUN WOULD HAVE SCORED AND THE GAME WOULD BE TIED, AT LEAST. HE THEREFORE, IN AN UNPRECEDENTED, BUT SURELY NOT AN UNCONTROVERSIAL DECISION, PROCLAIMS AN 11-11 TIE FOR TODAY'S GAME. TROPHIES FOR EVERYONE!
(EXCEPT SINENO)
HE DOESN'T LIKE IT WHEN THE SCORES ARE UNEVEN, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE UNEVEN. EFFORTS TO UNTIE THE SCORE WILL BE UNFRUITFUL, BECAUSE ITS ALREADY IN THE HIGHLIGHTS.

BUT BESIDES ALL THAT, WE HAD ANOTHER GNSB CLASSIC FOR THE AGES. THE HOME TEAM SEEMED

UNCONQUERABLE AND LEAD 8-2 UNTIL THE VISITING NURSES UNIONIZED AND SCORED 8 RUNS IN THE 7TH INNING TO TAKE AN 11-8 LEAD.

THE UNPARALLELED ED H ALSO HAS 3 OTHER HITS AND MAKES 2 FINE RUNNING PLAYS IN LCF THAT OTHERS WOULD HAVE FOUND TO BE UNATTAINABLE.

LEE UNDOES A SURE HIT WITH A DIVING PLAY AT 2B AND NOT UNUSUAL FOR HIM, BANGS OUT 3 HITS.

UNSURPRISINGLY BARRY HAS A MULTI-HIT DAY INCLUDING A BIG RBI TRIPLE.

BOBBY W, NOT UNIMPRESSIVELY, CRASHES 3 HITS INCLUDING AN RBI DOUBLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE 8 RUN RALLY THAT HIS TEAM HAD UNDERWAY.

NOT TO BE OUTDONE, THE UNFLAPPABLE MIKE SP, AND THE UNCOMPLAINING

GORDO, ALSO HAVE MULI-HIT DAYS.

ED I TURNS A TAKE-IT-YOURSELF DP IN NOT AN UNEXCEPTIONAL MANNER, TO UNDERMINE THE OPPOSITION'S OFFENSE.

NOT UNCOMMONLY, THE OFTEN UNCONVENTIONAL AND UNINHIBITED, MARK LEDER BANGS OUT A TRIO OF HITS. PLUS IN THE LAST INNING, WITH A RALLY MOUNTING, HE INTERCEPTS AND DEFUSES A MISSILE HEADED FOR CENTERFIELD AND TURNS IT INTO A DOUBLE PLAY.

JUAN MAKES 3 UNINTERRUPTED PUTOUTS AT 2B IN 8TH INNING AND OF COURSE, FOLLOWS THAT BY LEADING OFF.

CATCHER GARY W MAKES AN UNDENIABLY FINE PLAY ON A SPINNING POP AT THE PLATE. HE ALSO UNLEASHES A KEY DOUBLE INTO CF TO HELP HIS TEAM BOUNCE BACK FROM A 5 RUN

DEFICIT.

THE UNQUALIFIED HITTING STAR OF THE DAY WAS VINNY BATTERIA, WHO HAD 6 HITS, 6 RBI AND SAID IT WAS THE BEST GAME OF HIS UNIQUE LIFE.

MY APOLOGIES FOR ANY HEROICS THAT WENT UNMENTIONED.

THE UNSUNG HERO FOR THIS HOLY WEEKEND WAS GORDON WHO BIKED TO THE DARK SIDE OF KPP AND GOT THE GNPD STAFF TO FIX A DANGEROUS OUTFIELD HOLE. THUS IT BECAME AN UNHOLY WEEKEND.

ALSO A SHOUT OUT FOR MARK LEDER WHO HELPED A FELLOW PLAYER AND FAMILY MEMBER, BIG TIME, THIS WEEKEND.

KUDOS TO THIS 3 DAY HOLY WEEKEND IRONMEN: BRUCE, GORDO, PLATA, LEDER

AND MOI.

I HOPE THAT YOU ALL HAD FUN WITH MY UNPUNS AND THESE UNINSPIRED HIGHLIGHTS INSPIRES YOU ALL TO PLAY. I'M JUST TRYING TO FOLLOW THE GOLDEN RULE OF DOING "UN"TO OTHERS.
UNCLE GARY UNLEVEN-THAL (FOR THIS WEEK ONLY) - TRYING TO KEEP THE UNS IN PUNS BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY HOPING THAT THE U.N. CAN ACHIEVE WORLD PEACE.
DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR THE BEEP BALL GAME NEXT WEEK VS LI BOMBERS. IT UNDER A WEEK AWAY

A GARDEN OF EARTHLY Highlights.The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 4/2322-4/2422
*DENOTES WP

2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
16	SAT	27	KPP5	Earthly delightful at times	HIS JOHNER/ LEE VS THE ZEE-ITY*/ LEDER/ BRUCE	17-3	BRUCE/ MIKE SP

17	SUN	24	ALLENWOOD	A FRIENDLY CLIMATE	HIS JOHNER* VS THE THE ZEEITY	4-3	BRUCE/W BOBBY CONSULT
		Net Weekend Turnout 51-14=37 43% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/17 = $1.18 PG	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 85* 77% of 2021 Members	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 129* (New Record)	

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IN HONOR OF EARTH DAY

Game 16 SATURDAY 4.23.22 KPP 5

THE ZEITY GREATLY REDUCES THE CARBON FOOTPRINTS OF PLAYERS RUNNING AROUND THE BASES WITH A MAGNIFICENT ONE RUN IN 10 INNING PERFORMANCE.

LEE'S RUNNING WEB GEM BEHIND 1B

PREVENTS SOIL EROSION CAUSED BY THE BALL DROPPING ONTO THE SOFT GROUND.
ARIK AT 3B DOES HIS PART IN SAVING THE PLANET, BY TURNING A SURE BASE HIT THAT WOULD HAVE CRUSHED COUNTLESS BLADES OF OUTFIELD GRASS, INTO A DP.
BOTH THE JUDGE AND THE ZEITY STRIKE TERRA FIRMA INTO THE HEARTS OF THE OPPOSITION BY BANGING OUT IMPRESSIVE HITS.
MIKE G, BRYAN, BRIAN, ARIK, LUIS, JACK AND ED POLLUTE THE OUTFIELD GRASSLANDS WITH MULTIPLE BASE HITS.

Game 17 SUNDAY 4.24.22 ALLENWOOD
EXCELLENT PITCHING PERFORMANCES BY HIS JOHNER AND THE ZEEITY CONTRIBUTE TO A HIT DROUGHT AND PUT RBI ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST.

GARY CH'S THROW OUT OF A RUNNER AT

HOME DEPLETES THE OPPOSITION'S RUN SUPPLY.

BRYAN BLACK'S WEB GEM AT SS WHICH RESULTS IN A DP CONSERVES THE ECOLOGICAL BALANCE BETWEEN THE 2 TEAMS.

LEE'S SURPRISE FAKE OUT AND THEN TAG OUT OF A RUNNER AT SS BIO-DEGRADES AN OFFENSIVE THREAT. GORDO PROVES TO BE A BAT-ANICAL FORCE OF NATURE. HIS WIND POWERED 2 RUN HOMER TO CF ABSOLUTELY DEFOLIATES THE OPPOSITION.

STEVE HERSHON HITS A HARMFUL UV-RAY OVER THE HEAD OF THE RC FIELDER FOR A 2 RECYCLABLE BAGGER.

BARRY HELPS STOP AN OVERPOPULATION OF HITS WITH A MAGNIFICENT BUT NOT A RARE GEM.

NO PLANTS OR ANIMALS HAVE BEEN HARMED IN THE WRITING OF THESE HIGHLIGHTS.

THE BEEP BALL GAME WAS TONS OF FUN AND A BIG SUCCESS. MORE TO COME ABOUT IT. THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME TO PLAY, WATCH, SUPPORT, AND HELP OUT.

MAYDAY Highlights.The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 4/30/22-5/1/22

*DENOTES WP

2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
18A	SAT	16	KPP5	Just a block away from Nirvana	HIS JOHNER * VS THE ZEE-ITY	12-11	MIKE SP
18B	Sat	18	KPP3	Ditto	Bruce VS Dan*	15-9	BRUCE
19	SUN	24	ALLENWOOD	Dry and on the verge of being T-Shirty	HIS JOHNER/ LEE VS THE LEDER*	11-4	BRUCE/W MIKE and BOBBY CONSULT
		Net Weekend Turnout 58-17=41 48% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/19 = $1.05 PG	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 86* 77% of 2021 Members	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 130* (New Record)	

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MONTH 130!

Game 18A SATURDAY 4.30.22 KPP 5 by Mike Sp.

A WALK OFF WINS IT

HOPEFULLY DETAILS WILL BE MAY THE FOURTH COMING

Game 18B SATURDAY 4.30.22 KPP 5

DESPITE A 9 PLAYER LINEUP WITH 5 LEFTIES THE BRUCIES COULDN'T RIGHT THEIR SHIP AS THE TIGHTY RIGHTIES RIGHTLY BEAT THE LOOSEY GOOSEY

LEFTIES 15-9.

SUPER JOE MAKES AN A-MAYS-ING OVER THE SHOULDER CATCH IN WAY DEEP CF. HAD HE DONE IT ON THE FOLLOWING DAY THEY WOULD HAVE CALLED HIM THE SAY MAY KID.* HE THEN REACHES INTO HIS BAG OF MATRIX AND MAKES A RUNNING, JUGGLING, GEM AND THEN SCHMECKS 4 HITS, ALTHOUGH THE OFFICIAL SCORER, MAY BEG TO DIFFER.

HONEY BOY LEDER, DESPITE HIS DEVIL MAY CARE MANNER, CREMATES 2 MONSTER HOMERS, ONE OF WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN THE FURTHEST DRIVE HIT BY ANYONE, ANYWHERE, THIS SEASON INTO SHORT CENTER FIELD…ON THE MIDDLE FIELD! (KPP4)

NOT TO BE UNDONE, LUIS DISPLAYS OVERT MAJOR LEAGUE TENDENCIES WITH 2 HOMERS (5RBI) OF HIS OWN, ONE AN ATOMICALLY CORRECT BOMB TO THE

RCF GAP, THE OTHER A JAW DROPPING, POTENTIALLY CAR DESTROYING, LIGHTENING BOLT OVER THE LCF FENCE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN THE HARDEST HIT BALL OF THE YEAR. HE ALSO GEMS AT 3B TWICE, ONE ON A DRIBBLER THAT MORTAL THIRD BASEMEN WOULD HAVE GIVEN UP ON. THE OTHER A BULLET OVER 3B, THAT FORCES HIM TO REACH DEEP INTO FOUL TERRITORY TO GRAB AND MAKE A PERFECT THROW ACROSS THE DIAMOND.

MATTHEW R IS PROVING TO BE A GNSB HIGHLIGHT MAIN STAY, AS HE CRACKS A HUGE DOUBLE AND A HUGER HOMER, AT LEAST.

ED R. SAYS MAY THE FOURTH HIT BE WITH ME AND IT IS, INCLUDING A DOUBLE AND A TRIPLE.

GORDO MAIMS AN INNOCENT CLINCHER WITH A FROZEN ROPED ONE HOPPED

GROUND RULE DOUBLE OVER THE LF FENCE AND 3 OTHER HITS. HE ALSO THROWS OUT AN INNOCENT RUNNER WHO WAS TRYING TO BUY A TRIPLE AT 3B.

BUT DESPITE ALL THE MAYHEM, THE MAJOR HIGHLIGHT IS THE RETURN OF RUSSELL, DRILLER, AND DRILLBIT JASON.
IT WAS SO GOOD TO SEE THEM BACK AND THEY PLAYED ASTONISHINGLY WELL.

Game 19 SUNDAY 5.1.22 ALLENWOOD

ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY, TO THE DISMAY OF OPPOSING PITCHERS, BEEKEEP LEDER SAYS HONEY, I'M HOME RUNNING, TWO MORE TIMES GIVING HIM FOUR 4 BAGGERS (8RBI) FOR

THE BEEKEND. HE ALSO ASKS, “MOTHER MAY I SHUTOUT THE VISITORS FOR THE LAST 7 INNINGS?” AND SHE SAYS YOU MAY.

GORDO PROVES TO BE A MAJOR FOUR-CE AS HE MAKES BASE SAFELY FOUR TIMES INCLUDING A 3 RUN TRIPLE. PLUS THE GUNNING DOWN OF HIS FELLOW WA WA SISTER AT 2B TRYING FOR A DOUBLE, EARNS HIM THE TITLE OF MATRON OF HONOR.

ITS GERBER MANIA, AS BIG DAVE DESPITE INJURIES, CRUSHES A BIG HR TO RF.

HOMERING OFF LEDER DEEPLEE INTO THE OUTFIELD IS LEE.

HIS JOHNER MAINTAINS ORDER WITH 3 GOLDEN GLOVE SNAGS OF LIFE THREATENING LAZERS TO THE MOUND

YOU MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE ENJOYED THIS WEEKEND'S HIGHLIGHTS. I REALIZE THAT YOUR SMILEAGE MAY VARY. APOLOGIES FOR HIGHLIGHTS NOT COVERED. MEA CULPA.

*** FOR YOU YOUNG-INS, WILLIE MAYS WAS KNOWN AS THE SAY HEY KID.**

QUESTIONABLE Highlights. The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 5/14/22-5/15/22

*DENOTES WP

2022 Game #	When?	How Many?	Where?	What were the Conditions?	Who Pitched?	What were the scores?	Who made the teams?
20A	SAT	18	KPP5	Defogger needed but not the Defroster	HIS JOHNER VS THE ZEE-ITY *	8-7	MIKE SP
20B	Sat	20	KPP3	Ditto	Scott* VS Dan/ Bruce	25-6	BRUCE
21	SUN	22	ALLEN WOOD	Ditto	HIS JOHNER* VS. THE ZEEITY	9-2	BRUCE and BOBBY

		Net Weekend Turnout 60-15=45 52% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG $20/21 = $0.95 PG A full nickel below the no-complaints allowed line	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 87* 78% of 2021 Members	Consecutive outdoor months played: 130* (New Record)	

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Game 20A SATURDAY 5.14.22 KPP 5

IF THERE ARE NO WRITTEN HIGHLIGHTS, WAS THERE GAME???

Game 20B SATURDAY 5.14.22 KPP 3

QUESTION 1:

HOW OFTEN DO YOU SEE A SAC FLY?

ANSWER: FAIRLY OFTEN

QUESTION 2:

HOW OFTEN DO YOU SEE A SAC FLY SCORE 2 RUNNERS?

ANSWER:

EXTREMELY RARE

QUESTION 3:

HOW OFTEN DO YOU SEE A SAC FLY

SCORE 2 RUNNERS FROM 1B AND 2B?

ANSWER:

NEVER BEFORE !!!

MATT R'S SUPER SAC IS HIT SO SUPER FAR THAT IT SCORES RUNNERS FROM 1ST AND 2ND AND BECOMES THE UNQUESTIONABLE

HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEKEND.

ALSO AIDING IN THE CONQUEST OF THE VISITORS WERE: ROOKIE RYAN'S ROCKING OF 3 HITS, INCLUDING A 2B AND 2 NOT TO B'S

WHAT ELSE

HAPPENED?

ED R HAD MULTIPLE HITS AND RBIS.

THERE WAS NO QUESTION MARK ABOUT THE ALWAYS QUESTIONABLE MARK LEDER'S DRIVE TO RCF WHICH HE SENT FOR A 2 RUN HOMER AND

MADE THE VISITORS CRY 96 TEARS (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xS7qvxm3FbM), BUT ALLOWED HIS MYSTERIONS TO TAKE A COMMANDING LEAD.

FAQS

- **HOW DID GORDON DO?**

4 HITS INCLUDING A 2B OR NOT 2B, AND A 3B, GIVING HIM 4 RBI. HE ALSO HAS A THROWOUT OF A RUNNER AT THE PLATE ON A RELAY, PLUS A THROWOUT OF A RUNNER AT 1B

ON ANOTHER RELAY FOR A DP.

- **DID ANY MORE PLAYERS RETURN FROM THE WINTER HIATUS?**

YES, SCOTT SMITH DID. HE SLUGGED 3 HITS AND WAS THE WINNING PITCHER. IT WAS GOOD TO

SEE HIM BACK.

- DID ANYONE ELSE GET 3 OR MORE HITS?

YES BRUCE GOT 3.

- WERE THERE ANY OFFENSIVE HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE VISITORS?

YES. HUGH HIT A

HUGE HR TO RCF.

- **WERE THERE ANY WEB GEMS?**

YES, SUPER JOE, MADE A DIVING PLAY IN RCF.

Game 21 SUNDAY 5.15.22 Allenwood

WERE THERE ANY NOTABLE PITCHING PERFORMANCES

YES HIS JOHNER, SHUTOUT THE VISITORS FOR THE 1ST 8 INNINGS AND GAVE UP VERY FEW HITS, TO GET THE WIN.

WERE THERE ANY

OUTSTANDING OFFENSIVE PERFORMANCES? YES ZIGGY WENT 5 FOR 5, INCLUDING A LEGAL TRIPLE AND AN ILLEGAL TRIPLE IN WHICH HE RACED AROUND THE BASES LIKE AN E**QUEST**RIAN ON A HORSE.

MIKE SMOLENS RETURNED AFTER BEING SEQUESTERED ALL WINTER AND HAD A FINE DAY IN THE FIELD, PLUS HE CRASHED A DOUBLE WHICH COULD HAVE GONE FOR MORE, BUT HE WAS

PLAYING IT CAUTIOUSLY AFTER HIS SURGERY.
IT WAS GREAT TO SEE HIM BACK.

WHAT WAS THE GAME'S BEST WEB GEM?

VINNIE BATTERIA, WHO WEARS

NUMBER QUESTION MARK, MADE A FINE RUNNING PLAY IN LEFT.

DID JOE SINENO REQUEST A DUES REFUND?

YES. BUT THAT'S RHETORICAL QUESTION.

WAS HE PRODUCTIVE AT THE PLATE?

YES, HE HIT A BIG DOUBLE.

DID ANY OTHER PLAYERS HAVE NICE HITS?

YES. MOST NOTABLY, PETE, RYAN AND MARK L. IN THEIR

QUESTS TO FOLLOW THAT STAR, NO MATTER HOW HOPELESS, NO MATTER HOW FAR. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0uTz7uur8I)

WERE THERE OTHER HIGHLIGHTS?

PROBABLY, BUT I

FORGET.

WHY?

CAUSE I'M OLD

Organic Highlights.**The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 5/2122-5/22/22**

*DENOTES WP

2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
22	SAT	23 after 9 Beauty School dropouts	KPP5	Well groomed by GNPD grounds crew!	The COMPOSTER BOY LEDER* VS THE ZEE-ITY/Roger	11-6	BRUCE
23	SUN	24	KPP5 DUE TO EXCESSIVE MUDDLES UNDERFOOT AT A-WOOD	DITTO	HIS JOHNER* VS THE THE ZEEITY	10-8	MIKE BRUCE/W BOBBY CONSULT
		Net Weekend Turnout 47-14=33 38% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/23 = $0.87 PG (13 CENTS BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 87* 78% of 2021 Members	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 130* (New Record)	

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Game 22 SATURDAY 5.21.22 KPP 5 COMPOSTED BY YOUR COMMISHUGANA

THE CAGE FREE MARK LEDER (HOW THEY EVER LET HIM OUT, I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND) GOES 5 FOR 5 BUT ALSO DE-LIVERS A FINE PITCHING PERFORMANCE.

JOE SINENO RUNS ALL OUT AND DIVES THROUGH THE AIR TO SNAG A SINKING LASER IN LCF. IT WAS AF IF HE WAS RUNNING ON KIDNEYS. (KID-KNEES).

MIKE G, THE NATURAL, AFTER HOMERING OVER THE HEADS OF UNNAMED OUTFIELDERS IS DARED TO DO IT AGAIN, WHICH HE DOES FOR A TRIPLE, SHOWING GREAT INTESTINAL FORTITUDE.

2BMAN PLATA GOES A LONG WAY BEHIND 1B TO MAKE A CLUTCH, DIVING, WEB

SNAG BEFORE THE BALL HAD A CHANCE TO GLAND ON EARTH AND DESTROY ANY ORGANIC MATTER ON THE GROUND.

BRUCE REALLY SHOWS A LOT OF HEART HANGING ON TO A WICKED 3RD STRIKE FOUL TIP BEHIND THE PLATE FOR A K.

KONO WAS IN A PRO-STATE OF MIND. LET ME EX-SPLEEN: HE COLLECTED 4 HITS.

JON SP TURNS 2 NICE DPS TODAY AT 2B TO HELP KEEP HIS TEAM'S LEAD SUSTAINABLE.

FLASH PAISNER 'S LUNG-E AFTER A LINER TO CF LEAD PEOPLE TO SUSPECT THAT HE'D BEEN GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOR SPEED.

IT WAS GOOD TO SEE MARTY K, WHO UNDOUBTEDLY TOOK ORGANIC CHEMISTRY COURSES, BACK IN ACTION

TODAY, AFTER HIATUS, SHOWING THAT HE STILL HAS THAT SWEET SWING.

Game 23 SUNDAY 5.22.22 KPP 5 FIELD SWITCH DUE TO ALLENWOOD BEING OVER MUDDLY
IN A VERY SE-SAW BATTLE IN WHICH THE LEAD CHANGED HANDS MORE TIMES THAN WE HAD TO SWITCH FIELDS THIS WEEKEND HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED:

KONO BANGS OUT 4 MORE HITS, MAKING HIM 8 FOR 10 FOR THE WEEKEND, LEADING TO RUMORS ABOUT HIS POSSIBLE IN-DUCT-ION INTO THE GNSB GALL OF FAME

ROGER HAS A VERY PRO-DUCT-IVE 6 FOR 8 WEEKEND.

PLATA DE-DUCTS A HIT FROM A BATTER WITH A GEM ON A SINKING DEATH RAY AND NATURALLY PRESERVES HIS TEAM'S LEAD.

THE ORGAN PLAYED 'WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS' FOR MIKE SMOLENS WHO HAS A DOUBLE, DOUBLE-DAY AND STARS IN THE FIELD. HE MAKES ALL 3 ASSISTS IN

THE 1ST INNING ALONE AT 2B.

6 PLAYERS PEE IN THE BUSHES TODAY. NORMALLY I DON'T RIGHT ABOUT SUCH THINGS, BUT SINCE IT MADE THEIR BLADDERS GLADDER, IT FITS IN WITH THE THEME.

WHILE OTHERS WERE EMPTYING THEIR BLADDERS AND PEEING IN THE BUSHES ZIGGY WAS D-PEEING ON THE FIELD AS HE PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE IN 4 DOUBLE PLAYS, ONE A LEAPING GRAB OF A ROCKET THAT CATCHES A DAZED RUNNER OFF 2B, ANOTHER WAS A BACKHANDED GEM THAT LED THE ORGANIST'S PLAYING OF GOOD G-LOVIN BY THE RASCALS

BOBBY WHO NEEDS NO INTRO-DUCT-TION CRACKS 3 HITS.

DESPITE THE VERY LOUD, VOCIFEROUS, BOISTEROUS AND EXCESSIVE USE OF

PLAYER'S VOCAL CHORDS TODAY, THERE WAS A LOT OF GOOD ORGANIC CHUM-ISTRY AMONGST THE PLAYERS.

NO PRESERVATIVES OR ANTIBIOTICS WERE USED IN THE WRITING OF THESE HIGHLIGHTS. APOLOGIES FOR THINGS MISSED DUE TO A SHRINKING BRAIN.

THANKS AS ALWAYS, TO BRUCE, MIKE SP AND BOBBY FOR ORGANIZING THE FIELDS AND TEAMS.

REMINDER THERE'S AN ADDED GAME THIS FRIDAY. SIGN UP.

Flagged Highlights. The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star

Dates 5/27/22-5/30/22

*DENOTES WP

2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	TEAM MAKERS
24	FRI	24	A-WOOD	GROOVY IN BOTH SENSES OF THE WORD	ROGER/THE COMPOSTER BOY LEDER VS THE ZEE-ITY*/LUIS	12-9	BRUCE WITH BOBBY'S CONSULT
25A/B	SAT	25	KPP5	Well groomed THANKS to GNPD grounds crew!	Zee*/Leder/ Roger/ Bruce vs DougBee/ Lee	14-6	LEE/W BRUCE'S CONSULT
26	SUN	24	A-WOOD	DRIED, RED AND READY	HIS JOHNER* VS THE ZEEITY*	14-14	BOBBY AND LEE
27A	MON	20	KPP5	WEATHER WITH A STARRING ROLE	HIS JOHNER VS THE ZEEITY*/ LEE	13-11	MIKE

27B	MON	22	KPP3	DITTO	SCOTT* VS LEDER*	9-9	BRUCE
		Net Weekend Turnout 115-63= 52 58% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/27 = $0.74 PG (26 CENTS BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 90* 81% of 2021 Members	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 130* (New Record)	

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Game 24 FRIDAY 5.27.22 ALLENWOOD BY GORDO

Great Neck Softball Weekend Softball was treated to a rare four day Memorial Day weekend extravaganza. Owing to huge demand, a Friday game was added at Allenwood Park. The field conditions were perfect; the weather was cool and overcast as the visiting Rodgers faced off against the mighty Z's.

The game started with Mike Smolens belting the first of his three hits. Hugh, Alex and Kono kept hope alive for Barry, Jack, Leder and Mario. When the dust had settled, the visitors had plated three.

The home side was led by Ziggy, who blasted four hits. His first inning single and subsequent offensive behavior by Ed, Bryan and the Great Gerbaski, who slammed three hits himself, led to a run.

The bottom of the order came up for the visitors and Mark K., Jeff, Roger and Bobby answered with a run of their own, putting the visitors ahead by three heading into the bottom of the second. From there, the pace slowed down immeasurably as both Roger

and Z seemed to lose their compasses and the first three innings dragged on for close to an hour.

Seemingly lulled into a somnambulistic state, the home side shook off their doldrums when Leder came in and found the plate and went Memorial Day wild by plating 10 runs over the next three innings. The major offense came from Bryan, who shook off the cobwebs from his bat and bashed a bases clearing triple to start the rampage.

The home side then handed the ball to the screwball knuckleball throwing Lou, who promptly dispatched the visitors with holiday efficiency. The visitors did get 3 across in the ninth and one in the tenth but when the curtain came down on game one, the home side basked in a hard fought 12-9 victory.

Game 25A/B SATURDAY 5.28.22 KPP 5 BY GORDO

Saturday saw a shift to Kings Point Park and the second of the four game set. The home side started Gary Z., while the visitors sent Doug B. to the hill. The field was in excellent shape and the sun warmed the field and gave right fielders angst whenever a fly ball was sent in their direction.

It started out as a classic pitcher's duel. Z shut down the visitors with one run allowed through 6 while Doug held the home side to 3 over the same time. But in the 7th, the Memorial day fireworks started. The visitors platted six with a balanced attack featuring Brian and Bryan. Also contributing were Mike G., Lee, Jack, Vinny, Gary Ch., Steve, Jeff and Barry D. Joe Sineno allegedly also hit well, informing this writer that he was five for five. A forensic evaluation of that assertion suggests otherwise.

The home side was undaunted however and responded with three of their own. Marco, Hugh, Mike, Mark, Harlan, Ed, Roger, Bruce, Juan and Bobby all swung with swagger and the score stood 7-6 going into the ninth. Pitchers included Leder/Roger and Bruce. For the visitors, Lee spelled Doug B for a few innings. The visitors scratched one across and then exploded for four more in the tenth. The beleaguered home side could only muster a late inning rally that would fall short. Two days down, two more to go.

Game 26 SUNDAY 5.29.22 ALLENWOOD BY YOUR OUT OF COMMISSION COMMISHUGANA

OH THUS BE IT EVER! ANOTHER GNSB CLASSIC!

VIZZIES TRAILED 13-1 AFTER 2 INNINGS BUT THEY BRAVELY REFUSED TO RAISE THE WHITE FLAG AND AS THE GAME UNFURLED, THEIR COACHES, SO PROUDLY THEY WAVED THEIR RUNNERS AROUND THE BASES TO TIE IT UP!!! WOWZERS WITH UNCLE SAM'S TROWSERS.

HAVING BANNER DAYS WERE:

- **DAVE G HIT A GRAND OLD, HIGH FLYING BLAST THAT WENT OVER HILL, OVER DALE AND OVER JOE FOR A 3 RUN HOMER**
- **BRYAN BLACK MAKES THE OPPOSITION BLUE WITH A BASES LOADED BOMB BURST THAT WENT FOR A TRIPLE**
- **LEE HAD Q'WHITE A BLAST- A BASES LOADED TRIPLEE TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI.**
- **THE HIGH FLYING JOE SINENO, SHOWING SOME OF HIS OLD GLORY, SMASHED A MIGHTY HOME RUN TO RF**
- **MARCOS STARRED WITH A LASERED DOUBLE INSIDE THE LF STRIPE**
- **LEDER TRIPLED, THEN SCORED THE TYING RUN (14-14). THE PLAYER WHO DROVE HIM HOME REMAINS AT LARGE, BUT AUTHORITIES ARE HOPEFUL THAT HE'LL TURN HIMSELF IN.**

Game 27A MONDAY5.30.22 KPP 5 BY MIKE SP

Great Memorial Day game! The Z's outlasted the Hunts 13-11. Despite the number of runs scored, it was all hitting. Very few errors in a crisp 8 inning game. Mike and Alex led the way with 4 hits each for the Z's. For the Hunts, Ziggy and Kono crushed 4 hits each and Vinny added 3 hits. Fine defense all around, Mike robbed Kono of a sure hit on a one hop laser in the hole at short. Rob W made a couple of web gems at 2b. Mike G started a nice DP at 3b 5-4-3. Mike Smolens flashed some leather at 3b as well. Z got the win on the mound with Lee picking up a save the last 2 innings and catching a pop up, athletically getting off the mound.

Game 27B MONDAY 5.30.22 KPP 3 BY GORDO

The final day of the four day hootenanny saw a boisterous turnout and two fields were used at Kings Point Park on a warm Memorial Day finale. Field B, which of late seems to be the more popular of the two games as the conduct is far more consistent with ethical behavior, saw the visiting Smitherines vs. the home side Lederettes. And this was a pitchers duel par excellence. The two sides battled in a tight defensive struggle

through 11 innings, which saw the home side leading by the score of 5-2. It looked hopeless until Gordon blasted a three run homer to tie the score. Ryan followed with a three run four bagger next inning and it looked like the visitors would have the day.

Not so fast exclaimed the home side. Joe S. (who once again informed the writer of his hitting prowess which seemed hard to substantiate) followed by Harlan, Ed, Leder, Marcos, Mario, Barry, Jeff, Roger, Juan and Dan unleashed a Memorial Day fireworks explosion and despite being left for dead, showed their patriotic form managing to tie the score in the bottom of the thirteenth.

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EXTRA GAME ALERT:
THERE'S AN ADDED GAME MONDAY JUNE 20 WHICH IS THE FEDERAL HOLIDAY FOR JUNETEENTH. SIGN UP.

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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scones	TEAM MAKERS
28A	SAT	18	QPP3	FIT FOR A QUEEN MAJESTIC DAY WITH NO REIGN	BEEBOY LEDER* VS THE ZEE-ITY	22-10	JUBI-LEE WITH BOBBY'S CONSULT
28B	SAT	19	QPP5	FIT FOR A QUEEN MAJESTIC DAY WITH NO REIGN	Luis* vs Scott	13-7	LEE/W BRUCE'S CONSULT
29	SUN	24	A-WOOD	FIT FOR A QUEEN REGAL WITH NO REIGN	THE BEEKEEPER MARK/ MR QUESTION MARK VS ERIC THE DODGER*	33-5 (NOT A MISPRINT) AND WRITTEN LARGE ENOUGH SO THE QUEEN CAN SEE IT WITHOUT HER GLASSES	BOBBY / BRUCE

		Net Weekend Turnout 61-17= 44 49% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/29 = $0.69 PG (31 PENCE BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 31 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 90* 81% of 2021 Members	Consec-utive outdoor months played: 131* (New Record)	

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MONTH 131 IS IN THE BOOKS!!!
AS A TRIBUTE TO QE2'S 70TH YEAR ON THE THRONE, MANY ACTIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS ARE TAKEN FROM WORDS WITHIN { QUEEN ELIZABETH}

HERE'S THE REST OF THE TALE. { QUEEN ELIZABETH}

Game 28A SATURDAY 6.4.22 QUEENSPP

VISIGOTHS ELIZA-BEAT-H THE HOME TEAM ROYALLY 22-10 AS THE BAND PLAYS "WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS" BY QUEEN

ALEX BECOMES THE DUKE OF EARLY MORNING SOFTBALL WITH 2 HOME RUNS - ONE OVER THE LCF FENCE, THE OTHER TO CF DEATH VALLEY, IN WHICH HE BLAZE-D { QUEEN ELIZABETH} AROUND THE BASES. HE ALSO HAD 2 OTHER HITS { QUEEN ELIZABETH} AND MADE A LEAPING GEM AT SS.

LORD OF THE BEES LEDER, HOMERED TO THE OPPOSITE FIELD AND TRIPLED TO HELP GUIDE HIS TEAM GET INTO THE HOUSE OF WINS-OR.

LORD OF THE F-LIE-S, THE LITHE
{ QUEEN ELIZABETH} PRINCE PAISNER, MAKES HIS PATENTED SLIDING CATCH IN CF TO PILFER ANOTHER HIT. { QUEEN ELIZABETH}

THE REGAL JON Z CAUSED A BLITE { QUEEN ELIZABETH} UPON OFFENSIVE BATS MAKING ALL 3 PUTOUTS IN CF IN THE 7TH INNING.

YOU CAN ALWAYS BET { QUEEN ELIZABETH} ON DAVE GERBER TO HAVE A GOOD GAME. HE CONNECTS FOR 3 HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE PLUS WALKS TWICE.

NON-UNION JACK, JACKS 4 HITS. (QUEEN ELIZABETH)

THERE'S OFTEN A QUESTION MARK ON PRINCE VINCE, BUT HE HAS A GREAT 1B, 2B, 3B DAY

WE HAVE TO DOFF OUR HATS { QUEEN ELIZABETH} TO MIKE SMO, TO WHOM BY MY VISCOUNT, FIELDED 4 BALLS IN A ROW, FOR PUTOUTS OR ASSISTS

OF COURSE I WOULD NEVER BYPASS THE DREADED DR ED WHO GAVE THE OPPOSITION HEART PALPITATIONS, DESPITE HIS PROFESSION, WITH HIS 3 HITS. { QUEEN ELIZABETH}

ALSO HAVING MULTIPLE HIT DAYS BY VISCOUNT WERE ESQUIRE ED H, THE MARQUIS KONO, INCLUDING 4 RBI, PRINCE PAISNER, AND LORD LEE, INCLUDING A MASSIVE TRIPLE.

Game 28B SATURDAY 6.4.22 QUEENSPP 3 BY GORDO
A delightful June morning saw the home side Lou's facing off against the visiting Scottsmen. And the boys got into it early. In the top of the first, with the bases loaded, Dan ranged into foul territory to snag a foul pop to end the inning. But Wait! What's this? The umpire "heard" the ball skim a leaf and negated the out, giving the visitors another chance. But Alan said, "not in my house" and made a sensational play on a screaming grounder to put out the fire.

There is an old saying, let sleeping dogs lay. Well, this adage applied to an animated Lou who promptly sent a double deep to right center that plated two. And an inning later, the big Dog went yard, driving in three. A veritable one man wrecking crew.

Staking himself to an 8-0 lead after two, the visitors loaded the bases. But once again were denied by the defensive prowess of the second baseman, the aforementioned Alan Z. By making a tough grab deep in the hole, the visitors were stymied again. And his valuable play was not just with the glove. Alan drove in two the following at bat with a crisp single to left center. The other participants in the three consecutive four run innings included; Russ, Hugh, Ryan (who crushed them from foul line to foul line), Ben, Gary W. and Danimal.

Staked to a 12-0 lead after three, the visitors regained their composure and started strafing bombs of their own. Harlan hit a blast in the fourth and then again in the sixth. Joe, who is finally living up to the moniker Super Joe, drilled the ball with acumen. And as the game headed to the final innings, the lead was cut in half. The balanced hitting, a result of the skill displayed by the likes of Scott, Johnny V.,Juan, Jeff Bashthem, Barry, Steve and Cousin Brucie.

The visitors fought furiously and cut the lead to five but when the home side tacked on a run, the visitors were out of ammo and succumbed to their fate. Final score 13-7.

Game 29 SUNDAY 6.5.22 A-WOOD PALACE

VISITING TOURISTS MARCH THRU THE MON-ARCH DE TRIOMPHE WITH 33 RUNS AND THEY ARE ELATE-D. (QUEEN ELIZABETH)
MEANWHILE AN EMPIRE IS OVERTHROWN!
(THOUGH NO THROWS WENT OVER HIS HEAD)

CONTRIBUTING TO THE JUBILEE WERE:

- **THE VERY ABLE SIR MIKE SMOLENS, WHO BELT-ED 7 HITS (QUEEN ELIZABETH)**
- **SIR PETE OF QUEENS WITH 4 HITS (QUEEN ELIZABETH)**
- **THE UNIQUE SIR KEN WITH 4 HITS (QUEEN ELIZABETH)**
- **SIR BRUCE WHOSE BAT CONNECTED FOR 4 HITS (QUEEN ELIZABETH)**
- **SIR KONO WHO HAD THE "QUEEN"ESSENTIAL" DAY WITH 8 HITS (QUEEN ELIZABETH)**
- **SIR RYAN OF BAGEL ROYALTY, WHO BLASTED A GRAND DAME OF A SLAM , A DOUBLE AONG WITH 3 OTHER HITS AND HELPED HIS TEAM BE QUEEN VICTORIOUS**
- **SIR BRUCE, WHO ABETTED HIS TEAM WITH 4 HITS. { QUEEN ELIZABETH}**

MEANWHILE THE DEFENDERS OF THE CROWN

DISPLAY SEVERAL CROWN JEWELS, (WORTH MORE THAN ANY GOLD GLOVE OR WEB GEM), AS THEY EXECUTE 5 DOUBLE PLAYS WITH ZEAL. JOHNNY V(2B) AND BRUCE(1B) WERE PART OF ALL 5. MIKE SMOLENS(SS) WAS PART OF 4 AND IT HAS THEIR TEAM IN A STATE OF BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY.

HAIL (QUEEN ELIZABETH) ERIC THE DODGER, WHO IS CORONATED WINNING PITCHER, WITH A FINE 5 RUN OUTING, AS MANY EXCELLENT PITCHES WERE THRONE.

EVEN AN EMPRESS WOULD BE IMPRESSED

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30A	SAT	16	KPP3	CON-SIDERABLE CLOUD COVER	THE LEE-ITY* VS THE ZEE-ITY	12-9	MIKE SP
30B	SAT	20	KPP5	DITTO	Bruce/ DougB vs Scott*	17-5	BRUCE
	SUN	RAINED OUT	A-WOOD	EXCESSIVE CONDENSATION ON FIELD AT GT			BOBBY / BRUCE

		Net Weekend Turnout 36=40% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/30 = $0.67 PG (33 CENTS BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 33 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 90 81% of 2021 Members	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 131* (New Record)	

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Game 30A SATURDAY 6.11.22 KPP CON-COCTED BY MIKE SPIEL

The Fighting Tannenbaums beat the Z's 12-9. Jumping out to a big lead early, the T's got hitting from the father and son team Arik and Seth, who by my account, on the only father and son duo to go back to back with a triple. They both crushed the ball all game and backed it up with fine defense. Seth made several sparkling plays at 2b and Arik turned back the clock with a diving stop at 3b. Lee had 3 hits and only walked one batter in 9 innings. Dave G led the way for the Z's with 3 hits. Lots of good defense on the day. Mike Smolens made several nice plays at 3b. Kono tracked down a few bombs in CF with nice running catches. The play of the year goes to Ed, who laid out in a full dive and caught a line drive in LF.

Game 30B SATURDAY 6.11.22 KPP 3 CON-COCTED BY THE CON-COCTER.
SCOTT CON-FUSES OPPOSING BATTERS BY GIVING THEM A STEADY DIET OF BALLS OVER THE PLATE, TO ALLOW ONLY 5 CON-FIRMED RUNS

GORDO THE CON-TRARIAN, CON-TINUES HIS HEAVY HITTING BY CON-NECTING FOR A TRIPLE, A DOUBLE, AND TWO SINGLES, CON-TRIBUTING MIGHTILY TO HIS TEAM'S CON-QUEST OF THEIR FOES.

JUAN PLATA ALMOST LOSES CON-SCIOUSNESS AFTER MAKING A LEAPING ONE HANDED WEB GEM IN RF, THEN FALLING BACKWARDS AND CON-KING THE BACK OF HIS HEAD ON THE GROUND. WHILE STILL HOLDING ONTO THE BALL. FORTUNATELY WE WERE NOT PLAYING ON CON-CRETE AND THERE WAS NO CON-CUSSION, ACCORDING TO CONVENING MEDICAL CON-SULTANTS. PLATA ALSO CON-JURED UP 4 HITS IN THE GAME.

THROW THE CON-FETTI FOR BARRY D WHO CON-FIDENTLY THROWS OUT A RUNNER WO WAS TRYING TO CON-VERT A SINGLE INTO A DOUBLE.

THE CON-SISTENTLY SPECTACULAR ELMER, RIPS 3 HITS INCLUDING A TRIPLE, WITHOUT CON-TRITION

SUPER JOE SHOWED CON-TEMPT FOR A WELL MEANING CLINCHER,
AS HE BATTED AND BATTERED ITS BRAINS OUT, WITHOUT CON-SOLATION, 4 TIMES FOR BASE HITS.

IT WAS GREAT TO SEE THE DYNAMIC FATHER AND SON DUO OF IRA AND HIS CON-CEPTION ANDREW, BACK PLAYING IN TODAY'S SOFTBALL CON-TEST AFTER MANY CON-TIGUOUS MONTHS OF HIATUS. BOTH PLAYED WELL IN THE FIELD AND AT BAT. ANDREW CON-FISCATED 2 SURE BASE HITS FROM BATTERS AT SS AND RBI DOUBLED AT THE PLATE.

MARTY KOHN, THE "CON-SULTANT OF SWAT", WHO WE'LL RENAME MARTY CON-E JUST FOR TODAY, WAS ALSO THERE, AFTER MISSING A BUNCH OF CON-SECUTIVE DATES. REVIEWS WERE ALL PRO AND NO CONS UPON SEEING HIM.

ALSO HELPING TO CON-TAIN AND CON-FOUND THE OFFENSIVE WERE DOUG B WHO GEMMED A BULLET TO THE MOUND AND ALAN Z WHO MADE A CON-FECTIONER'S DELIGHT IN RF, A SWEET RUNNING PLAY OF A BALL JUST OVER THE GLOVE OF ANOTHER OUTFIELDER IN FRONT OF HIM.

BUT THERE WERE MORE STARS IN OUR CON-STELLATION. ALSO CON-GRATULATE SCOTT, JOHNNY V, AND ED R, ALL OF WHOM HAD MULTI-HIT GAMES.

THERE WERE 2 RUN CON-SERVING 6-6-3 DPS MADE BY CON-SUMMATE SS JOHNNY V TO STEVE HERSHON AND AN AROUND THE HORNER, FROM THE CON-SISTENT GORDO TO STEVE ON A LINER.

ON ANOTHER NOTE, THE AMOUNT OF TRASH CON-VERSATION FROM THE WAH-WAH CON-SORTIUM WAS SIMILAR TO AN OLD TIME CON-EY ISLAND FREAK SHOW. BUT IN CON-CLUSION A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.

Game 31 A-WOOD 6.12.22 CON-FLICT RAINED OUT BY POPULAR DEMAND. DUE TO EXCESSIVE CON-DENSATION AT GAME TIME.

AFTER CAREFULLY COUNTING THE OUTS, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THERE WAS NO WRONG DOING IN THE TABULATION OF THE OUTS AND SCORES AND THERE WAS A PEACEFUL TRANSITION FROM INNING TO INNING, DESPITE CALLS TO STOP THE CON.
GLARING COMMISSIONER OMISSION FROM LAST WEEKS HIGHLIGHTS: GORDON SELFLESSLY PLAYED AN EXTRA INNING ON KPP5 AFTER HIS GAME ON KPP3 WAS OVER, SINCE A PLAYER WAS NEEDED AFTER ANOTHER HAD LEFT. HE HARDLY PRESSURED ME IN ANY WAY TO GIVE HIM CREDIT FOR THIS. BTW THIS MAKES HIS PPG GO DOWN, THUS HIS COMPLAINT FEE WILL BRING US EVEN MORE REVENUE.

BEFORE THE WAH-WAH SISTERS EVEN SAY IT, THIS CON WILL BE CON-TINUED…

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR THE MONDAY, JUNETEENTH GAME.

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31A	SAT	16	KPP3	SWIRLING WINDS CAUSING DUST EDDYS ALL OVER THE INFIELD THOUGH MOST EDDIE'S WERE IN THE OUTFIELD	THE LEE-ITY* VS THE ZEE-ITY	12-9	LEE
31B	SAT	20	KPP5	DITTO	Bruce*vs Scott	12-8	BRUCE

32	SUN	22	A-WOOD	SEVERE SUN SPOT GLARE INTERFERING WITH MESSAGES FROM BEYOND	ERIC THE CRAWFORD* VS HONEY BEE BOY LEDER	13-8	BOBBY / BRUCE
33	MON JUNETEENTH-FED HOLIDAY	20	KPP5	SORRY I ONLY REMEMBER THE FUTURE NOT THE PAST, BUT I THINK IT WAS FAIRLY FAIR	HIS JOHNER* VS THE ZEE-ITY	14-9	BRUCE/ LEE
		Net Weekend Turnout 78-32=46 51% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/33 = $0.61 PG (39 CENTS BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 39 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 90 81% of 2021 Members	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 131* (New Record)	

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SINCE *IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT SEVERAL GNSB PLAYERS HAVE THE GIFT OF TELEPATHY* ***THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS PAST WEEKEND'S JUNETEENTH IROMAN WEEKEND WERE SENT OUT TELEPATHICALLY ON MONDAY, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE JUNETEENTH GAME. THESE ARE FOR THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE TELEPATHIC POWERS.***

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KUDOS TO THE 7 FIRST EVER JUNETEENTH WEEKEND IRON-MEN, WHO PLAYED ALL 3 DAYS.

BRUCE, GORDON, MARK LEDER, MARIO, MIKE SMOLENS, STEVE HERSHON, AND GARY W

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Game 31A SATURDAY 6.18.22 KPP

A MYSTERY THAT NO ONE COULD HAVE FORETOLD OR HAS YET TO REVEAL. I TRIED TO GET THE HIGHLIGHTS THROUGH THOUGHT TRANSFER BUT MY MEDIUM WAS ON THE DOWN LOW.

Game 31B SATURDAY 6.18.22 KPP3 WITH REPORTS FROM BEYOND (THE 8TH INNING) BY GORDO

ONE NEED NOT BE CLAIRVOYANT TO PREDICT THAT JASON, HUGH, HARLAN, RUSSELL, GARY CH AND GORDON WOULD HAVE 3 HIT DAYS.

GARY W PROVES TO BE A DEFENSIVE SAVANT AT MULTIPLE POSITIONS. HE INTUITIVELY THROWS OUT A RUNNER A 3B AS CATCHER, THEN LATER, BECAME A VISIONARY IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONING AS HE REACHES HIGH TO SNAG A HIGH POWERED BULLET AT 2B.

RYAN K SHOWED HE WAS A SEER OF WHERE THE OUTFIELDERS WERE PLAYING HIM, AS HE BLASTED A HUGE TRIPLE OVER THEIR HEADS.

CLIFF, SEEMING TO HAVE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF WHERE A BALL WAS GOING TO BE, MADE A REAL NICE GRAB OF A FOUL POP BEHIND 3B. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE HIM BACK IN ACTION AFTER A HIATUS DUE TO HEALTH CONCERNS.

Game 32 SUNDAY 6.19.22 A-WOOD

CAPTAIN OF THE FAR-SIDE LEE, WAS THE SUPER-NATURAL TODAY, CRUSHING 2 HOME RUNS, IN ADDITION TO CRACKING 2 OTHER HITS, GIVING HIM 5 RBI ON THE DAY. IT WAS AS IF HE HAD A PREMONITION AS TO WHERE THE DEFENSE WOULD BE POSITIONED.

THE FOREBODING ARIK K, USES HIS SUPER-SENSORY POWERS TO LEVITATE A BALL HIGH UP ONTO THE SECOND GRASSY KNOLL FOR A MONSTER TRIPLE TO GO ALONG WITH HIS 3 OTHER FARSIGHTED HITS.

BOBBY MAKES A RUNNING GEM IN RCF THAT WAS WORTHY OF BEING SHOWN ON ESP-N.

OH MAN! GIVE PETE AND AMEN FOR AN EXCITING SLIDE AT HOME PLATE, BECAUSE THAT COULD'VE BEEN AN OMEN FOR FUTURE PAIN.

MARIO HAD A SIXTH SENSE (AS OPPOSED TO THE NO SENSE MOST OTHERS DISPLAYED) TODAY ABOUT WHERE TO POSITION HIMSELF AT 3B. 3 TIMES IN ROW IN THE VERY FIRST INNING AND TWICE MORE DURING THE GAME, HE FIELDED THE BALL AND STEPPED ON 3B FOR UNASSISTED PUTOUTS.

J-RO WAS PSYCHIC ABOUT WHERE TO HIT THE BALL AS HE STRATEGICALLY PLACED 5 HITS TO PLACES WHERE NO FIELDERS COULD BE FOUND.

PRETTY DP'S WERE PERFORMED BY ARIK TO ROB 5-5-4, AND GORDO TO BRUCE 6-6-3 SHOWING THEY HAD THE FORESIGHT TO KNOW WHERE RUNNERS WERE.

FOUR HIT DAYS WERE ALSO SEEN FROM MARIO, KONO, AND GORDO BUT MOST PLAYERS IN THE KNOW, PROBABLY DIDN'T NEED TO HAVE ANY FOUR-SIGHT THAT THIS COULD HAPPEN.

Game 33 MONDAY JUNETEENTH 6.20.22 KPP5 BY GORDO

It was the final morning of spring, one day before the summer solstice. Additionally, it was the first June Ironman weekend in GNSB history owing to the recently added Juneteenth holiday. And with that as a backdrop, twenty softball warriors faithfully gathered at KPP 5 under a clear sky with seasonably cool conditions, in short, a perfect day to "Play Ball".

The visiting Z's squared off against the home side Johners. And early in the contest, the bats were on fire. Starting with the Paise, followed by Mike Smolens, Lee and big Lou, the home side sprinted off to a quick 2-0 lead.

In the home half, Herr Lederhosen said, let me show you how it's done. And by the time the outfield was able to retrieve the ball in deep right center, the aforementioned Mr. Leder was smiling in the dugout after a monster three run homer.

A scoreless second ensued and then the Z's plated another pair, the big hits being rbi doubles by Lee and Ed I. Undaunted, a riled up Alex crushed an rbi triple and when he was delivered by Mike G., the home side was once again in front by one.

His Johner set down the Z's in the top of the fourth. His effort was rewarded when the home side plated a pair. The big blast to center field coming from Gordon.

It looked like the home side was starting to pull away. But NOOOO. With the bases loaded, Doug B. courageously slammed a 3-0 pitch up the middle and when the dust had settled, the score was tied. With goose eggs on the board for the next two innings, the combatants were settling into a very competitive affair. Until….

"Here's the pitch, and it's a deep drive to Left Center Field, way back, against the fence…" and with that, the fleet footed Alex drilled a three run homer that put the home side in front to stay. Adding more offensive behavior was that man Dan, whose Baltimore chop drove in an insurance run.

With renewed confidence, the rest of the home side got into the act. Ed H., Mario, Scott, Bruce and His Johner all contributed to the offensive display. And it would have been worse if not for a sensational grab by Gary W. who ranged far to his left and snarled a ball along the right field foul line.

With the score now 14-7, even Lou's 2 rbi bomb to the right field fence wasn't enough. The home side emerged with a hard fought 14-9 victory.
GC

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I HOPE YOU ENJOYED THESE HIGHLIGHTS, ALTHOUGH I KNOW THEY WERE PRETTY TELEPATH-ETIC

THANK YOU TO ROGER FOR VOLUNTEERING TO UMPIRE THIS WEEKEND DESPITE BEING INJURED.

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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BATTERIES	Scores	Team Makers
34A	SAT	18	KPP3	Fine weather with good field soilage and drainage	HIS JOHNER VS THE ZEE-ITY*	16-8	LEE
34B	SAT	20	KPP5	Fine weather with not only good field soilage and drainage , but also excellent flowerage	Bruce*/ DougBee vs Scott	12-5 12 innings	BRUCE
35	SUN	21	A-WOOD	Ditto	HIS JOHNER/ DOUGBEE VS HONEY BEE BOY LEDER*/ERIC THE ATHLETIC	14-6	BOBBY / BRUCE

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Game 34A SATURDAY 6.25.22 KPP5 by Gordon

The June 2022 Summer Saturday contest at KPP 3 saw the visiting Johners squaring off against the home side Z's. The weather was warm and the skies were clear which can make right field an adventure. Or perhaps the high sun best serves as an excuse for shoddy play (the author of this missive shall leave it to the reader to choose). The teams played nine on nine with three outfielders, a lot of room out there.

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> Z started with pinpoint control and set the potent visitors down without a run for the first two innings. While on the home side, Lou was hawking his wares, delivering a two run double on the way to a three run opening frame. And it would have been more had not Lee made a sensational grab in Center Field.

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> The top of third saw the visitors find their groove. Mr. Leder slammed a double which plated a pair and after three, the score was tied at 3. When the visitors plated a solo run in the fourth and took the lead, it appeared the home side, who went three consecutive scoreless innings as the Judge bedazzled by wheeling and dealing (homage to Clyde) was in for a long game. But not so fast. The hitting shoes came on and the home side exploded for five in the bottom of the fifth. You don't score five without balanced hitting and that was the case here. Jon Z., Gordon, Mike G, Lou, Bryan, Jon S., Z and Bobby all contributed to the outburst with the big hits coming from Lou and Mike G.

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> Once the hitting began, it didn't stop. The visitors followed the five pack with a deuce and two three run outbursts to salt the game away. The Jon's Z and S were the master blasters and Z got into the act as well with an rbi single and a sac fly.
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> The visitors did their best to stay close with Gerbs driving in one and Matt platting a pair. But when Big Bryan went yard, there was little doubt who would win. Final score Z's 16, Johners 8. Kudos to those who lashed three or more hits; Matt R., Jon Z. and Gordon.

Game 34B SATURDAY 6.25.22 KPP3
BRUCE'S PITCHING CAUSES A POWER OUTAGE FOR HIS OPPONENTS AS HE LIMITS THEM TO JUST 5 RUNS.
SUPER JOE SHOWS FABULOUS FIELD COVERAGE AS HE RUNS ACROSS A GREAT DEAL OF ACREAGE, WITH HIS ARM APPENDAGE FULLY EXTENDED TO MAKE AN UNAVERAGE PLAY OF HIGH SCINTILL-AGE.

HUGH SHOWS WHY HAVING HIM IN THE OUTFIELD IS A GREAT ADVANTAGE AS HE MAKES A FULLY EXTENDED, POTENTIALLY CARTILAGE TEARING DIVE, TO STEAL A HIT AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE RUN SHRINKAGE FOR HIS OPPONENTS.

BARRY D PREVENTS SEEMINGLY CERTAIN OFFENSIVE WRECKAGE WITH HIS IMPOSSIBLE SNARE OF A HIGH VOLTAGE BULLET AT 2B WHICH CAUSED A SERIOUS BLOCKAGE OF SEVERAL RUNS.

GARY W DESERVES FRONTPAGE MENTION FOR HIS MAGNIFICENT GRAB OF A SPINNING FOUL POP BEHIND THE PLATE.

BRUCE HELPS HIS OWN CAUSE AND SHOWS COURAGE ON THE MOUND WITH HIS STOPPAGE OF A DANGEROUS LINE DRIVE LAZER DESTINED FOR GREAT THINGS.

DOUGBEE IS GUILTY OF SABOTAGE FOR FAKING A THROW AND CATCHING A RUNNER OFF BASE.

A BARRAGE OF HITS WERE PRODUCED BY SUPER JOE, WHO HAS 4 INCLUDING A MONSTER TRIPLE.

HUGH'S BAT GOES ON A HITTING RAMPAGE WITH 3 HITS INCLUDING A BLISTERING DOUBLE AND SEVERAL RBI.

GARY CH, MARCOS, AND ELMER'S BATS CAUSE HEAVY DAMAGE WITH 3 HITS AND MULTIPLE RBI.

ED R, GARY W, PLATA, RUSSELL, AND SCOTT (1B,1B, 3B) ALSO RAVAGE THE OPPOSITION WITH MULTI-HIT GAMES.

Game 35 ALLENWOOOD 6.26.22

THE ASSEMBLAGE OF 21 MIGHTY MEN, AMIDST THE VERDANT, GREEN ALLENWOOD FOLIAGE, IN WHICH WORDS TO ENCOURAGE WERE MANY, REMARKS TO DISPARAGE WERE FEW, BALL BREAKAGE WAS MINOR AND ATTEMPTS TO MICRO OR OVER-MANAGE WERE HELD TO A MINIMUM, RESULTING IN A SCRIMMAGE THAT BROUGHT A HEAVY DOSAGE OF HAPPINESS TO ALL. THE FOLLOWING CONTAINS SOME ANECDOTAGE FROM THE GAME WITHOUT THE USE OF ANY SALTY LANGUAGE.

WE MUST PAY HOMAGE TO:

KENNY WHO WAS A SAVAGE TODAY, SLASHING THE GUTS OUT OF THE BALL TODAY FOR 5 HITS

KONO WHO SAW THE BALL AS WELL AS IF HE WERE STARING AT CLEAVAGE AND CRUSHED 4 HITS.

PETE WHO SHOULD GET A CHAMPAIGN BEVERAGE IN HONOR OF HIS 4 HITS INCLUDING A TRIP TO TRIPOLI .

ERIC WHO IN SUCH FINE ATHLETIC DRESSAGE, NOT ONLY TEAMS UP WITH LEDER FOR A FINE PITCHING PERFORMANCE BUT ELECTRIFIES FANS WITH 4 HIGH VOLTAGE HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE.

JACK, WHO INCREASED HIS ALEADY HIGH BATTING PERCENTAGE WITH 4 MORE HITS.

PLATA WHO IS VERY FAR FROM HIS TEENAGE YEARS JOLTS 3 HITS OF HIGH WATTAGE INCLUDING A SHOCKING TRIPLE WITH VERY HIGH AMPERAGE.

GORDO CONTRIBUTES TO THE CARNAGE OF HIS ENTOURAGE'S FOES WITH 3 HITS OF THE HEAVY POUNDAGE VARIETY.
APOLOGIES TO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND FOR THE EXCESSIVE WORDAGE , VERBIAGE AND POOR GRAMMATICAL USAGE SHAMELESSLY USED TO PROMOTE THE THEME. AT LEAST YOU ARE NOT CHARGED FOR POSTAGE.

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APOLOGIES TO LEE, WHO'S NAME WAS LEFT OFF OF THE JUNETEENTH WEEKEND IRON MAN LIST DUE TO AN AGE RELATED BRAIN OUTAGE.

SAVE THE DATE!!
THE SUPER JOE SUMMER BARBECUE EXPERIENCE WILL BE RESUMED AFTER A 2 YEAR COVID HIATUS. THE REASSEMBLAGE WILL TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 27 @ 2PM AT HIS HOUSE IN EAST MEADOW. DETAILS TO FOLLOW. SPOUSES AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS INVITED.

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36A/B MIX	SAT	25	KPP3	RAIN AT START THEN MAINE-LY CLOUDY	BECK/LEDER VS THE ZEE-ITY/BRUCE*	16-7	BRUCE
37	SUN	24	A-WOOD	RE-MAINE-D THE SAME BUT THEN CLOUDS BROKE FOR SUN	HIS JOHNER/ VS HONEY BEE BOY LEDER*	6-3	BOBBY / LEE
38A	MON	14+1	KPP5	So Beautiful it was a Wiscon-sin not to play	LEDER* OF THE BEHIVE STATE VS ZEE	24-6	BRUCE/ APPROVED BY BOBBY / GORDON

38B	MON	15	KPP3	A FIRECRACKER OF A DAY	IRA VS SCOTT*	13-4	BRUCE
		Net Weekend Turnout 78 -39= 39 43% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/38 = $0.53 PG (47 CENTS BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 47 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 90 81% of 2021 Members	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 131* (New Record)	

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AS THE U.S. GIVES THREE CHEERS FOR THE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE, THREE CHEERS FOR US TOO.
AS WE PLAY MONTH 132.
YAHOO!

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NINE FINE PATRIOTIC MEN, PLUS TWO THAT WERE NOT SO FINE, (I DON'T HAVE TIME TO FIND A RHYME FOR ELEVEN) PLAYED ALL THREE DAYS OF THIS IRONMAN, RECORD BREAKING, HOLIDAY WEEKEND.
PHOTO ATTACHED.

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THEY WERE: THE TRUE BLUE BRUCE BLATTBERG, THE RED HAIRED BOBBY WIDAWSKY, THE ALWAYS IN A BLUENIFORM, BUT RARELY IN THE BLUENIFORM,-STEVE HERSHON, THE EVER RED-DY - GARY CHARNEY, GARY THE FINE RED-WEINSTOCK, THE EXTRA WHITE- MARK LEDER, RED SCARED GORDON CHARLOP, THE ALWAYS BLUES WORTHY - ED HARTIRCK, THE BLUE CHIPPED RYAN KLEPPER, THE WHITE COLLARED DOUG BECK, AND HE CAN'T BE WHITE IF HE'S ALWAYS -BRYAN BLACK

Prologue by Gordon:

The July fourth weekend is a wonderful time; barbecues, family time, fireworks, all the trimmings of our wonderful country's glory. Yet that being said, it also is the hottest time of the year, a time that tries men's souls, particularly those that don't sit on the sidelines, which dare to brave the elements and take to the field. In many ways, the July fourth Ironman weekend resembles all the major athletic challenges; Triathlon, Iditarod, climbing Mount Everest. And it wouldn't happen without leadership. It's fitting as we reflect on those who gave their all this independence day, that we acknowledge our own Washington, Grant, Pershing, Eisenhower, the fearless Gary Leventhal who led us through the Pandemic until finally succumbing to the dreaded virus. I am happy to report he is on the mend in large part due to the tender guidance and friendship offered by the gracious Joe Sineno.

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COMMISSIONER'S NOTES:

1.NOT SURE WHAT GORDON'S BEEN TAKING, BUT WHILE OTHERS WERE CELEBRATING OUR NATION YESTERDAY HE MUST HAVE BEEN CELEBRATING HIS HALLUCINATION.

2. SUPER JOE BECAME A GRANDPA YESTERDAY, JULY 4. PHOTO ATTACHED. JOSEPH CHARLES 8LBS, 4OZ.

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Game 36A/B mix SATURDAY 7.2.22 KPP5 by Gordon

Saturday's KPP 5 game was a scalding hot day. The occasional cloud providing but brief respite to the oppressive heat. Taking the hill on this tumultuous day was Z vs. Beck/Leder. And the heroics started early when Gary Ch., robbed the opponents with two wonderful catches while shielding his eyes from the blinding light. If not for that, the onslaught would have been even worse as the Z's preformed heroically with balanced hitting throughout the lineup. This included Jeff, Cliff, Z, Bruce, Gordon, Bryan who went yard, Mike G., Brian,

Hugh, Ryan, Dave G., and Ed R who's slide into second exemplified the heroism of the warriors.

The Beck's played admirably in defeat. Gary W., Dan, Steve, John V., Jack, Jason, Ed H, Bobby and some left center fielder who made one of the easiest catches in left center field into one of the most difficult. The befuddled viewers chose to call it the catch of the year as he slid his glove under the ball just before it touched down, tugged the ball into the air and the while sliding and twisting, secured the catch with his bare hand!

Game 37 SUNDAY 7.2.22 ALLENWOOD by Gordon

Sunday saw a change of venue to Allenwood Park with his Johner facing off against the Leders. The game time mercury was off the charts once again but this didn't dissuade the gladiators. And it was a hard played game with more stellar defense. Gary Ch., Barry and Ed all made great catches. But the heat on the field matched the heat of the day. In a horrible display of poor sportsmanship, the runner on second, I forget exactly who it was (perhaps Vinnie remembers?), called for a short fly pop near the bag and then threw a hip check against the fielder. The umpire at the time failed to control the field but I won't chastise him, as later in the game, he became a wounded warrior after a massive collision at third base. Get well soon sir!

The hero's for the Leder's were the aforementioned Mark L., who blasted a bomb bursting in air for a solo four bagger, and Zig who lashed missiles all over the field like a patriot. Other contributions came from the minutemen; Vinnie, Kenny, Barry, Bruce, Lee, Doug and Gary W.

Ryan, Bryan, Ed I., and Hugh all played valiantly but this fourteen inning defensive struggle went to the Leder's by the count of 6-3. As Mark was able to best the Judge even

though between them there were 20 goose eggs! Great job by the side makers; Lee and Bob.

Game 38A MONDAY 7.3.22 KPP5 by Gordon

KPP 3 saw their position vanquished which only left the KPP 5 fourteen to preserve the honor and integrity of the GNSB. And it wasn't easy. Under blistering heat and savage sun, the seven on seven combatants had to man multiple positions with honor. And so they did. The fourteen who belong in this elite class of warrior, the Seal Team Six of Great Neck, the Green Berets of the diamonds, were Brian, Ed.I, Mike G., Ed H., Dave Gerbs, Gary Z., Bobby, Ziggy, Gordon, Vinny, Bryan, Mark L., Gary Ch., and Steve with an assist from Gary W. who escaped the carnage of KPP 3 and courageously joined his brothers in their quest for freedom from oppression.

It looked like the visiting Z's were off and running until Gary Ch., (there's that man again) made a fabulous over the shoulder grab in Right Center field to limit the damage to two runs. The home side responded with a deuce of their own and it would stay that way until the bottom of the third when the fireworks began. Gary Ch. complimented his strong defense with bruising offense and Leder went yard to put the home side up by three. And then the hitting shoes really came out. The home side sent up 10 in the bottom of the fourth and from there it was a Boston Tea Party at the expense of the Red Sox fan on the hill. The home side broke the scoreboard and when the warriors peeled themselves off the field, the final score was a rollicking 24-6.

But the players weren't done. Many stuck around for extra batting practice!!! PRESERVE THE UNION AT ALL COST!!!

Game 38B MONDAY 7.4.22 KPP3 by Gordon

Monday's game was the one that separated the wheat from the chaff. A beleaguered Bruce, left to protect old glory on his own, attempted to make two games. Unbeknownst to him, and what seems to be a curious pattern of late, the 33 signups dwindled to 29. This is a disturbing trend as it was a glorious holiday and the fields at KPP were in marvelous condition. One can only speculate on why the showing was this meager.

Game 38B MONDAY 7.4.22 KPP3 by Mike L

MIKE LEVINE RETURNS AND REJOINS OUR HIGHLIGHT WRITING STAFF. THANKS MIKE! WELCOME BACK.

Pitchers: Scott vs. Ira
Time of Game: 1 hr/15 minutes
14 Players Having Fun!
Final: 13-4
Game Hi-Lites and other notables:

- Bruce doing a Brooks Robinson impersonation @ 3B
- Ira setting down the opposing club in first two innings – 6 up, 6 down. Third time through the order, not so good!
- Visitors racked up 9 runs in third then tacked on 4 more in the fifth before the mercy rule went into effect as 2 players succumbed to their injuries leaving us no choice but to end the game

Hitting Stars (much as I can remember):
Russ with 2 doubles and a 3 run HR to right center
Scott with his own 3 run HR to right
Jason with one-hop-over-da'-fence double
Matt with the highest fly ball to right I have ever witnessed

Finally a Kumbaya moment as Al, welcoming a new player to GNSB, realized it was a friend he hadn't seen in 50 years, Bob Klepner.

How about that sport fans!

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COMMISSIONER'S NOTE:

THANK YOU GORDON FOR PICKING UP THE HIGHLIGHT BULL AND THROWING SO WELL ACROSS THE DIAMOND.

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See everyone next week
Gar

EYE-lights The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 7/9/22-7/10/22

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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	BAT-HER EYES	Scores	No I in Team Makers
39A	SAT	19	KPP3	PRETTY ENOUGH TO BE CONSIDERED EYE CANDY	HONEY BOY LEDER VS THE ZEE-ITY*	12-5	BRUCE
39B	SAT	18	KPP5	DITTO	SCOTT*/ BRUCE VS DAN/ANDY (DANDY)	10-7	BRUCE
40	SUN	21	A-WOOD	EYE-CANDY-ESQUE	HIS JOHNER*/VS THE ZEEITY	12-7	BOBBY / LEE
		Net Weekend Turnout 58 -14= 44 49% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/40 = $0.50 PG (50 CENTS BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 50 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 90 81% of 2021 Members	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 131* (New Record)	

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Game 39A Saturday KPP5. 7.9.22 BY GORDON

A powerful heat storm plagued the KPP 5 Saturday game warriors. A blistering sun that turned the infield into a dustbowl, wreaked havoc on the beleaguered participants, already reduced to nine on nine as attendance inconsistencies once again plagued GNSB. And it looked as if the game were in further jeopardy when newcomer Tony pulled a muscle. But lo and behold, out of nowhere came Ryan's friend Rob. This unlikely of all events saved the day as the fleet footed Rob allowed the game to flourish with three outfielders.

It looked at the outset that Z would be in for a long day as the home side Leders plated a pair, starting with a leadoff ala Rickey Henderson home run by Elmer. The Z settled down quickly and put up goose eggs over the next five. But the Leder's team fielding complimented Mark's accurate pitching and the home side was stymied for two innings before plating solo runs in the third and fifth. It would have been more had Lee not gunned down Bryan at the plate to end a threat.

And then the home side started picking up steam. A triple by Gordon was followed by a ground rule double to right field by Lou before he was delivered and the Z's were up two through six. The visitors were undaunted and answered back with a pair in the top of seventh. And then the turning point showed up. With runners on the corners, Pat retreated in right field and grabbed a ball off the wall. He relayed to Brian and to the catcher for the final out of the inning (and no, that catcher wasn't Ryan). Instead of the visitors taking a lead and having a man on third, the half frame ended with the game tied at 5. The teams traded a run in the following inning and it was still tied going into the bottom of the ninth.

Bryan, who had been lamenting his batting struggles, decided to take out his frustration on the clincher, driving it deep into left center field for a two RBI double. The visitors were out of answers and when the Z's cranked it up for five in the tenth, it was all over save the dancing. The big late inning blasts were Seth's two run dinger and Bryan's three bagger that also drove in two.

Z ended the game with three scoreless innings and behind his impressive outing, he emerged with a 12-5 victory. A performance that he would savor until…

Game 39B Saturday KPP3 7.9.22
IF YOU WERE AT TODAY'S GAME YOU REALLY SAW AN EYEFUL, AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE TOWER. YOU EYEWITNESSED ONE OF THE GREATEST FIELDING DISPLAYS OF ALL TIME AS ED R, RUNNING FULL SPEED, WITH ALL EYES ON HIM, MADE 3 FULLY EXTENDED GRABS OF TOWERING DRIVES, EYE LASHED WELL OVER HIS HEAD IN UBER DEEP LCF. ALL 3 PLAYS WERE REAL EYE CATCHERS.

GARY W PUTS THE EYE IN WEINSTOCK WITH HIS BEAUTIFUL RUNNING SHOESTRING CATCH JUST ABOVE THE EYELETS OF HIS CLEATS. HE ALSO HAD 3 HITS AT THE PLATE.
RUSSEL MADE HIS OPPONENTS CRY THEIR EYES OUT WITH 4 HITS ON THE DAY. AYE AYE AYE AYE AYE!

DRILLER RETURNED AND WAS A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES. HE CRACKED AT LEAST 3 HITS FOR AT LEAST 3 RBI INCLUDING A MONSTER TRIPLE THAT WAS HIT SO FAR THAT THE KING COULD SEE IT WITHOUT HIS EYE GLASSES.

THE APPLE OF HIS EYE, JASON MADE 2 EYE POPPING RUNNING WEB GEMS IN CF AND EYE LINED THE BALLS 3 TIMES FOR HITS, INCLUDING A DOUBLE THAT WAS HIT SO FAR IT CAUSED EYE STRAIN TO SEE IT.

FIELD GENERAL BRUCE SHOWED SOME SERIOUS EISENPOWER AS HE EYEBROW BEATS A DOUBLE TO RCF.

GARY CHARNEY, WHO FOR THIS WRITE UP WILL BE KNOWN AS GARY CHARNEYE. CHARRED THE BALL 4 TIMES FOR 4 BASE HITS AS IF HE WERE A STAR PUPIL OF T-EYE COBB. HE ALSO PLAYED A VERY F-EYE-NE R-EYE-GHT

FIELD. HE'S REALLY BECOMING A GNSB EYE-CON.

HARLAN REALLY KEPT HIS EYE ON THE BALL TODAY, STR-EYE-KING A SINGLE AND A DOUBLE AT LEAST.

CLIFF GAVE THE OPPOSITION A REAL BLACK EYE WITH HIS SLICK TURN OF A DP IN A KEY SPOT

ANDY I-BOLTED A 2 EYED MONSTEROUS DOUBLE FOR 2 RB-EYES.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO STEVE H AND MARTY WHO AGREED TO SPLIT FIRST BASE DUTIES WHICH MADE SIDE MAKING DISTRIBUTIONS A BIT EASIER. GOOD G-EYES.

Game 40 Sunday A-wood 7.10.22 BY GORDO

Sunday's game at Allenwood was played under perfect conditions. 70 degrees, a light breeze and some gentle high clouds. This contest would pair the visiting Z's against the home side Johners. The original 24 that signed up dwindled to 21 by game time, once again bringing into question whether the board needs to address the attendance matter. This obviously appears unlikely, as the board of late seems reluctant to do anything. There have been some cries to Drain the Swamp but I prefer not to digress and instead choose to focus on the events on the field (being the class act that the writer is).

Z, who obviously had violated curfew, struggled with control, walking four in the opening frame including the leadoff man twice in the same frame. He was clearly a different pitcher than the one who had bedazzled his opponents the day before. And when the dust had settled on the top of the first, the visiting Johners had a commanding 7-0 lead. The balanced hitting that complimented the free passes was provided by Ziggy, Joe R., Jack, Ed, Vinny, Matt, Juan, the aforementioned Johner and Bobby. But the major offensive explosions emanated from the bat of (three) Pete who hit for the cycle! His first inning contribution was minimized by his fourth inning three run bomb.

Apart from that, the Z's and most importantly Cousin Brucie who came in and provided much needed stabilization on the hill, held the home side scoreless for 6 of the last seven innings. In that time, the offensiveness of Barry revealed itself with multiple hits/terrific base running and a solo blast of his own. But that wasn't enough to get the visitors any closer than down 4. Final score: Johners 12 Z's 7.

SPECIAL THANKS TOO GORDO FOR DOING FOR 2 GAMES WORTH OF HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEKEND, DESPITE BEING UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

REMINDER: AUGUST 27 IS THE JOE SINENO BARBECUE BASH AT HIS HOUSE IN EAST MEADOW AT 2PM. SAVE THE DATE. YOU MISS OTHER EVENTS FOR THE BARBECUE, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND. NON-ATTENDEES WILL BE PUT ON NOTICE. SIGNIFICANT OTHERS ARE INVITED, WHETHER THEY ARE HUMAN OR INANIMATE OBJECTS.

Highlights seen thru the James Webber Telescope

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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team Makers
41 A/B mix	SAT	21	KPP5	HUMID WITH COSMIC CLOUDS ABOVE	IRA/VINNY VS THE DEITY	11-8	BRUCE
42	SUN	24	A-WOOD	DITTO	HIS JOHNER*/ LEE VS THE ZEEITY?ERIC THE MARLIN	14-7	BOBBY / LEE
		Net Weekend Turnout 45 -15= 30 33% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/42 = $0.47 PG (53 CENTS BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 53 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 90 81% of 2021 Members	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 131* (New Record)	

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I'M SURE YOU'VE ALL HEARD ABOUT THE JAMES WEBBER TELESCOPE (IF YOU HAVEN'T, DON'T ADMIT IT). ANYWAY IT HAS GONE BACK INTO TIME AND TAKEN

INCREDIBLE PHOTOS OF THIS PAST WEEKEND'S HIGHLIGHTS. THEY ARE ATTACHED.

Game 41A/B mix KPP5 7.16.22

Game 41B KPP3 7.16.22

Game 42 Allenwood 7.17.22

Bobby , Jack, Flash Paisner, Steve H, Matt R, Rob, and Vinny

show, with 2 consecutive web gems at SS but also cracked 2 hits plus an RBI a sac fly

2022 GAME #	DAY	TURNOUTS	LOCATION	CONDITIONS	PITCHERS	SCORES	TEAM MAKERS
43A/B mix	SAT	24	KPP3	HHH (HAZY,HOT, & HUMID) NO RELATION TO RYAN'S COMPANY H&H BAGEL (WHAT'S BETTER THAN A HOT BAGEL?)=0	THE ZEITY*/ DAN/BRUCE vs DOUGK/ DOUGB	11-9	BRUCE
44	SUN	23	A-WOOD	HELL-TER SWELTER-Y	HIS JOHNER*/ ERIC THE TIGER/ BRUCE VS THE ZEEITY/ DOUGBEE/ ROG	20-5	BOBBY / BRUCE
		Net Weekend Turnout 47 -15= 32 36% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/44 = $0.45 PG (53 CENTS BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 55 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 90 81% of 2021 Members	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 131* (New Record)	

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Game 43A/B mix KPP3 7.23.22
SEE ATTACHMENT

Game 44 Allenwood 7.24.22

INFLATIONARY Highlights

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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team Makers

45A	SAT	17	KPP5	73 DEGREES GT TEMP THAT INFLATED QUICKLY	THE ZEITY DOUGK*	16-13	LEE/ BOB
45B	SAT	19	KPP3	DITTO	Andy* vs Dan & Scott Dan & Mlke L vs Andy*	LOT-LITTLE game 1 14-11 game 2	BRUCE
46	SUN	20	A-WOOD	LOTS OF HOT AIR	HIS JOHNER vs ERIC THE DIAMOND-BACK*	LOT-LITTLE	BOBBY / BRUCE
		Net Weekend Turnout 56 - 13 = 43 47% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/46 = $0.43 PG (57 CENTS BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 55 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 91 82% of 2021 Members Welcome rookie Seth Starr	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 131* (New Record)	

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DOUBLE DIGIT INFLATIONARY SCORES HIT THE GNSB NATION

Game 45A KPP5 7.30.22 See Attachment

16 -13 IN ONLY 7.5 INNINGS AS THE INTEREST RATE GOES FROM 24 TO 36 PLAYERS IN A WEEK. AGES, BUT NOT THE GOODS INCREASE. SEE ATTACHMENT FOOR DETAILS.

Game 45B KPP3 7.30.22 by Bruce

Flip a Coin.
Heads you win!
Tails you Lose!
That is usually the way these “B” games go.
Today, you flipped the coin and we were both winners and losers.
Nineteen men and boys showed up to play on a very dry and dusty day.
After the first 5 innings, it became apparent that this was a perfect day for a double header. Game 1 was 5 innings. The winning pitcher was Andy Paul (who comes all the way from Brooklyn to play with “the nicest bunch of guys”. Taking the loss was Dan & Scott. Game 2 went 6 innings. The winning pitcher was Andy and taking the loss was Dan & Mike Levine.

A total of 36 runs were scored in both games.

This required the hitting ability of Ed R. (2 HR), Barry D (1 HR) and multiple hits from all. We welcomed our newest paid up member Seth Starr who knocked some rust off and began hitting like a youth of 20.
This game brings out the best in all of us.

Game 46 Allenwood 7.31.22 See Attachment

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EX-PIRED Highlights

The Official Commissioner’s BLog: All-Star Dates 8/6/22-8/7/22 GAME 47 AND 48

2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team Makers
47 A/B MIX	SAT	23	KPP3	WARM BUT EX-QUISITE	THE ZEITY/ DOUGB VS IRA*/LEDER	LOT-LITTLE	COM-MISHUG ANA
48	SUN	20	A-WOOD	EX-CESSIVELY HOT AND HUMID	IT WAS A PITCHEROO. THE ZEITY vs HONEY BOY LEDER* THE ZEITY/ DOUGB vs ERIC THE ROCKY*	GAME 1 LOT-LITTLE GAME 2 11-3	BOBBY / BRUCE

		Net Weekend Turnout **43 - 13 = 30** **33% OF** **TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS**		**PPG 20/48 = $0.42 PG** **(57 CENTS BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.)** **(PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 58 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)**	**2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 91** **82% of 2021 Members** **Welcome rookie Seth Starr**	**Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 132* (New Record)**	

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THERE CONTINUES TO BE NO EXPIRATION DATE ON OUR STREAK AS WE REACH 132 MONTHS = 11 YEARS!!!

WE PLAY IN THE AM THEREFORE WE EXIST.

PLAYERS PUT EXXON IN THE CARS TO GET HERE AND THIS IS WHAT THEY EXPERIENCED.

Game 47A/B MIX KPP3 8.6.22 BY YOUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

VISITORS GET MORE RUNS THAN A PERSON ADDICTED TO EX-LAX AS THEY EXPLODE FOR 6 RUNS IN TOP 1. IN ROMAN NUMERALS THEY SCORED XX

RICH CONNORS LEADS THE WAY WITH 2 EXTRA LONG BLASTS, ONE TO THE OUTER EXPANSES OF DEEP RCF,

THE OTHER EXITED THE PARK DOWN THE LF LINE AND HIT HIGH UP ON THE FOUL POLE! WE BELIEVE IT WAS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE EVER SEEN THIS.
RICH ALSO PLAYED AN EXEMPLARY THIRD BASE,COMING UP WITH 2 EXCEPTIONAL WEB GEMS WHICH CAUSED TEAMMATES TO BE EXUBERANT.

MIKE G EXCELS ONCE AGAIN AS HE EXTENDS HIS ARMS FOR 4 HITS INCLUDING AN EXCEEDINGLY HUGE EXTRANUCLEAR (NO EXAGGERATION), BLAST OVER THE FENCE IN LCF.
EXALTATIONS TO IRA, WHOM NOT ONLY PITCHES AN EXCELLENT GAME, EXTERMINATING BATTER AFTER BATTER, TO GET THE WIN, BUT ALSO EXCITES TEAMMATES AND FANS ALIKE, WITH A BASE CLEARING, DOUBLE DOWN THE LF LINE.

GORDO EXASPERATES THE OPPOSING OFFENSE BY EXECUTING 2, TAKE YOURSELF DP'S AT SS AND EXTINGUISHES THEIR CHANCES FOR MORE RUNS.

FANS OF LEFTIES BARRY D AND STEVE H WERE EXUBERANT TODAY TO SEE BOTH OF THEM CRASH 3 EXOTHERMIC BASE HITS.

UBER-EXTROVERTED MARK LEDER, BACK FROM HIS EXOTIC, EXPEDITIONS TO KOREA AND CHICAGO, FROM WHENCE HE WAS NO DOUBT EXPELLED, PICKED UP WHERE HE LEFT OFF. HE EXHILARATED HIS FOLLOWERS BY CRASHING 4 HITS.

Game 48 Allenwood 8.7.22

AN EXPERIMENT WITH A MID-MORNING PITCHER EXCHANGE, YIELDS EXPONENTIALLY DIFFERENT RESULTS.

ALL PLAYERS COME AWAY WITH 1 AND 1 RECORD, EXCEPT FOR LEDER, WHO HOMERS AND TRIPLES AND IS ON BOTH WINNNG TEAMS, AS A RESULT OF A PRISONER EXCHANGE.

EX-NAVY MAN PETE GOES 4-5 WITH A MASSIVE HOMER TO THE EXTREMITIES OF ALLENWOOD.

AS EXPECTED, DESPITE RISKS OF HEAT OF EXHAUSTION FLASH PAISNER AND GARY CHARNEY BANG OUT 3 HITS

WE MUST EXTOL DAVE "THE FAVE' GERBER WHO PROVIDES AN EXAMPLE OF POWER WITH A HUMONGOUS HOMER TO RCF.

WE CAN'T EXCLUDE DOUGBEE FROM THE HIGHLIGHTS WHO BLASTS A MASSIVE TRIPLE OR ED H WHO EXPUNGES A POTENTIAL EXTRA-BASER FROM THE RECORDS.

WE ARE ALL SO LUCKY TO BE MEMBERS OF THIS EXCLUSIVE CLUB THAT PROVIDES EXPERIENCES MOST OTHERS ARE NEVER EXPOSED TO.

I STRONGLY EXHORT EVERYONE TO TO SIGN UP FOR SUPER JOE'S 8.27.22 EXTERIOR BBQ EXTRAVAGANZA ON TC. YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID.

REMINDER: GLASSES FOUND ON THE FENCE AT KPP3 ON SATURDAY. IF YOURS, LMK.

HAVE A GOOD WEEK. PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UP FOR RUTURE GAMES UNLESS YOU ARE 100% SURE YOUR COMING BARRING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

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Highlights out of the DARKNESS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star

Dates 8/6/22-8/7/22 GAME 49a,49b and 5

2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team Makers
49 A	SAT	19	KPP3	De-light-ful But that doesn't mean dark	DOUGK VS LEDER*/LEE	22-11	Lee/ Bobby
49 B	SAT	19	KPP3	Ditto	THE ZEITY/ BRUCE* GORDO VS BRUCE*	Game 1 Lot-little Game 2 8-4	Bruce
50	SUN	24	A-WOOD	Ditto	HONEY BOY LEDER* VS BRUCE	18-6	BOBBY / BRUCE

		Net Weekend Turnout 62 - 14 = 48 52% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/50 = $0.40 PG (60 CENTS BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 58 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 92 83% of 2021 Members Welcome rookie Chris Sedas	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 132* (New Record)	

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Game 49A SATURDAY KPP5 8.13.22 CONTRIBUTED BY LEDER AND LEE

ALEX WAS A BEAST! HE KNOCKS THE DAYLIGHTS OUT OF THE BALL MULTIPLE TIMES INCLUDING TWO HOMERS INTO THE DARKNESS, WELL BEYOND THE FENCE, SEPARATING IT FROM THE DAYLIGHT.

NO WALKS WERE ISSUED TO EITHER TEAM! KUDOS TO PITCHERS DOUGK, VS LEDER*/LEE

KONO GETS A BUNCH OF HITS AND MAKES A FINE RUNNING PLAY.

ED R HAD A NICE MULTIPLE HIT DAY.

Game 49B SATURDAY KPP3 8.13.22 BY GORDO

Perfect conditions awaited the GNSB players at Kings Point Parks venerated Field 3. The turnout was a near perfect 19. All signs were pointing to a spirited and enjoyable contest. Yet fate has a funny way of changing that which appears inevitable. Before the game began, a wild warm up pitch blasted Dan which caused the veteran to require

medical attention. It was Cliff who stepped up and harnessed his EMT skills to attend to the situation. Well done sir! Later that morning, the wily stylings of Russ were compromised as an awkward motion led to a tweaked knee. We hope that the two warriors recover and return in short order.

As for the game, the home side Z's more closely resembled the bad news bears. They could neither pitch nor hit nor field. Not even the return of the Pirozzis could stem the onslaught. Solid hitting by Joe, Driller, Ch., Hugh, Al, Jeff and Bruce led to steller offensive production. But it was newcomer Seth who blasted hits all over the field like a seasoned pro. The game was so one sided that the affair was called after Z's beleaguered side had given up 18 runs in 3 + innings.

A second game commenced and Gordon took to the hill in the hope of returning normalcy to the game. And it was a much more evenly matched contest. The six inning dual saw the visitors continue their strong attack but then the home side got it going behind hitting from Ed. I., Adam, Cliff, Barry and Gary W. After three the score was deadlocked. But the visitors would not be denied and posted a four spot lead once again by balanced hitting from all quarters. The second game final was a reasonable 8-4 affair.

Game 50 SUNDAY KPP5 8.14.22 BY GORDO

Sunday's Allenwood field provided a most sublime setting for a leisurely morning contest between Bruce's Bombers and Leder's hosens. The game started with some spectacular fielding. In the bottom of the first, a ball was flared over third base for a certain base hit until a streaking Alex came over from his shortstop position and grabbed the sinking pill with his bare hand. Other great catches were made by Mario, Barry, Joe and the Pais.

The scoreless first two frames suggested that this would be a grueling low scoring contest. And for the first eight innings it was. In the third, new comer Chris, clad in sneakers, unleashed a two rbi double. Kenny kept the home side close with a rope down the first base line that plated a pair. The lead by the Bombers was extended when Ryan went yard with a two run blast. The score after eight was 5-3 in favor of the Bruce's visitors. Solid if not spectacular play was exhibited by Ziggy who hit well all game, Gary Ch. who makes it happen week after week, Kono, Mario, Pete, Roger and Bruce. On the home side, Barry, Ed, Vin, Jack, JRo, the G's W and Z and Bobby were stalwarts.

But at the end of the day, it was one man who took over the game. The aforementioned Alex complemented his stellar defense with a three run honey-moonshot (his wedding is just days away) and a grand salami that collected some primes rbis and busted it open

for the visitors. This 7 RBI explosion propelled the visitors to a stunning 18-6 13 inning victory. Leder finally gave way to Z and then Vinchenzo but by then the damage had been done. On the visitors side, Roger pitched the final inning in a non save situation.

PETE I RECEIVES THE COMMISSIONER'S MEDAL OF FASHION-ER THIS WEEK. CHECK OUT THE ATTACHMENT TO SEE WHY.

LESS THAN 10 DAYS LEFT TO SIGN UP FOR SUPER JOE'S ANNUAL SUPER BBQ.

Candle Lit Highlights

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 8/21/22-8/22/22 GAME 51a,51b and 52

2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team Makers
51 A	SAT	16	KPP3	AN OPAQUE HAZE FLICKERING WITH SUNSHINE	DOUGK VS THE ZEE-ITY*	13-2	Lee/ Bobby
51 B	SAT	17	KPP3	Ditto	DOUGB*/ BRUCE	14-9	Bruce
52	SUN	24	A-WOOD	DRIPPING WITH SUNSHINE	HONEY BOY LEDER* VS ERIC THE MARLIN	10-7	BOBBY / BRUCE
		Net Weekend Turnout 57 - 15 = 42 46% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/52 = $0.38 PG (62 CENTS BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 58 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 92 83% of 2021 Members Welcome rookie Chris Sedas	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 132 (New Record)	

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Game 51A SATURDAY KPP5 8.20.22 SEE ATTACHMENT

Game 51B SATURDAY KPP3 8.20.22 BY GORDO

A delightful late summer day greeted the B field faithful which featured a spirited contest pitting the visiting Becks vs. the home side Cousin Brucies. In the top of the first, Jason, Joe S., Driller and Mr. Beck stroked shot after shot through the bedazzled home side. When the three outs were finally recorded, four had touched the dish. But the home side came right back. Hugh, Ed,John V., and Harlan displayed their own brand of offensive prowess and cut the lead to one.

Defensive play improved and in the second, there were fine plays on both sides. First Ben made a fabulous grab on a certain extra base drive. Not to be bested, Jason made an over the shoulder grab in left that would have reached the fence. The third inning also saw fine defensive play. The fourth frame saw each side plate three. Balanced hitting by Cliff, Steven, Bobby and late comer Mike led the visitors charge. For the home side. Gary Ch., Ben, Roger and Bruce rallied their side and after a scoreless fifth, it was a one run game. The top of the fifth provided defensive heroics by Ed and Ben. While the visitors were treated to a Doug Beck three pitch three out inning.

In the seventh, the visitors found their groove. Led by Mike, who blasted a 2 rbi triple and Joe who followed with his own three bagger, the visitors scored five. The home side tried to keep pace with Harlan lashing a two run double but strong pitching and defense stemmed the tide. Each side scratched a run in the later innings but the final after 10 was Becks 14, Bruces 9.

Game 52 SUNDAY ALLENWOOD 8.21.22 BY GORDO

Perfect conditions prevailed for the Sunday spectacular at Allenwood Park. The 12 on 12 pitted the visiting Leders vs. the home side Erics. The two pitchers were stingy through two until the visitors got going with a balanced attack. Mark L., Jack, Doug, Pete, Steve and Bobby set the table until the Pais belted a three bagger. When the third out was recorded, the visitors enjoyed a four run advantage. The home side responded in the bottom of the fifth. The key hits being an opposite field laser by Gary Ch and Roger's blast that was scored a double as he was out trying to slide? into third. Three scoreless innings followed as the score remained 5-5. The ninth inning saw the visitors get a pair across. Joe S. (who reported that he was 7 for 6 on the day), Ed, the Gerbs and Vin all supplied the amperage. And it looked as if the home side was done. But spectacular defense by Gary Ch. killed the rally. On the visitors side, Joe S., Doug B, and the Pais all flashed leather to discourage the home side. And when Leder grabbed a line drive up the middle with the bases loaded, the home side couldn't help but be discouraged. But did that stop them? Negative. In the bottom of the 11th, the home side lit it up. Zig, Kono, Kenny, Bryan and Ryan, Barry, Mario, Ch., Rob, Eric, and Bruce all supplied offensive behavior and when the frame was over, Eric's home side was up 10-7. The bedazzled home side put up 11 goose eggs through 13 innings thanks to the wonderful pitching of Eric the Red. And when the final out was made, it was "put it in the books" time for Eric

and company. A great game under near perfect conditions. And those that were there were fortunate to be part of this fun, entertaining, well played, competitive affair. And a special shout out to the men of Steel who received their price coffee mugs. The euphoria was tempered shortly thereafter however when the Commissioner shared the sad news that our friend Vincent Bove has had a significant setback.

HIGHLIGHTS THAT HAVE GONE TO THE DOGS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 8/6/22-8/7/22 GAME 53a,53b and 54

2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Team Makers
53 A	SAT	16	KPP3	A TRUE DOG DAY OF SUMMER	LEDER* VS THE ZEE-ITY	21-11	Lee
53 B	SAT	17	KPP3	HOT DIGGITY DOG ZIGGITY.	Andy P*/ BRUCE	21-18	Bruce/ Bobby
54	SUN	23	A-WOOD	HUMIDITY INDUCED DOG TIREDNESS	HONEY BOY LEDER/ZEE VS LEE*/ROGER	14-12	BOBBY / BRUCE
		Net Weekend Turnout 56 - 17 = 32 35% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/54 = $0.37 PG (63 CENTS BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 63 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = CANINE-TY TWO 83% of 2021 Members	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 132* (New Record)	

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MAKE SURE YOU DOG EAR THESE HIGHLIGHTS!

Game 53A SATURDAY KPP5 8.27.22 BASED ON INTEL FROM LEE

THE BIG DOGS WERE:
KONO - 5 HITS INCLUDING HITTING FOR THE "PSYCLE," AND A 3 RUN HOMER

FLASH PAISNER HAD HIS TEAMMATES HOWLING WITH DELIGHT AFTER MAKING A PAW-SOME SLIDING FETCH TO STEAL A SAFETY.

MATT R - WAS FUR-OCIOUS HITTING 3 BOMBS TO THE RF FENCE.

THE PUP-ARAZZI SURROUNDED GERBER AND VINNY EACH OF WHOM UNLEASHED 5 HITS. VINNY'S INCLUDED A 3 RUN HOMER HIT TO THE BARK SIDE OF THE MOON.

ED H LEFT THE OPPOSITION MELON COLLIE AFTER HIS LONG HOME RUN. I'D TELL YOU THAT THE FIELDERS HAD TO RUN 2 MILES TO GET THE BALL, BUT THAT MIGHT SEEM A LITTLE FAR FETCHED.

GIVE ROGER A BIG ROUND OF AP-PAWS FOR HIS MUTTY HIT DAY INCLUDING A LABRADOUBLE

Game 53B SATURDAY KPP3 8.27.22

39 RUNS WERE SCORED IN "TOTO" ON THE "B" TODAY

TODAY'S ALPHA DOGS WERE:
JOE SINENO WHO SINGLED, DOUBLED, AND SCAMPERED AROUND THE BASES LIKE A GREYHOUND TWICE FOR HOME RUNS.

ANDY WHO DISPLAYED THE POWER OF THE DOG, UNLEASHING A SINGLE, 2 DOUBLES AND A HOMER IN THE FENCED IN CONFINES OF KPP3.

ED R WHO PAWED THE OPPOSITION WITH HITS THAT RAINED LIKE CATS AND DOGS ALL OVER THE FIELD AS HE HIT FOR THE CYCLE.

BOBBY WHO HOT DIGGITY, DOG ZIGGITY BOOM-ED OUT 4 HITS INCLUDING A LOADED BASES CLEARING DOUBLE. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jVECp5Dzp4)

GORDO, WHOSE BARK IS WORSE THAN HIS BITE, LET THE DOGS OUT OF THEIR BASES WITH A 2 RBI, 3 DOGGY BAGGER.

BARK IT FROM THE WOOF TOPS! CLIFF HAD A REBARKABLE DAY WITH 4 HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE.

BOW WOW-ZERS WITH TROUSERS! ERIC BEERMAN RETURNS AFTER A BRIEF HIATUS AND WAS P-AWSOME. HE BELTS 2 MONSTER TRIPLES AND A SINGLE.

ALSO HAVING MUTT-Y HIT GAMES WERE HUGH, INCLUDING A TRIPLE, DRILLER INCLUDING 2 TRIPLES, ONE OF WHICH DROVE IN 2 RUNS, GARY CH AND GARY W.

STEVE HERSHON STRUCK TERRIER INTO THE HEARTS OF THE OPPOSITION, WITH A BASE HIT THAT DROVE IN 2 RUNS.

AL Z PLAYED AND GOT A BIG BASE HIT RBI, DESPITE HIS DAUGHTER'S IMPENDING SUNDAY WEDDING.

WOOF GEMS

BOBBY WENT AFTER A BALL LIKE A GOLDEN RETRIEVER AND CAUGHT UP TO A BALL WAY OVER HIS HEAD IN RF. NOT BAD FOR AN OLD YELLER.

HUGH RUNNING LIKE A LABRADOR RETRIEVER MAKES A DIVING IM-PAWS-IBLE PLAY IN CF

A PAWSITIVELY, PAWSOME 8-6-2-5 DP WORTHY OF BEING SHOWN ON THE KENNILWORTH DOG SHOW WAS PERFORMED BY HUGH-GORDON-JOE S -DRILLER

Game 54 SUNDAY (NATIONAL DOG DAY) ALLENWOOD 8.29.22

MANY DOGS HAD THEIR DAY

BARRY WITH 5 HITS WAS A TOP DOG. IN ADDITION HE MADE A WOOFABLE GEM, RUNNING DOWN A FLY BALL IN LF, LIKE A HOUND DOG CHASING AFTER A RABBIT,

WHICH MAKES HIM ELIGIBLE TOO BE A FRIEND OF ELVIS.

THE VERY C-LASSIE ED I HAD TEAMMATES HOWLING WITH DELIGHT OVER HIS 4 HITS.

THE SHORTLY TO BE WEDDED ALEX, GAVE HIS TEAM A TREAT WITH A FINE PLAY OVER SS BUT ALSO TRIPLED AND SINGLED AT BAT.

GARY CH MADE LIKE A DOG CHASING A FRISBEE MAKING A FINE RUNNING PLAY IN RCF

LETS GIVE A SPECIAL BARK OUT TO LEE WHO CRUSHED 3 HITS INCLUDING A TRIPLE.

MARIO GIVES CAUSE FOR THE OPPOSITION TO HAVE A BONE TO PICK WITH HIM, AS HE MAKES AN IM-PAWS-IBLE PICK OF A ROCKET DON THIRD.

LEDER WOULDN'T LET SLEEPING OUTFIELDERS LIE AS HE FORCES THEM TO CHASE A BALL THAT HE CRUSHES TO UBER DEEP RF FOR A 2 RUN HOMER.

ROB SAYS TO BATTERS, "IF YOU WANT A HIT YOU'RE BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE!" AS HE PLAYS A FLAWLESS 2B, INCLUDING THE MAKING OF A SEVERE WOOF GEM ON A LINER BY THE BASE. HE GOT GOOD DOGWOOD ON THE BALL AND COLLECTED 2 HITS AND 2 RBI.

ZIGGY SENDS THE LEFT FIELDER TO FETCH AFTER HIS "BULLET" UP THE HILL, WHILE HE GREYHOUNDS AROUND THE BASES FR A MIGHTY 2 RUN HOMER.

https://americacomesalive.com/bullet-the-dog-from-the-roy-rogers-show/

A BEAUTIFUL 4-6-3 (ROB-ALEX-STEVE) DOGGLE PLAY WAS MADE, TO STOP THE OFFENSE FROM DOOGIE POOPING ON THE PITCHER.

TOO BAD BATS AREN'T MADE OF TIN.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-Dpw_miHgQ

MIKE SMOLENS GOT A JOB LABRADORCASTING AS THE FORDHAM SOCCER ANALYST FOR ESPN-1. GOOD LUCK MIKE!

FORGIVENESS PLEASE FOR ALL THAT I DIDN'T GET OR GOT WRONG.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT NEXT MONDAY'S (9.5.22) LABOR DAY ANNUAL AGE ADJUSTED ANNUAL GNSB HOME RUN DERBY. IT'LL BE A REAL DOG AND PONY SHOW.

HIGHLIGHTS THAT HAVE GONE TO THE DOGS

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2022 BBQ #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Smores	FOOD Makers
7?	SAT	28 PLAYERS 12 SIGNIFICANT OTHERS	EAST MEADOW	FIT FOR REFUGEES. Pero Muy Hot Dog bun-ito	WATER AND ICED TEA	0	George

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SCANDAL ROCKS THE ANNUAL SINENO BBQ-LOOZAH!

26 players plus 12 SIGNIFICANT OTHERS were TRAUMATIZED at what they saw.

NOT A HINT OF FILET MIGNON, ZERO CAVIAR. THEY PUT THE NON IN BEEF BOURGUIG-NON. BEEF WELLINGTON? THERE WASN'T EVEN BEEF WELL ING DONE-ITON. GUESTS WERE FORCED TO ENDURE AN ENTIRE AFTERNOON WITHOUT LOBSTER THERMIDOR OR SHRIMP SCAMPI.
YOU COULDN'T EVEN GET A SLICE OF QUICHE OR PIZZA!!!

STRANGELY THERE WERE REPORTS OF MISSING CATS

IN THE AREA.

Menu and Womenu: Hot dogs (or cats?), Shamburgers, Never Sausage a Meal and Peppers, Salad, Cabbage Salad, STUFF-ED I FORGOT AND LOWER CASES OF beer, soda, AND wine. (lots of whine…MOST NOT FINE)

THERE WAS THE UTTERLY OUTRAGEOUS TREATMENT OF THE GUESTS. SOME WERE FORCED TO DIP THEMSELVES, HALF NAKED, INTO POOLS OF CHLORINE, WHILE OTHERS WATCHED IN HORROR.

TENT SHELTERS WITHOUT WALLS OR BATHROOMS WERE SET UP, REFUGEE CAMP STYLE, AS GUESTS WERE FORCED TO GO UNDERNEATH THEM TO EAT.

THERE WAS NO SECURITY AT ALL IN THE AREA. THE PLACE WAS OVERRUN WITH ALL TYPES OF UNDESIRABLES, RIFRAF AND NE'ER DO WELLS.

BEANBAG GAMES , BOCCE GAMES AND GAMES OF ALL SORTS WERE DISPLAYED ALONG THE BACKYARD FENCE TO GIVE THE ILLUSION OF NORMALCY AND TO DISGUISE THE REAL GOINGS ON, WHICH INCLUDED: gossip, tall tales, cryakking, balderdash, idiocy, imbecility, inaneness, inanity, insanity, kookiness, lunacy, absurdness, madness, witlessness, monkey business, monkeyshine(s), shenanigan(s), hot air, rigmarol. BIZARRELY, NO TYPICAL PICNIC/PARTY GAMES/ STREET GAMES WERE OFFERED FOR PLAY. NO STEAL THE BACON, NO CAPTURE THE WHITE FLAG, NO

STICKBALL, STOOP ALL, HIT THE PENNY, PUNCH BALL, MONKEY IN THE MIDDLE, RUNNING BASES, BOX BALL, 3 BOX BASEBALL, KICK THE CAN, OFF THE WALL, BASEBALL CARD FLIPPING, OR RINGO-LEVIO. SNOBBERY SEEMED TO RULE THE AFTERNOON.

In Attendance (34+ illegal several walk ons.) = 38is

Barry Schneider (Regular player and Board Member) +1
Barry Dick - +1 female
Brian Star
Dan Hegarty (Regular player and Board Member) - wife Linda
David Gerber
Ed Rutkovsky Plus wife
Gary Leventhal (Regular Player and Commissioner (Commishugana)) (+ 1 female)
Gary Weinstock (Regular player and Board Member) (+ 1 female)
Gary Zwetchkenbaum (Regular player and Board Member) - With 1 female
Gordon Charlop (+ 1 female) - Hopefully this a non-board member function
Howie Diamond
John Hunt (Regular player and Board Member) - Plus 1
Lee Tannenbaum
Marc Kono - make sure my burgers are medium
Marcos
Mario Ranieri
Mark Leder
Matthew Rice
Mike Smolens
Roger Kass
Steven Hershorn
Vinny Batteria (+ 1 female)
Fran Alter +1
Joe S and wife Fran (Hosts)

THANK YOU JOE AND WIFE FRAN. IT WAS SO NICE AND GENEROUS OF YOU TOO OPEN YOUR HOME SO FREELY TO US.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL NON-ATTENDEES HAVE BEEN KARMA-LIZED FOR LIFE…SOME INSTANTLY.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LUNATIC FRINGE

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55 A	SAT	16	KPP5	LOW HUMIDITY AND PLEASANT BUT DUSTY LIKE THE LUNAR SURFACE	HONEYMOON LEDER VS THE ZEE-ITY*	10-9	Lee
55 B	SAT	17	KPP3	DITTO WHICH MADE EARTH'S GRAVITATIONAL PULL SEEM LESS THAN USUAL	ROGER VS BRUCE*	22-15	BOBBY / BRUCE
56	SUN	22	A-WOOD	HOT DESPITE THE WANING OF SUMMER	HONEY BOY LEDER/ZEE VS LEE*/ROGER	14-12	BOBBY / BRUCE
57A	MOON DAY	19	KPP5	A GOOD DAY FOR A WALK ON THE MOON IF YOU LIVED NEARBY	LEE* VS ZEE	13-12	LEE
57B	MOON DAY	22	KPP3	DITTO	SCOTT / DOUGBEE* VS ERIC/ BRUCE	13-7	BRUCE/ BOBBY
HOME RUN DERBY	MOON DAY	21	KPP5	A GOOD TIME TO LAUNCH MOONSHOOTS	LEDER/ERIC THE U/LEE/ ROGER/ROB/ JOEL/LUIS	SEE ATTACH MENT	
		Net Weekend Turnout 98 - 48 = 50 53% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/57 = $0.35 PG (65 CENTS BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 63 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 94 WELCOME RORY HART AND OLD FAVE MIKE MEEHAN TO THE LIST 85% of 2021 Members	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 133* (New Record)	

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133RD CONSECUTIVE MOON-TH OF OUTDOOR PLAY IS ACHIEVED! KUDOS TO ALL THE LUNATICS WHO HELPED MAKE THIS HAPPEN BY PLAYING ALL YEAR.

KUDOS TO ALL THE 8 LUNATIC IRONMEN THAT PLAYED IN ALL 3 GAMES THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND, DESPITE THE THREAT OF GETTING MOON-KEY POX, PARTICIPATED IN THE HOME RUN DERBY PLUS STAYED AROUND TO HELP AND TO BE IN THE PHOTO. THEY ARE: BRUCE, BOBBY, GARY Z, BRYAN, LEDER, STEVE H, JACK, AND GARY W

Game 55A SATURDAY KPP5 9.3.2

GOOD PITCHING, WITH VERY FEW MOONWALKS, AND OUT OF THIS WORLD DEFENSIVE PLAYS HOLD DOWN THE SCORE IN A TIGHT 1 RUN GAME WITH THE TYING RUN ON 3B.

JACK DOES SOMETHING WE ONLY SEE FROM PLAYERS ONCE IN A BLUE MOON. FRESH FROM A VISIT TO NASHVILLE, HE TRAVELS TO SMASH-VILLE AND CRASHES 6 HITS!!!

Game 55B SATURDAY KPP3 9.3.22 BY GORDON

A glorious Labor Day weekend saw a slugfest infest the cozy confines of KPP's field 3. Pitching for the visitors was the southpaw stylings of the artful Roger. The home side featured the mighty Brewster.

In the visitors half, Roger complimented his pitching munificence with his own rocket to right which plated a pair. The home side saw that and raised it by three. First, Driller blasted a two run double and then Doug Beck sent a bomb into the stratosphere for a three run homer. The visitors stayed close as Gordon and Johnny V. drove in three but Dr. Ed came back for the home side with a smash to deep center for a two run four bagger. The top of third saw more plate action as Hugh, Scott, Marty, Cliff, Seth and Gordon combined to knot the score at seven. But the home side answered back swiftly with three runs in the next three innings. The big blasts were Russ's three run homer, Gary W. 's and Bruce's clutch rbi hits and finally Big Ben's two bagger.

It looked as if this would be a runaway freight train but the visitors put together a rally of three runs, cutting the margin to 16-11 and filling the bases. And then the play of the game was made by an unexpected source playing an unexpected position. When a screaming liner was launched to right center field, it looked like a Grand Slam was coming and with it a tight score. But Gary W. had other ideas. Ranging far to his right from his right field position, in a full sprint, Gary extended his glove over his head and backhand and snared the line drive in the very edge of the webbing of his glove. The ball was not even fully secured as he pulled it down onto his thigh to trap the pill and end the inning. Although Bobby drove in two the next inning, Ben plated two before Barry went yard and it was all over save the dancing. Other outstanding defense was provided by Dan on a line drive, Barry in Right Center and Seth at second base.

When it was all over, the final score was Cousin Brewsky's Marauders 22 Roger's Merry Band of Misfit Toys 15. As the game ended, little did anyone know that this very field would be the scene of a Vinny like Home Run Derby theft.

EDITORS NOTE: THERE WAS A PLAYOFF ROUND. SO ALTHOUGH VINNY MIGHT HAVE HIT THE MOST HR'S IN TOTAL, HE DID NOT WIN. ALSO THAT YEAR THE DERBY TOOK PLACE ON FIELD 4 NOT 5.

Game 56 SUNDAY KPP3 9.4.22

MARIO SUPPLIES LOTS OF THE OFFENSIVE A-M◇◇N-ITI◇N FOR HIS TEAM WITH 4 HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE PLUS WEBGEMS AT 3B ON A MOON ROCKET DOWN THE LINE!

BARRY MAKES 3 OUTRAGEOUS RUNNING GEMS ON BALLS HIT TO THE LUNATIC FRINGES OF LF.

KONO ALSO LAUNCHES 4 HITS AND HAS A SLIDING

DEFENSIVE GEM IN LCF AS WELL.

LEDER ACTS LIKE HE'S ON THE MOON AS HE DEFIES EARTH'S GRAVITATIONAL PULL WITH A LEAPING GRAB AT SS.

ZIG TRIPLES INTO LCF AS HE RACES INTO 3B LIKE MOONLIGHT GRAHAM.

KENNY SHOWS WHY HE'S PART OF THE GNSB MOON-ARCHY WITH 3 HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE.

BRYAN AND ED H MOON ROCK THE BALL MULTIPLE TIMES TO HAVE SOLID HIT DAYS

LEE AT SS MAKES A FINE TAKE IT YOURSELF TO STEVE H DP

ZEE SHOWS PATIENCE AND MOONWALKS TWICE

Game 57A MOONDAY KPP5 9.5.22 FROM LEE

LEE vs ZEE. No relief. THE LEES WIN 13-12. Gerber with a walk off in the bottom of the ninth. The Lees scored 6 runs in the bottom of the 8th to break open what was a one run tightly fought game. The Zees came back with 7 In the top of the ninth to tie it 12-12 and then Gerber got the hit to knock in Vinny to win it.
Today's defense was very solid all around. Ed H and Seth K made multiple running web gems in the outfield. Jack also made a very fine running catch.
Offensively Matt R bashed a big 2 run homer and Joel smashed a moonster 3 run homer

Game 57B MOONDAY KPP3 9.5.22

DUE TO AN UNEXPECTED INVASION OF TEMPLE PICNICKERS, OUR "B" OF TRANQUILITY" WAS DISTURBED AND MANY HIGHLIGHTS WERE LOST IN SPACE, IN THE PROCESS. APPARENTLY WE HELD JOINT PERMITS FOR THE SAME AREA FOR HOME RUN DERBY TIME. THIA CAUSED LAST MINUTE NEGOTIATIONS AND PHONE CALLS. IT WAS WORKED OUT BUT INVOLVED NO SMALL EFFORT ON OUR PART, TO TRANSFER EVERYTHING OVER TO KPP5.

SUPER JOE MOONSTRUCK A BALL TO THE SUPER MOON IN RCF FOR A HOME RUN.

ED I LAUNCHED A BALL TO THE MOON AND BACK FOR AN RBI TRIPLE

GARY W MOON ZAPPA-RED AN RBI TRIPLE TO CF FOR A TRIPLE.
GARY CHARNEY STOOD IN THE SPOTLIGHT OF MOONSHINE TODAY WITH HIS 3 HITS.

SORRY FOR ALL THE OTHER "B" HIGHLIGHTS THAT WERE ECLIPSED BY THIS DISRUPTION IN THE FORCE. IF YOU SEND THEM TO ME I WILL INCLUDE IT IN THE NEXT WRITEUP, SINCE I WAS SO EMBROILED IN THIS IMBROGLIO.

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HOME RUN DERBY MOONDAY KPP3 9.5.22

KUDOS TO DAVE, THE RAVE, GERBER FIRST TIME WINNER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS GNSB ANNUAL HOME RUN DERBY OR SHOULD WE SAY GERBY?

GERBER FERVOR HAS BROKEN OUT!

THE ARTEMIS ROCKET LAUNCH MAY HAVE BEEN SCRUBBED BUT THE MOONO-MANIACAL GNSB HOME RUN DERBY PARTICIPANTS, SAW THE BALL LIKE A BIG PIZZA PIE TODAY AND SHOT FOR THE MOON.

SEE THE ATTACHMENT FOR THE FINAL RESULTS.

GAR-TEMIS (Though Artemis was the twin of Apollo, he will not a-pollo-gize for the groaners above)

LOTS MORE NEWS, PHOTOS AND CLIPS FROM THIS PAST WEEK OR SO. WILL BE COMING, INCLUDING SCENES FROM THE SINENO BBQ AND SANDIA'S SINGING OF OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM. STAY TUNED.

MANY THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT HELPED OUT THIS WEEKEND. YOU GUYS MADE IT A BIG SUCCESS. WE COULD NOT HAVE PULLED THIS OFF WITHOUT YOU.

MOST OF ALL THANK YOU TO SANDIA ANG FOR COMING OUT EARLY LABOR DAY MORNING, AS SHE HAS DONE FOR MORE THAN A DECADE, TO SING OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM. ITS TRULY A TREASURED GNSB TRADITION.

HIGHLIGHTS FIT FOR A NEW KING

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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	KINGS OF THE HILL	Scores	KING Makers
58 A	SAT	18	KPP5	FIT FOR A KING	DOUGK* VS THE ZEE-ITY	9-7	THE ROYAL TANNEN BAUM
58 QUEEN B	SAT	21+1 NO SHOW	KPP3	DITTO	LEDER/ ROGER VS ANDY*	18–11	BOBBY / BRUCE
59	SUN	24	A-WOOD	FIT FOR A QUEEN	HONEY BOY LEDER/VS ERIC*/ BRUCE/ RYAN/ ROGER	12-11 WITH TYING RUN ON 3B, WINNING RUN ON 2B	BOBBY / BRUCE
		Net Weekend Turnout 63 - 15 = 48 51% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/59 = $0.33 PG (67 CENTS BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 63 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 94 WELCOME RORY HART AND OLD FAVE MIKE MEEHAN TO THE LIST 85% of 2021 Members	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 133* (New Record)	

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Game 58A SATURDAY KINGSPP5 9.10.22

DOUG KOCH WINS KING OF THE HILL HONORS THIS WEEKEND GETTING THE WIN AND GIVING UP ONLY 7 RUNS. BUT ZEE IS ALSO REGAL GIVING UP JUST 9. BUT ONLY ONE CAN WALK THRU THE MON-ARCH D' TRIUMPHE

Game 58B SATURDAY KINGSPP3 9.10.22

RUSSELL WINS THE SATURDAY BATTING CROWN WITH 4 CONSECUTIVE HITS.

LEDER GOES SCOTLAND YARD AS HE ELIZA-BEAT-THE HELL OUT OF THE BALL FOR A HOMER INSPIRED BY THE CAROL KING SONG, "YOU'RE SO FAR AWAY."

GARY CHARNEY, FROM THE COUNTY OF QUEENS, WINS TODAYS SLUGGING CROWN WITH A HOMER AND A DOUBLE.
CURRENT KINGS COUNTY REZZY ANDY," AS HE IS QUEEN VICTORIA-S ON THE MOUND.

FORMER KINGS COUNTY REGENTS TAKER, GARY WEINSTOCK HAS A NOBLE 3 HIT GAME INCLUDING A

DOUBLE.

AS THE KINGFISH USED TO SAY, “HOLY MACKERAL THERE ANDY,” AS CURRENT KINGS COUNTY REZZY ANDY PAUL WAS THE GAME’S KING OF THE HILL

REMINISCENT OF CAROL KING (A FORMER KINGS COUNTY RESIDENT TOO) ALSO HAVING “ONE FINE DAY,” WITH MULTIPLE HITS WERE ED R, ERIC B, MIKE M, MATT R, ROOK SETH STARR - INCLUDING A TRIPLE AND ROOK ROB G.

BOTH MAJA ROGER AND BARON BARRY D BANGED DOUBLES, PLUS RAJAH REACHED INTO THE 3RD BASE BAG OF CROWN JEWELS TO PICK OUT A WEB GEM.

BOBBY W, THE KING OF QUEENS, RIPPLED A BIG DOUBLE.
THE MARQUIS DE LEDER WEB GEMMED AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT TO THE MOUND AND ZIPPED IT OVER TO ROGER WHO REPURPOSED IT INTO A FINE DP.

ED R PROVES TOO BE A ROYAL PAIN TO THE OPPOSITION AS HE GUNS DOWN A RUNNER FROM THE OUTFIELD THAT THEN BECOMES A DOUBLE PLAY.

Game 59 SUNDAY ALLENWOOD 9.11.22

GARY CHARNEY PROVES TO BE THE KING OF THE BEASTS TODAY WITH 5 HITS!

PLAYING THE ROLE OF KING KONG AT VARIOUS TIMES WITH 4 HITS EACH
TODAY WERE PRINCE PETE, CZAR ZIG, AND KING KONG KONO (INCLUDING A 2 RUN HOMER.)

GETTING 3 HITS TODAY WERE:
SIR JON PAISNER, THE MARQUIS DE LEDER AND THE MARQUIS DE MARCOS (INCLUDING A MASSIVE HOMER PAST SEVERAL VASSALS AND SERFS IN THE FIEFDOM.)

ERIC THE CARDINAL (SHOULD HAVE WORN HIS KC ROYAL UNIFORM) WAS THE CROWN VICTORA-US PITCHER

BARON BRYAN BLACK BLASTED A BIG, BOOMING BURGER KING WHOPPER OUT OF THE KINGDOM PAST CF FOR A HOMER.

MULTI-HIT GAMES WERE ALSO SEEN FROM LE ROI RICH C AND LE ROI ROB W.

GEMS TAKEN OUT FROM THE CROWN JEWELS FOR THIS OCCASION WERE BY
ROOK RYAN, WHO MADE A RUNNING CUT OFF AND GUNNED DOWN A RUNNER AT 2B FROM THE CENTER-FIEFDOM.

RICH C, WHO MADE A FULLY STRETCHED OUT OVERHEAD GRAB OF AN ORB IN THE LEFT FIEFDOM. BARRY, WHO MADE 2 FINE RUNNING GRABS AND MARCOS THE SECOND , WHO THREW OUT A RUNNER AT THE PLATE IN A CRUCIAL OUT! OUT! DAMN SPOT. LORD FLASH PAISNER, WHO SNAGGED A LASED HOPPER TO 2B AND CHANGED A HIT TO BE INTO A NOT TO BE.

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THANKS TO THE MANY GUYS THAT HAVE VERY THOUGHTFULLY AND VERY GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED TO HELP OUT VINNY BOVE AND HIS FAMILY IN THIS VERY DIFFICULT TIME FOR THEM. I WILL CONTINUE COLLECTING THIS WEEKEND.
Also please sign the enlarged, well wishes- we are thinking of you photo poster card, provided by Eric the Uniform.

MORE HIGHLIGHTS FIT FOR A NEW KING

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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	KINGS OF THE HILL	Scores	KING Makers
60 A	SAT	16	KPP5	Weather everyone was liking	DOUGK* VS THE ZEE-ITY	12-11	LEE

60 B	SAT	19	KPP3	Pleasant and cool with a smoking grill behind the parking lot due to someone cooking It was quite choking	BRUCE*/ ROGER* VS DOUGB*	12–12	BOBBY / BRUCE
61	SUN	23 (2 ILLEGAL DROPOUTS)	A-WOOD	Weather everyone was liking	HONEY BOY LEDER*/VS ERIC	14-7 BUT 8-7 THRU 11	BOBBY / BRUCE
		Net Weekend Turnout 58 - 16 = 42 45% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/61 = $0.33 PG (67 CENTS BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 63 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 94 WELCOME RORY HART AND OLD FAVE MIKE MEEHAN TO THE LIST 85% of 2021 Members	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 133* (New Record)	

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THE LAST 3 GNSB GAMES BEFORE SUNDAY -12-12, 12-11, 12-11

Game 60A SATURDAY KINGSPP5 9.17.22 AS NOTATED BY LEE

BREAKING NEWS!

WHILE MOST OF THE WORLD WAS JUST WAKING UP TODAY WE SAW:

- JACK, RYAN (NO RELATION TOO THE SHOW JACK

RYAN), MIKE G, DOUG K, AND KONO RANSACKING THE OPPOSITION WITH 3 HITS EACH.

- JON UNCORKING A 2 RUN HOMER
- LEE NUKING THE BALL TO PRODUCE A 2 RUN TRIPLE.
- ED H WAS A WRECKING BALL, CRANKING OUT DOUBLES AND TRIPLES.
- MIKE G MADE A BREATHTAKING PLAY AT SS AND SETH K MADE A PLAY EVOKING MEMORIES OF JOE DIMAGGIO STREAKING ACROSS THE OUTFIELD TO SNAG A HEAT SEEKING MISSILE.

UNFORTUNATELY ONE TEAM HAD TO LOSE 12-11. BECAUSE THAT WAS HEART BREAKING

Game 60B SATURDAY KINGSPP3 9.17.22
WHILE MOST OF THE WORLD WAS JUST WAKING UP TODAY WE SAW:

- THE OFTEN NITPICKING, SQUAWKING, MUCKRAKING, GORDON, WHACKING 4 HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE
- DOUGBEE SMACKING 3 HITS PLUS A SAC FLY FOR 4 RBI.
- THE WISECRACKING, TROUBLEMAKING, JOE S THWACKING 4 HITS INCLUDING 2 TRIPLES (GIVING HIM TODAY'S TRIPLE CROWN) AND 3 RBI.
- THE MERRYMAKING, RUSSELL SPANKING A HOMER TO RF.
- THE FROLICKING LEDER LICKING A TRIPLE TO OPPY FIELD AND A CRACKING A HOMER TO RCF
- GARY CH THWACKING 3 HITS.
- THE NOISEMAKING, BOBBY, STRIKING 2 HITS

INCLUDING A DOUBLE.

- CLIFF MAKING 2 SHOCKING GOLD GLOVE PLAYS AT 3B, ONE OF WHICH WAS A DP.
- THE HULKING ERIC B TOMAHAWKING 2 HITS PLUS A SAC FLY.
- ALAN Z SHELLACKING 2 HITS, ONE OF WHICH TIED THE GAME AT 12 IN THE LAST INNING.
- HUGH,BEN, AND GARY W ALL CLOCKING 2 HITS.
- THE BACKBREAKING LEDER AND GORDON (NO RELATION TO PETER AND GORDON) BOTH BLOCKING BATTER'S BIDS FOR SURE BASE HITS WITH GEMS AT SS.
- ALSO PARTAKING IN THE HIT PARADE WERE ROGER AND DRILLER.
- VERY FINE PITCHING PERFORMANCES BY ALL WHO TOOK THE MOUND, WITH ONLY ONE BATTER WALKING. (BRUCE*/ROGER* VS DOUGB*)

Game 61 SUNDAY ALLENWOOD 9.17.22
AS THE WORLD WAS AWAKING WE SAW:

KONO RISKING LIFE AND LIMB WHILE MAKING A SLIDING CATCH ON A SINKING LINER TO LCF WRECKING THE HIGH HOPES OF A BATTER FOR A HIT.

BARRY TRACKING DOWN AND OVERTAKING 2 MONSTER BLASTS TAKING AWAY 2 POTENTIAL EXTRA BASE HITS. WE ALSO SAW HIM GUNNING DOWN A RUNNER AT 2B WHO TRIED STRETCHING A SINGLE

INTO A DOUBLE,

TWO SPECTACULAR DEFENSIVE 4-6-3 DPS (ROB TO BRYAN TO BRUCE) MIMICKING TINKERS TO EVERS TO CHANCE. AND A ZIG TO STEVE TAKE IT YOUR-SELFER TO THE CHEERS OF ONLOOKING TEAMMATES.

GARY CHARNEY POKING 3 HITS PAST THE DEFENSE, ONE OF WHICH WAS AN RBI TRIPLE .

DOUG BECK KNOCKING OUT 3 HITS.

GORDO, SANS HIS FROG DAIQUIRI BOYS, ROCKING OUT 3 HITS WITH 3 RBI.

PICKLEBALL PLAYERS WALKING BY WERE GAWKING AND RUBBERNECKING TO SEE CRANKY JOE CRANKING OUT 3 HITS, INCLUDING HIS 3RD TRIPLE OF THE WEEKEND IN AN EFFORT TO GET THE TRIPLE CROWN, WHILE PROVOKING BOARD MEMBERS WITH HIS, ALONG WITH GORDON'S, INCESSANT YAKKING, QUACKING, CLUCKING, AND BARKING, OF FALSE, SIDETRACKING ACCUSATIONS AGAINST YOUR MULTITASKING, GROUNDBREAKING, AND HARDWORKING, GNSB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PETE I. THUNDERSTRIKING A HUGE TRIPLE, IN ADDITION TO STRIKING OTHER HITS.

THE EGG SALAD SNACKING LEDER CONKING 2

DOUBLES AND IS ALSO BASKING HIS UBER WHITE BODY IN GLORY, BY GIVING UP JUST 7 RUNS IN 12 INNINGS TO GET THE WIN.

IN ADDITION, WE SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKING THE FINE HITS FROM KENNY, ERIC T, BOBBY W, RYAN, MARIO, ROB, RICH AND I'M THINKING, PROBABLY OTHERS.

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THANKS TO ALL FOR SIGNING THE POSTER OF VINNY BOVE AND CONTRIBUTING SO GENEROUSLY TO HIM AND HIS BEAUTIFUL FAMILY. I WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT FOR A BIT LONGER.
IF YOU ARE USING VENMO PLEASE SEND TO GARYPLEVENTHAL

HIGHLIGHTS WITH FIREWORKS

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2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	PITCHERS	Scores	Side Makers
62 A	SAT	18	KPP5	OCTOBER-ESQUE AND DEWY BUT DO WE MIND?	DOUGK* VS THE ZEE-ITY	13-5	LEE
62 B	SAT	21	KPP3	DITTO	BRUCE/MIKE L VS DOUGB*	15–14	BOBBY / BRUCE
63	SUN	24	A-WOOD	Air conditioned conditions with a cloud cover on it	HONEY BOY LEDER*/ZEE VS HIS JOHNER/ DOUGB	5-2	BOBBY / BRUCE

		Net Weekend Turnout 63 - 16 = 47 50% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/63 = $0.32 PG (67 CENTS BELOW THE NO COMPLAINT LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 63 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 94	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 133* (New Record)	

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THE HIGHLIGHTS, WHICH WERE ALL PREDICTED THE WEEK BEFORE OVER THE NIGHT SKIES AT STEPPINGSTONE PARK ON SEPTEMBER 18, ARE ATTACHED

HIGHLIGHTS WITH FREE SHIPPING

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 10/8/22-10/10/22 GAME 64a/b,65 and 66
PPG= THE PRICE PER GAME SO FAR THIS YEAR IF YOU'VE PLAYED IN EVERY GAME

2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	AT THE HELMS	Scores	Side Makers
64 A/B MIX	SAT	21	KPP5	Cool BUT with very few knots per hour.	LUIS*/ STEVE F VS THE ZEE-ITY/ LEDER*	PART 1 19-1 PART 7-1	BRUCE/ LEE
65	SUN	23	A-WOOD	FIELD IN SHIPSHAPE	HIS JOHNER VS THE ZEE-ITY* HIS JOHNER* VS ZEE/ ERIC/BRUCE	PART 1 12-0 PART 2 9-3	LEE / BRUCE

66	MON	17	A-WOOD	EVEN SHIPSHAPE-IER WITH WEATHER MAGNIFIQUE	HIS JOHNER*/VIN BATTS VS THE ZEE-ITY/ BRUCE	13-11	BRUCE AND BOBBY
		Net Weekend Turnout 61 - 19 = 42 44% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/66 = $0.30 PG (70 CENTS BELOW THE YOU CAN'T COMPLAINT LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 70 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 96 SHIP AHOY TEAMM-MATIES TO ROOKIES NICK K AND CHARLIE M	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 134* (New Record)	

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IN HONOR OF THE 3 SHIPS THAT CAME OVER TO DISCOVER AMERICA, THESE HIGHLIGHTS HAVE BEEN SHIPPED TO YOU FOR FREE.

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KUDOS TO THE 6 IRON MEN WHO BRAVED THE TRIP ACROSS ALL 3 DAYS, DESPITE FACING MANY HARDSHIPS. THEY WERE:
BRUCE, GARY Z, GARY L, GARY CH, MARK LEDER, AND GORDON

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ON THIS COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND, DESPITE THE ROUGH SEAS, AND MANY NEAR SHIPWRECKS, WE'VE MANAGED TO SURVIVE 134 MONTHS IN A ROW BOAT!!!…OUTDOORS

Game 64A/B mix SATURDAY: HMS KPP5 10.8.22

RIDERSHIP WAS DOWN TODAY, BUT THERE WERE PLENTY OF PLAYERS WHO EARNED SCHOLARSHIPS TO HIGHLIGHT UNIVERSITY THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND

HOLY SHIP! LUIS GETS A BOAT LOAD OF HITS. SIX- IF YOU'RE COUNTING

HONEY BOY LEDER SHIPPED OUT 3 HITS INCLUDING A MASSIVE HOMER TO LCF AND A DOUBLE TO CF. IN ADDITION HE SHOWED HIS MARKSMANSHIP BY THROWING STRIKES AND GIVING UP JUST 1 RUN IN 6 INNINGS, HE SAVED A SINKING SHIP THAT RALLIED TO WIN PART 2, PROVING THE "CANVAS CAN DO MIRACLES, JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE."

AS BRUCE SAID, "THERE WAS A MARKED CHANGE IN THE GAME AFTERWARDS."

HUGH DISPLAYED FINE CRAFTSMANSHIP WITH HIS BAT, PRODUCING 4 HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE.

STEVE F SENT 2 SHIPMENTS OF TRIPLES TO RF, TO GO ALONG WITH A TRIPLE SET OF SINGLES.

LETS NOT BYPASS CARDIOLOGIST ED, WHO FORCED 3 HITS TO SAIL OUT FROM HIS BAT.

STEVE H CONTRIBUTED, BIG TIME TO THE SINKING OF THE LOSER-TANIA STEERING 3 BOOMERS TO RF, DESPITE STRATEGIC SHIFTS. AS A RESULT HE GAINED MANY HERO WORSHIPPERS.

A TREASURE SHIP FILLED WITH WEBGEMS WAS BEQUEATHED TO LUIS FOR HIS MAGNIFICENT MOUND DEFENSE AGAINST HIGHLY STRATEGIC NUCLEAR MISSILES.

SHIPS AHOY COOKIES TO ROOKIES CHARLIE M AND NICK K WHOSE APPRENTICESHIP STARTED TODAY.

Game 65 SUNDAY: HMS ALLENWOOD 10.9.22
ZEE TAKES THE WIND OUT OF THE VISITING SAILS AND SHUTS THEM OUT IN PART 1, TO GET THE WIN.

HIS JOHNER THEN GETS THE HOME BATTERS TO WALK THE PLANK IN PART 2, ALLOWING JUST 3 RUNS, TO GET THE WIN.

HONEY BOY LEDER SENT OUT AN AIRSHIP TO DEEP SPACE IN LCF FOOR A DOUBiE AND ANOTHER ONE TO DEEP CF FOR A TRIPPY ACROSS THE ALLENWOOD OCEAN.

MATT R AND KENNY BOTH GOOD SHIP LOLLIPOPPED TRIPLES OVER THE GRASS OCEAN IN RF.

DOUGB, ZIGGY, BARRY AND J-RO JOINED THE PANTHEON OF STARSHIPS WITH 3 HITS EACH TODAY, INCLUDING EXTRA BASERS

SAILING ON TODAY'S GOLD G-LOVE BOAT WERE:

- ROGER WITH A NICE PICK AT 1B TO COMPLETE A MARIO TO LEE TO HE DP.
- KENNY WITH A THROW OUT OF A RUNNER FROM RCF.

Game 66 MONDAY: HMS ALLENWOOD 10.10.22

TODAY'S GAME WAS A "SEA" SAW BATTLE IS WHICH OPPOSING BATTLESHIPS CHANGED LEADS OR GOT TIED UP 6 TIMES. BU THE HOME TEAM EVENTUALLY GOT THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

MANY PLAYERS FISHED FOR BALLS TODAY AMIDST THE LUSH GREEN ALLENWOOD GRASS SEA BUT BY FAR THE CATCH OOF THE DAY WAS FROM HUGH, WHO MADE A SPECTAC-HUGH-LAR SLIDING CATCH IN CENTERFIELD. IT WAS A SLIDER FROM THE GLIDER AND IT WAS HUGH-TIFUL

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BTW HUGH'S DUO WILL BE PERFORMING NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT FROM 8:30 TO 11:00 AT FINN MACOOLS, 205 MAIN STREET, IN PORT WASHINGTON. (TRADITIONAL IRISH AND AMERICAN FOOD) . THEY PLAY MOSLTY MELLOW CLASSIC FROM THE 60'S AND 70'S. TRUST ME HE'S VERY WORTH SEEING AND HEARING.
THE NUMBER FOR RESERVATIONS IS 516 944 3439

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FLASH PAISNER BLASTED 5 HITS INCLUDING 2 THAT HE STEAMSHIPPED AROUND THE BASES FOR DOUBLES.

VIN BATTERIA CAME INTO PITCH FOR AN INNING AND WAS SO SUCCESSFUL THAT HE WILL BE CHANGING HIS NAME TO PITCHERIA.

ERIC THE RED PINSTRIPED UNIFORM SAILED SAFELY INTO BASE 4 TIMES AND WALKED SAFELY TO BASE ONCE.

DO THE WAVE FOR GARY CHARNEY WHO BATTED 3 HITS THAT HE TRANSFORMED INTO SLIDING DOUBLES.

HIS JOHNER IN ADDITION TO TURNING THE OPPOSING WARSHIP INTO A SHIP OF FOOLS WITH HIS MAST-ERFUL PITCHING, COMES UP WITH ONE OF THE CATCHES OF THE DAY SNAGGING A LIFE THREATENING OCEAN LINER TO THE PITCHER'S HIGH GROUND.

IT WAS SOO GOOD THE SECOND BASEMAN MICHAEL M, ROW HIS BOAT ASHORE TODAY AT A-WOOD, BECAUSE HE DOVE INTO THE ALLENWOOD INFIELD OCEAN TWICE, ONCE FOR EACH TEAM, TO CATCH STING RAYS TRYING TO SWIM PAST HIM TO THE SAFE AREAS OF THE OUTFIELD.

BIRTHDAY BOY PETE HAD A MULTI-HIT DAY INCLUDING

A TRIPLE THAT SAILED WAY PAST OUTFIELDERS ENROUT TO THE NEW WORLD.

IN 14 HUNDRED AND 92
COOL-UMBUS SAILED THE OCEAN BLUE.
IN 2 THOUSAND TWENTY TWO,
COOL PETE TURNED 62 PLUS 2.
THANK YOU PETE FOR BRINING THE DONUTS!!!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ALSO PROVING SEA-WORTHY TODAY WITH MULTI-HIT/ MULTI-RBI BALLS REACHING THE SAFETY OF DRY LAND WERE:

LEDER, HUGH,VINNY,GORDON,MARIO, MIKE M, AND JACK BACK FROM SURGERY. I MAY HAVE NOT RECORDED 1 OR 2 MORE..SORRY.

7 PLAYERS WENT OVERBOARD AND WERE LOST AT SEA BETWEEN SATURDAY NIGHT AND MONDAY MORNING, DESPITE THE PERFECT WEATHER. THIS IS KNOT GOOD. BUT IT DID PRODUCE A WONDERFUL CALM. THANK YOU TO BRUCE AND BOBBY FOR HANDLING THE SITUATION IN A CALM, PROFESSIONAL, COMPETENT MANNER.

FELLOWSHIPS, COMPANIONSHIPS, COMRADSHIPS AND SPORTMANSHIPS ALL CAME ASHORE IN HIGH TIDE THIS WEEKEND.

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HIGHLIGHTS WITH A REAL CONTROVERSY

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 10/15/22-10/16/22 GAME 676a/b,and 68

2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	PITCHERS	Scores	Side Makers
67 A/B MIX	SAT	24	KPP5	GLORIOUS	DOUGB*/ STEVE F VS THE ZEE-ITY	7-3	BRUCE/ LEE
68	SUN	23	A-WOOD	FIELD OF DREAMLIKE	HONEY BOY LEDER/THE ZEE-ITY VS ERIC THE UN REPORTED UNIFORM TYPE*	10-5	LEE / BOBBY
		Net Weekend Turnout 47 - 14 = 33 34% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/68 = $0.29 PG (71 CENTS BELOW THE YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 70 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 96	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 134* (New Record)	

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Game 67A/B mix SATURDAY: KPP5 10.15.22 BY GORDON

A glorious autumn morning greeted 23 warriors for this edition of the Saturday KPP5 GNSB game. I say 23 because the game was limited to 24 and one signee failed to show up. If it were the first time for this particular individual it wouldn't warrant mention. This person however is something of a recidivist. Although truth be told, it is not much worse than those who sign up for every Sunday and then frequently cancel. We look to the board to address this epidemic in short order.

(**Commishugana's Note:** *For the past several weeks I've been asking everyone not to sign on for games unless 100% sure of playing. On days when we have to restrict the number of players, because there are too many for one game and too few for two, guys are being closed out when spots are available because players cancel too late or don't show up at all. This is not right. Several have asked me and the board to enact measures and penalties for guys who take their names off at the very last minute or don't show. I'm reluctant, but I think we might have to, since the situation hasn't improved. I'll keep you posted.)*

The top of the first saw the visiting Z's plate a pair. The one and two hitters, Ryan and Ed H., provided the offensive production. Each pounded a triple to lead the charge. The home side responded immediately. After two were out, a base and balls and then some timely hitting by Lee and Kono, sprinkled with some seeing eye base hits and the home side Becks were up by one.

Doug B. bedazzled on the hill and threw nine consecutive scoreless innings. Meanwhile, the home side added single runs in the four of the next five innings to pull away. Seth, Bryan, Hugh, Steve F., Matt , Roger, Gary W. and Dan all contributed to the incessant offensive behavior. And it would have been more if not for some outstanding defense by Mike G. who started a 5-2 double play to thwart one rally. And Gary Ch. continued his fine all around play. It should be noted that last week, he was 6 for 6. Somehow that eluded last week's highlight author. Ch. and Ed H made sterling catches in the outfield. And a Bryan to Gordon peg caught a runner trying to score.

Finally Steve F. was brought into the contest to put out the fire. His three inning performance of giving up one run over three innings was good enough to earn him his first save. Final score Beck/Feinstein 7 Z's 3.

Game 68 SUNDAY: ALLENWOOD 10.16.22 BY GORDON

A fine mist hovered above Allenwood Park as the GNSB gladiators took to the pitch. Starting for the visitors was Leder. He was pitted against the always stylish Eric the U. It should be noted that the park staff did a fabulous job of turning the infield into a pristine venue after an evening rain and abuse by BMX bikers. Combining the perfect field with some early morning sun and it was a field of dreams.

After a scoreless first, the visitors deuced the home side. Matt's seeing eye single and a bloop by Gary W. sparked the rally. The visitors added one in the fourth as Bryan lashed a double, one of his many hits.

The home side staked their claim when Kono blasted a drive that barely escaped the grasp of Matt in Right Center. And after five it was a 3-2 game. It looked like it would be a nail biter and when the home side scored two, the game was now one run in favor of the home side.

And then a disastrous home seventh for the visitors who turned from slick fielders to circus clowns. All that was missing was the carnival music. Among the batters who participated in the rally were, Zig, Kenny, Mario, Jack, Gary Ch., Pete, Roger and Steve.

The visitors tried to get back into the game when Barry crushed a drive to deep center field. But the home side responded immediately with Kono blasting a drive down the left field line for a two run double.

When the red dirt had settled, the U's emerged victorious over Leder and the Z (who blasted a couple of hits) by the score of 10-5.

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SLEEPY TIME HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 10/22/22-10/23/22

GAME 69AB/and 70

2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	PITCHERS	Scores	Side Makers
69 A/B MIX	SAT	23	KPP5	AS GLORIOUS AS PREDICTED PILLOWY SOFT UNDERFOOT, WITH RAYS OF SUNSHINE WARMING US LIKE AN ELECTRIC BLANKET	DOUGB/ THE ZEE-ITY VS HONEY BOY LEDER*	13-7	BRUCE/ LEE
70	SUN	21	A-WOOD	A BLANKET OF CLOUD COVER WITH THE CURTAINS DRAWN	HIS JOHNER* VS ERIC THE UNUNIFORM* (As to why, he kept us uninformed)/ ZEE*	6-6	BOBBY/ LEE
		Net Weekend Turnout 44 - 11 = 33 34% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/70 = $0.29 PG (71 CENTS BELOW THE YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 70 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 96	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 134* (New Record)	

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HERE'S ALL THE SNOOZE THATS UNFIT TO PRINT.

Game 69A/B mix SATURDAY: KPP5 10.22.22
WHILE NON-ATTENDESS GET SNUG UNDER THEIR FLEECE BLANKETS AND DREAM OF COUNTING SHEEP JUMPING OVER FENCES, 21 SOLID GNSB PLAYERS, DREAM OF HITTING BALLS, OVER FENCES.

LIVING THAT DREAM, MARK LEDER HOMERS INSIDE THE FENCE, TO GO ALONG WITH 2 OTHER HITS.

ED H MAKES A RUNNING, FLYING, DIVING, SNAG OF A BALL IN LCF, THAT OTHERS CAN ONLY DREAM ABOUT. HE'S ALSO A NIGHTMARE FOR THE OTHER TEAM OFFENSIVELY AS HE CRACKS 3 HITS AND 3RBI INCLUDING A TRIPLE.

STEVE F HONORS ABNER BY PROCLAIMING TODAY TO BE DOUBLE DAY, AS HE SMACKS 3 DOUBLES.

JON SPIEL HAD A SPECIAL DAY WITH 3 HITS INCLUDING A TRIPLE BUT NEVER IN HIS WILDEST DREAMS DID HE TTHINK THAT HE, ALONG WITH BROTHER MIKE, WOULD BECOME TODAYS NY TIMES WORDLE ANSWER. (SPIEL)

HITTING THE HAY OUT OF THE BALL WITH MULTIPLE HIT AND RBI WERE; BRYAN B, VINNY BATTS THE NOT SO "VINOCENT," RICH LUZARDO, WHO IT WAS GOOD TO SEE COME OUT OF HIBERNATION, JOE S, LEE WITH RBI, MATT R, INCLUDING A TRIPLE AND AND SOME SACK TIME (SACRIFICE FLY) AND ZZZZ INCLUDING A DOUBLE.

JEFF B MADE AN EARLY GAME WEB GEM IN RF TO DISTURB THE GOLDEN SLUMBERS OF THE VISITORS IN

THE FIRST INNING.

SETH C AWOKE FROM HIS 2 MONTH LONG BEAUTY SLEEP TO CRASH AN RBI BASE HIT. IT WAS GOOD TO SEE HIM HIM BACK.

DOUGBEES STEADY DIET OF STRIKES, WITH ACID RELIEF HELP BY ZEE, PUTS OPPOSING BATS TO SLEEP FOR MOST OF THE GAME.
GIVE HUGH TODAY'S FIRST EVER UG
(UMPIRING GEM) FOR HIS IMPRESSIVE, DECISIVE, CLEAR, DESCRIPTIVE AND ENTERTAINING UMPIRING. HE PUTS THE UG IN HUGH.

Game 70 SUNDAY: ALLENWOOD 10.23.22

THIS IS NOT TO BE BELIEVED! ERIC THE UN-UNIFORM NOT EVEN KNOWING THAT TODAY'S THEME WAS GOING TO BE SLEEPY HIGHLIGHTS, RETIRED HIS USUAL MLB UNIFORM FOR THE DAY, AND WORE PAJAMAS WITH CARPENTER JEANS, SEE PHOTO. AN EXPLANATION WAS HOPED FOR BUT HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED YET. INEXPLICABLE!

FOR MOST OF THE GAME THE HOME TEAM'S SCORE WAS A SNORE. THEIR BATS WERE SNOOZING AND THEY WERE LOSING. ALL GAME LONG, HIS JOHNER HELD THEM TO JUST 3 RUNS THROUGH THE FIRST 10 INNINGS. IT WAS A REAL SIESTA FIESTA.

BUT IN THE LAST INNING THE HOME TEAM DARED TO DREAM. THE ALARM WENT OFF. THEY REMOVED THE LUMBER FROM THEIR SLUMBER, AND, LED BY A WAKE UP BLAST, OVER THE RAINBOW AND UP THE HILL BY SUPER MARIO FOR A TRIPLE, TO TIED THE SCORE AT 6.
WHEN THE LIGHTS WERE TURNED OUT THE SCORE REMAINED AT 6-6.

DESPITE TODAY'S OUTBREAK OF GROUP NARCOLEPSY, KENNY'S CAFFEINATED BAT, BANGED OUT MULTI-HITS, INCLUDING A CLUTCH RBI DOUBLE. HE WAS ALSO ABLE TO GET SOME SACK TIME FOR ANOTHER RBI.
SWEET DREAMS WERE ALSO MADE FROM:
MATT R'S MONSTER TRIPLE TO RF WHICH WAS A WAKE CALL TO ALL THE "TOO DEEP" ADVISORS.
ERIC THE NONUNIFORM'S SNAG OF A RISE AND SHINING SURE HIT FADING LINER TO 2B.
KONO'S SLIDING GEM OF A LAZER TO CF, WHICH HE'S BECOME SO EXPERT AT THAT HE COULD PROBABLY DO IN HIS SLEEP.

THANK YOU TO BRUCE FOR BRINGING THE HEALTHIER ALTERNATIVE SNACKS FOR HIS BIRTHDAY. HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRUCE.

SORRY FOR ANY HIGHLIGHTS MISSED

IMPORTANT:

PLEASE NOTE THAT A 24 PLAYER LIMIT WILL BE PLACED ON ALL SATURDAY GAMES UNTIL THE SPRING OF 2023, UNLESS THERE ARE 8 OR MORE PLAYERS ON THE WAIT LIST. IN THAT CASE WE WILL HAVE TWO GAMES USING 2 DIAMONDS. PLEASE TEXT BRUCE AT 516-697-8540 IF YOU'D LIKE TOO BE PUT ON THE WAIT LIST.

MORE TO COME ABOUT THIS. STAY TUNED.

AS EDWARD R. MORROW USED TO SAY, "GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK."
SEE EVERYONE NEXT WEEKEND.

FALL FOOL-IAGE INSPIRED HIGHLIGHTS The Official Commissioner's

BLog: All-Star Dates 10/29/22-10/30/22 GAME 71A, 71B and 72

2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	PITCHERS	Scores	Side Makers
71 a	SAT	16	KPP5	AUTUMNALLY AWESOOME	STEVE F VS DOUG K*	22-16	LEE
71 b	SAT	18	KPP3	DEWY BUT DO WE CARE?	HONEY BOY LEDER VS BRUCE*	12-11	BRUCE
72	SUN	21	FALLEN-WOOD	FROSTY AND DEWY TO REMIND PLAYERS TO PAY THEIR DUE-IES	HIS JOHNER* VS ERIC THE UNIFORM*/ ZEE	12-7	BOBBY/ LEE
		Net Weekend Turnout 55 - 12 = 43 48% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/72 = $0.28 PG (72 CENTS BELOW THE YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 70 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2022 Paid up ($20PP) members to date = 96	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 134* (New Record)	

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PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHMENT TO SEE THESE GAMES FOR THE FOOLI-AGES

SINCE THERE WERE COMPLAINTS THAT THE 2 MINUTE 35 SECOND FALL FOOLIAGE HIGHLIGHTS WERE TOO LONG, WE'RE CHANGING OVER TO HIGHLIGHTS SAVING TIME

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 11/5/22-11/6/22 GAME 73A,73B and 74

2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	PITCHERS	Scores	Side Makers
73 A	SAT	18	KPP5	A DEWY, DOOZY OF A DAY FOR GNSB DUES PAYORS	GAME 1 ZEE-ITY/ LUIS/B VS HONEY BOY LEDER* GAME 2	14-3 4-4	Bruce
73B	SAT	19	KPP3	DITTO	ROOGER* VS ANDY	13-2	Bruce
74	SUN	24	A-WOOD	UNTIMELY WEATHER	HIS JOHNER* VS ZEE/ ROGER	5-3	BRUCE
		Net Weekend Turnout 61 - 16 = 45 47% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/74 = $0.27 PG (71 CENTS BELOW THE YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 70 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2023 Paid up ($25 PP)members to date = 56 Early bird dead-line Nov 20	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 135* (New Record)	

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CONSECUTIVE OUTDOOR MONTH 135 HAS BEEN ATTAINED! AND WE HAD THE TIME OF OUR LIVES. KUDOS TO ALL THE CONTRIBUTING CULPRITS

TIME IS RUNNING OUT SO PAY YOUR DUES. 15 DAYS LEFT!!!

Game 73A SATURDAY: KPP5 11.5.22

Helios (the God of the Sun) and Eos (the Goddess of the Dawn) blessed KPP5 today with ideal weather.
Bright Sun but not too bright, warm breezes but not too windy.
And 18 eager ball players ranging in age from the thirties to the seventies.
The weather was so special that we ended up playing an unofficial doubleheader.
Game one saw Nike (the Goddess of Victory) bless the bats of the Dougie's and curse the bats of the Bruce's. The winning pitcher in a four inning rout was Leder, a Pan-like god in his own right. The losing pitchers were an ungodly trio of Z/B & Luis.
The blessed bats were healed by Mike G (HR), Vinny, Rich L. & Alex B (triples) and more singles and doubles than you can shake a scepter at.
Game Two saw Eros (the Goddess of Love) and Athena (the goddess of Wisdom) join forces to create an interrupted (an uncompleted) four and one half inning game that had to be ended in the bottom of the fifth inning as we over-reached our playing time and the losing team did not get a chance at last licks.
As Claudius was heard to say, All's well that end's well.

On a serious note, at 7:59 am, we observed a moment of silence to honor our lost brethren Vinny Bove. Vinny was a ray of sunshine that brightened up every room or field he entered and will sorely be missed. RIP Vinny.

Bruce Blattberg

Game 73B SATURDAY: KPP3 11.5.22 SEE ATTACHMENT

Game 74 SUNDAY: ALLENWOOD 11.6.22 SEE ATTACHMENT

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

V-HIGHLIGHTS IN HONOR OF THE VETERANS AMONGST US AND THE MEMORY OF VINNY BOVE

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 11/11/22-11/13/22 GAME 75,

2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Venue	Conditions	PITCHERS	Scores	Side Makers
75	FRI VETE RANS DAY	22 2 were AWOL depriving Alex of playing despite Vacancies at the Inn	A-WOOD	VARIABLE CLOUDS, SLIGHT MIST FOR 5 MINS, SOFT UNDERFOOTING	HIS JOHNER VS ZEE ITY (VICTOR) / LEDER	16-4	BRUCE checked by Gar
	SAT		KPPV	THE WEATHER VANE POINTED TO RAIN			
	SUN		A-WOOD	DITTO			
		Net Weekend Turnout 22 23% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/75 = $0.27 PG (73 CENTS BELOW THE YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 70 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2023 Paid up ($25 PP)members to date = 61 Early bird dead-line Nov 20	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 135* (New Record)	

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TIME IS RUNNING OUT. SO PAY YOUR DUES. XXV dollars. 8 DAYS LEFT!!!

Game 75 FRIDAY: A-WOOD VETERANS DAY, 11.11.22

THE VICIOUS SWING OF THE VENERATED LUIS AVILA GIVES HIM A PERFECT V FOR V DAY (IN ROMAN NUMERALS), ONE OF WHICH SAILED INTO THE VAST RF VOID FOR A HOME RUN.

JACK PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN HIS TEAM'S VICTORY WITH AN OVERHEAD GEM IN LF AND A THROWOUT OF A RUNNER AT 2B ON A WOULD BE BASE HIT, HELPED BY MIKE G'S DEKE AT SS.

THE HIGHLY VALUED VINNY, A VERITABLE HIT MACHINE, LEAD THE VISITORS WITH 4 HITS, INCLUDING A 2 RBI DOUBLE

MIKE G SHOWED HE HAD DOUBLE VISION WITH A 2 RBI 2 BAGGER OVER THE LF HILL AND VALE.

NAME CHANGE: STEVE FEINSTEIN TO STEVE FEINGEM AFTER A FEIN-TASTIC RUNNING GEM BEHIND 3B WHICH GREATLY VEXED THE HOME TEAM.

STEVE H VETOED A SUREFIRE BASE HIT WITH A VALIANT SNAG OF A POTENTIALLY LIFE SHORTENING LASER TO 1B.

RICH L VIOLATED THE HOMIES' OUTDOOR AIR SPACE WITH A 2 RBI DOUBLE WHICH VANISHED INTO THEIR HINTERLANDS

ZIGGY AND GARY CH, 2 VERY VIABLE, 1-2 HITTERS VICTIMIZED THE VISITORS ALL GAME LONG WITH 3 HITS APIECE.

ZEE IS THE VICTOR AS HE VIES VIGOROUSLY VERSUS HIS VILE, VILLAINOUS, VISITING FOES, ALLOWING JUST 4 RUNS.

OVERSIGHTS AND OVER-SLIGHTS FROM RECENT PAST;

- LUIS' KPP5 HOMER WENT OVER THE FENCE

- THANK YOU TO BRUCE AND STEVE H FOR PROVIDING HEALTHIER BIRTHDAY SNACKS AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Thank you to Bruce, Lee, Bobby, and Jack for their painstakingly, behind the scenes efforts to try to make the fairest, most even sides possible and help out with the weather calls and decisions. Many texts go back in forth the day before all games to do this Their time and effort should be applauded, even when at rare times, it doesn't work out perfectly.

SATURDAY: KPP5 11.12.22 MUDDIED OUT
SUNDAY:A-wood 11.13.22 RAINED OUT AND MUDDIED OUT AS THE WEATHER VANE POINTED TO RAIN

Have a good week all. Don't forget we start at 9am beginning Saturday and this will continue until next Spring.
Gar

2022 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Venue	Conditions	PITCHERS	Final Scores	Side Makers
76	SAT	23 INCLUDING 2 FLAT LEAVERS	KPP FIVE	Cool but fairly fine	Luis/S. Feinstein vs Zee	7-6	Lee/ Bruce
	SUN	CANCELED	A-WOOD				
		Net Weekend Turnout 23 24% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/76 = $0.26 PG (74 CENTS BELOW THE YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 74 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2023 Twenty Five dollar fee paying members to date = 66 Early bird dead-line Nov 20	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 135* (New Record)	

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THE TWENTY-FIVE SOFTBALL EARLY BIRD FEE HAS ENDED. WE HAVE 66 SIGNED UP FOR 2023.

THE $40 REGULAR FEE, MAY BE VENMOED AT ANYTIME OR PAID IN CASH ONLY AFTER APRIL 7, 2023. ABSOLUTELY NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Game 76 SATURDAY: KPP FIVE 11.19.22
IT WOUD NOT BE A FABRICATION TO SAY THAT ZEE FLUMMOXED OPPOSING BATTERS FOR MOST OF THE GAME, AS GOOSE EGGS FLOWED OUT FROM THEIR FALLOWED, FALLOPIAN TUBES ONTO THE SCOREBOARD.

OPPOSING STARTER LUIS, WAS A FORMIDABLE FOE ON THE MOUND, STRIKING OUT FOUR IN HIS SHORTENED PITCHING STINT.

FINE FELLOW AND FAN FAVORITE BRYAN BLACK DID NOT FAIL TO DELIVER AS HE GIVES FLIGHT TO A FLAMING, DOUBLE FAR OVER THE LEFT FIELDER'S HEAD TO THE THE KPP FOREST FRINGE. HE ALSO PLAYED KEY ROLES IN 2 FANCY DPS AT SS.

BRIAN STAR FLOURISHED AT THE PLATE AND FEASTED UPON OPPOSING PITCHERS, FORGING 3 HITS UP THE MIDDLE WITH LITTLE FANFARE OR FLATTER BUT FOR SURE, WAS FEATURE FILM WORTHY.

FEW FESSED UP TO 3 OR MORE HITS, BUT LOTS OF GUYS GOT ON BASE DUE TO UNFORTUNATE, FROWN-WORTHY FAULTY, FLATULENT FIELDING. BUT NOT STEVE FEINSTEIN, WHO WAS FANTASTICALLY FINE AT 3B, FLASHING HIS FINEST GOLD GLOVE LEATHER TWICE. HE ALSO FABULOUSLY FINISHES THE GAME IN RELIEF FORCING OPPOSING BATS TO BE FECKLESS AND INFECTING THEM WITH A PANDEMIC OF FATAL, FLACCID REFLUX.
ALSO MAKING A WEBGEMATIC, THAT OTHERS CAN ONLY FANTASIZE ABOUT, WAS JON SPIEL ON A FOREBODING, FIERY LINER NEAR 2B.

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HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE BIRDS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 11/24/22-11/27/22 GAMES 77-79

2022 Game #	Day	TURN, TURN, TURN outs	Venue	FEATHER Conditions	WINGERS	Scores	Side Makers
77	THURS	24 ON THE TC ROOSTER minus 2 no shows depriving others of playing =22	A-WOOD	Frosty start giving way to a soft feathery under-footing and very pheasant temps	Luis* vs Zee	9-8 w tying run thrown out at plate on last play off game	LEE
	FRI	CANCELED					
78	SAT	23 INCLUDING 1 EARLY BIRDER, WHO FLEW THE COOP	KPP5	NICE ENOUGH TO MAKE EARLY FL SNOWBIRDS HAVE EGRETS	LEDER* vs Zee	LOT-LITTLE	Lee/ Bruce
79	SUN	23	A-WOOD	Cool, cloudy and nothing to hoot about	THE ZEE-ITY*/BRUCE VS ERIC THE CARDINAL/ VIN THE BAT	12-11	BRUCE
		Net Weekend Turnout 24+23+23 =70 -35 (REPEATERS)=35 36% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/79 = A QUARTER PG (75 CENTS BELOW THE YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 74 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2023 Twenty Five dollar fee paying members to date = 69 Early bird dead-line Nov 20	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 135* (New Record)	

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A COCK AND BULL STORY AS TOLD TO ME BY A LITTLE BIRDIE.

Game 77 BIRDSDAY: A-WOOD 11.24.22

GORDO SQUAWKS ABOUT HIS 3 FOR 4 DAY WITH A WALK AND 4 RBI-RDS
THE TALON-TED LUIS IS LIKE A HUMMING BIRD, HUMMING IN ONE PITCH AFTER ANOTHER TO GIVE HIM A DAY TO CROW ABOUT. HE WINGS A COMPLETE GAME VICTORY AND GETS 3 HITS INCLUDING 2 THAT HE ABSOLUTELY KNOCKS THE STUFFING OUT OF.

STARLING MARK LEDER WAS PUFFIN OUT HIS CHEST AFTER SAYING "BYE BYE BIRDIE" TO A BALL HE HIT OVER THE CUCKOOO'S NEST, AS THE CROW FLIES, TO CF. THEN IMITATED ROAD RUNNER AROUND THE BASES, FOR A HOME RUNNER.

BRYAN BLACK WAS IN FINE FEATHER AS HE IMITATED A FLY CATCHER, MAKING 2 CONSECUTIVE LEAPING WEB GEMS OF FLAMING-O LINE DRIVES AT SS.

BUT THE HIGHLIGHT THAT EVERYONE IS CHIRPING ABOUT COMES ON THE VERY LAST PLAY OF THE GAME. GOOSE DOWN 9-7, WITH 2 OUTS IN BOT TEN, BRYAN BLACK GOOSE STEPS AROUND 1B WITH WINGED FEET, TO HUSTLE A DOUBLE FOR HIS 3RD HIT. NOW IT WAS

HOME RUN DERBY CHAMPION DAVE GERBER'S TURN, TURN, TURN, AT BAT. HIS GOAL WAS TO HIT THE BALL PAST THE GOAL, IN CF AND HE DOES! BRYAN WHIRLEY-BIRDS AROUND THE BASES TO SCORE 9-8. THE COACHLESS, RANGE FREE,DAVE G WARBLES AROUND THIRD AND TRIES TO SCORE THE TIE-ER. MIKE SPIEL TAKES THE RELAY OUT IN MID-CENTER FROM SS. HE SPINS AROUND AND FIRE FLIES A DART TO THE THE PLATE. RICH L , WHO WAS ON DAVE'S TEAM, FILLING IN FOR A DISABLED PLAYER, INTERCEPTS THE BALL IN FRONT OF THE PLATE AND DAVE'S GOOSE IS COOKED. SO THE GAME ENDS 9-8 ON THE VERY LAST PLAY. AS LUIS SAID, "IT WAS A THANKSGIVING DAY CLASSIC." VERY EXCITING, EVEN THE USUAL BOO BIRDS AGREED.

Game FRIDAY: CANCELED 11.25.22

Game 78 SATBIRDAY: KPP5 11.26.22
HUGH TRANSFORMS HIMSELF FROM GAZELLE TO SEA GULL AND DIVES THROUGH THE LCF AIR WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE, TO CATCH A SINKING WHITE BELLIED BALL IN MID-FLIGHT.

MARK LEDER LIKE A PHOENIX FROM THE ASHES OF HIS PREVIOUS AT BAT, DRIVES A BALL DEEP INTO THE RCF CUCKOO'S NEST AND THEN COMES HOME TO ROOST BRINGING 4 BAGS FULL OF BIRD SEED.

JON SP, BRYAN B AND MIKE G KILL 2 BIRDS WITH ONE STONE AT 3RD BASE TWICE! THEY COME UP WITH 2 DPS NAILING THE LEAD RUNNER AT 3B. 4-6-5 AND 6-4-5.

PLATA'S PLATE BECOMES FULL OF OUTS AS HE TAGS OUT 2 TURKEYS THERE. ONE WAS ON A PERFECTLY COOKED THROW FROM RICH CONNORS IN LF. THE OTHER ON A

BRYAN TO LUIS RELAY.

Game 79 SUNDAY: A-WOOOD 11.27.22
ZIGGY HELPS HIS FELLOW GA-ZEE-BOS RULE THE ROOST, GOING 6 FOR 6, INCLUDING A TRIPLE IN WHICH HE FLEW AROUND THE BASES LIKE A JAIL BIRD FLEEING FROM COPPERS.

FANS WERE CRANE-ING THEIR GREAT NECKS TO SEE KONO WHO RAPTORS 4 HITS

MARIO HAS A DAY TO CROW OVER WITH 4 HITS INCLUDING A 3 BASE BASTING OVER THE RF'S HEAD.

RICH L PROVED TO BE AN ALBATROSS AROUND LEDER'S NECK AS HE BECOMES A BIRD OF PREY CAPTURING A BULLET SHOT DOWN THE LINE THAT WOULD HAVE TURNED ANYONE ELSE INTO A DEAD DUCK. BUT HE CONVERTED IT TO AN OUT AND OUT, OUT AS ALL THE DUGOUT WAS A TWITTER.
RICH ALSO HIT ONE OF THE FURTHEST "FOWLS" THAT ANYONE HAS EVER SEEN AT A-WOOD.

BRUCE SHOWED THAT HE WAS NO CHICKEN LIVERED COWARD, THOUGH HE'S NO SPRING CHICKEN, AS HE SNAGS A DEATH RAY TO PROTECT THE FELLOW MEMBERS OF HIS FLOCK.

KUDOS TO THE VISITORS WHO REFUSED TO CHICKEN OUT, THOUGH GOOSE DOWN MANY RUNS AS THEY CAME WITH IN ONE RUN OF TYING THE GAME IN THE LAST INNING.

PLEASE NOTE: THESE HIGHLIGHTS COME TOO YOU VIA CARRIER PIGEON, FROM OUR DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA

OFFICE BECAUSE THIS SNOWBIRD HAS FLOWN SOUTH FOR THE WINTER.
BE WELL EVERYONE. I WILL MISS ALL YOU BIRDS, NO MATTER OF WHAT FEATHER. BUT I WILL STILL BE VERY MUCH IN TOUCH WITH MY EMAIL QUILL.

APOLOGIES FOR ANY NOTEWORTHY EXPLOITS THAT I MISSED. WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM A BIRD BRAIN?

GAR

HIGHLIGHTS A-GORD-ING TO GORDON

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 12/10/22-12/11/22 GAMES 81 and 82

2022 Game #	Day	TURNOUTS	Venue	Conditions	PITCHERS	Scores	Side Makers
81	SAT	22	KPP5	Gloriously Perfect a-gord-ing to Gordon	Zee* VS LUIS/ STEVE F	16-13	Lee/ Bruce
82	SUN	19	A-WOOD	Pervasively dreary with 20 minutes of flurries a-gord-ing to Gordon	THE ZEE-ITY* VS HIS JOHNER	13-3	BRUCE/ BOB
		Net Weekend Turnout (22+19)-11 REPEATERS =30 31% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/82 = $0.24 PG Less than the cost of using a shopping card at ALDI's or LIDL's (76 CENTS BELOW THE YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 74 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2023 Paying members to date = 70	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 135* (New Record)	

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Saturday Game 81 KPP5 12.10.22

There are a few days when you feel that you've gotten away with something. Where the conditions are so unexpectedly perfect that one can only be humbled by the majesty of it all. Saturday's game at Kings Point Park was just such an event. Two evenly matched sides on a field that slowly thawed into perfect conditions under a bright warm December sun. In a word, glorious.

The contest pitted the stylings of Gary Z. vs the tandem of Lou and Steve F. And the visitors didn't waste any time. Early morning fielding woes combined with Rich L.'s torrid hitting and Mark Leder's right field bomb allowed the visitors to plate a handful. The home side responded with a three pack with Jon Spiel providing the key two rbi hit. In the top of the second, Lou pulled the string on Vinny and the befuddled batter could only turn around and wonder what went wrong. In the bottom of the second the home side got it going. Hugh, Gordon with a two rbi double, Lou, Rich C., Lee, Matt, Andy, Steve H and Ed put up a five spot of their own.

In the top of the third, Leder hit a bomb and two crossed the dish. The home side responded but defense took over and when Bryan caught an infield fly with the fly rule in effect, it looked like the bases packed opportunity would go by the board. But J. Spiel caught the befuddled shortstop staring into space and scored. And when Matt made a fabulous backhand catch in the top of the fourth, it looked like it was all systems go for the home side. But the bottom of the fourth saw a 5-2-5-6-2-5-6 double play and a big inning was averted. Further defensive gems followed. Eric made a terrific catch in right field; Andy made a tough stab of a sharply hit ball for a force out. But the defensive play of the

year candidate was turned in by Bryan when he took the relay throw and turned and threw a stunning strike from short left field right into Eric's glove at home. When the ball left his hand, everyone was thinking that's an extra base for the other runners. The reality was far different. A stunned Lee was out by ten feet.

The tide started to turn when Adam hit a one hopper off the LF fence and then Brian started to announce his presence. First he made a critical grab in left with the bases loaded and then he drove in two with a triple. But each time the visitors got a couple, the home side would answer right back. So going in the 11th and final inning, the visitors trailed by the slimmest of margins. And it was then that the normally reliable oversized glove of big Lou went on strike. Between Z's sac fly, Brian and Vinny driving in runs, the visitors ended their innings with the same five spot they started with. The bottom of the 11th saw a spirited rally fall short. The final score Z's 16 – Lou/Steve 13.

Sunday Game 82 A-wood 12.11.22

Sunday's game saw the spirited among us convene in near freezing temperatures at Allenwood park. The pervasive dreariness that abounded infested the game from start to finish. It's really hard to pinpoint the worst offender. Was it the team makers who made a last minute switch that turned what would have been a competitive game into a blowout? Was it Frank the Park Commissioner harassing players at the dugout entrance for votes even though he's running uncontested? Was it the lack of interest that, count them, led to **8 double plays** through 11 innings? Was it the hapless fielding and wretched hitting that ruined the morning (apart from Rich L. who blasted a moonshot and a laser for homeruns counting for 7 of 16 total runs on the day)? No, dear reader it was none of those things. In fact, it was a deed. One so utterly selfish and against the spirit of Great Neck Softball that all the participants, to a man: Jon and Roy Z., Jack, Brian, Mario, Leder, Eric, Steve H., the Judge, Bobby, Adam, Rich C., Ed, Rob, Gary Z., and the

man who had to bare the brunt of it all, Jon Spiel were revolted by the spectacle.

There is a tradition in our game that when someone has a birthday, they announce it to all the participants and buy some sort of goodies to share. It is camaraderie and it is good. And everybody does it and it is good. And if there are but a few remaining items, they are distributed and that is good.

But someone poked tradition in the eye. Someone said, I will not tell everyone what I have brought and if by chance they should see it, then I will quietly tell them. But if they do not, I will slither away early and abscond with the nearly full container. And bring it back to my house to re-gift for the next party. So despite all that happened on the field, Sunday's game will always be remembered as the Sleazing of the Munchkins game.

I assure you dear reader, that it affords me no solace to report this to you. I can only pray that the holiday spirit will embrace those among us who take the miracle of life for granted.
Highlights written by Gordon and transmitted to our floating, mobile GNSB offices in the Caribbean Sea from the Celebrity Silhouette, then beamed back to all of you from our Delray Beach winter office.

Miraculous Highlights The Official Commissioner's Blog: All-Star Dates 12/18/22 Game 83

2022 Game #	Day	TURNOUTS	Venue	Conditions	PITCHERS	Scores	Side Makers
	SAT	Canceled Wet fields Low temps, low turnout	KPP5				
83	SUN	16	Schoolyard	Pervasively dreary with 20 minutes of flurries a-gord-ing to Gordon	THE ZEE-ITYVS ERIC THE U*	9-8	BRUCE/ BOB

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Sunday Game 83 Schoolyard 12.18.22 by Gordon

The final weekend of fall saw the softball gladiators unable to play on Saturday as many of the original signers withdrew from application for services owing to a torrential downpour that started Friday and lasted into the wee hours of Saturday morning. The schoolyard may have been playable but down to 13, the brain trust prudently cancelled the contest. Fortunately, the whole weekend was not washed away. The schoolyard hosted a wonderful and spirited contest that might simply be referred to as Weinstock goes off.

The crowd that had signed up for Sunday dwindled to 15 by game time. One can only wonder why certain people consistently sign up and then bail. It is wrong, discourteous and indefensible. But fate would lend a hand as a schoolyard neighbor, Gary, joined in to make it an even 8 on 8.

The visitors were led by the Z meister who was pitted against the indefatigable styling of Eric the U.

The top of the first saw Pete slam a two run single foisting the Z's into the early lead. The home side struggled to plate one on Gordon's sac fly but a magnificent grab off Rich C. by the irrepressible Mark Leder and the rally door was slammed shut.

The top of the second saw a repeat with (re)Pete lashing yet another two rbi single to left. But it was déjà vu all over again when Gordon answered with a Texas leaguer and two crossed the dish for the home side.

The top of the third saw the power of the scalding hot Bryan. Besides getting five hits, he crushed several about the yard. His third inning 3 bagger drove in one and from there, the teams started to get stingy, as defense became the order of the day.

Rich C. did drive in a run with a powerful blast but innings 5 and 6 saw nothing but goose eggs as Z and U both found their respective grooves. That changed suddenly when Hugh crushed one to right, Bryan crushed one to center and Leder hit a bomb to left center. Three straight triples and it looked like the visitors, who led from the first inning were going to go wire to wire.

That appraisal seemed even more likely Bobby hit a lead off double in the bottom of the 7th but was left stranded there. The visitors, trying as they might to extend their lead, made one fateful mistake. They kept hitting the ball to right field where a certain Gary W. made brilliant catches one after another.

Not to be labeled a one dimensional player, in the bottom of the eight, Rich and Mario went down the right field line for back to back doubles and then Gary W. came to the bat.

"One, one count on Weinstock. Z delivers the pitch. It's a high fly ball. Way back there. Over the left fielders head. A moonshot and the home side takes the lead!"

The visitors responded with Rob and Bruce helping squeeze a run across. But then again, there was that man Weinstock! Assisted by Jack and Steve, Gary W. delivered the game winning hit in the bottom of the tenth.

The visitors did get one last chance. Despite a 1-2-3 11th, the visitors had a man on and two out in the top of the twelfth and final inning. But when Bryan, who had been crushing the ball all day, hit another rocket up the middle, it was snared at deep short and flipped to Cousin Brucie to end a thriller.

Weather looks iffy for the upcoming week, so this may be the final contest of the year. If you were there, congratulations. If you weren't, well there's always next year and next year and next…

Great Neck Softball – to forever!

Thank you to Gordon for providing these highlights and to Bruce and Bobby who've kept me updated.
Gar

NEW YEARS WEEKEND WRITTEN AND VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 12/30/22-1/2/23 GAMES 84, 85 of 2022 and 1 and 2 of 2023

2022-2023 Game #	Day	TURNOUTS	Venue	Conditions	PITCHERS	Scores	Side Makers
84	FRI	22	A-wood	GAME SHORTENED AT 10:40 DUE TO MUDDY FIELD			Lee/ Bruce
85	SAT	21	KPP5	OK	RALPH/ERIC/ VS HIS JOHNER*	16-8	Lee
1	SUN	23	Wheatley	Pleasant	LOU/RALPH VS HIS JOHNER*	15-7	Lee/Bob
2	MON	22	KPP5	OK	LUIS VS RALPH*	WINNERS WIN BY A RUN	Jack with Gordo's assist-ance KUDOS TO THEM
		Net Weekend Turnout (22+21+21+23)-43=44 =30 46% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2022 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS or 63% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 20/85 = $0.24 PG Less than the cost of almost anything. PPG in 2023 $12.50 So far. 25/2 (76 CENTS BELOW THE YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN LINE.) (PLAYERS TO BE CHARGED 74 CENTS PER COMPLAINT)	2023 Paying members to date = 70	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 136* (New Record)	

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CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY STREAK IS EXTENDED TO MONTH 136. KUDOS GUYS!!!

SEE ATTACHMENT FOR PHOTO OF THE STREAKERS.
Credit to Luis's daughter for taking the photo.

Friday Game 84 Allenwood 12.30.22

Awaiting

Saturday Game 85 KPP5 12.31.22 as reported by Lee

Final score
Hunts-16
Eric the U/Ralph-8

His Johner strikes out 3!

Hunts took 3-0 lead in top of 1st and U's came back with 4 in bottom with Mike G Triple and Leder HR. Hunts took the lead in the next couple of innings to go up 6-4. hunts lead the rest of the way. U's got as close as 11-8 but in last inning Hunts put up a 5 spot and the final was 16-8. Gary W can take a picture of the scoreboard
Web gems for Rich L, Jon S and Dave G. Hitting star was Aaron W with multiple hits including a HR. Lee had a 2 Run Triple to expand the lead for the Hunts in the middle innings. Solid D by the Hunts was the difference

Sunday Game 1 Wheatley 1.1.23 A-GORD-ING TO GORDO

A stunning January 1st, 2023 greeted the warriors of the diamond. Although heavy rains did force some adroitness by the men of steel. A creative twist engineered by Rich L. and the opening game of the year was played in the cozy confines of Wheatley High School. The artificial turf was in perfect condition and it was play ball!

The sanguine affair pitted the relentless stylings of Luis who was relieved in the late innings by Fireman Ralph vs. the time tested guile of the Judge. The visitors scratched a run across in the top of the first. Zig, Joe S. (who was 6 for 8 before the game started), Lou and Leder were the culprits. Two goose eggs started the home side's turn but then the bottom of the third and the home side went hog wild, sending 14 to the dish and plating an 8 spot. The hitting went right through the order. Jon P., followed by Vinny, Rich L., Bryan, Gordon, Jon S., Jack, Mike M, Gary W. and his Johner all contributed. But the big blast was provided by the always stylish Eric The U. who crushed a bases clearing three bagger.

The visitors did make a game of it though. Scratching single runs in two more innings and then rallying for four in the eighth. The offensive behaviour was spearheaded by Ralph and Lou who each blasted two baggers. This cut the score to 9-7 in favor of the home side. But this would be as close as it got. The bottom of the eighth saw the home

side respond with a four pack of their own. The homies added a couple of more and the final tally was His Johner's homies 15 - the Lou/Ralphs 7.

Monday Game 2 KPP5 1.2.23 A-GORD-ING TO GORDO

Monday the 2nd saw the diamond dogs back at KPP 5. The field was prepared by the Park staff and the boys played an 11 on 11 contest which saw Mr. Lou leading the visitors against Ralph's Homeboys. Kudos to the side makers who had to deal with multiple controversies. Some players who signed up didn't show. While others had the temerity to simply show up without signing up at all. This led the always respectable Joe S. to play the game under protest (Joe was 6-8 again, before the game started, thereby getting into the highlights). Unfortunately, he protested something else later which negated his earlier protest and rendered the contest unprotestable.

The visitors led by Jon Z., Ed I., Rich, Lou and Mike opened the scoring. The home side answered back with a deuce in the fourth and a four pack in the fifth. The offensiveness was provided by the always offensive stylings of Mark Leder who crushed shots all over the yard. Also adding to the mayhem was Big Rich Connors who smoked clinchers with a vengeance. And when it looked like the home side was going to run and hide, the visitors pulled the proverbial Dikembe Mutumbo and said, not in my house. The valiant visitors opened the floodgates and put up four spots in the seventh and eight innings. The vicious onslaught was highlighted by Jon Z, Rich, Lou and Mike, each of whom hit moonshots all over the field leaving a beleaguered Roy Z. covered in mud as he dove in vain for the projectiles. Roy did make a sensational grab though to put out the fire and keep the visitors within striking distance.

As the home side come up in the bottom of the last inning down by two, it looked like it was all over save the dancing, until:

Runners on first and second. No out, home side down by two. Zig coming to the plate. Here's the pitch. An outside fastball and Ziggy smashes a drive to deep Right Field. He's putting on the afterburners. Will there be a play at the plate? Here's the throw! SAFE! A three run walk of Knock and Ralph's Raiders win! Look at that crowd of happy players swarming Ziggy as he touches home! What a game!

See everyone next week. Or at least those that aren't sitting on their brains in God's waiting room.

Written Highlights by Lee and Gordon. Thanks guys. And thanks to Gary W for filling in some of the gaps.
Also thanks to Mark Leder and Gary W for taking charge of the balls and equipment.

Video Highlights by Luis. Just click the link. Thank you Luis
https://youtu.be/HmQCXE6_t9Q
https://youtu.be/B0TJemYsGdo

https://youtu.be/pVYWPRDlaZE

KUDOS TO THIS WEEKEND'S INTRA-ANNUAL, 4 DAY, NEW YEARS WEEKEND IRON MEN:
MARK "THE MEADOW LARK" LEDER, GARY THE "FINE WEIN"STOCK, JON THE "GLOCKEN" SPIEL, STEVE THE HERSHON-"ORABLE", AND RICH "OR POOR" LUZARDO.

UNFORTUNATELY NO PHOTO WAS TAKEN DUE TO A COMBO OF PHOPHO AND EVERYTHING BEING ON THE RUSHRUSH.

GNSB HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 1/7/23-1/8/23 GAME 3

2022-2023 Game #	Day	TURNOUTS	Venue	Conditions	PITCHERS	Scores	Side Makers
	SAT	CANCELLED					
3	SUN	23	Wheatley	Chilly	THE ZEE-ITY* HIS JOHNE	18-5	Lee/Bob
		Net Weekend Turnout 16 23% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/3 = $8.33 PG	2023 Paying members to date = 70	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 136* (New Record)	

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Sunday Game 3 Wheatly 1.8.23 A-Gord-ing to Gordon

Soggy conditions forced a cancellation of Saturday's game but a savvy decision to move Sunday's game to Wheatly proved prescient. The conditions were perfect, low 40's, bright sunshine and no wind. Those that attended could barely contain their glee and good fortune.

The 16 lucky attendees were divided into two groups of eight with the batting team supplying one fielder. The visitors were led by His Johner. The home side's hurler was vexatious stylings of Gary Z. The visitors stranded a pair in the top of the frame. The home side did not, plating a pair. They were led by Jack, John V., Lou and Mario. The two sides each scratched a run in the second and the home side put up a solo run in the third. The visitors finally got it going in the top of the fourth. Leder's opposite field double and Steve F.'s big time blast led the charge and just like that, the visitors were nursing a one run lead.

The home side put up 2 runs in both the fifth and sixth inning and as time started to grow short, it looked like it was going to come down to the wire. But if you took the visitors and got 12 runs, you would have been wrong. In the bottom of the eight, an overpowering display of batting prowess emanated from the home side. The 10 run barrage was a byproduct of unfettered team offense. Lou got it going with a mammoth blast to straight away center. You know it was a moonshot as Lou sauntered around

without a throw. Then the jacked up stylings of Gary W. came to pass as he launched a blast over a beleaguered Left fielder in the person of Mark Leder who could only stare in amazement. Pete, Jon S. also contributed and Jack, in the leadoff role, crushed five hits. The only one who didn't contribute offensively was Double Play Z. And a good thing too or the home side might still be batting. Final score: Z's 18 - Judge 5.

So TC up everyone. You're missing some great action.

GNSB HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 1/21/23-1/22/23 GAMES 4 and 5

2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
4	SAT	18	KPP5	Acceptably groomed	THE ZEE-ITY vs Ralph*	19-12	Lee
5	SUN	18	KPP5	Cloudy, no wind, comfortable	THE ZEE-ITY vs Leder*	14-7	Bob/ Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 23 33% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/5 = $5.00 PG	2023 Paying members to date = 70	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 136* (New Record)	

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Saturday Game 4 KPP5 Compiled by Bruce. See attachments

Sunday Game 5 KPP5 Compiled by Bruce. See attachment

Sent via your GNSB electronic relay system.
Be well guys. Miss you all.
Gar

GNSB HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 1/28/23-1/29/23 GAMES 6 and 7

2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
6	SAT	22	KPP5	Decent	ERIC THE U/ STEVE F vs LEDER/ RALPH	19-12	Bruce/ Lee
7	SUN	24	A-wood	48 degrees by game's end	Luis*/Bruce vs Judge/Ralph/ Leder	LOT-LIT	Bob/ Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 46-10=36 48% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/7 = $3.57 PG	2023 Paying members to date = 75	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 136* (New Record)	

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Saturday Game 6 KPP5 A-GORD-ING TO GORDO.
Sunday Game 7 A-wood A-GORD-ING TO GORDO.

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The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 2/4/23-2/5/23 GAME 8

2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
	SAT	COLD OFF. "FEBRUARY MADE THEM SHIVER"	KPP5				
8	SUN	17	A-wood	44 degrees and sunny by game's end	LEDER/ BRUCE vs THE UNIFORM	22-17	Bob/ Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 17 23% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/8 = $3.33 PG	2023 Paying members to date = 75	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 137* (New Record)	

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Saturday Game: COLD OFF

CONSECUTIVE MONTH 137 OF OUTDOOR PLAY, NO MATTER THE WEATHER, IS IN THE RECORD BOOKS. KUDOS TO ALL THE BRAVE YOUNG MEN WHO PARTICIPATED AND KEPT OUR DREAM ALIVE. SEE ATTACHMENT.

Sunday Game 8 A-wood A-GORD-ING TO GORDO.

February and the warriors of the diamond found themselves on the battle and weather hardened confines of Allenwood Park. At the outset of play, the field was supplying a multitude of bounces and was eerily reminiscent of the schoolyard in that regard. But thank goodness for the percipience of Captain Bruce and within a half hour's time, it was a field of dreams. The wind abated, the sun shining brightly and the temperatures into the 40's, in short, a perfect day for a game.

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 2/11/23-2/12/23 GAME 9

2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
9	SAT	24	KPP5	Sunny, windless and comfortable	His Johner*/ Eric vs. The Zee-ity/Steve F	4-3	Bobby/ Gordo
	SUN	Canceled. Viagara needed for turnout.	A-wood				
		Net Weekend Turnout 24 32% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/9 = $2.78 PG	2023 Paying members to date = 75	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 137* (New Record)	

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Saturday Game 9: 2.11.23 A-GORD-ING TO GORDO.

A continuation of mild weather conditions afforded the diamond boys to perform their feats of heroism on the sublime confines of Kings Point Park's field 5. The mild air and bright sunshine were matched by the perfect field conditions and it was play ball!

The contest pitted the great leader of virtue, his Johner against the irascible stylings of the Zmeister. And the opposing hurlers bedazzled batter after batter as the first three innings were a series of goose eggs. Of course, this stinginess could not have happened without defensive genius. In the top of the second, the bases were loaded when Rich Connors, playing first base, made a sensational play. He stepped on first for out number one and then pegged home where Gary "the glove" W. made a fabulous grab and tag. And then in the top of the third, Steve H. snarled a sinking line drive in short center field that stymied another potential rally.

The visitors plated a run in the top of the fourth, led by Rich L's triple. But Big Lou said I'll call that and in the bottom of the fourth, he laced an rbi double to tie the score.

With the score tied, the defensive stylings of the Spiel brother who still participates squelched another rally. Jon S made a heroic stab on a grounder, stepped on second and fired to first. 6-6-3 if you're scoring at home. But the visitors finally showed life by scoring single runs in the 6th, 7th and 9th on respective rbi singles by Messrs Gerb, Matty, and Seth. And with the defense and pitching on lockdown, it looked like the Judges were safe. It was that way until the bottom of the tenth.

Barry slashed an opposite field double driving in a run and with the go ahead run now on first, and Gary W. in the box, the play of the game occurred. With a full count and two outs, the runners were on the move. W hit a soft liner that looked certain to drop between short and left when Jon Z. broke the Kings Point Speed limit and made a diving lunge and came up with the catch. Crisis averted (except for the ticket he received from the cops).

With the visitors leading by one going into the bottom of the 12th and final inning, the ball was handed to fireman Eric the U. who coincidentally (?) was wearing a Yankee road uniform with the number 42 on the back. Now I know that many of you might recognize this number as that of the great reliever Lindy McDaniel but I'm sorry, he wore number 40. But if you choose to research, the number 42 belonged to a certain all time great and of course that would be Eric the U who promptly put out the fire and earned the save.

Great game, great fun. See you warriors next time...

Sunday Game Canceled Due to Participatory Problems

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Presidents Day Weekend GNSB Highlights

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 2/18/23-2/20/23 GAMES 10,11,12

2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
10	SAT	19	KPP5	Valley Forge-esque	Ralph vs. The Zee-ity*/ Leder	10-9	Lee/ Bruce
11	SUN	22	A-wood	Febulously Comforatable and unfebruary-esque	Zeeity/Leder* vs His Johner/Ralph	11-9	Bruce/ Bob
12	Mon	22	KPP 5	Ditto	Zeeity*/Leder vs His Johner	11-10	Bruce/ Bob
		Net Weekend Turnout 19+22+22-31 =32 42% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/12 = $2.25 PPG	2023 Paying members to date = 77 Welcome new players Steve Mistretta and Jon Zuckerman	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 137* (New Record)	

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Saturday Game 10: 2.18.23 A-GORD-ING TO GORDO.

The President's day weekend started with uncertainty. Driving rain Friday afternoon threatened the start of the festivities. Volunteers checked the fields on three separate occasions before coming to a decision on if there could be a game and if so, where would it be held.

This is a more difficult task than the layman might understand. One is essentially forecasting the likelihood of the proper absorption in thirty-five degree weather under a darkening sky. On one hand, the field could be come icy. Or the field could be come muddy. The easiest thing to do is cancel the game; the next easiest thing is to move it to the playground. Neither of these options is optimal. So making the final decision rests on the head of one man and that man was Captain Bruce and he nailed it. Damn the real feel skeptics, full speed ahead. Game On at KPP!

Saturday's game was a nail biter pitting the sleek stylings of Ralph vs. the churlish recalcitrant, Gary Z. Z quickly set the visitors down. In the bottom half, the man among men, the man who put the Leder in lederhosen, ripped a drive that took full advantage of the hard outfield pitch. The shoestring attempt by Vinny came up short and a bad bounce and Mark put up a three run four-bagger and away we go. Stirred by this offensive behavior, the visitors plated three of their own. Steve H drove in one with sharp grounder, fielder's choice. Inspired, the top of the order, Lee and Jon S., drove rbi lasers of their own.

In a heroic effort to help his own cause, Zmeister drove in a big run and the home side regained the lead. But now, the visitors were determined to change the directional vector of the contest. And that correctional vector came in the form of John Harris crushing a bomb off the fence in deep left center for a grand salami, a four pack for the visitors and it looked like it was getting late early for the home side. That thought was eviscerated when Leder led the team with another vicious drive that skipped through for a two run triple. Rich C., said I'll handle it from here and the score was tied going into the seventh.

The Presidential debate continued as both sides scored 2 each in the seventh. Harris drove in one on a fielder's choice after Vinny had lashed an rbi single. But that two pack Shakur was matched on Gordon's two rbi single and the score was tied heading into the ninth. Brian was the

star with a leadoff double. Leder drove in the run on an RBI groundout and then Mr. Leder took the pill onto the hill and delivered the save. Final score: 10-9

Sunday Game 11: 2.19.23 A-GORD-ING TO GORDO.

Sunday was funday for the boys of the diamond. The field was now in pristine condition. That didn't just happen: Jack brought the tools and he and Rich L., Vinnie and Bruce made sure the field was in spectacular shape. Play Ball!

This contest pitted his Johner against the always unquaffable Zmeister. The first innings saw goose eggs but the top of the second saw a continuation of the close encounters of the first kind as both teams scored a pair. The big hits were by Steve H., delivering a two rbi rope to right and Mario, Matt and Steve M. aka the Pizza Man, making deliveries. The game was going along swimmingly until controversy reared its ugly head. It's not for this writer to accurately portray the events as they will either be altered or redacted by the editors. Suffice it to say that there seems to be one set of rules for everyone and another for only one if you Z what I mean.

The game got back on track when the Pizza man crushed one with extra garlic to the left field fence. When the ball was finally returned to the infield, the home side had already cleaned the dishes. Three runs across! And when Gerbs drove in one, it looked like it was over and done. But the top of the sixth saw some clutch hits by Jack, Gordon and Pete with a sac fly and it was close once again.

The home side tried to put it away when Rich L., who has regained his true form stoked a two rbi triple. The top of the eighth and Gordon's sac fly cut the home sides lead to a pair. In the ninth, the visitors decided enough was enough and three came home. Ralph went the other way for a beautiful triple and then Barry crushed another triple deep down the

left field line. And now the visitors led by one going into the bottom of the tenth. But the home side would rule the day. Leder hit a smash to second, Matt stung a liner to right and Steve M. belted a sac fly.

The befuddled visitors could not muster another rally and the final score was Homie's11, Visitors 9.

Monday Game 12: 2.20.23 A-GORD-ING TO GORDO.

Two days before George Washington's birthday? Not so, history buffs. George Washington was born on February 9th, 1731 or at least that's what he always believed. But fate would turn that into another date as it was during the 1700's the Julian calendar was replaced by the Gregorian calendar. (*A public service message by the GNSB editorial staff.)*

The final game of the three-day weekend brought the best weather of the surprising February weekend. Temperatures were into the 50's and the field was in spectacular condition. Again, thanks to the diligence of the few, the mighty.

The final of the three games set pitted the visiting Z's with the honor of playing his Johner. The visitors goosed egg out of the gate and the homies go it going by deucing the visitors. Big Lou and Yellow shoes Harris supplied the heavy composite. A single and an rbi by Gordon cut she lead in half before Vinny, full of kind thoughts for the public servant who gave him a speeding ticket, took his vengeance out on the pill and rocked home a third run for the home side.

The fourth inning saw a blast up the middle hit the second base bag and when the beleaguered outfielders finally grabbed the ball, the score was tied. The next two innings saw outstanding defensive plays by Lou at third and Jon at ss…5-5-3 and 6-6-3 dp's if you're scoring at home.

The next inning saw another pair of matching outputs and the score remained deadlocked. Z had an rbi fielder's choice and Jon Z. doubled

home another. The bottom of the seventh saw more clutch hitting by the Zig, Jack, Eric and the rest of the home team. And then the top of the eighth and the visitors got down to business. Once again, Mike G. had the big hit with a two rbi single. Roy and Jeff delivered rbi's and Barry had the big hit to give the visitors a five run lead. But the bottom of the eighth saw the wheels come off the mound stylings of the Z as the toll of all the innings pitched caught up to the Z. Vinnie and Harris were a two man wrecking crew and going into the final inning, the score was tied.

In the top of the 11th, with two out, John Z delivered an rbi double. Mark Leder came in for the visitors and shut the door so the visitors prevailed 11-10.

This was a spectacular weekend. The quality of play, the level of competition, the field conditions all lead to a sensational outcomes. In fact, this writer played a total of 32 innings and the cumulative score for his teams was 30-30. A special shout out goes to the side makers!

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A special thanks to Gordo for job magnificently done, although I might have gotten a hernia while lifting up my dictionary trying to look up some of those words.

Also thanks to the side makers and to those who unselfishly went out at ungodly hours to check out the fields and to groom the fields. That was above and beyond and is greatly appreciated.

Your Florida spoiled commish

Gar

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2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers

	SAT	Canceled					
13	SUN	17	KPP 5	Siberian for those playing. Cyberian for those not	Zeeity*/Bruce vs Ralph	15-6	Bruce/ Bob
		Net Weekend Turnout 17 22% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/13 = $1.92 PPG	2023 Paying members to date = 77 Welcome new players Steve Mistretta and Jon Zuckerman	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 137* (New Record)	

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Sunday Game 13: 2.26.23 By Bruce and Leder

Part I Bruce

Kudos to the 17 hardy men & boys who decided the weather on the cusp of our cold threshold did not deter them from showing up and playing our great game.
Anti-kudos to those individuals who decided to run for cover and abandon their teammates.
Extra shout out to the grounds crew…Jack, Luis, Rich L., Mario and myself for running on to the field between innings and throwing dirt onto the mud.
Super shout out to those players who filled in the vacant positions for the other team to keep the game moving forward. While we only had 17 bodies, we played a great 10 on 10 game. Even with the chaos of filling in 2 spots & an Umpire (Zs) and 1 spot and an umpire (Ralph's)we completed 12 innings of great softball.

Part II Mark

A frosty morning turned into a cool, 12 inning battle for 17 Hardy weather resistant ball-Bashing leather -flashing wisecracking, softball die hards at KPPs field of dreams.
Zees visitors came ready to play, and Sweet Lou delivered in the top frame to set the tone for an offensive onslaught.
Ralph's homies evened the score with a hard hit Johnny Z ribby but the visitors came up swinging harder in the second behind a lead off 2 bagger blast from the hot hitting stylishly demented catcher 3 Petey Pete.

The Zeeity was all business and with some seamless mid game Relief from Captain BB was quite stingy on the mound and delivered with his bat today as well.
The Homies pressing all game trying to overcome a long running few run deficit with excellent fielding and highlight catches from John Z, Steve, M, Jack, and Mario but efficiently effective and economical defense by the orange crusher Harris (seen streaking across KPP) effortlessly snagging hard hit drives at centerfield helped hold the Homies scoreless in eight of 12frames!
2B was a veritable hotbed of great fielding highlights today. Rookie Steve M continues to astound with an elegant diving stab and solid all around D kept the visitors from running away with the game early and often.
Natures Wonder , Lefty Luzardo raked and showed his boundless range on the right side. He turned a rare 3-4-3 put out with a sweet assist from Steve H's tibia.
Steve F's buttery baby soft hands at shortstop continue to delight his teammates. He is like an octopus (of unspeakable evil) anchoring his teams defense with uncanny consistency week in and week out.
Thank you to our own GNSB animal trainer/team Maker Bruce for his impeccable work ethic and earthy compost. Have a fine week and see you in March!

Mucho thanks to Bruce (Part I) and Mark L (Part II) for providing these magnificent and **surprisingly** coherent highlights.
I am looking forward to next week's account, as we march forth (March 4th) to a new record breaking, continuous monthly streak of outdoor play. Sent via your GNSB electronic GN to Delray Fl to GN relay system.

GNSB Highlights Dedicated to a "March"-ing Band that Refused to Yield

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2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
	SAT	Canceled					
14	SUN	19	KPP 5	Here's mud in your eyes and cleats and socks and cleats.	ERIC THE U*/ STEVE F VS THE ZEEITY/ RALPH	10-8	Bruce with Bob's consult

		Net Weekend Turnout 19 25% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/14 = $1.79 PPG	2023 Paying members to date = 77	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 138* (New Record)	

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Sunday Game 14: March 5, 2023 By Bruce and Leder

OUR MARCH-ING BAND REFUSED TO YIELD TO THE MUDDY CONDITIONS SO THE PLAYERS TOOK THE FIELD. SO WE MARCHED FORTH ON MARCH FIFTH TO A NEW CONSECUTIVELY MONTHLY RECORD OF 138.
KUDOS TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING AND TO THE ALL THE PLAYERS WHO WORKED ON THE FIELD TODAY, TO MIRACULOUSLY MAKE IT SUITABLE FOR PLAYING. THEY WERE ALPHABETICALLY:
BRUCE, ED I., JACK, MARIO, LEDER, RALPH & STEVE H.
"THEY PERFORMED A MIRACLE OF TURNING A WATER LOGGED AND MUDDY FIELD INTO OUR FIELD OF DREAMS." - BRUCE.

THE WRITTEN MARCH 5 HIGHLIGHTS MAY OR MAY NOT BE FORTH COMING AS PROMISED. IF I RECEIVE THEM I'LL PASS THEM ALONG. IN THE MEANTIME THERE ARE SOME PHOTOS ATTACHED.

From: Mark Leder <drmarkleder@gmail.com>
Subject: sunday recap
Date: March 8, 2023 at 7:08:38 PM EST
To: Bruce Blattberg <blattassoc@gmail.com>, Bruce Email <blattassoc@optonline.net>

A brilliant band of ball players appeared on KPP's field of dreams this morning under cool blue skies amidst dangerous droppings, mud and possibly quicksand.
First order of business here is a thank you to our hard-raking, hoe-shaking, back-breaking, earth-moving, field-smoothing poop scooping crew of Pete, Jack, Mario, Bruce and Mark.
Positions were taken at precisely 9ish and it was warped speed ahead.
It was game on as Zeez visitors came out with teeth bared and put up a quick 2 against the Stylishly sophisticated Eric the uniform. The Zeeity who will tell you that he returned to top parsimonious form exhibiting rare insight understanding and purpose on the

mound. He threw hard strikes all morning gave up a paltry 3 runs…mostly unearned in his 5 frames. Eric the nattily clad U maintained tremendous focus and skillfully and deftly pitched out of trouble when the bases were juiced in top 5 making a tough play and getting and out at home along with a key catch by Gary W on the line in right. His skillful and effective outing left the scored tied at 3 with 7of 10 scoreless frames! (to the guy who invented Zero….thanks for nuthin)
Steve F and Ralph took to the mound for notable performances in relief and with the help of 5 DPs and great D from Flash Paisner and ZZ snagging a huge screamer in the 7th Flash making shoestring catches and putouts the homies kept the visitors contained. Ed I had a big day going 4-4 clutch all field hits and Steve H was on fire slapping 3 key hits. Mark had a solo blast into LCF that was the go ahead run in the bottom 6th, but the visitors refused to retreat and battled back til the last frame putting up 5 runs to the homies 7 making it a very tight and dramatic 10-8 finish with runs scored by Jon Zuckerberg and Barry before Eric turned a sweet DP from 3rd base and Steve made a great catch on the hill with tying run at the plate to end a real beauty! Pete was swinging a big bat and has been solid behind the plate as usual making some sweet catches.

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The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 3/11/23-3/12/23 GAME15

2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
	SAT	**Canceled**					
15	SUN	15	KPP 5	Drab, gray, greenless, and leafless.	Game 1: BRUCE vs THE ZEEITY Game 2: THE ZEEITY Vs BRUCE	Game 1: 19-3 Game 2: 11-6	Bruce with Bob's consult
		Net Weekend Turnout 19 20% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/15 = $1.67 PPG	2023 Paying members to date = 77	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 138* (New Record)	

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Sunday Game 15: March 12, 2023 A-Gord-ing to Gordo

The weekend of daylight savings time came with the result of a torrent rendering a cancellation of Saturday's contest and a move from the cozy confines of the park to the hard surface of the schoolyard on Sunday. Owing to this, attendance for Sunday's affair was tepid. Or perhaps it had as much to do with the time change which can be quite stark now that it occurs in the early/ middle part of March. Nonetheless, the game went on.

The schoolyard is a difficult place to play defense. Bad hopes abound and ground balls roll and roll. There was no clearer example of this then the first at bat for a hobble Mr. Leder who laced one to the right of the shifting shortstop Johnny V. The ball scooted all the way to the fence as Mr. Leder lumbered. Perhaps some of you are questioning how the fleet footed Markus Aurelius could labor? The day before, he ran a cross country 5k. He made the near fatal mistake of trying to keep up with Paisner. The effect of which was abundently clear for all who were in attendance. The home side answered back as Hughmongous destroyed the clincher all day, racking up triples and doubles and and...and after a second inning foible by the pitcher that should have resulted in a third out, the home side went on a tear plating 9! The lineup: Hugh,Gordon, Johnny V., Rich C, Matt, Gary W. and Bruce was unrelenting. The game was called after five innings with the score 14-3.

A few changes were made and another five inning game was played. The trades worked out well and the second game produced a closer game and after three it was 7-5. But the lineup of Ed, Jack, Leder, Mario, (3)Pete, Steve displayed proclivity of a second order and the final was 11-6. In fact, everyone won at least one game except ….

Until next week...

GNSB Highlights

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 3/18/23-3/19/23 GAMES 16, 17

2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
16	SAT	23	KPP5	March Madequate	The Zee-ity/ Bruce vs Ralph*/Luis	13-9	Lee Bruce

17	SUN	17	A-wood	Crunchy, Crusty, Cruddy	Zeeity*/Ralph vs His Johner*	9-0 then 5-4	Bruce with Bob's consult
		Net Weekend Turnout 23+17-10=30 39% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/17 = $1.47 PPG	2023 Paying members to date = 77	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 138* (New Record)	

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Saturday Game 16: March 18, 2023 A-Gord-ing to Gordo

The penultimate contest of Winter pitted a determined and grizzled collection of veterans and newcomers including the flamboyant stylings of Steve Mistretta. The battle pitted two dynamic pitching combinations. Representing the visiting squad was the jocular and peevish Gary Z. who gave way halfway through to the indulgent and patriarchal designs of Cousin Brucie. Facing them and representing the home side were the bedazzling pair of knuckleheads, um I mean knuckleball pitchers. Of course, I refer to the Zuckerman himself, Mr. Ralph and the rarely irascible Big Lou who both astounded and confounded.

The contest played as tight as a high stakes poker game. When the visitors started the festivities with a pair, the home side deuced them right back. Big Bryan provided the heavy composite with a two rbi two bagger only to be answered by sweet Lee and Ed R. who's blast hit the third base bag and went high into the air. The top of the second saw a rally squelched by the big glove of Steve Hershon as he snagged a laser destined for glory in short center field. The home side scratched one across in the bottom of the inning when Hugh McCool beat out a fielder's choice for an rbi.

The top of third saw Bryan again wreaking havoc with Big Rich Connors joining the fray. It appeared that the home side would call and double until the visitors fizzled the rally with Jack impersonating Roberto Clemente. After snarling a missile, Jack gunned out a runner at the plate assisted by Bryan. It would be one of three putouts at the dish, testimony to the competitiveness of the game.

The top of the fourth was quiet and the home side seized the advantage when the aforementioned Steve blasted a moonshot and when the lunar dust had settled, two were in and the batter stood proudly on third.

But the visitors resolved to erase the one run deficit and it was that man again, Jack "RC" Schonhaut who crushed a triple to dead center field. When Bryan and Connors contributed to the party, four had scored and the visitors had reestablished their dominance. Or did they? The bottom of the frame saw the home side call the four runs to take back a one run lead. The big plows were provided by Messrs Lederhosen and Matt who both mowed the right field lawn with projectiles. Add Lee and Ed R. and it was 9-8 in favor of the homies.

Seven consecutive goose eggs for both sides and it appeared that the combatants had wearied from all the action. Finally, the home side took advantage of the battle fatigue by plating four in the bottom of the ninth. Lou, Eric, Gary W. all supplied offensiveness. And the visitors' attempt at retribution was not good enough despite the valiant efforts of Brian, Jon Z., Rich L., and Barry.

Final score: Homies 13 - Transients 9

Sunday Game 17: March 19, 2023 By Bruce
Seventeen “To play, or not to play? That was the question— Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous cold and wind. Or to take arms and bats against the elements. And, by opposing, end them?”

Play Ball was heard by 17 captains courageous. This was a tale told by a blustery wind and cold. The first at bat of the visitor Z-team was one of outrageous fortune as all but a few batted balls were wind blown into hits with the outcome being 9 to 0 after the top of the first inning.

Once the players realized how to play the weather, the remaining 10 1/2 innings were well played into a 5 to 4 victory by the judge homies.

The day was so windy….how windy was it?….it was so windy that this reporter’s notes were blown away.

We have to thank the GN parks Department for getting Allenwood into playable shape.

Special thanks go out to Rich L. for dragging 2 extra players onto the field to allow us to have a game.

Extra special thanks go out to Z's protective paunch which took the brunt of a wicked line drive. He is fine.

This reporter somehow ended up on first base a record 4 times.

Other players did other things but as was stated previously, the notes were blow away.

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2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
18	SAT	18	KPP5	A nice window between a drizzley start and post game rain.	The Zee-ity/ Bruce vs The Uniform*	14-4	Lee Bruce
	SUN	Muddied Out					
		Net Weekend Turnout 23+17-10=30 39% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/18 = $1.39 PPG	2023 Paying members to date = 77	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 138* (New Record)	

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2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
18	SAT	CANCELED	KPP5				
19	SUN	19	School yard		His Johner Vs The Zee-ity*	14-9	Bruce w/ nod from Bob
		Net Weekend Turnout 19 25% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/19 = $1.32 PPG	2023 Paying members to date = 77	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 139* (New Record)	

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Sunday 4.2.23 By Eric the INFORMER?

Hi-Lites 4-2-23

In 1990, a company called ACCUWEATHER registered the term " real-feel. " They used the name to describe how the outside temperature was affected by the force of the prevailing winds.

At game time, the sun was shining and the temperature was 42 degrees Fahrenheit. The winds, however, were gusting up to 30 mph. The "real-feel" temperature was 13 degrees.

Twenty (19) hearty souls assembled at the school yard in Queens, anyway. Jonathan Silver, (a.k.a, "Juan Plata") was among them.

This was his first time back, after sustaining a concussion while bike riding. He "manned up" and played catcher for Gary Z. "

"Welcome back, Jon."

The first inning, no one could make a play in the field. John Hunt's visitors scored a quick five unearned runs.

When it was the Home teams turn at bat, we surrounded John Hunt and reminded him that he had a pretty nice lead and to just pitch strikes.

He did just that and the visitors suffered the same fate as Gary Z's home team. It looked like the visitors were playing soccer with the softball. The only shot that was not mishandled was Mat's ground rule double over the right field fence.

A quick four unearned runs ensued, and there were still no outs.

The visitors approached the mound again. This time we encouraged John to simply strike everyone out.

If he couldn't get them out himself, we might all freeze to death.

John bore down on the next three batters and set a Great Neck Softball record: he struck out all three men to end the inning!! That had never happened before and May never happen again.

The second and third innings were relatively uneventful, offensively. Marc Leder, at short stop, made every play look routine for the Visitors. Lou, at third, did the same for the home team.

Both teams sacrificed their first baseman's eyesight. Steve, for the home team; and Bruce, for the visitors. Both looked directly into the sun, as missiles came hurling their way from short stop and third. They caught them all, without exception.

By the start of the 4th inning, the game was tied at five all. The temperature had begun to rise into the mid forties and the wind started to ease up.

Gary Z. had not walked a single batter. He didn't walk even one batter the entire game!! That may have been how his team slowly began to build its lead. There were no angry calls from his own team mates: "just throw strikes, will ya?" They were a united front.

They had strong hitting from Lou, Seth, Gary C., Mat, and John V. John V. Wore only a tee shirt. If he didn't run around the bases, he was in danger of hypothermia; so he made sure to get on base.

The home team added runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

Before the visitors knew it, they were down 12 to 7.

In the eighth inning, the visitors tried to mount a comeback. They wisely started their lineup with two very "physical" EDs: Ed H. (the doctor) and Ed R. (The power house).

Ed H. Got on base and then Ed R. Hit a monster shot way, way, way over Seth's head in center field. Ed H. Scored, but that was it.

It wasn't particularly wise to hit one that far, not with Lou on the opposing team, watching.

He would match it in the home squad's half of the same inning. It was now 13 to 8. Gary Z's home team gave up one more run in the ninth.

The accuweather "real-feel" temperature was about 40 degrees when, with 12 minutes remaining on the clock, the visitors negotiated an extra, final, at bat.

It was to no avail, Gary Z's home team had secured the WIN.

Honorable mention goes out to Gordon. The "guilt trip" he laid on us all, last week, for not playing on the asphalt, probably contributed to a good turn out this week for the ASPHALT JUNGLE EXPERIENCE.

Two pure breed dogs were spotted during the game: a Bouvier de Flanders and a French Bull dog. Neither took a dump on the field, proving there are no bad dogs, only bad dog owners.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTE
Has our STREAK RECORD become so expected and so routine that it is no longer mentioned or photographed?
I will be there next weekend to restore order.

WE ARE NOW UP TO 139 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS OF OUTDOOR PLAY.
KUDOS TO ALL THE COURAGEOUS PLAYERS WHO MADE THIS HAPPEN.
GAR

of the winter season belongs to one man. Unheralded and under appreciated, Bruce's effort on behalf of GNSB was simply magnificent. First, on Saturday, the venerable one using every meteorological known to science brazenly decided to pull an audible and changed the game time from 8:45 to 7:45. This heroic measure allowed a full game to be played before the 10 a.m. rains arrived in earnest. And while these pages are regularly devoted to the exploits of our humble warriors, it was this precinct move that was the play of the day. For the sake of some semblance of balance, the game pitted Eric the U vs. Mr. Z. Z's side plated through four led by Gary W., who has turned himself into quite a player, Ed R who blasted a triple and Rich Z. But the U's went Gorilla in the Mist and with two out scored 6 in the bottom of the fourth and tacked on 4 more in the 5th. Steve M. squared up and drove the ball around the yard. But it was the entire line up of Lee, Jack, the brother Spiel, CU Leder, Ed I. Brian and Steve H. that supplied the offensive prowess. Hugh tried to carry the Z's back but lack of support hindered his herculean effort.

Sunday however is another story, and a shameful one at that. Once again that man around the diamond, Cousin Brucie did everything in his power to provide a haven for the 22 players who signed up on Team Cowboy. Bruce lives more than 20 miles from Great Neck. But committed to the task, he arose and drove first to Allenwood and then to KPP to see if either field were playable. But alas, the rain had rendered the fields too soggy for use. So he announced that the game would be at the schoolyard. And then the unthinkable happened; rather than appreciate his effort, many of the signees decided to simply drop out leaving too few players to have a game. To those that engaged in that behavior, shame on you. It is an insult to Bruce. He sent out an email the night before explaining the situation. If you, for some arbitrary reason, will never again play on the playground, then remove your name. But expecting Bruce to run around to find a field on an absolutely beautiful Sunday morning and then flake out is pure selfishness.

The writer wished to apologize on behalf of the group, Bruce. You deserve better.

New season starts next week: All games from now through November will start at 7:45.

BOT GENERATED? Highlights

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 4/8/23-4/9//23 GAME 20-21

2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
		CANCELED					
20	SAT	21	KPP5	Cool but windless but uncool and winless for the losing team	His Johner / Doug KVs The Zee-ity*/ Steve F	21-9	Lee
21	SUN	20	ALLENWOOD	Fair skies although most of the sky was in foul territory	His Johner Vs The Zee-ity*	13-11	Bobby

		Net Weekend Turnout 41-9 =32 42% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/21 = $1.19 PPG	2023 Paying members to date = 77	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 139* (New Record)	

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GAME 20: Saturday 4.8.23

THE LOTS BEAT THE LITTLES 21-9 MAINLY BECAUSE OF LOTSA MATZOH BALLS PASS-ING-OVER, AROUND, AND THROUGH A VERY HOLY DEFENSE ON THIS HOLY WEEKEND.

JACK THE RIPPER TRIPPED THE LIGHT FANDANGO AROUND THE BASES AS RIPS 6 HITS AND CAUSES THE OPPOSITION TO TURN A WHITER SHADE OF PALE!

NOT A GOOD DAY TO HIRE GARY Z TO WALK YOUR DOG BECAUSE HE WALKS NO ONE TODAY. BUT IT WAS GOOD DAY TO HIRE HIM AS A HIT MAN BECAUSE HE BANGED OUT 4 HITS.

HUGH MAINTAINS HIS STANDING AS ONE OF THE TOP PLAYERS IN THE HUGH-NIVERSE WITH HIS QUITE A FINE, QUADRA-HIT DAY.

IT WAS A FINE LINE BETWEEN FAIR OR FOUL, BUT STEVE FEINSTEIN GROUND-BALLERED A HOMER DOWN THE LF LINE, AMONGST OTHER FINE HITS.

GARY W CONTINUES TO AWE AS HE COLLECTS 4 MORE IMPRESSIVE HITS,

MONSTER TRIPLES CAME OFF THE BATS OF RICH L AND ROOKIE JOHN L.

VINNIE, RICH C, ROOKIE STEVE M, RALPH, LEE, MATZOH BRI-AN, AND PROBABLY OTHERS HAD SWELL DAYS AS WELL, BUT IT'D BE TOO MUCH TO TELL.

GAME 21: Sunday 4.8.23 Possibly written by a bot.

Today's warriors saw a seesaw battle, as the lead changed hands 5 times. The tying was run left on 1B, and the winning run, in the body Marc Kono, who had 5 hits on the day after taking a 5 month body break was left in the on-deck circle.

We've all met Eric the Met, who met the ball very well for 5 hits today, including a triple. He also made 2 tremendous plays at 2B, including a DP turn, that reminded nobody of Charlie Neal at all.

By far, the MVP goes to, the faster than light Seth K, who ran down several both laserly and lazily hit potentially, dangerous fly balls to all parts of the outfield, including a spectacular comet streaking across the universe-esque grab, that reminded nobody of Jim Hickman. As a result he gained alternating nicknames of the "ERASER" by Gary Z and the "TARP" - for covering the whole field, by Petey I.
In addition Seth banged out 5 hits including a triple and 2 doubles! Wow!

Ed Ip put the ip in rip as he ripped 5 hits. Both Mario and Luis, who were not on LSD trips, rippled triples worthy of being listed in Ripley's Believe it or Not. Rob Wurtzel, shortly after trips to Israel and Vail, went on several trips to the bases via 4 line drive safeties.
Rich Connors, Jack and Kenny also hit the ball hard multiple times, but since its called softball, we're not sure if those were legal. This makes no sense, but neither do I.
Kudos to Bobby for producing another close game.

REMINDER:
DO NOT SIGN UP FOR A SUNDAY GAME UNLESS YOU ARE 100% SURE THAT YOU ARE PLAYING. IF MUST REMOVE YOUR NAME PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS ON THE WAIT LIST AND REMOVE IT BY 8PM THE EVENING BEOFRE THE GAME. THANKS.

BLOOMING HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 4/8/23-4/15//23- 4.16.23 GAME 22-23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
22A	Sat	20	KPP3	Uncomplainable!	The Zeeity vs DougK*	7-3	Lee
22B	SAT	23	KPP5	Uncomplainable!	Scott*/Mike vs Bruce/ Doug B	10-4 Good buddies	Bruce
23	SUN	25	ALLENWOOD	Misty start giving way to fair skies although most of the sky was in foul territory	His Johner * Vs The Zee-ity/Steve F	13-12	Bobby

		Net Weekend Turnout 68-14 =54 68% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/23 = $1.09 PPG Which is 16 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree*	2023 Paying members to date = 80	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 139* (New Record)	

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GAME 22: Saturday A 4.15.23 PLEASE CLICK ATTACHMENT

THE LOTS BEAT THE LITTLES 21-9 MAINLY BECAUSE OF LOTSA MATZOH BALLS PASS-I

GAME 22: Saturday B 4.15.23 PLEASE CLICK ATTACHMENT

GAME 23: SUNDAY 4.16.23 PLEASE CLICK ATTACHMENT FOR MORE DETES.

ANOTHER GREAT NECK WEEKEND SOFTBALL CLASSIC!
NEE A GAME FOR THE AGES

IN THE TOP OF THE 10TH WITH THE HOME BODIES LEADING 10-8, THE VISIGOTHS SCORED 4 TO TAKE A 12-10 LEAD ONLY TO HAVE THEIR HOPES DEFLATED BY A REMARKABLE 3 RUN BOTTOM OF THE TENTH, THANKS TO CLUTCH HITS BY KONO, BARRY, LEDER, RICH C, AND ROB, WHO HEROICALLY GOT THE WALK OFF, WINNING HIT.

Kudos to the side makers who work very hard, behind the scenes, to make even sides week after week. Many don't know that they start a day in advance and text each other back and forth making adjustments. So thanks to Bruce, Lee, Bobby, and Jack.

Also thank you to Bruce, Gary W, John H and Bryan B for alerting us about Ryan being in the Post and on Fox.

Kudos and good luck Ryan. We hope you have great success with this revolutionary bagel idea. I get hungry just thinking about it.

https://nypost.com/2023/04/15/dont-get-the-schmear-and-save-on-nys-crazy-sandwich-tax/?utm_campaign=iphone_nyp&utm_source=message_app

https://www.foxnews.com/video/6325269341112

All and all this was a fabulous GNSB weekend, with 54 UNIQUE members turning out. Lets keep it going.

GAROO

EARTH DAY HIGHLIGHTS or Earthly Daylights

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 4/22/23-4/23//23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
24A	Sat	18	KPP3	Not quite heaven on earth, but okay	The Zeeity*/ Steve F vs Ralph*	11-11	Lee
24B	SAT	20	KPP5	Not quite heaven on earth, but okay	Scott vs Leder*/Seth C	13-10 Good buddies	Bruce
	SUN	Rained out	ALLENWOOD				
		Net Weekend Turnout 38 46% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/24 = $1.04 PPG Which is 21 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree*	2023 Paying members to date = 82	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 139* (New Record)	

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EARTH TO SOFTBALL NATION: HERE ARE YOUR EARTH SHATTERING HIGHLIGHTS

GAME 24A: Saturday 4.22.23 KPP 5
Awaiting.
GAME 24B: Saturday 4.22.23 KPP 3 Unearthed by your Comishugana

ALEX B PROVIDES THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH WITH A DOUBLE BANGED OFF OF THE LF FENCE, A HOMER OVER THE FENCE, AND AN INSIDE THE PARK HOMER HIT TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH AND A SINGLE. UNFORTUNATELY ALL THIS INCREASED HIS CARBON FOOTPRINTS. HIS ONLY OUT CAME AS THE GAME'S FIRST BATTER, ON A BALL THAT HE HIT RIGHT UP AGAINST THE LF WALL. IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH, HE TOOK PART IN 4 DOUBLE PLAYS WHILE PLAYING SS. THREE 4-6-3 DPS AL Z TO ALEX TO DAN, AND ONE TAKE IT YOUR-SELFER 6-6-3. ALEX TO BAG TO DAN.

LEDER CRANKED OUT 3 HITS HITS INCLUDING A HOMER THAT VANISHED OFF OF THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

SINENO COULD HAVE HIT 2 HOMERS, BUT EARTH'S GRAVITY SLOWED HIM UP ENOUGH TO TURN THEM INTO 2 LOLLYGAGGED, TRIPLES.

SCOTT S TURNED A LINER DESTINED TO JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH INTO A DP ON THE MOUND.

MULTI-HIT GAMES WERE PRODUCED BY

- BARRY D, WHO IS ABSOLUTELY THE SALT OF THE EARTH.
- GORDO WHO IS NO EARTH ANGEL.
- THE VERY DOWN TO EARTH RUSSELL, ESPECIALLY WHEN HE DRAWS HIS CARBON @&$%PRINTS IN THE DIRT, ALL OVER THE INFIELD.
- THE EARTHY ALAN Z.
- THE DOUBLEDOUGS - KOCH AND BECK.

EARTHQUAKING EXTRA-BASERS WERE DETECTED ON THE RICHTER SCALE FROM ED I WITH A TRIPLE AND JUAN PLATA WITH A DOUBLE.

NOT MENTIONED IN LAST WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS: FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER THE WORD "CONCUPISCENT" WAS USED IN A SOFTBALL GAME… ANYWHERE. EVEN MORE EARTH SHAKING WAS THAT ANOTHER PLAYER KNEW WHAT IT MEANT. I'LL LEAVE YOU TO GUESS WHO THOSE 2 PLAYERS WERE.

Garoo
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BOT INSPIRED BUT NOT BOT WRITTEN

HIGHLIGHTS The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 5/6/23-5/7/23

2023 GAME #	DAY	TURNOUT	VENUE	CONDITIONS	PITCHERS	SCORES	SIDE MAKERS
25A	Sat	18	KPP3	A day nice enough to be saved in a bot-tle.	The Zeeity*/ vs Leder/ Ryan	18-15	Lee/ Jack
25B	SAT	20	KPP5	A day so nice it should be saved in a bot-tle.	Ralph vs Lee*	15-12	Bruce

26	SUN	19	ALLENWOOD	A day so nice it should be saved in a bot-tle.	His Johner* Vs Eric the Green Red Sox	14-10	Bobby/ Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 57-11=46 55% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/26 = $0.96 PPG Which is 29 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 4 cents under the no complaint line.	2023 Paying members to date = 83	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 140* (New Record)	

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CRACK OPEN THE BOT-TLE OF CHAMPAIGN! CONSECUTIVE MONTH OF OUTDOOR PLAY, 140 HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. KUDOS TO ALL

GAME 25A: Saturday 5.6.23 KPP 5 BOT-TOM LINED BY A HUMAN

This was a 9 on 9 game in which all 9 batters in the lineup got up in bot-h in the top of the first and the bot-tom of the first, scoring 9 runs in the first inning in total. But the homies scored another 5 in bot 2 to take a commanding 10-4 lead. The Vizzy 9, chipped away all game but came up short with the tying run at the plate in the 8th inning. The game was an inning shy of 9 innings, due to a bot-ulized atmosphere of excessive crankiness, belligerency, and childishness, which the Board is scheduled to address this Wednesday.

It was extremely hard to take notes and remember events in this setting but here goes.

BOT-H BRIAN STAR AND VINNY BATTERIA, WHO FOR THE PURPOSES OF TODAY'S THEME WILL BE CALLED VINNY BOT-TERIA, CRASHED 4 HITS, RICH L HAD A BOOMING TRIPLE. FLASH PAISNER BANGED 3 HITS, INCLUDING A TRIPLE. BOTH ED R AND SETH K HAD MULTI-HITTERS INCLUDING DOUBLEs. MATT R HAD 3 HITS INCLUDING 2

DOUBLES, MARK LEDER HIT A MOONS-TERUS 3 RUN TRIPLE. HUGH TRICYCLED WITH A SINGLE, DOUBLE AND TRIPLE. JON SPIEL HAD A MULTI-HITTER INCLUDING A TRIPLE. THE ZEE-ITY KNOCKED OUT 3 HITS. JON Z HOMERED, DOUBLED, AND THREW OUT 2 RUNNERS AT SECOND BASE FROM CENTERFIELD FORCING OUT RUNNERS ON WOULD BE BASE HITS. NICE HITTING WAS ALSO SEEN FROM RYAN, STEVE M, DOUG B AND JACK.

GAME 25B: Saturday 5.6.23 KPP 3 Bot-tom lined by Gordo

Awe inspiring beauty greeted the B field com-bot-ants for Kings Point Park in early May resonates with spectacular spring colors, soft sunlight, gentle breeze and nary a single insect to spoil the splendor. If being privileged to enjoy time with friends in such a setting isn't enough to bring good cheer, then how about a friendly game of softball. And so the warriors parked their genteel behavior and took to the diamond.

The visitors were led on the hill by the magnanimous styling of Ralph and his perplexing knuckle ball. Against him for the home side was the ever pleasant even keeled Lee.

A scoreless opening frame gave way to the home side getting offensive in the bottom of the second. Newcomer Ken launched a drive to deep left for a double. Timely hitting by Pete with a sac fly and Nick who rejoined the fun after sitting out most of the winter, driving in another with a laser to right. The home side plated three more in the third after an rbi single by Gordon and rbi two bagger by another returning player, Cliff.

It was looking to be a one sided affair until Ralph picked up the pace for the visitors. His two rbi three bagger highlighted a four run fourth which brought the visitors within one. But it was more than his spectacular play that brought deserved accolades. Ralph was among the masses that searched intently for Juan's hearing aid. And it was Ralph who played the hero by spotting the undersized device along the first base line. Well done Ralph!

The visitors took the lead in the sixth with Juan lashing a drive to left followed by Steve and the score now stood Ralph and co. 6, Lee and the gang 5.

Johnny V. took out his frustration on the innocent clincher and drove in the tying run. His anger justified by the number of line drives that barely escaped his lunges. The visitors tacked on a pair with Ed I. drilling a double and Juan continuing his fine hitting.

The home side seemed to be losing their steam and that is easily understood as Steve H. kept snaring line drive after line drive. Al Z. did squeak one through to drive in a run but Ralph and Juan, a veritable two man wrecking crew pushed the lead to 12-9 as this and one more was called. And it appears that the call was taken as a call to duty as the home side came out of their shell and put up 6. Lee, Kono, V, Gordon, Russ, Cliff, Ken, Pete Bruce and Nick all contributed.

The visitors, despite the best efforts of Joe who was once again 7 for 6, Russ, Gary Ch., Ed, Ralph, Juan, Jeff, Seth and Steve could not overcome the late inning onslaught. The game ended when Johnny V. finally caught a sharp line drive with the final score Lee's fleas 15 – Ralph's gators 12.

A magnificent day, a magnificent game all punctuated with camaraderie and good will. A tribute to the spirit of Great Neck Softball.

GAME 26: Sunday 5.7.23 Allenwood BOT-TOM LINED BY A HUMAN

THE NEVER CRANKY MARC KONO, HAS A DAY REMINISCENT OF JIM *BOT*-TEMLY AS HE CRANKS OUT 5 HITS!

GARY CHARNEY'S *BOT*-TOMLESS TALENTS PROVE TO BE VERY *BOT*-HERSOME TO THE OPPOSITION AS HE SA-*BOT*-

AGES THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF OPPOSING BATTER'S DREAMS WITH A LEAPING WEBGEM, TWO FINE RUNNING WEBGEMS AND A DIVING SHORT HOPPED WEBGEM IN RF, ALLOWING HIM TO GUN DOWN A RUNNER AT 2B ON A FORCE PLAY. PLUS AS A *BOT*-TER HE UN-*BOT*-TLES 3 HITS AND A WALK

MATT S GOES *BOT*-TA BOOM *BOT*-TA BING 4 TIMES FOR HITS AS DOES THE FREQUENTLY LO-*BOT*-OMIZED MARC LEDER INCLUDING 2 EXTRA BASERS AND FLASH PAISNER.

***BOT*-ANY LOVERS WERE NOT HAPPY WITH JOE SINENO'S DIVING CATCH OF A BALL IN CF AS HE RIPS UP 7 FEET OF GRASS.**

THERE WAS A RARE AND REMARKABLE NON-BOT-CHED 5-2-3 DP (JACK 3B TO KONO C. TO BRUCE 1B)

HIGHLIGHTS WRITTEN BY ai TO SUPPORT THE WRITERS STRIKE

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2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
27A	Sat	16	KPP3	Warm and inviting, with a mysterious and slightly ominous air	DougBee* DougK	12-9	Lee/ Jack

27B	SAT	19	KPP5	Ditto	Scott S /vs Leder*	18-9	Bruce
28	SUN	22	ALLENWOOD	If I had a day to give to mothers it would be a day just like today	His Johner Vs Eric the U*	10-7	Lee
		Net Weekend Turnout 57-15=42 49% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/28 = $0.89 PPG Which is 36 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 4 cents under the no complaint line.	2023 Paying members to date = 86	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 140* (New Record)	

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SINCE THE WRITERS GUILD HAS GONE ON STRIKE, I WILL NOT BE A SCAB. THUS THE HIGHLaiGHTS BELOW WERE WRITTEN BY NOT I BUT ai

GAME 27A: Saturday 5.13.23 KPP 5 "A" field. By ai with some human assistance.

Well, well, well, what a game we had today folks. The battle of the Dougs was truly a sight to behold, and only one could come out on top. Luckily for us, it was Doug Koch who emerged victorious. You could practically hear his triumphant roar echoing through the park.
But let's not forget about Jon Z's majestic home run - it was a real masterpiece, the kind of hit that would make Babe Ruth proud. And what about those three hit performances by the DougBee,

Flash Paisner, Steve M, and Vinnie, Sure, they were impressive, but let's be real - they were no match for Doug Koch’s performance.
Of course, we can't talk about this game without mentioning Lee's five hits. That's right, five hits! It's like he had a magic bat or something. And let's not forget about Ed I's spectacular play - it was so good, it made the crowd gasp in amazement.
All in all, it was a close and tight game, but with all the crazy talent on the field, it was clear that something special was bound to happen. And happen it did - in fact, it was so wild that I'm sure people will be talking about it for years to come.

GAME 27B: Saturday 5.13.23 KPP 3 “B” field. By ai with some human assistance.

Ladies and gentlemen, AI can hardly contain my excitement as AI recount the epic Great Neck Weekend Softball Game on KPP#3 "B" field that took place on Saturday, May 13, 2023. The home team may have trailed 5-0 after 3 and a half innings, but boy did they come back in a big way, winning 18-9! I mean, talk about a comeback story. Hollywood couldn't write a better script!
And let's talk about the players, shall we? Super Joe had 5 hits, including a double and a triple. But who cares about that when we have Gary Weinstock with 4 hits and Mark Leder with 4 hits, including a double? Move over, Super Joe, there are some new stars in town!
But let's not forget about Elmer, Harlan, and Driller, who all returned after an 8-month hiatus and killed it on the field. Elmer hit not one, but two home runs and made a "fine running web gem catch" in centerfield, all while throwing out a runner at third base from "fairly deep center field on a force play." Is there anything this guy can't do? And Harlan banged out 3 hits, including a

double and a sac fly. But the real highlight of his game was an out that was caught right in front of the left field fence by Super Joe. Wow, I mean, who needs a home run when you can hit it just shy of the fence? And let's not forget about Driller, who had a “multi-hit game" (whatever that means). And then there's Seth Starr, who cracked 4 hits and threw out a runner at second base. But that's not all, folks. He also made a "spectacular circus catch in right field," saving several runs. I mean, move over Elmer, we have a new star in town!

But wait, there's more! Gordo smashed 3 hits, including a double, and drove in 4 runs. Defensively, he was key in 2 double plays, including a "take it yourself to Steve H 6-6-3" and a "6-4-3 to Plata to Steve." And let's not forget about Gary Charney, who blasted a "huge triple." And Nick had a couple of fine hits. But the real defensive hero of the game was Barry D, who made a "nice nab on a crucial play." Move over, Superman, we have Barry D!

In conclusion, the Great Neck Weekend Softball Game on May 13, 2023, was a truly epic, over-the-top, and incredible game. Hollywood, take note, because this game was a blockbuster hit!

GAME 28: Sunday 5.14.23 Allenwood By ai with some human supervision

The Great Neck Weekend Softball game at Allenwood Park was an epic showdown on Sunday, May 1, 2023. The game was a real nail-biter, with a final score of 10 to 7 in 12 innings. Despite the long game, the weather conditions were perfect, much to the delight of the players and fans.

The game was filled with plenty of highlights, including some jaw-dropping home run bombs by Leder and Mario. These two sluggers didn't just hit the ball out of the park, they sent it into orbit! But they weren't the only ones making noise on the field. Lee, Rory, and Ed I all hit monster triples that had the outfielders running for their lives.

And let's not also forget about the sharp double by Mario, who seemed to have a personal vendetta against the third baseman. He hit the ball so hard that it looked like it was on fire!
But even with all the excitement on the field, the fans couldn't help but crack a few jokes and puns. One fan quipped, "If these guys keep hitting like this, we'll have to change the name of the park to Allenwood Home Run Field!" Another fan added, "I guess you could say Leder and Mario really hit it out of the park today...literally!"
Overall, it was a great day for softball and for those who appreciate a good laugh. The only downside? The game was so long that some of the fans will have to call out sick from work tomorrow!

Ai with a little supervision from GARai

Errata from last week:

Breaking news! The score of last week's Allenwood game has been mistakenly reported. After careful analysis, we have discovered that the actual score was 14-10, not the previously reported 18-9. We would like to extend our deepest apologies to all those who were traumatized by this egregious error.
The guilty party responsible for this mistake will be harshly dealt with. We will not rest until justice has been served and the perpetrator has been brought to justice. They will be forced to watch an endless loop of slow-motion replays of every missed pitch and every botched catch until they beg for mercy.
The impact of this error cannot be understated. Fans who were ecstatic over the original victory are now left to pick up the pieces of their shattered dreams. The players who thought they had won

by 4 runs now face the harsh reality that their victory was nothing more than a mirage of winning by 9 runs.
To all those who were affected by this mistake, we offer our sincerest apologies. We know that the pain and suffering caused by this error cannot be undone, but we promise to do everything in our power to ensure that this never happens again.
In conclusion, we ask that you take a moment of silence to reflect on the gravity of this situation. Let us come together as a community to heal and move forward, stronger and more resilient than ever before. Thank you.

The Pro/Anti Abortion Highlights: A Roe (Row) vs Wade Decision

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 5/20/23-5/21/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
	Sat	Rained out	KPP3	Couldn't d-*rain* the swamp today			Lee/ Jack
	SAT	Ditto	KPP5	Ditto			Bruce
29	SUN	17	School-yard	Dry with grass growing in your cleats right up through the concrete and females doing mating dances in the centerfield bleaches.	Ex-Honey Boy Leder Vs Eric the Yankee*	22-13 In 13 innings	Lee

		Net Weekend Turnout 17 20% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		**PPG 25/29 = $0.86 PPG Which is 39 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 14 cents under the no complaint line.**	**2023 Paying members to date = 86**	**Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 140* (New Record)**	

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THE CALL TO ABORT SATURDAY'S GAME WAS A ROW VS WADE DECISION. PLAYERS WOULD EITHER HAVE TO ROW A BOAT OR WADE THROUGH THE WATER TO GET TO THE FIELDS. SEE ATTACHMENT. NEITHER WAS NECESSARY AS IT WAS DECIDED TO ABORT THE GAME. HOWEVER ON SUNDAY THE DECISION WAS MADE, NOT TO ALLOW THE GAME TO BE ABORTED.

GAME 29A: Sunday 5.21.23 Schoolyard. By Gar-ai in support of writers.

DESPITE 35 RUNS, 13 INNINGS ARE PLAYED AS PITCHERS WHEEL AND DEAL, WHEELY WELL, WITHOUT DELAY.
Oh, what a heroic display we witnessed on that fateful May 21, 2023 Sunday at the Cracked Asphalt Schoolyard! The players who graced us with their presence deserve all the praise we can muster. They valiantly risked life, limb, and the delicate balance of their family lives just to be there on that dry field, under the warm sun, with the luxuriant

grass defiantly growing right through the cracks in the concrete. What selfless dedication!
Let us not forget the players who couldn't join us on this illustrious day. They, burdened by the stress on their bodies, particularly their geezer knees, rankled ankles, and chipped hips, chose to stay home and nurse their wounds. How considerate of them to prioritize their own well-being instead of recklessly putting themselves at risk. Truly, they are beacons of wisdom and responsibility.
And oh, how can we overlook the noble sacrifice of Ed I and Gary W, who defied conflicts and other trivial obligations to grace us with their presence? While others were at home, desperately attempting to assuage the emotional wounds they acquired as children, Ed I and Gary W stood tall, ready to conquer the softball field. Their commitment to the game, despite all odds, is truly awe-inspiring.
We mustn't forget the extraordinary circumstances they endured on that fateful day. The dry field, parched and unforgiving, tested their endurance and resilience. The sun, beating down with its relentless fury, challenged their very existence. But due to their unyielding determination to conquer nature itself they showed up. And lets not forget the dance troupe of dancing women in centerfield trying to distract us and hoping to divert our attention away from possible balls striking us in the face.
Yes, we witnessed a display of heroic proportions at the May 21, 2023 Sunday Great Neck Weekend Softball Highlights. The players' dedication to the game, their selfless disregard for personal comfort and safety, and their unwavering commitment to endure the harsh conditions should be commended with the utmost sarcasm. Bravo, players, bravo.
But in this politically charged arena, the players took the field with the determination to make their mark. The game was a battlefield that left any spectator that wasn't there, on the edge of their seats.
Mark Leder, a true embodiment of the American Dream, unleashed a relentless offensive assault with his five hits and five RBIs, including two doubles and a monstrous titanic blast. Leder's performance was a rallying cry for the team, proving that hard work and perseverance can lead to tremendous success but it diidn't, just like in the political arena.
Meanwhile, Gary Charney, the embodiment of a political maverick, defied all expectations with an unprecedented seven hits, leaving opponents dazed and confused. His ability to navigate the field and hit with precision was a metaphorical reflection of a politician skillfully maneuvering through a chaotic landscape.
Ziggy, Gordon, and Ed Ip, who puts the "Ip" in "rip" like a savvy political strategist, unleashed an offensive blitzkrieg with their four-hit games. Their hits were like well-crafted political speeches, resonating with the crowd and leaving the opposition reeling. Each swing of their bats carried the weight of political change and left a lasting impact on the game.
John Vitale, a powerhouse of determination, delivered a stunning five-hit performance that included a mammoth triple. His hit echoed through the stadium like a political revolution, energizing the crowd and propelling his team forward. It was a display of raw strength and a reminder that sometimes, in the game of politics, it takes a mighty swing to make a difference.
Ed H, despite battling an ailing knee, soared through the air like a political idealist, making not one but two incredible web gems. His leaping catch was akin to a politician defying the odds and

reaching for the stars, while his outstretched running gem symbolized the tireless pursuit of victory against all odds. It was a visual spectacle that transcended the boundaries of the game itself.

The fielding prowess of Ziggy at shortstop, executing a flawless 6-6-3 double play with Dan, was a political alliance forged on the field. Their coordination and precision mirrored the art of political compromise, showcasing the power of teamwork and strategy.

Leder, Mario, and Dan, in a crucial sort reminiscent of a high-stakes political negotiation, executed a spectacular double play that left the opposition in awe. Their seamless execution was a testament to the power of unity and the art of seizing opportunities.

Dr. Ed, Plata, and Jack added their voices to the political symphony with their multiple hits. Dr. Ed's hits which included a triple and his centerfield field play were like policy proposals, strategically placed to maximize impact, while Plata and Jack's contributions were like grassroots movements, inspiring change and unity among the team.

The May 21, 2023 Sunday Great Neck Weekend Softball Highlights were a battleground of political clichés and puns, a reflection of the fervor and passion that accompanies both sports and politics. The players embraced their roles as political gladiators, using their skills and determination to create a spectacle that captivated the crowd. It was a reminder that even in the realm of sports, politics permeates every aspect of our lives, and the game itself becomes a microcosm of the political arena.

When the votes were cast the visiting dignitaries helmed by Eric the Yankee defeated the homeland favorites in a landslide 22-13 victor although the electoral college had it at 5-5, since each team won 5 innings.

Get your raincoats and umbrellas ready because Saturday, May 20, 2023, was a wet and wild day at Kings Point Park for the Great Neck Weekend Softball game. The evil weather makers did their best to ruin the fun, but the players defied the odds and embraced the rain-soaked challenge with gusto.

Amidst the pouring rain, Leder and Mario unleashed home run bombs that were so powerful, they could've caused a mini tsunami. Not content with just hitting long balls, they also doubled sharply over third base, leaving the infielders swimming in their wake. It's safe to say they made the outfielders feel like they were playing in a fish tank rather than a ballfield!

Not to be outdone, Lee, Rory, and Ed I hit monster triples that had the spectators holding their breath. They zoomed around the bases like Olympic swimmers, creating waves of excitement with each splash they made in the muddy basepaths. It was as if they had fins instead of feet!

The slippery conditions didn't deter the fielders from making jaw-dropping plays. Rory, Brian, and Mike Smolens were like superheroes with their web gems, leaping through the air to snatch the ball out of the rain-soaked sky. Their agility and precision were so impressive that one could swear they were part frog, with webbed feet keeping them dry and steady.

As the game progressed, the rain poured relentlessly, but the players didn't let it dampen their spirits. They were determined to play through the wet weather and make a splash in their performance. It was a sight to behold as they slid through the mud, their uniforms turning into works of art with the finest patterns of mud splatters.

These incredible highlights deserve to be shared with the world, and what better place to post them than the web? So, get ready to see Leder's home run bombs and Mario's doubles on a loop, along with Lee, Rory, and Ed I's unforgettable triples. And don't forget to appreciate the web gems by Rory, Brian, and Mike Smolens, proving that even in the rain, they were the masters of their domain.

Despite the rain's best efforts, the players showed their resilience and made the game a wet and wild adventure. So, let's raise our umbrellas in salute to their determination and skill. After all, it takes more than a little rain to stop these softball warriors from making a splash!

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Highlights in Honor of Fleet Week

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 5/27/23-5/29/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
30A	Sat	16	KPP3	Perfect sailing weather	DougK* vs Z	14-11	Lee
30B	Sat	19	KPP5	Ditto	Scott* vs Leder	22-14	Bruce
31	Sun	24	Allenwood	Just what the "Dock" ordered, without "pier"	Zee/Eric the Met vs His Johner*/Lee	9-8	Lee/ Bob
32A	Mon	16	KPP5	The wave of perfect weather continues	Luis* vs The Composter Boy for Egg Salad Breakfasts	9-8	Lee
32B	Mon	17	KPP3	Ditto	Scott * vs Zee	12-10	Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 92-37=55 64% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/32 = $0.78 PPG Which is 47 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 22 cents under the no complaint line.	2023 Paying members to date = 86	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 140* (New Record)	

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Here's the scuttlebutt for this Incredible Memorial Day Weekend

GAME 29A: Saturday 5.27.23 KPP 5

In the spirit of Fleet Week in the Big Apple, the Great Neck Softball game on Saturday, May 27, 2023, was a true display of seafaring prowess. Our softball heroes, Bryan Black and Rich Connors sent mighty cannon balls sailing through the air, going an impressive 6 for 7 at the plate, with both even adding a double to their fleet of hits. It was as if they were on a mission to conquer the field, leaving the opposing team feeling like they were caught in a storm of hits and runs.

Not to be outdone, Lee, Brian S, and Mike Smolens joined the hit parade with four hits each, showing off their own fleet of foot and leaving the outfielders feeling like they were chasing after mermaids. Ed I, known for his lightning-fast speed, displayed his own fleet of foot, racking up multiple hits and causing the opposing team to wonder if he was secretly part dolphin!

Flash Paisner and Flashy Jon Zweibel were like two captains leading their fleet feet around the bases, showcasing their lightning speed and leaving the opposing team's defense feeling like a floundering ship in a sea of confusion. With at least three multiple hits, they were the wind beneath their team’s sails. They were like torpedoes, racing from base to base, leaving their opponents in a whirlwind of confusion.

But the hits didn't stop there. The Destroyers were out in full force. Hugh, Doug K, Steve M, and Mike G launched their own naval assaults on the ball, sending them soaring through the air like cannonballs.

Mike G, was a defensive rock at third base, making plays that would make even the Department of Defense proud. His performance was so outstanding that he was awarded the prestigious Gold Glove Medal of Honor, a true badge of honor for his defensive exploits.

In the end, the DougKs team cruised through the game, capturing the victory and leaving the opposing team feeling like they had been caught in a mighty tempest. It was a day of heroic exploits, brave plays, and moments that will be talked about in softball

circles for years to come. Bravo to our seafaring softball stars, who braved calm seas and sunshine to be there. The day filled with laughter and joy, leaving everyone aboard the Good Ship Softball with memories that will last a lifetime.

GAME 29B: Saturday 5.27.23 KPP 3 . By Gordo

The Memorial Day weekend started off with a bang. KPP's "B" field saw a deluge of bombs resulting in one of the highest scoring games in a long time. The drama pitted the visiting Smithereens against the homies of Lederville.

Joe S. started the game by continuing his torrid hitting and scoring the game's first run. In fact, Joe hit 17 triples over the day and was 13 for 11 overall. However, while Mr. Sineno's offense was exemplary, his defense was abhorrent as he merely stood and watched Leder's blast sail right past him while he remained anchored to his spot. The home side got their mojo working in earnest unleashing a 6 run third inning and it looked like clear sailing on the bright clear Saturday contest. The offensiveness was balanced through the entire lineup as Russ, Harlan, Gary Ch aka the hitting machine, Seth, Gary W., Cliff, Dean the Dream, Dan and Seth all participated.

And just when it appeared over save the dancing, the visitors called the offensiveness and raised. Kono, Driller, Scott, Gordon, the Bashman, Barry, Steve and Cousin Brucie Decorated the field with hit after hit. Over the next 6 innings, the visitors plated 21 runs.

Try as they might, the home side made a game of it by cutting the lead to one in the bottom of the eighth but the visitors crushed clinchers and scored seven in the top of the last. Final Score: Smithereens 22 - Lederhosens 14.

GAME 30: Sunday 5.28.23 Allenwood

Anchors aweigh, my friends! Prepare to set sail on a wacky adventure as we dive into the uproarious tale of the Great Neck Softball game on Sunday, May 28, 2023,
Kenny M, showed off his prowess with three hits and a sea of success. He navigated the bases like a seasoned commander, leaving the opposing team feeling adrift and de-fleet-ed. His hits were propelled with such force that they sailed through the air at warp speed, resembling turbo-props on a frigate.
And speaking of frigates, let's not forget about Super Joe's incredible shoestring catch on the starboard side of the field! It was a true battleship move, leaving spectators in awe of his acrobatic skills. Not to be outdone, Gary Ch crashed two hits and performed a rare naval maneuver for a 60+ year old, a sliding catch that was more like a destroyer

torpedoing through the waves, leaving the opposing team's hopes sinking to the ocean floor.
But the real showstopper was none other than Ziggy, who had three hits that shook the sea like a monstrous sea creature rising from the depths. His game-changing, two-run home run was a sight to behold, causing a tsunami of excitement among his teammates. And let's not forget his life-preserving web gem in right field, where he ran with full steam ahead and caught the ball at a very crucial time, as if he were rescuing his shipmates from a watery grave.
In this tale of triumph, Mario emerged as the savior of the day. With the tying and winning runs aboard ship, he made a due or die gem off a land-based torpedo, securing the victory and saving his shipmates from drowning in a sea of defeat. His clutch performance was like a lighthouse guiding the squadron to safe harbor.
The game was a tonnage of fun-nage, filled with remarkable plays and unforgettable moments. where the crew rallied together under the leadership of their skipper, Captain Bruce Fantastic and were steered away from dangerous waters by pitcher John Hunt, as anchored his opponents runs down to below sea levels.
As the final out was recorded, the victorious team celebrated with gusto, their spirits as high as the crow's nest. It was a com-fleet game victory that will be remembered for years to come. The Great Neck Softball crew showcased their skills and comedic brilliance, leaving the spectators in stitches and the opposing team lost at sea. Bravo to all the players who made this game a hilarious and memorable experience on the high seas of softball!

GAME 31A: Monday 5.29.23 KPP 5

Set your course for laughter as we embark on a hilarious journey through the Memorial Day 2023 Great Neck Softball highlights, honoring Fleet Week in NYC. Prepare to be awash with naval puns, nautical analogies, and ship-shaped shenanigans as we recount the epic clash between the Lou-Sea and LederLees!
In this game of battleships on the diamond, 16 brave sailors mustered up their skills to compete for victory. The deep B-Lou-Sea emerged as the victors, sailing to an 18-14 triumph against the LederLees. It was a spectacle that had spectators cheering like seagulls on the shoreline.
Mark Leder, the commander of home runs, delivered a show-stopping performance, smacking back-to-back homers and tallying a total of four hits. He was like a battleship unleashing its firepower, leaving the opposing team's defense in shambles. Not to be outdone, Lee showcased his own hitting prowess with four solid hits, making the opposing team's outfielders feel like they were chasing seagulls in a never-ending loop.
Luis, with his monster double and triple, sent shockwaves through the opposing team's defense. His hits were like tidal waves crashing onto the shore, leaving them drenched in defeat. Arik, with his booming triple off the left field fence, proved he was a force to be reckoned with, leaving the outfielders scrambling like startled jellyfish.

Vinny, the hitting sensation, smacked the ball with such force that it sailed like a speedboat across the outfield. With five hits, including a double and triple, he maneuvered around the bases with the grace of a skilled sailor. Alex, another hitting maestro, unleashed his own arsenal with five hits, including a massive double that left the opposing team's defense feeling adrift.
Bryan Black, the powerhouse of hits, launched his mighty bat like a cannonball, delivering five hits, including a double that disappeared into the horizon. He barely made an out this weekend and everyone on both teams was glad to see this because nobody wants there to be a blackout. Fortunately his power was alway on. Adding to this impressive performance, he pulled off a brilliant play, surpassing second base and surprising everyone, only to toss the ball to Jon Spiel, who barehanded it and fired it to first for a major league double play. It was a play that ranked among the best ever seen, leaving spectators in awe and the opposing team's jaws dropping like anchors.
As the final out was recorded, the Lou-Sea celebrated their victory, the waves of triumph washing over them. It was a game filled with excitement, laughter, and scuttlebutt. The players exhibited skills that rivaled the great mariners of old, leaving the spectators floating on a sea of amusement.
The camaraderie and competitiveness fueled the laughter and merriment, making it a day to remember in the annals of softball lore.

GAME 31B: Monday 5.29.23 KPP 3 by Gordo

Monday's Decoration Day B game was a spirited and closely played contest. Once again, the Smithereens were in the visitors dugout. Their combatants saw Z take the hill.

The top of the first saw two cross the dish on singles by Seth and Al Z., who displayed midseason form at the plate. Mario turned a SS fastball into a blast from the past. His three run dinger put the home side up one. Al Z., drove in another in his next at bat to tie the score but Steve H. lashed a double to lead a three run frame for the home side.

In the fourth, Mr. Smith comes to town and helps his own cause by blasting a two run triple and then comes home when Seth drives him in. Single runs in the fifth and sixth by the visitors put them ahead by one going to the seventh.

In the top of the seventh, the visitors tore it open. Big hits provided courtesy of Al Z. (yet again), Ch (yet again), Gordon (finally) and Matt who was spectacular in the field as well. The visitors plated four over the next two innings and going into the final frame the score stood Smithereens 12 - ZZZ's 10. Outstanding defense by Dan and company shut down the home side and the score stood as time ran out.

Bravo to all the players who attended this weekend's flotilla of fun, particularly the 15 Iron Men, who played all 3 days. They proved that on Memorial Day, the true spirit of camaraderie and competition sails high.
So Kudos to:
Gary W, Steve H, Bruce, Gary Z, Gary Ch, Gordo, Super Joe Kono, Leder, Bryan B, Jon P, Lee, Ed I, Rich C, Gary L
They are pictured in the attachments.

Until our next adventure on the high seas of softball!
Gar

Errata: In the 5/13/23 game on the "A" field the pitching Dougs got mixed up. Doug Beck was the winning hurler.

Sh-ai-kespearian Highlights

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 6/3/23-6/4/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
33A	Sat	18	KPP3	Very unJunique. Kudos and thanks to the Park workers for making the field playable with turf builder,	DougK vs Leder*/ Steve F	25-4	Lee
33B	Sat	21	KPP5	Ditto	Scott* vs Ira/Bruce	19-15	Bruce
34	Sun	23	Allenwood	Enough cloud cover to let in the light of day but keep out the bright of rays	His Johner* vs Zee/ Leder of the band	14-9	Bruce/ Bob

		Net Weekend Turnout 62-14=48 55% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		**PPG 25/31 = $0.81 PPG Which is 44 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 19 cents under the no complaint line.**	**2023 Paying members to date = 87 Welcome newest member: Dean**	**Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 141* (New Record)**	

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CONSECUTIVE MONTH OF OUTDOOR PLAY 141 IS IN HE BOOKS!!!
KUDOS TO ALL THE SUBLIME ATHLETES THAT MADE THIS HAPPEN.

Since the writers strike is still alive and since I don't wish to be a scab, I called upon William Shakespeare to help out with these highlights. I mean he's dead after all, what could they possibly do to him?

GAME 33A: Saturday 6.3.23 KPP 5 by William Sh-ai-kespeare ai-ded by your Commishugana G-ai-ry

In the annals of Great Neck's Weekend Softball, pray,
A historic, streak-breaking game unfurled on that fateful day.
On Redbrook Road, in the Village of Kings Point's domain,
A massacre ensued, with naught but havoc and disdain.
The invading army, fierce and unrelenting in their might,
Ravaged the KPP 5 Homies, oh what a woeful sight!
Each soldier on their squad, with prowess unmatched,
Sent forth three devastating bombs, their foes despatched.
Notably, the Kings Point's own, a towering force so grand,
The Marquis de Leder, a King Kong blast did command.
Over castle walls and into Sherwood Forest it did soar,

A home run, a triumph, by none other than he, I implore.
But lo, another warrior, Cristian, the Rook, from the other side did rise,
With a homeric force, he struck the skies.
His bat, a deadly weapon, unleashed upon the field,
Causing the defending army to quiver and yield.
Their hinterlands, laid bare by these heroes' might,
As bombs rained down, both fierce and bright.
The Marquis de Leder and Cristian, the Rook,
Their prowess, a spectacle, like a page from a Shakespearean book.

So, amidst the massacre on that fateful day,
On Redbrook Road, where the warriors did play,
The invading army reigned supreme, their victory sweet,
Leaving the KPP 5 Homies in a state of defeat.
With bombs and force, they shattered all defenses,
Leaving naught but devastation and desolate senses.
A tale of triumph for the invading horde,
With the Marquis de Leder and Cristian, the Rook, adored.

The other warriors responsible for this victorious
Rory the Hartless, Mike the Smiter, Steve the Mistreater, Kono Sono Bono, Vinny the Batterer, Lee the Sidemaker, Steve the DeFiner, and Lord Brian Star.
On that fateful Saturday, the twenty-third of June,
At KPP 5, a stage of grand buffoonery, a softball tune.
The Marquis de Leder, a hero most bold,
Took the mound, his opponents' fate to unfold.
With a fabulous pitching performance, he did sway,
Allowing but four wretched foes to reach home, they say.
His prowess, a conqueror of batts and slings,
A performance fit for kings, and queens.
As arrows flew, his arm proved true,

No mercy given, no reprieve in view.
His opponents, in miserable plight,
Struggled and faltered against his might.
Forsooth, the Marquis de Leder, like a knight in a play,
Defended his realm, his dominance on display.
Baffling his adversaries, with crafty deceit,
His pitches, like verses, a symphony sweet.
In the spirit of Shakespearean jest, we must confide,
That his opponents, their homes left unoccupied.
Confounded, they faced his pitching divine,
Their feeble attempts to score, a woeful line.
So let it be known, in this sardonic refrain,
The Marquis de Leder, a pitcher's reign.
Conquering all, with a skillful display,
Leaving his opponents in disarray.
Batts and slings and arrows, all laid low,
As the Marquis de Leder stole the show.
A fabulous performance, unmatched in its glory,
A pitcher's tale, fit for a Shakespearean story.

For in this game of softball, fortunes twist and turn,
And the KPP 5 Homies shall rise again, one day, we yearn.

GAME 33B: Saturday 6.4.23 KPP 3 by William Sh-ai-kespeare ai-ded by your Commishugana G-ai-ry

Hark, good gentlefolk! Attend, forsooth, to the tale
Of a softball game, a clash of warriors, fierce and pale.
On this fair Saturday, the twenty-third of June,
At KPP 3, where champions oft commune.

The home team, they did march upon the field,
With spirits high and swords of destiny, they wield.
Led by the noble captain, Gary Charney, the sly,
Whose 3 hits, a walk and a sac, did ring true, with nary a wry.
With the first three innings, a story to be told,
The home team did prevail, their prowess bold.
Nine to one, the score stood, a commanding lead,
As they taunted the Visigoths, with fiery speed.
But lo, as is the way in this game we hold dear,
Violent calls were made, cries to slay and smear.
"Off with their heads!" they shouted, bloodlust aflame,
Yet cooler heads prevailed, and all returned to the game.
The Visigoths, determined, set forth a mighty stampede,
Nine runs they did score, a fearsome deed.
The doubters, reprehensible, did change their tunics,
For the tides had turned, as the Visigoths triumphed in this crucible.
After eight hard-fought innings, the score was tied,
Fourteen to fourteen, the warriors vied.
But in the bottom of the ninth, a five-run onslaught did ensue,
The defending army, relentless, their lead they did renew.
Nineteen to fourteen, they now commanded the field,
The Visigoths, wounded, forced to yield.
Alas, the battle ended, the score stood at fifteen,
A testament to the strength of those upon the diamond's sheen.
Many were the heroes who graced this hallowed ground,
Gary Charney, with hits and walks, did astound.
Gordo the Complainer, with a triple of great worth,
And Seth Starr, the Manhasset Mauler, displaying his unearthly 2 hit mirth.
Alan Z, the Manhattan Mauler, second base his domain,
With fine plays and skill, he did maintain.
Steve H, the cleaner, with 2 clutch hits and walk,
His contributions, vital, like a scribe's precious chalk.

The Rook and Dean of the infield, a duo in perfect rhyme,
Delivered scorching hits, for space and time.
Ed Ip, the indomitable, a day of five hits to his name,
A base-clearing triple, a feat of great acclaim.
The Bayside Basher, Pete I, his double struck true,
While Dan the Dantastic, a death ray he slew.
A crucial grab at first base, Super Joe's destiny thwarted,
Changing the course of modern history, fate, contorted.
Yet amidst these many tales of valor, two doth shine,
Ira Levine, returned after a year, his presence, divine.
And Harlan, no relation, the true MVP of the day,
With a fine running snag and a grand slam's sway.
To the realm of the outfield, Harlan did fly,
His mighty swing, the Visigoths did defy.
A massive blow to center field, a grand slam to defend,
His majesty, the King of Kings Point Park, did commend.
Thus, the home team emerged victorious, with hearts aglow,
Their homeland protected, vanquishing the Visigoths' blow.
Nineteen to fifteen, the final score decreed,
And I, in Shakespearean style, have told you the tale, indeed.

GAME 34: ALLENWOOD 6.4.23 By William Sh-ai-kespeare ai-ded by your Commishugana G-ai-ry

ark, good gentlefolk, lend your ears this way,
To hear the tale of a softball game played one summer's day.
At the Park of Allenwood, in the Village of Great Neck,
A battle of Revered Septuagenarians, a sight to check.
Sir John Hunt of Queensboro, a knight of great repute,
Faced Sir Gary Zee, defender of the Towers of the North Shore, resolute.
But misfortune did befall those protecting the homeland's pride,
And thus, Sir Leder was called upon, to quell the rebellion's tide.
Valiantly he fought, with heart and might,
Yet his fellow knights, alas, struggled in the fight.

Thouest they tried, their defense fell apart,
No match for the overwhelming power of the players' art.
The Marquis of Kono, a force to reckon,
Unleashed four hits, a triple among them, destruction second to none.
Widespread devastation, his bat did sow,
Leaving the opposing army in a state of woe.
Joe, the super one, did cracketh three hits,
With a throw of flame, he eliminated a runner, like a dart that splits.
Turning a hit into an out, a feat so grand,
His defense a shield, protecting his land.
Sir Steve H, with his armor-piercing hits,
Struck fear into the hearts of his foes, their courage he splits.
Three blows, mighty and true,
Leaving the opposition in a quandary, not knowing what to do.
Sir Bobby, of Queensboro fame,
Plundered the defense, with a big 2 RBI blow, a claim to fame.
His bat a weapon, his swing a stroke,
Contributing to the onslaught, like a thunderbolt spoke.
Sir Barry, with a fine running grasp,
Protected his army, from much devastation, an ardent clasp.
A ball in his hands, a savior's touch,
Preventing the enemy from hurting them too much.
But amidst the onslaught, threats did arise,
Return fire from the assassins, a surprise.
Sir Ken of yonder town, with a multihit back,
A 2-run homer, a resounding crack.
Sir Leder, Sir Jon Spiel, Eric the Padre, Sir Gary W, and El Gordo,
Drove spikes through the defense, a furious storm they show.
Their bats a whirlwind, their hits a blow,
Challenging the enemy, striking a mighty blow.
Mario, the Super one, with incredible clutch,
Caught a catapulted cannonball down the third, oh, how much!

A play of brilliance, in a crucial moment's embrace,
Securing the defense, preserving their grace.
And in the end, Sir John Hunt, now known as Sir John the victorious,
Masterminded a brilliant pitch performance, so glorious.
A doctor of the game, his skills unmatched,
Leading his knights to triumph, their spirits unattached.
So ends the tale of the June 4, 2023 game,
Played at the Park of Allenwood, forever to proclaim.
A clash of knights, a battle fought,
Softball's stage, where heroes were wrought.

Air Quality Safe Highlights But Written With Smoke Signals

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2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
35A	Sat	20	KPP3	Air Quality Acceptable but Brain Haze and Fog at all time levels	Gary Z* vs DougB/	7-6	Lee
35B	Sat	20	KPP5	Ditto	Scott vs Leder*/ Bruce	15-10	Bruce
36	Sun	23	Allenwood	Enough cloud cover to let in the light of day but keep out the bright of rays	His Johner* Leder vs Eric the Cyclone	18-5	Bruce/ Bob

		Net Weekend Turnout 63-15=48 55% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		**PPG 25/36 = $0.69 PPG Which is 56 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 31 cents under the no complaint line.**	**2023 Paying members to date = 88 Welcome back Eric Beerman**	**Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 141* (New Record)**	

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AIR QUALITY ALERT IS LIFTED BUT CEREBR-AL-ERT STAYS AS HAZE AND FOG REMAIN IN BRAINS

Writers strike is still alive!
Since I don't wish to be a scab, I brought in some fresh ai-r for help.

GAME 35A: Saturday, June 10, 2023 by an Ai-rhead

Hold onto your fireproof hats, folks, because this game is about to heat up like a Canadian wildfire! We're about to witness an ending that will go down in the Great Neck Weekend history books. Get ready for some smokin' hot action and buckle up for a wild ride. There's no smoke without fire, and boy, are we about to see some flames! This was truly a five alarmer.
In the tenth and final inning, with the home team clinging to a slim 7-6 lead, the tension was hotter than a smoking gun. Jon "Flash"

Paisner stood on second base as the tying run, with just one out. Steve Mistretta stepped up to the plate and launched a hot oven pizza bomb that seemed to defy gravity as it soared to the deepest part of deep space. Holy smoke!

But wait, here comes Jon Zweibel, channeling his inner chariots of fire. He sprinted towards the center field fence, his eyes locked on the ball. It was a smoke screen of dust and determination as he reached up, stretched his glove to the max, and plucked the ball out of the air. Put that in your pipe and smoke it!

Naturally, Flash Paisner, feeling the heat, tagged up from second base, hoping to scorch his way to home plate for the tying run. But his dreams went up in smoke when Jon Z unleashed a perfect throw, like a smoke grenade from the outfield, to the cutoff man, Bryan Black. Bryan, known for his missile-like throws, sent a burning seed to "nothing is too hot to handle" catcher Rich C, who was ready to extinguish all hope for Flash. The tag was made, and in a puff of smoke, Flash was out at home and the game ended. Talk about an extinguished flame!

It was a scene straight out of a Hollywood blockbuster, with smoke alarms wailing like a chorus of pyromaniacs.

This game had it all, folks. It was a roller coaster of emotions, with hopes and dreams going up in smoke at every turn. But in the end, the flames were extinguished, and the home team emerged victorious. The smoke may have cleared, but the memories of this game will linger like the smoky mountains.

So, let's light up a lucky strike and salute the players who gave it their all, leaving it all on the line. Just remember, folks, this game comes with a Surgeon General's warning: it's highly addictive and guaranteed to leave you fuming with excitement.

This was an excellent pitched game by both Gary Z and Doug B but someone had to come out ahead as Zee topped Doug Bee. Kudos to both and to the outstanding defenses, who consistently deployed their smoke detectors to track down fiery comets and

extinguish the flames. It's safe to say that this game was truly smoking! And I ain’t blowin’ smoke!

GAME 35B: Saturday 6.3.23 KPP 3 by an Ai-rhead

Put on your fire-resistant gear and get ready for a scorching Saturday in Great Neck! This weekend, we're embracing a Canadian Wildfire theme that will leave you fuming with excitement. So hold onto your fire hoses and brace yourself for an inferno of puns and sarcasm. Holy smoke, this is gonna be a hot one!

The day started with a bang as Johnny V's smoking bat set the field ablaze with four hits, including a scorching double. Talk about a smoking hot performance! Harlan wasn't far behind, igniting the diamond with four blazing hits and a double of his own. Brian Star followed suit, singeing the opposition with three hits. And let's not forget Russell's flaming triple, which drove in two runs and had the crowd seeing smoke.

But the real fire-starter of the day was none other than Smoking Super Joe. He blazed his way through the bases with a single, a double, and a triple by choice. Now that's a tricycle of hits that would make even the smokiest of pyromaniacs jealous. And let's not overlook Ep Ip's four searing blasts for hits. That guy is on fire!

And speaking of fire, Mark Leder launched a home run that left the field scorched and dreams turned to smoke. The offensive wildfire didn't stop there. Cliff, Gary W, Barry D, Eric B, Driller, Gordon, and Seth C all added their own smoldering hits to the mix. The opposing team must have felt like they were caught in a smoke screen, unable to extinguish the flames of our lineup.

Defensively, the highlight of the game was an unbelievable catch by Joe Sineno. He chased down a flaming rocket hit deep into

left-center field, leaving everyone in awe. It was like he had a smoke detector in his glove, anticipating the fireball's trajectory. What a play!
Gary W also helped big time to quell the fires of offensive attacks making 2 fine running plays in right field. Had the balls dropped they certainly would have carved fire pits into the earth.
Now, let's take a moment to appreciate Eric B's return to the hot, smokey field. Nothing looks better in the heat than the sight of a Beerman. His presence alone could light up a room, or in this case, a baseball field.

GAME 36: Sunday 6.3.23 Allenwood by an Ai-rhead

Holy smoke! Ziggy is on fire today, with 5 hits in 6 at-bats, including a smokin' double. He's been a smoking gun out there, leaving no room for doubt about his MVP-worthy performance. Talk about lighting up the scoreboard! And let's not forget his two running web gems from second base, right behind first base. Smoke and mirrors? Nah, just pure talent!
But Ziggy isn't the only pyromaniac on the field today. Mario is launching grenades left and right, with 4 explosive hits, including a triple and some RBI fireworks. He's also been making scintillating plays at the hot corner. We've got a whole lineup of fire starters today. Five players are showing off their 3-hit wonder skills: Kenny, Rich Connors, Gordo, Bryan, and Jack. Kenny even unleashed a heat-seeking triple, while Jack contributed a double that could warm up the entire globe. And let's not forget about Smoky Joe, who chose to scorch the earth with another blazing triple. These guys are leaving a trail of smoke wherever they go. Even our pitcher, Eric T, got in on the fiery action with a big-time double. And Gary Z made a fine play on a fiery comet to first base. The smoke detector is going off all around, folks!

Now, let's talk about Kono. He's refusing to cool down, hence the knit beanie. It seems he's made it his mission to have a multi-hit game every time. That's dedication to staying smoking hot!
Jack and Kono are true heroes in left field, making truly spectacular running catches that extinguished all hopes for opposing batters. Those flaming atomic bombs launched into the deserted hinterlands of Allenwood Park didn't stand a chance, almost reaching the top of old smoky. But our outfielders had other plans, and they snuffed out those hopes with style.
His Johner cooled off streaming bats and quelled fires all game long with his mixture of hefty chunks of steaming junk and flaming darts. He gave up just 5 runs, which is way below the national average for this game. That's one way to keep the flames at bay!
So there you have it, folks! Today's game was an inferno of talent, with Ziggy and Mario sharing the MVP title for their explosive performances. Dreams turned to smoke, but the excitement was hotter than ever. These players turned their pipe dreams into reality, and Allenwood Park was the scene of a five-alarm fire. Its been brought to my attention that some think the highlights are too long and that nobody reads them, so the first person who sends me the code IREAD will receive a dollar at the next game.
Surgeon general warning: This level of baseball excitement may cause your heart rate to rise, so make sure to take breaks and catch your breath. And remember, no actual fires were started during this game, although some hopes and dreams may have gone up in smoke.

Have a good week. Sorry for taxing people’s attention spans.

Gar

Highlights Dad-icated to all the Fathers out there.

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 6/17/23-6/19/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
37A	Sat	16	KPP3	Excellent condition considering overnight rain.	Gary Z*/ Ryan vs Steve F / Lee	16-12	Lee
37B	Sat	18	KPP5	Daddo	Plata*vs Bruce/ Dan/ Harlan	17-12	Bruce
38	Sun	23	Allenwood	Air quality at an unacceptable 115, but playing quality very acceptable.	His Johner* vs Eric the Cardinal in honor off his recent trip to St Louis with 6 GNSB Alum.	10-9	Lee / Bob
39A	Mon	22	KPP5	The proper dadjectives would be "more than Dad-equate."	Gary Z*/ Vinny vs Scott/ Eric	12-11	Bob / Gary W

		Net Weekend Turnout 46 52% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		**PPG 25/39 = $0.64 PPG Which is 61 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 36 cents under the no complaint line.**	**2023 Paying members to date = 89 Welcome New Player Sam Kumano**	**Con-sec-utive outdoor months played : 141* (New Record)**	

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THE HIGHLIGHT CODE FOR THIS WEEKEND IS EMBEDDED.
THE FIRST TO SEND CORRECT CODE WINS A DOLLAR.

KUDOS TO THE FATHER'S DAY/JUNETEENTH WEEKEND IRON MEN WHO PLAYED ALL 3 DAYS.

GARY

GAME 37A: Saturday, KPP5, June 17, 2023 From scoreboard notes by Lee.

The day before Father's Day was filled with dad-venture and softball excitement which kept the crowd entertained from start to finish. Brace yourself .

👨 Ed "The Cardiologist" and his Diving Catch: 💔
Ed, the man with a heart of gold and a stethoscope to match, showed off his dad-tastic skills in the outfield to the medicalth degree, as he made a diving catch that left everyone breathless. It was a catch that made hearts skip a beat, and made fans wonder if there was a defibrillator in the house, proving that Ed's talents extended beyond the realm of medicine.
👨 Rookie Sam K "The Home Run Hero" 🌟
Sam, the rookie sensation, stole the show with his dad-mirable display of power and speed. With a swing as sweet as a Father's Day cake, Sam launched a mighty two-run home run that had the crowd erupting in cheers. But that wasn't all—Sam's speed on the bases was as lightning-fast as a dad chasing after an ice cream truck. He left the opposing team in awe.
👨 Steve F "The Fearless Slugger": 💪
Steve, armed with a bat with good pop, unleashed his fury at the plate. His four fearsome hits were so powerful that they rattled outfielders' gloves. It was a sight to behold, and the crowd couldn't help but exclaim, "That's some dadmirable power right there!" He definitely gives the team a dad-vantage.
👨 Rich C"The Hit Machine": 🎯
Rich, the dad with a knack for finding the sweet spot of the bat, unleashed his hitting prowess with four fearsome hits. With each swing, he sent the ball flying like a dad chasing a rogue balloon at a birthday party. Rich's hits were so precise that they seemed to have GPS built-in, always finding the gaps and leaving the opposing team's defense in disarray. It was a dad-mazing display of hitting mastery!
The game, overall, was rated as a good game—filled with thrilling plays, dad-tastic performances, and plenty of laughs. The dads on both teams showed off their skills and reminded everyone that softball and Father's Day go hand in hand.

GAME 37B: Saturday, KPP3, June 17, 2023 by a Dad/ computer hybrid.

📣 Great Neck Weekend Highlights at Kings Point Park (Saturday, June 17, 2023) 🎉
Father's Day Eve, Morning was in full swing at Kings Point Park, where dads took center stage and Softball reached new heights of dad-itude! Get ready for a wild ride as we dive into the heroic exploits of our dad-mirable players:
👨 Gary Charney of The Home Groaners: 💥
crashed a remarkable five hits were so powerful, they left the opposing team muttering, "That's a dad-gummed nightmare!" Gary's performance was a sight to behold, proving that he was the dad-icated player everyone counted on to bring the thunder.
👨 Alan Z of the The Visiting Nurses": 👩‍⚕️
Was the mighty slugger of the visiting team, crashed an impressive five hits while spreading the love like a visiting nurse. His hits were so relentless that the opposing team's defense felt like they were in need of a check-up! Alan's dad-venturous spirit was truly infectious 👨
Nick K"The Triple Smacker" 🚀
Nick, armed with a swing as powerful as a dad chasing after runaway BBQ tongs, smacked the ball hard multiple times. His highlight of the day was a huge 2 RBI triple deep down the RF line, leaving the opposing team's fielders in awe and pondering their life choices. Nick's dad-lightful display of power earned him

the title of the Triple Smacker, proving that he could launch softballs like they were dad-approved fireworks!

👨 Gordo "The Gem Master" 💎

Gordo, the master of gems at shortstop, had a multiple-hit day that left everyone astonished. With the agility of a dad avoiding stepping on LEGO bricks, he made a couple of gems at shortstop that left the crowd gasping for air. Gordo's smooth moves and defensive prowess were truly dad-mirable, making it clear that he had mastered the art of shining bright like a diamond! And a worthy member of the Hempstead D-Admirals.

👨 Cliff "The Archer" 🏹

Cliff, with a precision like no other, shot not one but two flaming arrows into the hit field. His first shot was a double that left the opposing team's fielders scorched and seeking aloe vera. But Cliff wasn't done yet; he fired another arrow in the form of a cuff link of RBI, leaving the opposition bewildered and thinking, "We're gonna need more band-aids!" Cliff's archery skills were unmatched, proving that he was a true dad-venturer on the field!

👨 Jeff "The Catchmaster" 🧤

Jeff, the dad in right field, displayed his catchmaster skills with several fine catches that left spectators in awe. He snagged high-flying balls like a dad catching a wayward Frisbee at a family picnic. But Jeff didn't stop at just catching; he also produced a nice RBI blast that had everyone cheering and thinking, "That's one way to negotiate with the softball!" Jeff's fielding heroics were a testament to his dad-acious talents!

👨 Harlan "The Scorching Scorcher"] 🔥

Harlan, with a scorching bat, blazed his way to three hits that left the opposing team's defense in flames. His hits were so hot, they sizzled like dad's famous barbecue sauce on a hot grill! On

👨 Ben "The Construction Dad" 🚧

Ben, fresh back from a busy construction and child care hiatus, had a big day on the field. He smacked three hits, including a big RBI triple in the LCF gap, leaving the opposing team's outfielders panting for breath. But Ben's heroics didn't stop there; he also made a crucial running gem in LCF, displaying dad-renaline and lightning-fast reflexes. It was a dad-mirable performance from a dad who knew how to build success on the field!

👨 Omid "The Comeback Kid" 💥

Omid, making a momentous return, roared back to the field with a running gem in RCF and multiple powerful hits. His return was like a dad emerging from a stealthy nap on the couch; he brought the thunder and reminded everyone of his dad-mazing skills. 👨

Snoop "The First Timer"

Snoop, brought up from GNSB's LISSA affiliate, the Admirals, made his debut on the field and instantly became the MVP of the day. With a bases-clearing triple, an RBI double, and two clutch singles, Snoop showed everyone that he was more than just a fa guy with a cool name.

👨 Juan "The Attorney Ace" Plata: 🕴️

Juan, not only a dad but also an attorney, took the mound and pitched supremely. With his legal precision, he defeated the law firm of Blattberg, Hegarty, and H Levine, leaving them objecting in disbelief. Juan's pitching skills were nothing short of a courtroom drama, making the opposing team realize they were up against a dad who knew how to present a compelling case.

The game was an absolute dad-mazing spectacle, with a final score of 17-12 in favor of GNSB. The appeal on the courts of GNSB was indeed a triumph for all the dads who showed up and left their opponents in awe.

Remember, folks, it's not just about winning on the field—it's about celebrating dad-itude, having a blast, and creating memories that'll be retold around the grill for years to come!

GAME 38: Sunday, A-wood, June 18, 2023 by y a Dad/ computer hybrid.

Father's Day continued to bring the heat and heart-stopping moments at Kings Point Park, where dads and softball collided in an epic showdown! Get ready to relive the heroic exploits and heart-pounding plays that made this game a Father's Day classic:

👨 Leder "The Dad-icated Runner" Leads Off: 🏃

With the tying run just 60 feet away, Leder, the dad-icated runner, led off from third base with no out. The crowd held its breath in anticipation of a game-changing play. And then, in a moment of pure dad-renaline, Steve Hershon scorched a line drive over the second baseman's head into short right field. It was a hit that had the entire stadium erupting with cheers and dads yelling, "That's how you do it!"

👨 Ed "The Clutch Catcher" Hartrick's Death-Defying Dive:

In a clutch situation, with the game hanging in the balance, Ed Hartrick knew he had to do something extraordinary. And that's exactly what he did! With the tying run threatening, Ed made a death-defying dive to make one of the greatest catches of all time. The crowd went wild, gasping in awe at the sheer dad-mirability of that catch. It was a moment that would be forever etched in the annals of Great Neck baseball history.

👨 The Home Team Holds On: 🏆

After Ed's incredible catch, the next batter failed to produce, allowing the home team to hold onto their lead and secure the victory. The tension in the stadium was palpable, with every dad on the edge of his seat. The game ended in dramatic fashion, with the hometown heroes emerging victorious. The crowd erupted in cheers, praising their team for their dad-tastic resilience and never-say-dad attitude.

👨 Web Gems Galore: 💎
From the start, it was clear that this game was destined to be a GNSB classic. The action kicked off with four consecutive web gems that left everyone in awe. Mario, displaying dad-leticism at its finest, made a stellar play on a scorcher to third. Lee, with the agility of a dad dodging a misplaced LEGO brick, deep in the hole at SS. Garty Ch, the dad with a rocket arm, made a clutch cutoff to prevent a ball from reaching home runville. And Ed H, not content with just one incredible catch, made a diving grab that defied the laws of gravity. The field was a dad-venturous playground of jaw-dropping plays!
👨 Quadruple Hits and Mammoth Triples: 🚀
Mario, Lee, and Barry all had quadruple hitting days, showing off their dad-mazing skills at the plate. Their bats were on fire, leaving the opposing team's pitchers scratching their heads in disbelief. And if that wasn't enough, Mario, Kono, and Gordon unleashed mammoth triples that soared deep down the left field line. The crack of the bat was like thunder, and the dads in the crowd couldn't help but nod and say, "That's my kind of power!"
👨 Clutch Multi-Hit Games: 💥
Rob Wurtzel had a 4 hits game in front of his family dadmidst cheers and chants from his dad-orable grandkids. Members of Pete I’s and Mike Smolen’s family also came to watch and lend support. t was all very heart warming. So much so that Pete suggested we have a family day in the future. A great idea!!!

Ed H and Mark L stepped up in clutch moments with multi-hit games that kept the momentum rolling for the home team. Their timely hits had the crowd cheering and gave the team a much-needed boost. It was a display of dad-titude and precision that left everyone thinking, "Those are some dad-orable hits!"
This game was an ulcerating suspense-filled roller coaster ride that had everyone on the edge of their seats. But in the end, the

hometown heroes prevailed, thanks to their dad-mirable plays and unwavering determination. It was a Father's Day to remember, filled with unforgettable moments and the kind of excitement that only softball and dads can bring!

GAME 39: Monday, Juneteenth, KPP5, info by Bobby

FOR SECOND DAY IN ROW, THE TYING RUN IS ON THIRD, WITH NO OUTS IN THE LAST INNING, BUT FAILS TO SCORE!
THANK YOU TO THE VERY D-ADROIT SIDE-MAKERS!
LEE, BRUCE, BOBBY, AND GARY W.

NON-REPORTED HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2 WEEKENDS AGO

A NEW GNSB RECORD WAS SET ON TTTHE SATURDAY "A" FIELD WHEN THE HOME TEAM INFIELD EXECUTES 8 DOUBLE PLAYS. DETAILS ARE STILL COMING IN. IF ANY PLAYER IN THAT GAME CAN REMEMBER DAD-DITIONAL INFO PLEASE EMAIL ME.

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All-Star Dates 6/24/23-6/25/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnout	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
	Sat	R - - ned Out					
40	Sun	24 P - - D UP PLAYERS.	Allenwood	- - r quality ACCETABLE, NO R - - N. Warm with foggy start	ERIC THE ANGEL*/ STEVE F AGAINST LEDER (8)/THE ZEE-TY	9-8	Bob / Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 24 26% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 P - - D UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/40 = $0.63 PPG Which is 62 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 37 cents under the no compl - -— nt line.	2023 P - - id members to date = 90	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played : 141* (New Record)	

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THE HIGHLIGHT CODE FOR LAST WEEKEND WAS *EMBEDDED.*
NOBODY GOT IT. (Oh well more dollars for us.

GAME 40: Sunday, A-wood, June 25, 2023,
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IT WAS HARD TO CONT - - N STEVE F WHO A - - S 4 HITS AG - - NST HIS VILL - - NS.

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GIVE PRAISE TO KENNY M WHO'S 4 HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE WHICH M - - MED AND CAUSED P - - N FOR THE OPPOSITION.

ALSO HAVING MULTIPLE HITS GAMES WERE:
ERIC, GORDON, RICH, JON SP, LEDER, ROB, MARIO AND FLASH.
BRUCE'S GOOD EYE GOT HIM ON BASE 4 TIMES.

APOLOGIES TO THOSE I MISSED.

WEB GEMS WERE SEEN BY:
JACK ON A R - - NMAKER DEEP TO LCF, CAUSING THE BATTER W - - L.

FLASH P - - SNER CONTINUES TO DRINK FROM THE FOUNT - - N OF YOU AS HE MAKES A RUNNING GRAB IN LCF
KONO ON A BALL A - - ED OUT TO HIM IN DEEP LCF.

JON SPIEL ON A BALL HIT TO SS THAT WOULD HAVE MADE LESSER MEN VERY AFR - - D.

THERE WAS A FINE 6-4-3 DP MADE BY STEVE F TO GORDO TO BRUCE.

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2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
41A	Sat	18	KPP5	Air quality alert for sensitive group. Air Quantity abundant	DougK* VS The Zee-ity	9-2	LEE
41B	Sat	20	KPP3	Ditto	Plata* vs Scott/ Gordon	17-12	Bruce

42	Sun	22	Allenwood	Iffy weather yields to spiffy weather with no air quality alerts just excessive hot air quantity alerts.	Eric the National Leaguer * (He's in a league of his own) vs His Johner	9-8	Bob / Bruce
43A/B MIX	Mon	24	KPP3	Slight Drizzly start, Humid end, Happy Atmosphere	Steve F*/ Bruce/ Gordo vs Leder/ Vin	13-12 w tying run left non 2B 14 innings	Bruce
44A	Tues	18	KPP3	Airless	The Zee-ity*Luis Vs Leder	13-12	Bruce
44B	Tues	21	KPP5	Sultry and stultifying Oxygen deprived.	Scott* vs Plata	10-3	Bruce/ Bob

		Net Weekend Turnout 52 (57%) OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		**PPG 25/44 = $0.57 PPG Which is 68 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 37 cents under the no complaint line.**	**2023 P - - id members to date = 92 WELCOME ROOKIE RICO M**	**Con-sec-utive outdoor months played : 142* (New Record)**	

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CONSECUTIVE MONTH OF OUTDOOR PLAY 142 IS NOW IN THE ANNALS OF HISTORY.
KUDOS TO US-ALS!!!

SANDIA SINGS THE ANTHEM AND ITS AS BEAUTIFUL AS EVER!

KUDOS TO THE INDEPENDENCE DAY MEN OF STEEL WHO PLAYED ALL 4 DAYS
GORDON, GARY Z, STEVE H, BRUCE, JACK, GARY CH, PLATA, LEDER AND SNOOP

GAME 41A: Saturday, KPP 5, July 1, 2023 FROM SCOREBOARD NOTES

DOUG K DOMINATES ON THE MOUND BY THROWING STRIKES AND LETTING HIS MAGNIFICENT FIELDERS GET THE OUTS.

THREE HIT DAYS ARE SEEN FROM VINNY, LEDER, JON P, RYAN K, STEVE F AND MIKE SMOLENS

A BIG THANK YOU TO LEE WHO CAME DOWN TO MAKE SIDES, ORGANIZE AND UMPIRE DESPITE BEING INJURED.

GAME 41B: Saturday, KPP 3, July 1, 2023

THREE CHEERS FOR NICK, WHOSE MONSTEROUS GRAND OLD SLAM, DOWN THE RIGHT FIELD LINE, IN HIS BATTALION'S FINAL AT BAT, PUT THE JUST-ICING ON THE VICTORY CAKE.

PLATA WALKS HIS DOG MULTIPLE TIMES BUT DOES NOT WALK ONE BATTER!

BRIAN STAR STARS! HE STRIPS THE OPPOSITION OF FIRE POWER, WITH WEB GEMS THAT NEUTRALIZE SEVERAL RCF BOMBS BEFORE BURSTING IN AIR, INCLUDING THE CANNON BALLING OUT OF AN ENEMY RUNNER BEFORE HE REACHES THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI B. HE ALSO LAUNCHES 3 BOMBS OF HIS OWN SAFELY INTO ENEMY TERRITORY.

SCOTT SMITH DOES HIS BAT-RIOTIC DUTY WITH A PARADE OF 4 HITS, INCLUDING A HUGE OPPOSITE FIELD 3 RUN HOME RUN.

SETH COHEN HAS A SPARKLING 4 HIT DAY PLUS HE GUNS DOWN A RUNNER AT HOME TO PROTECT THE MOTHERLAND.

ALSO HAVING BANNER DAYS WERE:

BIG BEN WHO BLASTED 3 HITS

GARY CHARNEY, WHO STARRED AT SHORTSTOP WITH MULTIPLE SPARKLING GEMS, TO GO ALONG WITH MULTIPLE HITS AT THE PLATE.

GORDO AND SNOOP, WHO HAD YANKEE DOODLE DANDY DAYS WITH MULTI-HITS AND RBI

GAME 42: Sunday, A-wood, July 2, 2023 by Gordon, *edited by the Comisshuganna to maintain the brotherhood amongst us..*

The second of the 4 day July 4th GNSB extravaganza pitted the always stylish Eric the U. vs the antics of his Johner. The visitors greeted Eric and company with a deuce, the big hit coming off the bat of Herr Lederhosen, a blistering 2 bagger. The home side responded in kind when Sam I am displayed offensiveness resulting in two to tie the score at the end of a frame. A scoreless

second followed and it was clear to all the combatants that this would not be a walk in Allenwood Park. In the top of the third, the ubiquitous stylings of the Charns put the visitors back up by two, courtesy of a clutch two bagger. Undaunted, Mr. Connors drove in one in the bottom half and it was a one run game heading into the fifth.

The bottom of the fifth saw controversial umpire calls. A retroactively called strike two a ball, negating a Judge's whiff and a questionable call at home, A protest was lodged as three runs were scored. The outcome of the protest to be determined.

In the top of the sixth, Rico's inaugural GNSB game was highlighted by the first of two monster blasts to left field. The second one was so far up the hill on a fly that the left fielder did a faceplant. The ball actually hit the fence.Fortunately, that mishap did not mar the anonymous left fielder's looks. The inning saw justice served and the visitors took a 8-7 lead into the bottom of the eighth. One other highlight of note was the play of Cousin Brucie, who sawed dazzling speed on the paths when he legged out a two hopper to short and followed it with a sensational grab of a searing line drive moments later.

The bottom of the saw clutch hitting of the reliever Steve. Barry, who made a terrific grab in the top of the inning, followed with more of his consistent hitting as he drove in the go ahead run. Mario, Ed, Ziggy, Mike and Juan also made significant offensive contributions.

When the curtain came down, the scoreboard showed the home side ahead by two. However, because of the Z

incident, the protest was upheld and the game was declared no contest.
GC

GAME 43: Monday, KPP 5, July 3, 2023

https://youtu.be/9XLPeyuF_9o

GORDO, WHOSE HIGHLIGHTS HYPNOTIZE, SPARKLED SOMEONE ELSE'S EYES WITH A 4 HIT PERFORMANCE INCLUDING, 2 DOUBLES AND 6 RBI.

ROOKIE SAM PROVES WORTHY ENOUGH TO BE CALLED UNCLE SAM WITH A DOUBLE, A TRIPLE AND A RUNNING WEB GEM IN LF THAT CAUSED PAUL REVERE TO WARN GNSB AND AMERICA TO "WATCH OUT OLD GUYS, THE NEW KIDDIES WERE COMING."

BUT THE OLD GUARD ANSWERED BACK AND THE OLD GLORY WAS RESTORED AS:

BRYAN B HIT 2 DOUBLES BY LAND AND 1 SINGLE BY C.

LEDER HAD A THREESOME. 3 HITS INCLUDING 2 THREE BAGGERS AND THREE RBI.

CAP'N JACK JACKED A TRIPLE AND GEMMED

FLASH PAISNER, USUALLY KNOWN FOR HIS VALUABLE LEGS, SHOWED THE VALUE OF HIS ARMS AS HE THREW OUT A TAGGER-UPPER AT THE PLATE FOR A DP AND ANOTHER RUNNER AT 2B FROM CF. PROVING THAT RUNNING ON HIM IS NOT 2B.

JON ALSO SMASHEROOED A CLUTCH RBI BASE HIT.

SETH S, ALWAYS A STARR, STARRED AS A DOUBLE HITTER IN TODAY'S DRAMA.

CARDIOLOGIST ED R, WHO UNDOUBTEDLY SEES MANY PATIENTS WHOSE HEARTS BEAT RED, WHITE AND BLUE, HAD HIS USUAL MULTI-HIT DAY.

ZIG ZAGGED DEEP TO HIS RIGHT, TO MAKE A SPECTACULAR PLAY DEEP IN THE HOLE AT SS.

GARY CH SAID THERE'D BE NO RELAXATION WITHOUT HIS REPRESENTATION, SO HE MADE A DAZZLING GRASS TOPPING CATCH IN RF plus CRANKED OUT 3 HITS.

ROOKIE SNOOP, ONE OF 16 FORMER OR CURRENT ADMIRALS, WHO'VE PLAYED GNSB, HAD A 4 HIT GAME INCLUDING A DOUBLE.

ANDREW LEVINE MADE HIS RETURN IN A BIG WAY WITH A MULTI-HIT ATTACK INCLUDING A TRIPLE TO THE AMERICAN HINTERLANDS.

FIREWORKS WERE SET OFF BY A SCINTILLATING 1-6-3 DP STEVE F TO ZIG TO BRUCE.

<u>GAME 44A: Tuesday, KPP 5, July 4, 2023 FROM COMMENTS BY JACK</u>

BRIAN, “THE SHOOTING” STARR, FIRES THE SHOT HEARD ‘ROUND THE WORLD…A FIERY BOMB, DEEP INTO RCF.

LUIS, SAM, (WHO’S PROBABLY NOT AN UNCLE YET) AND ALEX THROW DEFENSIVE SERENI-TY OVERBOARD WITH THEIR INCESSANT HITS ONTO ENEMY SOIL.

SAM AND ALEX HELP KEEP AMERICA FREE, MAKING SPECTACULAR FIELDING PLAYS THAT FEND OFF POTENTIAL THREATS TO THE SWEET LAND OF LIBERTY. TO THEE I SING.

GAME 44B: Tuesday, KPP 3, July 4, 2023,

7 DPS!!!

- **1-6-1 AL Z TO SETH K TO AL Z**
- **6-4-1 SETH K TO IRA TO BRUCE**
- **5-5 CLIFF STEPS ON 3B, TAGS RETURNING RUNNER**
- **1-6-3 SCOTT TO GORDON TO STEVE H (TWICE)**
- **6-6-3 SETH K TAKES IT HIMSELF TO BRUCE**
- **9-6-5 IRA TO SETH TO RICH C**

MIKE AND IRA RETURN TO THE GAME OF BROTHERLY LOVE AFTER A LONG HIATUS. IT WAS SO GOOD TO SEE

THEM BACK IN ACTION. IN FACT ALL 4 LEVINES PLAYED THIS WEEKEND.

SETH K THROWS OUT 2 RUNNERS TRYING TO GO FOR EXTRA BASES, ONE AT HOME AND ANOTHER AT 3B.
GARY CHARNEY 4 MORE HITS! INCLUDING A DOUBLE. HE ALSO EXCELLED ON THE FIELD, AT BAT AND ESPECIALLY ON THE BASEPATHS, STEALING A RUN AND SCORING FROM 1B ON A ROUTINE HIT.

MIKE LEVINE HITS THE DRUM SOLIDLY 3 TIMES WITH 2 RBI AND MAKES A WEBGEM AT 3B.

THERE WERE NO HOLES IN SCOTT S' BAT TODAY. HIS FIFE (5) HITS INCLUDE A TRIPLE!

STEVE H HAS A MULTI-HIT GAME

SNOOP HAS A BIG RBI DOUBLE AND MAKES THE CATCH OF THE DAY IN LF.

RICH RIPS RBI HIT.

NICK SHOWS THAT HE HAS THE KNACK AS HE PADDY-WHACKS A BIG DOUBLE DEEP INTO RIGHT FIELD AND THIS OLD MAN CAME RUNNING HOME.

Please forgive for highlights missed.

MANY PHOTOS AND VIDS WERE TAKEN AND WILL BE SENT OUT SOON. WATCH FOR THEM. WHAT A GREAT

SOFTBALL WEEKEND. WATCH FOR THEM AND SIGN UP FOR MORE GNSB FUN THIS WEEKEND.
GAR

Highlight *PRESS* Release. The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 7/8/23-7/9/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
45A	Sat	16	KPP5	One "H" short of Ryan's bagel company	DougK* VS The Zee-ity	12-8	Lee
45B	Sat	21	KPP3	OP*PRESS*IVE HUMIDITY	Plata* vs Scott	17-10	Bruce
46	Sun	24	Allen-wood	Very heavy air *PRESS*ure	Eric the White Soxer* vs His Johner/ Plata	12-11 in 13 innings	Bob / Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 61 (57%) OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/44 = $0.57 PPG Which is 68 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 37 cents under the no complaint line.	2023 Paid members to date = 95 WELCOME ROOKIES SNOOP LEWIS & MIKE SULY-MAN	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 142* (New Record)	

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GAME 45A: Saturday, KPP 5, July 8, 2023 FROM LEE'S

ALEX GOES ON A LONG, LONG WAY TO SUP*PRESS* OPPOSING BATS WITH A SPECTACULAR RUNNING WEB GEM IN CF.

CAUTION:
A SIDE EFFECT OF VINNY BATS' BAT IS THAT IT COULD CAUSE DE*PRESS*ION FOR OPPOSING DEFENSES. HE CRASHES 3 HITS INCLUDING A TRIPLE.

BRUCE DOES AN IM*PRESS*ION OF BOOG POWELL WITH 3 NICE HITS.

ROOKIE SULY, UNRE*PRESS*ED BY HIS NEWNESS TO THE GROUP, CRANKS OUT A HOOME RUN IN HIS INAUGURAL DEBUTE.

STEVE F MUST HAVE HAD A PREGAME EX*PRESSO* TODAY AS HE GIVES A HIGH ENERGY 4 HIT PERFORMANCE, INCLUDING A 2 RUN HOMER.

GAME 45B: Saturday, KPP 3, July 8, 2023

EXTRA! EXTRA! HOT OFF THE *PRESS*ES.
ERIC BEERMAN HAS THE HIT OF THE GAME, A BULLET THAT ONE HOPPED OVER THE LCF FENCE FOR A

GROUND RULE DOUBLE AND THIS WAS IN FRONT OF HIS SON. GIVE BEERMAN A BEER MAN!

THE IRRE*PRESS*IBLE SCOTT SMITH HAS A MOST IM*PRESS*IVE DAY WITH 4 HITS, 4 RBI INCLUDING A 2 RUN HOMER, DEEP INTO RCF

STOP THE *PRESS*ES!
SETH COHEN HAS HIS SECOND 4 HITS GAME IN A WEEK!
NICK CONTINUES TO IM*PRESS,* WITH A 3 HIT GAME INCLUDING A GARGANTUAN TRIPLE.

RUSSELL'S 4 HITS, INCLUDING A DOUBLE, PUTS THE OPPOSING DEFENSE INTO A STATE OF DE*PRESS*ION.

WE MUST EX*PRESS* ADMIRATION FOR JEFF WHO ALA BERT CAMPANERIS PLAYS EVERY POSITION WELL AND HAS A MULTI-HIT GAME

DESPITE THE OP*PRESS*IVE HEAT, SETH S CRACKS 4 HITS.

SNOOP PUTS LOTS OF *PRESS*URE ON THE OPPOSITION WITH HIS FINE HITING, WHICH INCLUDED A BEHEMOTH 2 RUN HOMER TO RCF.

THE INSUP*PRESS*IBLE DOUG BECK, LIVES UP TO HIS REPUTATION. AND BANGS OUT 3 HITS.

YOU'D BE HARD*PRESS*ED TO REMEMBER MANY BALLS HIT HARDER THAN OMID'S 2 RBI TRIPLE INTO DEEP CF, TO WHICH EVEN SUPER JOE COULDN'T GET NEAR.

OTHER MULTI-HIT PLAYERS WHO MADE AN IM*PRESS*ION ON THE GAME WERE: HARLAN, GARY CH, STEVE H, AND DRILLER.

GAME 46: Sunday, Allenwood, July 9, 2023

A REAL OLD FASHIONED GNSB *PRESS*URE COOKER CLASSIC.

After 12 grueling innings the home team had comfortable 10-7 edge. But The Visitors did not *PRESS* the panic button and answered back with 4 run in top of the 13th giving them an 11-10 lead thanks to Gordon who had the hit of the game up to that point, a double to go along with 4 other hits in the game including 3 RBI and a web gem of a searing liner in tight situation in the bottom of that same inning. Despite this the Home team *PRESS*ed ahead and scored 2 in the bottom of the 13th to win the game! Thanks to a walk off base hit under immense *PRESS*ure, by Mike Smolens, his 3rd of the day. Key to that inning was Joe Sineno's hustling to beat out a ground ball, hit to first base! It was a see-saw game like you'll never see again or ever saw.
Eric the neatly *PRESS*ed, White Sock helped own cause by bashing 3 hits, including a massive RBI triple to CF.
In addition:
Gary Charney ripped 5 hits plus made many fine plays in RF on many scarily hit balls to com*PRESS* the opposition's run production.

Doug B cranked out 5 hits with a couple of RBI.
Matt S back from the ***PRESS***ures of modern life, calmly crushed 4 hits including a double and 2 RBI. Plus made a Colavito-esque throw two halt a runner at 2B from advancing.
Barry sup***PRESS***ed the opposition's run production big time, with an incredible super fine running catch in LF.
Mario de***PRESS***urized an offensive threat with an impossible grab at 3B. He also smashed 3 hits including a clutch rbi triple to the deepest depths of RCF. Ed H despite an ailing leg, stole a hit from the batter in RCF, with an incredible catch. No charges were ***PRESS***ed however.

THERE'S LOTS MORE, BUT I HAVE MORE ***PRESS***ING ISSUES TO INTEND TO NOW.

No apologies for any of these groaners because, as they say, "Any ***press*** is good ***press***."

HAVE A GOOD WEEK ALL.
SIGN UP ON TC EARLY AND OFTEN.

COMMISHUGANA AND 6TH OLDEST PLAYER
GAR

Highlights *with some spin* The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 7/15/23-7/16/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
47A	Sat	17	KPP5	Hot enough to melt a fire!	Steve F*/ Steve M vs The Leder*/ Lee	16-12	Lee

47B	**Sat**	**20**	**KPP3**	**Ditto**	**Zee-ity/ Beck vs Scott*/ Andy**	**11-7**	**Bru ce**
46		**Rained out**					
		Net Weekend Turnout 37 (39%) OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		**PPG 25/47 = $0.53 PPG Which is 72 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 47 cents below the "real men does not" complain line.**	**2023 Paid members to date = 96 WELCOME ROOKIE Rick Chong**	**Con-sec-utive outdoo r month s played : 142* (New Recor d)**	

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GAME 47A: Saturday, KPP 5, July 15, 2023 FROM LEE

Final score 16-12
Steve's jumped out to 7-0 lead and never looked back. Multiple hitting performances by Steves, lead by Steve F with 4 hits for third week in a row. The Leder's made a valiant comeback lead by Leder's 3r HR in the last (10)

inning but fell short. Vinny B walks 3x in a sight never before or to be seen again. Crisp 10 inning affair. Solid contributions by newcomers Mike Sulyman and Rick Chong.

GAME 47B: Saturday, KPP 5, July 15, 2023 FROM A YARN SPUN BY ME, SO PLEASE DO NOT FOLD, SPINDLE OR MUTILATE

ZZ TOPS THE LIST

ALAN Z TOPS THE HIT LIST WITH 4. HIS PERFORMANCE AT THE PLATE MADE THEIR HEADS SPIN

GARY Z IS TOPS FOR BRINGING THE DONUTS FOR HIS BIRTHDAY. HAPPY BIRTHDAY GARY Z

SNOOP HAS A TRIO OF HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE. ALSO ON A FINE RELAY, HE SPINS AND WHIRLS AND THROWS A RUNNER OUT AT THE PLATE FROM BEHIND 2B.

ANDY AND SON DANNY TOGETHER ARE DANDY, AS EACH HAVE A MULTI-HIT GAME INCLUDING DOUBLES. IT WAS SO GOOD TO SEE ANDY BACK ON THE CIRCUIT.

BEN SPINS AROUND IN CF TO MAKE AN EXCITING CIRCUS CATCH.

GARY W HAS AN IMPRESSIVE DAY IN RF MAKING SEVERAL FINE CATCHES. IT WAS LIKE THE SPINNERS HIT, "ONE OF A KIND GLOVE AFFAIR."

SETH C CONTINUES TO BE A HIT MACHINE, BASHING 2 MORE SAFETIES. HE MUST BE EATING HIS SPINACH.

GORDO SPINS THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE AND IT COMES UP ON DOUBLE.

SCOTT HELPS HIS OWN CAUSE WITH 3 HITS, ONE OF WHICH HE SPINS HIS WHEELS INTO A DOUBLE.

THANKS, AS ALWAYS TO ALL WHO HELPED TO ORGANIZE THIS WEEKEND, ESPECIALLY BRUCE, LEE, JACK, AND GORDO

Genetically Engineered **Highlights** **The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 7/22/23-7/23/23**

2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
48A	Sat	20	KPP5	Genetically engineered to be perfect	Zee/ Steve F/ vs DougB*/ Lee	12-5	Lee
48B	Sat	20	KPP3	Rain genetically engineered to fall only in the midwest	Leder/ Seth C vs Scott*	16-10	Bruce

49	Sun	21	A-wood	Today's sun was genetically targeted to shine ONLY upon those whose religion is softball and others.	Eric T.U.* Vs His Johner	9-6	Bob / Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout (20+20+21)- 12 =49 51%) OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/49 = $0.51 PPG Which is 74 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 49 cents below the "real men does not" complain line.	2023 Paid members to date = 97 WELCOME ROOKIE Robert Matalon	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 142* (New Record)	

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GAME 48A: Saturday, KPP 5, July 22, 2023 FROM LEE

MARC KONO WAS GENETICALLY TARGETED TO AVOID MAKING OUTS, AS HE SMASHES 7 HITS!

ROOKIE MIKE SULYNAM WAS GENETICALLY ENGINEERED TO HIT A MASSIVE HOME RUN AND A MINI-HOMERUN, BY HIS ANCESTORS, AS OPPOSING

FIELDERS WERE GENETICALLY TARGETED NOT TO CATCH IT.

GAME 48B: Saturday, KPP 3, July 22, 2023

THE "B" GAME WAS MANUFACTURED BY ALIENS WHO SENT LAZERS INTO ROOKIE SNOOP, IN ORDER FOR HIM TO CRASH 5 POWERFUL HITS IN 6 AT BATS, INCLUDING 2 DOUBLES, ONE OF WHICH HE ONE HOPPED TO THE LCF FENCE AND ALLOWED HIM TO DRIVE IN 5 RUNS.

TODAY'S CLINCHERS WERooooofoffooottttttttttm,,,,,,E GENETICALLY ENGINEERED TO ALLOW ONLY THOSE WHO SPELL THEIR NAMES A-L-E-X TO BASH 4 HITS INCLUDING TWO DOUBLES AND TO MAKE 2 IMPOSSIBLE LEAPING WEB GEMS AT SS.

MUTATIONS OCCURRED, DESPITE THE CAREFULLY GENETICALLY ENGINEERED VISITING TEAM, AS THEY ROTATED 3 LEFTIES AT SECOND BASE: BRUCE, STEVE H, AND ALAN Z. THANK YOU STEVE FOR VERY BRINGING ATTENTION TO THIS. YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THINGS YOU NEVER SEE IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES.

THE GRASS ON KPP 3 WAS GENETICALLY GROWN TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR DEAN'S 3 HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE, TRIPLE AND 3 RBI.

THE BAT THAT GORDON USES WAS GENETICALLY ENGINEERED TO HIT BALLS THAT AVOIDED OUTFIELDERS FIELDERS 3 TIMES.

ROOKIE ROBERT WAS GENETICALLY TARGETED TO MAKE A FINE IMPRESSION ON HIS FIRST DAY WITH MULTI-HITS INCLUDING A BIG TRIPLE. HE ALSO MADE A NICE GRAB AT 2B ON A BALL WITH A GLOVE THAT WAS GENETICALLY ENGINEERED TO CATCH IT.

THERE WERE TWO NICE DP'S MADE, THAT WERE GENETICALLY TARGETED TO DIMINISH OFFENSIVE POWER: A SNOOP TAKE-IT-YOUR-SELFER AT SS TO MARTY AND THEN A LEDER TO SNOOP TO MARTY

ALSO GENETICALLY ENGINEERED TO HAVE FINE MULTI-HIT GAMES WERE GARY CH, HARLAN, LEDER (PLUS A TRIPLE), AND PLATA,

GAME 49: Sunday, Allenwood, July 23, 2023 BY GORDO

THE UNIFORM'S ARM GENETICALLY TARGETS OPPOSING HITTERS NOT TO GET HITS, AS THEY SCORE A MEASLY 6 RUNS IN 11 INNINGS.

A stunning day greeted the intrepid gladiators of the diamond at Allenwood Field. A light breeze, warm and friendly and low humidity made for perfect conditions as His Johner's warriors faced Eric's Youse.

Perhaps distracted by the bliss, the visitors received a gift as a lazy pop fly dropped next to the left fielder who was facing the back of the park.
The game opened up in the top of the third when Rico and then Rich C. both delivered two rbi doubles. In the bottom of the frame, an aggressive base

runner was thrown out at third or so the umpire called it. But always the gentleman, Rico suggested that the play may have been called incorrectly. The home team seized the generosity and the score was quickly recalibrated.

A few scoreless frames transpired before Juan, whose hitting has returned, drove in a pair for the visitors. The home side, desperate to stay in the race, received offensiveness from Kono and Barry. But it was a critical baserunning gaffe that proved critical to the outcome. In the bottom of the 8th, an over aggressive runner failed to score when he missed third base. This prevented the Johners from getting a run and perhaps more, leaving the home side dazed and confused.

When Rico blasted a two rbi double in the top of the 9th, it was all over save the dancing. Even Steve H.'s rbi single was not enough to stem the onslaught.

Of note, Gordon had five hits to lead the U's to a hard earned victory. For the home side, Joe Sineno continued his torrid hitting going 8 for 5...again.

Member additions: by Kenny

“Gary Charney had a great hitting game plus had a few nice catches. He was the difference on Sunday.”

ALSO

LAST WEEK’S CATCH OF THE WEEKEND (COW) WAS OMITTED BY A COMMISHUGANA WHO WAS GENETICALLY ALTERED TO FORGET THINGS AT AN EARLY AGE, EVEN WHEN WRITTEN DOWN IN THE NOTES. THE CATCH WAS A FABULOUS RUNNING DIVE BY GARY CH IN RF.

HAVE A GOOD WEEK ALL.
SIGN UP ON TC EARLY AND OFTEN.

COMMISHUGANNA (Year 33) AND 6TH OLDEST PLAYER
GARoooo

HIGHLIGHTS CAUSED BY AN EXCESSIVE O-ZONE LAYER

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 7/29/23-7/30/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
50A	Sat	19	KPP5	OVERLY OVENLY	DougK*/ Steve F vs Lee/ DougB/ Leder	18-8	Lee
50B	Sat	20	KPP3	OVERLY OVENLY	BRUUCEE* vs THE ZEE-ITY	12-4	Bruce
51	Sun	19	A-wood	Ozone Friendly, Goooooood air quality. PERFECT DAY. NOT A SINGLE BOOHOO.	Eric the Tokyooo Lion. vs His Johner*	20-12	Bob / Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout (20+19+19)- 8 =50 51%) OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/51 = $0.49 PPG Which is 76 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 51 cents below the "real men does not" complain line.	2023 Paid members to date = **99** WELCOME ROOKIES Tommy Novello and Paul Matalon	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: **142*** (New Record)	

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GAME 50A: Saturday, KPP 5, July 22, 2023 FROM LEE

LONG TIME VETRAN, LENNY PUGATCH, MAKES A CAMEOOO VISIT FROM CALIFORNIA. IT WAS SOOOOO GOOOOD TO SEE HIM AGAIN.

ROOOOKIE TOMMY UNLOOOOADS 3 BOOMERS ALMOST OVER THE FENCE, TWOOO OF WHICH GO FOR HOOOOOMERS, 4 HITS IN ALL.

HOLY MOLEY! RICH LUZARDOOOO AND BRYAN BLACK BOTH SMOOOKE 5 HITS LEGALLY!

OOOFAH! THAT LEDER FELLOW POOOOKES A ROOOOPE OOOOVER THE RF OUTFIELDER TO THE BASE OF THE WALL FOR A HOOOMER

GAME 50B: Saturday, KPP 5, July 22, 2023

LENNY PUGATCH MAKES A CAMEOOO VISIT FROM CALIFORNIA. IT WAS SOOOOO GOOOOD TO SEE HIM AGAIN.

RUSSELL BAGELS US TO CELEBRATE LIFE. THANKS RUSSELL!

CLIFF ARCHER RETURNS JUST 4 WEEKS AFTER AN AORTIC HEART VALVE REPLACEMENT! HE LOOOOOKS,

FEELS, AND PLAYS GREAT! WE'RE SOOOOO HAPPY TOOOO SEE HIM BACK.

BRUCE IS GRANDIOSOOOO, AS HE HOOOOLDS OPPOSITION TO JUST 4 RUNS.HE THROWS NOTHING BUT ZEROOOOO'S IN 10 OF 11 INNINGS.

AFTER HAVING TO ENDURE COUNTLESS REFERENCES TO THE SONG "ME AND JULIOOOO DOWN BY THE SCHOOOOOLYARD," MADE BY EVERY PLAYER THAT MET HIM, ROOOOKIE JULIOOO BURSTS ONTOOO THE SEEN AT 2B BY MAKING 11 SUCCESSFUL PUTOUTS AND/OR ASSISTS, TWOOO OF WHICH WERE WEBGEMS EARNING HIM THE GLOOOOOVE DE ORO-OOOOOOO TO GO ALONG WITH 3 HITS INCLUDING A DOOOOUBLE.

ALSOOOO HAVING MULTI HIT GAMES WERE: HARLAN, DRILLER, RUSSELL, BRIAN S, AND ROOOOKIES ROB M AND SNOOOOOP.

OH BABY! A NEW BAMBINOOOO? ROOOOKIE CHARLIE SOCKOOOOS 3 MOOOONSHOTS WAY PAST THE HIGHLIGHTS, ABOVE THE OZONE LAYER AND INTO ORBIT, FOR A HOMER, TRIPLE AND SINGLE. HE ALSOOO SHOWS OFF A CANNON ARM THAT ALMOST KNOCKS OVER A TREE. THE EPA IS INVESTIGATING.

BRUCE OOOOOOBLITERATES A DANGEROUS TORPEDOOOO HIT TO THE MOUND.

A ROBERT TO RUSSELL TO STEVE H (4-6-3) WAS MADE IN A MANNER FANTASTICO, AS WAS A FABULOSO RUSSELL, TAKE-IT-YOURSELFER, AT SS TO STEVE H, WHICH ENDED THE GAME.

GAME 51: Sunday, Allenwoooood Oasis

OOOOOH NOOOO! KONOOO!
7 HITS IN 7 AB'S INCLUDING A RECORD 3 TRIPLES!
ALSOOOO 6RBI.

LEDER HOOOOMERS, DOUBLES, AND SINGLES THRICE FOR 5 RBI, BUT ALSO THROOOWS OUT 2 RUNNERS ON THE BASE PATHS ON RELAYS, ONE AT HOME AND ONE AT 3B

OH KENNY! HE'S MORE THAN JUST OKAY! HE SLUGS 4 HITS AND THROOOWS OUT A LOOOONG TIME FRIEND AT 3B.

ED H HAS TEAMMATES OVERJOYED OVER HIS 6 HITS INCLUDING A MAMMOOOTH TRIPLE OVER THE HEAD OF THE LFer

MARIOOOOO IS OH SOOO GOOD, AS HE DELIVERS 4 HITS AND 3 RRBI INCLUDING A MONSTER DOOUBLE.

ZIGGY OBLITERATEs HIS OPPONENTS WITH HIS OFFENSIVE BLASTS FOR HITS

MULTI-HIT GAMES WERE ALSO SEEN FROM BOBBY W, ROB W, ROB M, ERIC THE TOOOOKYO LION HEARTED , MATT R(INCLUDING A MASSIVE DOUBLE), GARY CH, GARY W (INCLUDING A DOUBLE).

APOL-OH GEE-S FORR ANY DETAILS FORGOTTEN.

THANKS AS ALWAYS TO BRUCE, LEE, AND BOBBY FOR ORGANIZING FIELDS AND TEAMS.

PETE HELPS BUILD RECORD SIZED GIGLIO! THEN WITH LEDER'S HELP CARRIES IT IN MASSAPEQUA FOR 4 HOURS WITH SCORES OF OTHERS , AT AN ESTIMATED 85 LBS APIECE, IN THE HEAT. KUDOS TO PETE AND MARK. WELL DONE! SEE PHOTOS ATTACHED.

ALMOST INCOMPREHENSIBLE HIGHLIGHTS….. ON STEROIDS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 8/5/23-8/6/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers

52A	Sat	20	KPP5	PERFECTLY PERFECT	DougK*/ Rich L vs The Zee-ity/ Leder	13-12 In 11	Lee Tweaked by GL
52B	Sat	20	KPP3	SO GOOD THAT PLAYERS COMPLAINED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT.	Plata vs Andy	13-12 In 10	Bob by
53-1	Sun	24	A-wood	Pre-post-erously Exquisite before and afterly	Leder* vs Beck	11-2 5 innings then redo	Bob by
53-2	Sun	"	"	"	Beck* vs Leder/ the Zeeity (Pitchers and SS switched	6-4 7 inning REBOOT	Bob by
		Net Weekend Turnout 64-16 =48 48%) OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/53 = $0.47 PPG Which is 78 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 53 cents below the "real men does not" complain line.	2023 Paid members to date = 100	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 143* (New Record)	

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CONSECUTIVE OUTDOOR MONTH 143 IS IN THE ANNALS. CONGRATS TO ALL THE PARTICIPATING MANNALS FOR MAKING IT HAPPENAL.

GAME 52A: Satsporaday, KPP 5, Aug 5

ANOTHER GNSB CLASSICO MAGNIFICO.

A LEAD CHANGES HANDS 4 TIMES, IN A RELATIVE PITCHER'S DUEL FOR 9 INNINGS. THEN 16 RUNS SCORE IN THE LAST 2.

BLACKENEDBRYAN RIPICAS WAUCOFF EN TWELLTHS BOTTUMS

IT WAS A 5-4 GAME GOING INTO THE 10TH. THE VEES SCORE 3 (8-4), THE HOMES COME BACK WITH 4 (8-8) IN TOP 11. THE VEES THEN ANSWER WITH 4 (12-8). IN BOT 11THE HOMES SCORE 5, TOPPED OFF WITH A BRYAN BLACK WALK OFF BASE HIT.

MARX DA LEDERMAN SWATZENHIEMS A TOWBERING HOMSTER RUNNY SO WAY FAR DOOO FIELDER CENTEN FENSTIR

SAROOKIE RICK CRUNSHSWATS TRIPPLING TOOZEN DEEPJER RCF

PREPOSTEOOUS RELEAY BI BRIANS (RF) TOOT ALECKS (SS) ATS RICHICON (C) TO DOAWAY MIT RUNNER.

HUGHIE KABOOMIES FOURZENHITTS

MAKEM PAISNER, ZWETCH, RICHELL, EDAR, MARKELL GWET ZHREE HITZINSC APEESEN

ECHSTRA BASEYS POUNDIFIED: KONOBEE-TWOBEE ALECKS-TWOBEE, RICHELL THREEBEE.

DROOOKY MYKENSTEIN WAUX THRYSE

BOOHOO TOO ME FOR WHATS I FORGOOT

GAME 52B: Saburday, KPP 3, Aug 5 CONDESCRIPTED BY GORDO USING ACTUAL WORDS!

A beautiful August morning greeted the 20 gladiators of the diamond. The visitors were led by Doug who Beckoned Andy to the hill in the late innings. For the home side, Juan took full responsibility.

The home side struck first when newcomer Frank joined Juan, Snoop and Jeff to lead a three run attack. The visitors raged back when the angular stylings of the Cliff went deep with a solid double. Answering and raising that blast was Matt who blasted one into the Rice Patties. The top of the third saw Barry crush a drive that led to a short offensive outburst. But the rally was stymied when that man about town, Frank, pirouetted and made a spectacular catch behind third base.

Steve H. got the visitors going again when he roped a liner between right and right center. When Seth, who has been wheeling and dealing with the stick, blasted one of his three hits. Joe S, who again went 8 for 5, lasered a double and the visitors took the lead. But the homies were bloodied but unbowed.

Frank hit a three bagger and then Nick said aloha, sayonara and antio sas to the defenseless clincher. His two run blast knotted the score.

A fortunate bit of defense ended a potential big inning for the visitors when Bobby was thrown out at the plate by the surprised stylings of the Bashman. Jeff quickly recovered and applied the tag a split second before the runner touched the dish. Inspired by the defense gem, the underrated and underappreciated stylings of Gary W. changed the game when he crushed a bomb over the left fielder and when Juan hit a sac fly, the three spot looked all the rage. And Matt added some heft with an rbi triple. But now it was the visitor's turn to come back from the dead.

Cliff drove in a pair and Andy drove him in. Just like that the three run lead was no more and it was tied going into the bottom of the 9th, playing 10.

But a huge at bat by the Danimal kept the inning alive for Gordon who snuck a line drive down the right field line that scored two. The visitors mounted a comeback when down to their last out, Joe drove in one and put runners on the corners, cutting the deficit to a single run. But that hurler par excellence the venerable Juan was Juanderful and his grab of an infield pop secured the win for the home side.

Lots of hits, lots of fun..softball like it oughta be...

GAME 53-1&2 combined: Sunsdary, Alsinwooderland

COWLY HO! KENMERGRAPHY BANGTAGS KWINTUPPLE (5) HIPTABLES PLUS SLIDES A GEMMATICKY ATCHCATCH IN RF

JAX ZENDS FAX HOME TO DEPLATE DA RUUNNA FROM A ANUDDER MUDDER, ALL THE WAY FROM CFI CARE.

FLASH DASHER PAISNER SMACKABOBOOS 5 MAS LASEHITS! DATS ATES 4 END OF WEEKER.

ZIGABOWSKI BASHETS A QUARTET OF SAFECIES, INCLOOSIF OF TUNA DOUBAGGERS.

MATT HAS MALTTI HITZIES YAND RIBEYES PLUS GOONS DOWN A RUINER AT THREEB.

ROBO WURTZ HURTS OPTOTENT WITTH HIT BUNCH PLUS MACHS A LEAPSONG SNABGRABS AT TWOBB OR NOOT 2B IN ADDISHIN DU GOTTING SREE BASHITS.

KONOFER COMESUP MITT SNATCH WITH MUCH DIVERTUDE IN LF

FLEULEDERMAUS TRIPLETTS MASSIVELY DEEPEN CFIELD

TRUBBLEMACHER JOE S MAKSEN 3 ZETZENS Y C-LIDES TRICKILY TO BE SAFE TWO-ICE. UNICE HOME, UNITIME 3B.

ZOSE WHO PUTINS STOCK IN GARWEIN DID SO WELL. THREESAN MAS HIZZES MACHEZ HIIZ STOCKINGS RISES.

ED AYCH CONTTINOOSE 2B UPSTOFFABLE - 4 HITTS ALLS HARD.

APOLONAGEES TO ZOSE MIST BY I.

HIGHLIGHTS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF HIP HOP

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2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
54A	Sat	18	KPP5	A RAGER OF A DAY	MR DK vs LIL LEETEE *	27-8 10.5 INNINGS	Lee TEE
54B	Sat	22	KPP3	DOPE	GEE- ZEE* vs STRIKER SMITTY	12-8 8.5 INNINGS	Bob-EE
	Sun	Canceled	A-wood	Field under-water			
		Net Weekend Turnout 40 40%) OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/54 = $0.46 PPG Which is 79 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 54 cents below the "real men does not" complain line.	2023 Paid members to date = 100	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played : 143* (New Record)	

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SUPER J BRING DONUTS MUNCHKINS O CELBRATE HIS BEE DEE

GAME 54A: Saturday, KPP 5, Aug 12

OPPONENTS SAY RICH C IS A RINGER! (Definition: A song that is impressive or outstanding in terms of quality or execution)

AS HE WALLOPS 7 HITS!!

(Definition OF WALLOPER:A song with a strong impact or a powerful delivery.

A-LISTER A-LEX MAKES A HUMDINGER OF A PLAY

HUMDINGER Definition: A slang term for an outstanding, remarkable, or impressive song.

THROWING OUT A RUNNA AT THE HOMIES' PLATE. FROM DEEPY, DEEP SHORT.

YO-KONO (NO RELATION TO YOKO ONO) SHOWS WHY HE'S A SLAMMMER

(SLAMMERDefinition: A song with a heavy and hard-hitting sound).

AS HE SLAMS 5 HITS

GAME 54B: Saturday, KPP 3, Aug 12

HIPSEY RUSSELL COMES OUT WITH MULTI-HITS INCLUDING A TRIPSY

SNOOP'S ALBUM HAS THE MOST HITS - 4 IN ALL AND THROWS OUT A RUNNAH AT THE PLATE.

JUAN THE PLATA BECOMES JUAN THE POUNDER AS HE POUNDS 3HITS

Definition: POUNDER- A song with a heavy and pounding rhythm or beat.

DRILLER PUTS OUT AN ALBUM WITH 3 HITS INCLUDING A 2 BAGGER BIGGY, THAT'S NOT SMALL

(Definition: DRILLER - A song with heavy bass and deep, rumbling tones that create a powerful impact.

ELMAH RETURNS TO MAKE A CATCH THATS A THRILLAH - A SLIDING GEM IN CF THAT DJS MAKE INTO A DOUBLE PLAY GEM

ANDY IS A THUMPAH
HIS 3 HITS GETS PLAYERS MOVING AROUND THE BASES.

Thumper Definition: A song with a heavy and pounding beat that gets people moving.

NICKS CONTINUES TO BE A BANGER WITH 3 HITS INCLUDING A MONSTAH TRIPLE.

Banger-Definition: A highly energetic and exciting song.

JAZZY JEFF MAKES SOME FINE PLAYS OON SOME FINELY RAPPED BALLS IN RCF

SETHIE C BECOMES A BELTER WITH 3 HITS RECORDS

Belter -Definition: A slang term for an outstanding or remarkable song

BOBBY IS A SPARKER

SPARKER - **Definition:** A song that ignites excitement or enthusiasm.

HIS MULTI-HIT DAY HELPS IGNITE HIS TEAM TO VICTORY

THE RAP-SCALLION GORDO'S 2 HITS CAUSES TROUBLE FOR OPPONENTS

DJ MASTER SCOTT S CATCHY OF A B-LINED SMASH IS DEEPEED WITH A THROW TO SETHIE CEE.

A RARE GEE-ZEE TO BOOB-BEE TO MAR-TEE DEE PEE IS SEEN (1-2-3) AND HAS 'EM WOOFIN' AND TWEETIN'

SUPER J BRING DONUTS MUNCHKINS O CELEBRATE HIS BEE DEE. THANKS JOE.

H-PEE BEE DEE.

CHECK OUT THE ATTACHMENTS
RICHIE C PHOTOGRAPHED A DEER BY THE FENCE IN RF.
ITS LIKE A DEER IN THE HIGHLIGHTS!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9GrsZrgVLY

COMPLETE **HIGHLIGHTS**

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 8/19/23-8/20/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
55A	Sat	19	KPP5	MOSTLY INCOMPLETE SUNSHINE WITH MOSTLY COMPLETE FUN	DOUGK VS STEFEINSTEIN*	9-4	Lee / Bruce
55B	Sat	20	KPP3	DITTO	DOUGBEE* vs SCOTT*	9-9	Bob
56	Sun	24	A-wood	MOSTLY COMPLETE SUNSHINE ON A MOSTLY COMPLETELY DRY FIELD	HIS JOHNER*/ Zee/Steve F VS THE LEDER OF THE BACK/ BRUCE	12-7	BRUCE/ BOB

		Net Weekend Turnout 63-15=48 48%) OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		**PPG 25/56 = $0.45 PPG Which is 80 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 55 cents below the "real men does not" complain line.**	**2023 Paid members to date = 100**	**Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 143* (New Record)**	

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GAME 55A: Saturday, KPP 5, Aug 19. based on incomplete notes,

STE-FIENSTEIN DEFINESTEINS FINE PITCHEIN COMPLETELY ASTOUNDS THE OPPOSITION WITH A COMPLETE 4 RUN GAME WINS-TEIN.

On a gorgeous Saturday morn, 19 Great Neck Softballers came together to play a game of ages. Combining for 150 years 2 first basemen set a GNSB record. And once again, the sidemakers were able to balance the talents and foibles of the players as well an an expected early departure 9:15am of a game changer to produce as Bobby W. would say "a fine product".

Sidemakers: Lee T. & Bruce B.
Winning pitchers Steve F & Mark L.
Taking the loss with the help of some less than stellar glovemanship was Doug K.

This reporter would like to note that even with needed player substitutions, lost balls, many foul balls, we played 12 innings in less than 2 hours.

Highlights would have to include web gems:
Pete (catching a foul pop-up behind home plate).
Great glove work by Luis at 3rd base.

Pete went 4 for 5.
Doubles by Leder, Kono & Hugh.
Final score was 9 to 4 although it felt much closer.

And a final highlight: No equipment was left at the field today.

GAME 55B: Saturday, KPP 3, Aug 19

THIS WAS A REAL SEE-SAW BATTLE. WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY WAS THAT THE LEAD KEPT CHANGING HANDS. IT LURCHED FORWARD AND FELL BACK, IT WOBBLED, TEETER-TOTTERED, JERKED AHEAD THEN BACK. IT VIBRATED, FLUCTUATED, ALTERNATED AND VACILLATED. GET WHAT I'M SAYING?

DAN COMPLETELY DISAPPOINTS HIS FOES AS HE DRIVES IN THE TYING RUN IN THE LAST INNING WITH A BASE ON BALLS (R-BB-I)

MARTY, BEN AND GARY C (PLUS A WALK) SEEMED COMPLETELY HAPPY TO EACH SLUG 3 HITS

ROOKIE ROBERT COMPLETES THE 4 BASE CIRCUIT WITH A MONSTER HOMER TO CF.

SCOTT SMITH'S HOME RUN BID IS INCOMPLETE AS HIS BLAST ENDS UP AS A TRIPLE

OPPONENTS CANNOT COMPLETE THEIR MISSION TO SCORE A RUN, DUE TO PLATA'S AMAZING SLIDING CATCH IN CF.

<u>GAME 56: Sunday, ALLENWOOD, Aug 20</u> COMPLETED BY BRUCE WITH INCOMPLETE ANSWERS

The sky was blue.
The sun was yellow
The grass was green
the clay was red
The game was played
The disputes were unsettled.
The lawyers were called.
The briefs were filed.
The outcomes are pending.

24 Great Neckers came to play.
One remained on the waitlist.
One unexpectedly showed up.
1st dispute: Should an unexpected excess player be allowed to exceed the 24 man roster?
The game began with one team sitting everyone equally while the other team sat players on a random basis.
2nd dispute: Does everyone need to sit once before being asked to sit a second time?
3rd Dispute: When is a strike not a strike?
4th Dispute: When is an out not an out?
5th Dispute: When is a pitcher not a pitcher?

Highlights were plenty but I remember only a few:
Gary Ch went 4 for 5.
Juan went 4 for 5
Mark L. hit a grand slam.
Bryan made the web gem of the day by leaping higher than a person should be able to in order to catch a blistering line drive to end the game.

Side makers: Bobby & Bruce
Winning pitchers: The Judge 11 innings.
The Z 2/3 of an inning.
The Feinstein 1/3 of an inning.
Losing Pitchers: The Leder 11 innings
The Bruce 1 inning.

Big thanks again to the field assigners and sides-makers. This week, in particular, the task was made very difficult.

Also thank you to the guys who pulled their names off the Sunday list, PURPOSELY, for the sole reason that others could play.

Completion of this weekend's incomplete Complete Highlights.

Softball nation,
There was a glaring omission in the Sunday highlights which I apologize for since it caused a head explosion.

The person(s) involved may or my not have complained about it. The omission was one of the following items. I'll leave it up to you to decide.

A. THE OUTFIELD GRASS TURNED PURPLE MID-GAME.

B. LIBERACE THREW OUT THE FIRST PITCH

C. A WHALE WALKED ONTO THE FIELD.

D. GORDON PITCHED 2 PERFECT INNINGS IN RELIEF. 6 UP- 6 DOWN.

E.

WHEN INTERVIEWED LATER ABOUT HOW A NOVICE WAS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH A FEAT, HE DID OR DIDN'T SAY, "I JUST THREW STRIKES AND LET MY VERY COMPETENT AND ALERT FIELDERS DO THE REST."

HIGHLIGHTS via the Phony Express

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 8/26/23-8/27/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Venue	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
	Sat	Rained out					
57	Sun	16	School yard	Good day sunshine	Eric the uniformed one vs Zee*/ Bruce	16-8	BRUCE/ BOB
		Net Weekend Turnout 16 =16% OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		PPG 25/57 = $0.44 PPG Which is 80 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 55 cents below the "real men does not" complain line.	2023 Paid members to date = 100	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 143* (New Record)	

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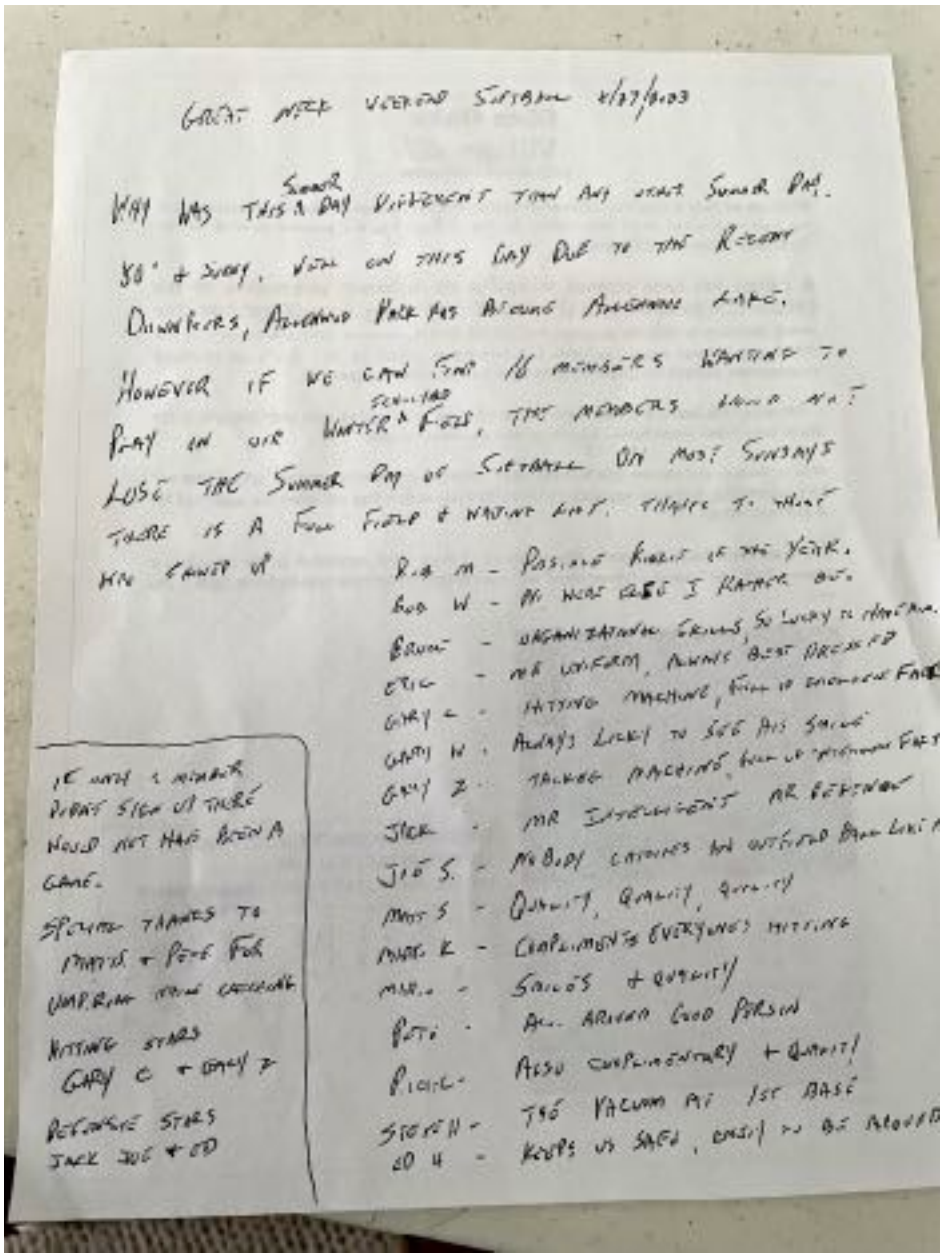
GAME 57 Sunday, Aug 27, Schoolyard, by Bobby W

TThet are attached. Thank you Bobby.

IT'S A QUADRA-HIT-RON!

GARY CHARNEY GOES 4 FOR 6



EVERYONE ELSE ON THE FIELD TODAY IS CREDITED WITH 4 HITS ACCORDING TO REPORTERS.

SEE EVERYONE NEXT WEEKEND.

Where and when is the 17th Annual Great Neck Weekend Softball Home Run Derby?

Please see the **attachment.**

How does it work?

Everyone gets 60 seconds to hit as many balls beyond distances determined by age. The required distances that a ball must travel are shown in the **attached** results from last year's derby.

Who pitches to you?

You can choose anyone at all to pitch to you.

Are there separate winners for each age category?

NO! Everyone is put into the same pool. Only the distances change.

How many rounds are there?

Two. After the first round, those with the top 5 homer totals compete in a final round.

Is there a prize?

Yes. The winner receives a prestigious, customized GNSB personal photo mug. See the attachment.

When and where does it start?

You asked that already but, we start right after our regular Labor Day Game on KPP5 - The “A” field. Approximately 10:10am

Is help needed?

YES! Lots of help is needed. We need volunteers to:

- measure and mark the different age distances. (pre-game)
- pitch
- catch
- field
- retrieve balls
- refill ball bucket for pitcher
- keep time
- judge
- keep track of HR totals
- announce.
- take photos and videos

Can friends and family come watch?

Yes off course.

Help Wanted to fill Saturday Positions

GNSB Union Members,
While our em-play-ment numbers look good for Sunday and Monday, our un-emplayment rate looks weak for tomorrow. So please answer this help wanted ad and add yourself to the

Saturday list, on this record breaking historic weekend. Be a good GNSB teamate-ster. It'll be tons of funion and we give great free benefits like friendship, laughs, and camaraderie

Garoo

LABORIOUSLY WRITTEN, UNIONIZED HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 9/2/23-9/4/23

2023 Game #	Day	Man Power	Work Space	Working conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side Makers
58A	**Sat**	**19**	**KPP5**	**Strikingly beautiful with perfect temps. too bad it couldn't be a permanent position**	**NEW HIREE DAVE VS STEVE F*/STEVE M**	**9-8**	Lee
58B	**Sat**	**20**	**KPP3**	**DITTO**	**Juan*/ Bruce vs Scott**	**14-7**	Bruce/ Bob
59	**Sun**	**23**	**A-wood**	**Full time blue skies with part time clouds**	**DougB*/ Leder VS Eric the Bearded Marlin/ Luis**	**10-6** (ALMOST 9 T0 5)	Bruce/ Bob
60A	**Mon**	**21**	**A-wood**	**BLUE *COLLARED* SKIES WITH WARM WORKING CONDITIONS**	**GAME 1 STEVE F/ LEDER VS LUIS* GAME 2 WP LEE***	**GAME 1 10-0 GAME 2 6-5**	Lee
60B	**Mon**	**22**	**KPP5**	**DITTO**	**Andy* vs Scott S**	**13-6**	Bruce/ Bob

		Net Weekend Turnout 105-47= 58 57%) OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		**PPG Union dues/60 = $0.42 PPG Which is 83 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 58 cents below the "real men does not" complain line.**	**2023 Paid members to date = 102 Welcome NEW HIRELINGS Dave Unger and Joe Ovilo**	**Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 144* (New Record)**	

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OUR STREAK OF 144 CONSECUTIVE OUTDOOR MONTHS IS ACHIEVED.
THAT'S A DOZEN YEARS!
AS GROSS AS IT IS, IT DOZEN GET ANY BETTER.
KUDOS TO ALL WHO MADE IT HAPPEN.

HERE ARE THE FACTS FROM THE SOFTBALL FACT-ORY

GAME 58A: Saturday, KPP 5, Sept 2

GAME ENDS ON THE VERY LAST PLAY! A RELAY THROW FIRED FROM JACK TO STEVE F, WHO THROWS A STRIKE TO NEW HIREE TRAINER JOE, ELIMINATING THE TYING RUN AT HOME.

THE PLAY WAS SO ELECTRIFYING, THAT ALL PLAYERS WERE INVITED TO JOIN THE ELECTRIC WORKERS UNION.

THE NATIONAL AMALGAMATED STEVE-DUO-RES AND DOCKERS SALUTE THE STEVE F AND STEVE M FOR VERY FINE PITCHING AND HITTING. BOTH UNLOAD A TON OF HITS ONTO THE DOCK- 4 EACH AND WERE REAL GEORGE MEANYS ON THE MOUND!

MIKE SMOLENS, THE OVERLY AVID PICKBALLER, WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE IN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCAST EMPLOYEES, EARNS A GOOD DEAL OF RESPECT FROM FELLOW SOFTBALLERS, WITH HIS 4 HIT CONTRIBUTION, BUT I DOUBT IF ANY WOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS AN ERNIE.

MARK LEDER ASSEMBLED AN ASSEMBLY LINE OF HITS. HE MASS PRODUCED 5 OF THEM, ALL ASSEMBLY LINE DRIVES. HE WAS THUS ASKED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE POWER HITTERS UNION.

MUCH TO THE CHAGRIN OF THE BATTING PUBLIC NEWLY HIRED DAVE UNGER, INITIATED MANY STRIKES AND PAID BATTERS A VERY LOW RUN SALARY.

GAME 58B: Saturday, KPP 3, Sept 2

SUPER JOE 'S 4 HITS, INCLUDING A DOUBLE, EARN HIM AN INVITE TO JOIN THE COALITION OF SOFTBALL GREATS, GREAT NECK DIVISION

NICKS TRIO OF STEAMY HITS, EARN HIM AN INVITE TO THE STEAM HITTERS UNION. HE ALSO THREW OUT A RUNNER AT 3B FROM RF TO GET HIM INTO THE EVENT SECURITY UNION.

GARY W TURNS AN UNPRECEDENTED 3B TO 2B DP, TO GET HIM MEMBERSHIP INTO THE FINE INFIELDERS GUILD AND TRADE UNIONS.

ALAN Z IS ACCUSED OF FALLING DOWN ON THE JOB, AFTER FALLING DOWN BUT STILL MAKING A GREAT PLAY AT 2B TO GET THE RUNNER AT FIRST.

CLIFF DISPLAYED SUCH GOOD WOOD WITH HIS 3 HITS, THAT HE WAS ASKED TO JOIN THE UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS

SCOTT S' 3 HITS GETS HIM AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE BROTHERHOOD OF LOCAL HEROS

PLATA'S TRIAD OF HITS GET HIM INTO THE TRIADS-HIT WORKERS TRADE UNION

SETH S WAS INVITED TO JOIN THE FEDERATION OF LONG BALL-MEN BECAUSE OF HIS MASSIVE DOUBLE OVER THE HEADS OF OUTFIELDERS, TO GO ALONG WITH 2 OTHER HITS.

BROTHER-IN-LAW LARRY FROM MICHIGAN, WAS ASKED TO JOIN THE UNITED AUTO WHACKERS UNION AFTER WHACKING 3 HITS. YOU OUGHT TO KNOW HE PLAYED MINOR LEAGE BALL.

BEN WIELDED SUCH A HOT 4 HIT BAT, THAT HE WAS INVITED OF JOIN THE NATIONAL HEATING AND PLUMBING WORKERS UNION. HE ALSO CUT DOWN A RUNNER AT 2B TO EARN AN INVITE TO JOIN THE FEDERATION OF PIPE CUTTERS.

A GORDO TO ALAN Z TO DAN DP 6-4-3 GET THEM A SPOT IN THE BROTHERHOOD OF GOOD FIELDERS AND STREAMERS

GAME 59: Sunday, Allenwood, Sept 3

DOUG B DELIVERED SO MANY GOOD PITCHES THAT HE WAS ASKED TO JOIN THE UNITED LETTER CARRIERS UNION AND THOSE LETTERS HE CARRIED WERE W-I-N AS HE ALLOWED JUST 1 RUN IN 6 INNINGS OF TOIL.

ED H CRUSHED A BALL WELL ONTO JOE HILL FOR A 2 RBI TRIPLE.

KENNY , A BANGER IN PICKLEBALL WAS ASKED TO JOIN THE TRAN-SPORT WORKERS UNION AFTER THEY WITNESSED HIM BANGING OUT 3 HITS.

UNFORTUNATELY A GRIEVANCE WAS FILED AGAINST HIM FOR STEALING A HIT ON A SLIDING CATCH IN RCF.

LUIS, NO RELATION TO JOHN L LEWIS, WAS ASKED TO JOIN THE NY TAXI ALLIANCE AFTER HE DRIVES HOME 4 OF HIS TEAMSTERS' 6 RUNS, WITH 3 HITS INCLUDING A HOME RUN, A DOUBLE AND A SAC FLY THAT WAS DRIVEN DEEP TO CF. THE HOMER GAINED HIM MEMBERSHIP INTO THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HOMER BUILDERS.

ALSO HAVING NOTABLE HITING DAYS AND INVITED TO JOIN THE NATIONAL MUTI-HITMAKERS UNION WERE: ZIGGY, INCLUDING A DOUBLE, BRUCE, PLATA, PETE, LEE, RICH L, INCLUDING A DOUBLE AND 3 RBI, GARY CH, AND LEDER

JOE SINENO WAS INVITED OF JOIN THE GUILD OF GOLDEN GLOVERS AFTER MAKING 2 INCREDIBLE PLAYS IN CF, ONE A DIVER, THE OTHER AN ALL OUT RUNNER.

MATT S WAS ASKED TO JOIN THE "STEAL" WORKERS UNION, AFTER STEALING A HIT WITH A RUNNING GRAB OVER 1B INTO RF. HIS THROWOUT OF A RUNNER AT HOME PLATE ALSO GOT HIM AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE UNITED ARMS WORKERS UNION.
BARRY WAS ALSO ASKED TO JOIN THIS AFTER HIS THROW OUT OF A RUNNER AT 3B FROM LF.

IMPRESSIVE DPS WERE TURNED BY:
RICH TO LEE TO STEVE H 4-6-3
ERIC TO BRYAN B TO ZEE 1-6-3
THEY WERE ASKED TO JOIN THE FIRE FIGHTERS UNION FOR PUTTING OUT POTENTIALLY LARGE TOXIC, RUN EMITTING FIRES

GAME 60A: Monday, KPP5, Sept 4 FROM SCOREBOARD NOTES.

GAME 1 GOES TO ARBITRATION.
AFTER A 5 INNING 10-0 BLOW-OUT THE COMPANIES GET RE-ALIGNED.

GAME 2:
MIKE-SMO WOULD NEVER DREAM OF WALKING OFF THE JOB, BUT HE FULFILLS HIS DREAM OF HAVING A WALKOFF BASE HIT, TO THE JOY OF HIS COWORKERS.
THEY WIN 6-5

IN OTHER MATTERS, MATT R MAKES HIS COLLEAGUES GLADDER AS HE BECOMES A BIG ADDER TO HIS TEAM'S RUN PRODUCTION GOING 6 FOR 7!

BRIAN STAR'S SEARCH FOR STARDOM IS FOUND AS HE GOES 4 FOR 6 AND IS INVITED TO JOIN THE NATIONAL BALL MASHER'S UNION

GAME 60B: Monday, Allenwood, Sept 4.

JOEL, AS A PRECURSOR OF WHAT WAS TO COME, BLASTS A 424 FOOT, 2 RUN, HOMER, AS MEASURED BY ERIC THE UNIFORM'S LASER TOOL. IT WAS TOTALLY OUTSIDE OF OUR USUAL WORKSPACE. AS A RESULT HE IS ASKED TO JOIN THE UNIONDALE CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL BALL WRECKERS UNION…NOT.

ALAN Z'S LEAPING GRAB AT 2B GETS HIM INVITED TO THE FEDERATION OF FINE LEATHER MAKERS

STEVE H GOT INVITED OF JOIN THE FEDERATION OF GEM-MAKERS FOR HIS PICK AT 1B

THEY BEGGED NICK TO JOIN THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS UNION AFTER THEY SEE HIM TAKE CONTROL OF A BALL IN FLIGHT THAT WAS READY TO CRASH LAND FOR A BASE HIT AND THEN HAD THE WHEREWITHAL TO DOUBLE OFF A THE RUNNER AT 2B.

SEVERAL DEFENSE WORKERS TOOK PART IN OTHER DPS

- MIKE L TO JOHN V TO BRUCE WORKED A 4-6-3
- AL Z TO RUSS TO STEVE H WORKED A 4-6-3

A TRIO OF PLAYERS HAD A TRIO OF HITS
STEVE H, ALAN Z AND ANDY-INCLUDING A DOUBLE.

OTHERS WHO WORKED THE MULTIPLE HIT AND NOTABLE HIT MACHINES WERE:

- BRUCE-INCLUDING A SAC FLY

- BARRY
- GARY CH
- NICK
- MIKE L
- ELMER
- SUPER JOE
- ROB

GARY W PLAYED SO WELL AT VARIOUS POSITIONS THAT HE WAS ASKED TO JOIN THE UTILITY WORKERS OF AMERICA

THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS WERE INVITED TO JOIN THE IRONMAN WORKERS UNION FOR PLAYING ALL 3 DAYS, PARTICIPATING IN THE HOME RUN DERBY, STICKING AROUND TO HELP AND HAVING THE WHEREWITHAL TO BE IN THE PHOTO (ATTACHED):

BOBBY W, BRUCE, JOE S, LEDER, BRYAN B, JACK, STEVE H, VIN

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A DRAMATIC HOME RUN DERBY!
WHAT AN ENDING!

JOEL WURTZEL CAPTURES HIS 9TH HOME RUN DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN 17 YEARS!!!

HE SURPASSES RUNNER UP BRYAN BLACK WITH 10 SECONDS TO GO.
KUDOS ONCE AGAIN TO JOEL.

THE RESULTS ARE ATTACHED.

IT WAS A MAGNIFICENT SUCCESS DESPITE THE OBSTACLES THROWN IN OPUR PATH.
THANKS TO THE HARD WORK OF OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS

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A BIG THANK YOU TO THE MANY SHOP STEWARDS AND RANK AND FILE MEMBERS WHO WORKED OVERTIME WITHOUT COMPENSATION TO MAKE THE HOME RUN DERBY AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS LIKE:

JEFF BASKIN AND JUAN PLATA WHO CAME EARLY TO HELP BRUCE AND ME MARK OFF THE AGE ADJUSTED DISTANCE LINES.

BOBBY W FOR KEEPING WATCH OVER THE TIME CLOCK.

ROB FOR KEEPING SCORE, FIELDING, JUDGING, AND REPORTING.

JOEL, SUPER JOE, VINNY, JACK, BRIAN, GARY W, MARK L, ED, LUIS, MIKE, NICK, STEVE, JON, ELMER, BRYAN, SNOOP, BEN, ALAN Z, AND BARRY FOR FIELDING, JUDGING, REPORTING AND WORKING OVERTIME

ERIC, ROB, RUSSELL, ANDY, LEDER, FOR PITCHING AND BEING REAL WORK HORSES

ALL ARE HONORED BY THE NATIONAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY. THEY WERE TRUE WORKER BEES. THIS WAS A COLLECTIVE GROUP EFFORT.

MUCH APPRECIATION, GRATITUDE AND THANKS TO LABOR ORGANIZERS BRUCE, BOBBY, AND LEE WHO TIRELESSLY ORGANIZED ALL 5 GAMES THIS WEEKEND. ALL WERE ASKED TO JOIN THE NATIONAL SERVICE WORKERS UNION AND THE DIRECTORS GUILD OF AMERCA.

APOLOGIES FOR ANY DEEDS OR NAMES THAT WERE OMITTED DUE TO THE RESULT OF AN OVER AGED, OVERWORKED BRAIN.

SEE EVERYONE NEXT WEEKEND FOR MORE EXCITEMENT AND BIZARRE-ITY THAT YOU JUST DON'T SEE IN THE MAJORS.

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OLD SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 9/9/23-9/10/23

2023 Game #	Day	ATTTEN-DANCE	FIELD TRIP	Classroom conditions	Pitchers	GRADES	MONITORS
61A	Sat	14 ON TIME 2 LATE =16	KPP5	Back to school weather with good temps. too bad they couldn't be a permanent positions	GAME 1: DOUG K VS STEVE F* GAME 2: DOUG K/ LEE VS STEVE M*	GAME 1: 12-1 (5 INNINGS) GAME 2: 8-6 (6 INNINGS)	Lee
61B	Sat	19 WITH 20 ON THE REGISTER. 1 PLAYED HOKEY. (DEMERIT)	KPP3	DITTO	Juan/ helped by substitute pitcher Jack vs Bruce* helped by substitute pitcher Scott	13-10	Bruce
62	Sun	21	A-wood	Mostly goody with a few Glum Drops but not in the school yard	Leder* VS Andy	14-10	Bruce/ Bob

		Net Weekend Turnout 105-47= 58 57%) OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		**PPG Union dues/60 = $0.42 PPG Which is 83 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 58 cents below the "real men does not" complain line.**	**103 students on the register paid their milk money to date = Welcome New kid in class HICK**	**Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 144* (New Record)**	

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HERE IS YOUR GNSB WEEKLY READER

Highlight theme based on a suggestion from Vinny.

GAME 61A: Saturday, KPP 5, Sept 9

THERE WERE 2 GAMES TODAY DUE TO GAME 1 BECOMING TOO LOPSIDED. SO THE BELL RRANG EARLY, THE BOARD WE WAS WASHED CLEAN, A NEW BALL WAS PUT IN DURING BALL PASSING AFTER THE 5TH PERIOD AND PITCHING CHANGES WERE MADE.

SETH KURPIEL RAISES HIS HAND MULTIPLE TIMES IN CLASS TO MAGICALLY GRAB SMASHED CLINCHERS AND CONVERTS THEM INTO GEMS.

STEVE FEINSTEIN IS LIKE A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD ON THE MOUND REFUSDIING TO LET RUNNERS CROSS THE PLATE, AS HE ONLY ALLOWS I RUN.

A SPECIAL COMMENDATION IS GIVEN TO JON SPIEL FOR HIS 5 HITS

HONORABLE MENTION FOR EXCELLING IN HIT-SORY IS GIVEN TO SNOOP, STEVE F, AND RICH L FOR HAVING MULTI-HIT GAMES

GAME 61B: Saturday, KPP 5, Sept 9

HICK, WHOSE FACE HAS BEEN ON SCHOOL MILK CONTAINERS FOR 2 YEARS, RETURNS AND DEVELOPS CRUSHES ON 2 CLINCHERS! ONE HE SENDS OVER THE PLAYGROUND FENCE AND DRIVES HOME 2 RUNS WITHOUT A SCHOOL BUS. THE OTHER IS A MASSIVE 2 RUN DOUBLE TO CF THAT SENDS 2 PUPILS FOR HOME BOUND INSTRUCTION

LEDER BRINGS AN EXTRA LARGE GRAND SALAMI SANDWICH TO SCHOOL WITH LOTS OF MUSTARD. THE OPPOSING LUNCH MATRONS ARE NOT HAPPY.

SCOTT S, ED R, AND GARY W GET THEIR NAMES PUT ON THE SECTION SHEET FOR COMMENDATIONS FOR BASHING 3 HITS APIECE.

FOR SHOW AND TELL RUNS WERE BROUGHT IN BYJEFF, BEN, AND JACK, SHOWING EVERYONE HOW TO HIT AND LETTING ME TELL YOU ABOUT IT.

EVERYONE CLAP YOUR ERASERS FOR ED R WHO RANG THE DISMISSAL BELL WITH A SLIDING CATTCH IN LCF.

DOUG B AND JEFF WERE TOLD THEY HAD TO SIT IN THE HOT CORNER TODAY AND BOTH DID FINE JOBS.

RUSSELL WAS VOTED MOST LIKELY TO SUCK SEED IN THE CLASS YEARBOOK AFTER GOBBLING DOWN 657 SUNFLOWER SEEDS. HE WAS ALSO GIVEN THE ART AWARD AFTER THE GAME'S GRADUATION FOR HIS VERY UNREALISTIC RENDITION OF THE MALE ..... WHICH HE REGULARLY DRAWS ALL OVER THE INFIELD DIRT. HE NOW FACES AFTER-SCHOOL DETENTION.

THIS BOOK REPORT WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT ME REPORTING JUAN PLATA'S 2 RUN DOUBLE.

GAME 62: Sunday, A-wood, Sept 10

ITS SIMPLE ARITHMETIC: ONE HIT PER PENNY EARNS A NICKEL FOR KENNY, WHO GETS 5. HE ALSO PUTS ON A SLIDE SHOW FOR HIS CLASS, SHOWING A FIRST CLASS, SLIDING WEB GEMMED CATCH IN LF. I MUST SAY, THE MAN HAS A LOT OF CLASS.

GIVE CERTIFICATES OF MERIT TO ZIGGY, BRYAN B, AND FLASH PAISNER FOR EACH GETTING 4 OF 5 AT BATS CORRECT, THEREBY RECEIVING GRADES OF 80 ON THEIR REPORT CARDS. FLASH ALSO PLAYED THE ROLE OF AN ERASER IN THE SCHOOL PLAY, AS HE THREW OUT A RUNNER AT 2B FROM CF. IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO PLAY THE FLASH CARD IN LCF.
ONE OF BRYAN'S BLAST WAS A GARGANTUAN TRIPLE WHICH ALLOWED THE RUNNER TO GET HOME SCHOOLED

BRUCE IS GIVEN A GOLD STAR FOR HIS GEM ON A SIZZLING LINER TO THE INFIELD'S OUTER EDGE.

ROB WURTZEL, NOT ONLY GOT THE AWARD FOR BEST BEHAVED BUT PASSED HIS HITTING PROFICIENCY EXAM BY SMASHING 3 HITS.

MARC KONO WAS GIVEN AN UNPREPARED MARK FOR NOT BRINGING THE PROPER CLEATS AND PLAYING 2 INNNGS BAREFOOT! SORRY FOR TELLING THESE TALES OUT OF SCHOOL.

BUT GOING TO THE VERY HEAD OF THE CLASS WAS ARIK WHO CRUSHED A MASSIVE 3 RUN TRIPLE AND MONSTER 2 RUN DOUBLE.

MARK LEDER, WHO WAS GIVEN A DEMERIT FOR EATING HIS EGG SALAD LUNCH IN CLASS, BECAME THE TEACHER'S PET BY ALLOWING JUST 3 RUNS IN THE LAST 10 CHANGE OF CLASSES AND CHALKED UP THE VICTORY. FOR THIS HE EARNED THE PITCHING MEDAL.

GRADUATION AWARD CANDIDATES

- AWARD FOR BEST ATTENDANCE

BRUCE,LEDER, JACK, WEINSTOCK, ZEE

- AWARD FOR BEST DRESSED CANDIDATES

ERIC THE UNIFORM

- MOST POPULAR CANDIDATES

CHUCK THE FAN

THESE HIGHLIGHTS WERE NOT WROTE BY ROTE, KYLE

THANK YOU TO BRUCE , LEE, AND BOBBY WHO GAVE OUT THE POSITIONS THIS WEEKEND LIKE LUNCH LADIES GIVING OUT FOOD IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA.

THERE WERE A COUPLE IF MISTAKES AND/OR OMISSIONS ON THE 9.16 TO 9.17 HIGHLIGHTS SEND OUT. THEY ARE CORRECTED IN RED, PLUS INCLUDED IN THE ATTACHMENTS. THE VINNY ATTACHMENT HAS NOT BEEN NOTARIZED AND THAT IS NOT MY SIGNATURE. ADDITIONALLY THE OFFICIAL SCORER HAS *NOT* RULED THAT VINNY'S HAIR WAS EXCELLENT.

MORE HIGH NOTES AND MISDEMEANORS The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 9/16/23-9/17/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
63A/B mix	Sat	24	KPP5	Noteworthy in a positive way	Lee*(13 in.)/Leder (1in.) VS Ralph Z 14 in.	11- 8 (13 innings)	Bruce/ Lee (no relation)
64	Sun	24	A-wood	Noticeably Nice	Eric the U* VS Andy	11-9 (12 innings)	Bruce/ Bob

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GAME 63A/B mix: Saturday, KPP 5, Sept 16 Notes by Gary Zee
See Attachment and Vinny, if true.

GAME 64 Sunday, KPP 5, Sept 17 by Mark Leder (but conspiracy theorists think otherwise.)

RENEWAL REBIRTH AND HOPE: 23. Ballplaying Bros showed today at scenic Allenwood. All were hopeful for the future, Grateful for the past and present to a naturally splendid day. There was epic beauty here. A wildly chaotic, mind numbingly fun game began at almost 8AM sharp.
14 runs were quickly plated in the first three innings on almost as many errors leaving the sides bottlenecked at 7-7. Before long everyone settled down and next tense nine innings saw only six runs total scored. There were many exciting

defensive plays starting on the mounds, Eric and Andy speared balls, and saved runs with impunity.
Grizzled first basemen Bruce and Steve H, scooped, stretched, and snagged throws with style and consistency.
Feinstein's feistiness and Mario's finesse at the hot Corner were a joy to behold.
Lots of Solid strong defense.
Lee's fire and Brian's fanatical fervor at shortstop held the game in balance. Big Black had five hits, including a bombastic bomb for a triple out of and over Leder's otherworldly orbit
Ken sparkled in Left, throwing out a runner for a force at second base. He came through with big hits as well. Paisner's pizzazz was on full display with a solid outing at the plate and in the outfield.
He's so cool. llOutfield play was solid all around with Gary Charney's sprightliness style and strength a standout.
Gary Weinstock reached hi for a big time line drive catch
The always troubled Leder came thru with a timely double plating a few runs. His ebullience and confusion on full display….."when he was born they threw away the mold…but it grew back".
Thanks to behind the scenes wizardry by Bobby, Bruce, and sidemaking slugger Lee. They do an incredible job at managing logistics and pain points of GNSB allowing us to focus entirely on enjoying ourselves stress-free

Thank you Z and Leder for this weekend's highlights.

That bizarre, bogus Teamcowboy email that everyone received a few days ago will be addressed shortly.

See everyone this weekend. Hopefully the early weather reports will be incorrect.

Gar

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 9/23/23-9/24/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers

All games rained out							
		Net Weekend Turnout 48-12= 36 35%) OF TOTAL NUMBER OF 2023 PAID UP GNSB PLAYERS		**PPG** **$25/64 = $0.39 PPG Which is 86 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 61 cents below the "real men does not" complain line.**	**2023 Paid up members** **103**	**Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 144* (New Record)**	

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The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 10/1/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
65	Sun day	18 +1 AWOL	School yard	Nice dry day	Eric the "Brave" vs Andy*	15-11 in 12 innings	Bruce/ Bob
		Net Weekend Turnout		PPG $25/65 = $0.38 PPG which is 87 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 62 cents below the "real men does not" complain line.	2023 Paid up members 103	Con-sec-utive outdo or mont hs playe d: 145* (New Recor d)	

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GNSB CONSECUTIVE OUTDOOR MONTH OF SOFTBALL REACHES 145!
AND THE CROWD GOES WILD!

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2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
66A	Saturday			KPP5			
66B	Saturday			KPP3			
67	Sunday			Allenwood			
68	Monday			Allenwood			
		Net Weekend Turnout		PPG $25/__ = $0.__ PPG which is __ cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And __cents below the "real men does not" complain line.	2023 Paid up members 103	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 145* (New Record)	

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Game 66 Sunday 10.8.23 by Gordo

A robust turnout of diamnonders enjoyed a pleasant early autumn day at the unique and unpredictable stylings of Little Neck's Challenge Park. An early start and a sun angled right into the right fielder's line of sight meant nothing to the warriors, particularly Gary Ch. and Andy Paul. Nor did it dissuade any of the other 20 warriors that braved the cement, wind and glare.

This 11 vs. 11 contest pitted the home side stylings of the voguish Eric the U., decked out in Bob Gibson red on the hill against the always resolute His Johner. The visitors struck for one run in each of the first three innings. First, that man about town, the celebrated bon vivant himself, Bryan laced an rbi single. Not to be out done, the Ralphinator stoked his own. The third inning was highlighted by Super Mario's 2 bag blast and it appeared that his Jonher and his clerks were to have their way. But then the home side got it going.

Steve the Crusher Feinstein blasted a deep sac fly to start the torridity. The next inning Eric decided to take matters into his own hands by lashing the first of his two triples. And let it be said, had he tried for home on either occasion he would have had the cycle. As it stands, two triples, a double and a single and a whole bunch of RBI's. A veritable one man gang. Pete followed with a rbi single which (re)Pete repeated a few innings later.

But the man of the day could have been the Admiral nightmare himself, Andy. With two on, two out and the score tied, a searing line drive was laced to right field. As calm as a riverboat gambler, Andy snagged the orb with the deft touch of a safe cracker and the lead was preserved. Ann"D" to the rescue. From there, the rout was on. First Joe, who continued his hot hitting by once again going 8 for 6 to keep his average above1000, drove in one and then Jack the ripper drove in another.

The game was close until the bottom of the eighth. With two on, one of which was the lumbersome stylings of Steve H., Lee smashed a single to right field. H busted it and made a mad dash for third, USAin Boltlike and drew a throw. It was Phil Rizzuto on Meatloaf's paradise by the dashboard light. Not only did he make it but the throw trickled by and undaunted and undeterred, he reached down into his reservoir of experience and made it home without a throw. The beleaguered visitors were simply the victims of sHock and Awe. Marc finally found a bat that suited him and he crushed another one of his many hits. By the time the rally was over, the score was 10-3. And if his baserunning exploits weren't enough, Steve pulled a Lundquist and snarled a vicious one hopper and made the unassisted

putout. Juanderful also added some offensiveness and the final was 12-4, with the visitors going quietly in 7 consecutive innings.

Game 67 Monday 10.9.23 by Bryan Black With some help from CHAT GPT

On this crisp and beautiful Monday, which some folks insist on calling Columbus Day while others prefer to recognize it as Indigenous Peoples Day, a softball showdown for the ages unfolded. Luis "Knuckles" Avila took the mound, toeing the rubber against the crafty Mark "Egg Salad Sandy" Leder. Two titans of the diamond, ready to do battle.

The Knuckles crew wasted no time setting the tone. They came out of the gate like a locomotive with a head of steam and never looked back. By the end of five innings, they had built a lead of at least a dozen runs. But the softball fates had more in store for this game.

After some reconfiguring of the teams, a twist of fate occurred, and the scoreboard saw a lopsided reversal. Baseball, my friends, is a funny old game.

Player coaches Blattberg and Widawsky had their hands full, as there was no shortage of kvetching from nearly every player on the field. It seems that even in this friendly contest, the competitive spirit runs deep.

But let it be known that most folks left the field as literal winners, with the taste of victory on their lips, and those who had to swallow the bitter pill of defeat in both games left as metaphorical winners, having enjoyed the camaraderie and spirit of the game.

Ah, but the highlights of this day were aplenty.

While patrolling left field, which seemed more like a minefield, Barry Schneider found himself picked off by an unseen sniper lurking in the trees. Nevertheless, he managed to make several spectacular plays out there.

And after the sniper incident, Alex Banyasz, bless his heart, smacked a towering triple but was held at third base due to the slow-footed runners ahead of him.

Knuckles, as we've come to expect, pitched two doozies with his patented knuckleball dancing and dazzling on both sides.

Feinstein over at third base was a defensive maestro, making several dazzling plays, though his 46-game errorless streak was regrettably snapped. As for Hugh Colocott, he had a four-hit game, but more importantly, his sweatpants continued to take a beating. A GoFundMe campaign has been launched to secure him a fresh pair.

Matt Rice, with his belt hanging low, launched a high bomb or a triple near the right field fence, leaving us all in awe. More remarkably, he went the other way in one of his at-bats.

We witnessed a fine 3-6-4 double play, executed flawlessly by the law firm of Blattberg, Black, and Spiel. It was a display reminiscent of the Tinker to Evers to Chance trio of yesteryears. Speaking of Spiel, he had four hits and was emerging as the Most Valuable Spiel, or MVS.

Ed Ip and Ed Hartirck hit multiple Eds I mean line drive base hits and Hartirck, never wanting to move more than is necessary, again positioned himself perfectly in the field to make several catches without moving an inch. Nicky Katsellanos and Jon Paysner shone as usual and their talents were critical in balancing the teams at bat and in the field.

Egg Salad Sandy, as expected, hit several ropes and spent the day on the basepaths, dazzling with both his baserunning and his infectious smile. And let us not forget Juan Plata, who delivered the line of the day when he urged the outfielders to respect his shallow outfield power.

Special mention to Jack Schonhaut who played as long as he could despite being able to wrap is hand around a bat or ball…Jack was sent to the clubhouse for imaging…we will keep you updated,

In the end, it was another blessed day for all who attended, and perhaps even better for those who didn't. The spirit of the game, the camaraderie, and the sheer joy of playing softball on a day like today are what make these gatherings special. Until next time, my friends, keep your gloves oiled, your bats cracked, and your spirits high. Softball lives on, as does the joy it brings to all who partake

NOT SO WET AND NOT SO WILD HIGHLIGHTS

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2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
68A/B mix	**Saturday**	**24**	**KPP5**	**Very slightly hydrated but windless, with sporadic droplet fall until last 3 minutes**	**DougK/ Steve F Vs DougBee***	A DOZEN TO A HALF DOZEN	Lee/ Bob
	Sunday	**Canceled**					
		Net Weekend Turnout 24		**PPG** **$25/68 = $0.35 PPG which is 90 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 65 cents the "real men does not" complain line.**	**2023 Paid up members** **104** **Welcome new player Marc Pfeffer.**	**Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 145* (New Record)**	

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GAME 68A/B mix: Saturday, KPP 5, Oct 14

DESPITE THE DROP-PLER RAIN-DAR REPORTS, THERE WAS VERY LITTLE PRECIP UNTIL THE LAST FEW MINUTES, GIVING US AN OPEN WINDOW OF 2 HOURS PLAYTIME. ALL 24 PLAYERS WHO SIGNED UP WERE SHOW-ERS, DESPITE THREATS OF SHOWERS. THOSE WHO CAME WERE GLAD THEY DID. BECAUSE THEY WITNESSED WHAT THE STAY AT HOMERS, WHO COULD HIT NO HOMERS OF COURSE, MISSED, FEARING A MIST. SUCH AS:

- **A HOMER WELL OVER THE RIGHT FIELD FENCE, OFF THE BAT OF RICH LUZARDO, WHO DAMPENED THE OPPOSITION'S SPIRITS AGAIN LATER WITH AN RBI DOUBLE.**
- **A JON SPIEL DIVE ONTO A WATERLESS GRASS POOL BETWEEN 1B AND 2B, TO GRAB AN INCENDIARY CLINCHER AND MANAGED TO FLAME THE RUNNER OUT FROM HIS KNEES. THIS WAS HIS 2ND GEM OF THE GAME. HE ALSO SNAGGED A STEAMER THAT COULD HAVE ENDED THE WORLD. ALL THIS CAME IN ADDITION TO A 3 HIT OFFENSIVE GAME. IT WAS A GREAT DAY FOR THE ONLY SPIEL STILL PLAYING.**
- **A BRYAN BLACK 4 HIT GAME EXPLODED RAINDROPS ALONG THE WAY AS IF THE WERE HIT BY BB'S**
- **FLASH PAISNER RAN THE BASES SAFELY 3 TIMES DESPITE THE SOFT GROUND, AS IF HE WERE A MUDDER.**
- **DOUG BECK PRODUCED A TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR OF HITS, HE HAD 3, PLUS A SAC FLY.**
- **HAIL, HAIL TO MATT R WHO ALSO HOMERED TO RF WITH MONSOONEROUS BLAST**
- **STEVE H HIT THE BALL HARD EVERY TIME UP AND RAIN-DROPPED HITS ALL OVER THE FIELD DESPITE HIS REPUTATION FOR BEING AN ANTI-LEFT SIDER**
- **BOBBY W RAINED FIRE AND BRIMSTONE DOWN ON THE OPPOSITION WITH HIS 3 VERY SOLID HITS.**
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- **BIG RBI HITS WERE ALSO PELTED DOWN ON OPPONENTS BY**
- **JEFF B, DOUG K, DR. ED R, LEE, SNOOP, NICK, AND STEVE F.**
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- **GEMS THAT STOPPED THE FLOODGATES FROM OPENING WERE SEEN BY:**
- **SNOOP ON 2 CLOUDBURSTS TO 3B**
- **LEDER ON A RUNNING GRAB IN LF DESPITE MOISTURIZING CONDITIONS.**

- **SETH C AT HOME PLATE ON AN AWESOME BACKHAND GRAB OF A FOUL POP GONE ROGUE.**
- **TWO SPIRIT DAMPENING DP WERE PRODUCED BY DOUGK TOO LEE TO STEVE H 1-6-3**

NON-FIELD GOOD NEWS

- **AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE SHOW THAT SANDIA ANG (ERIC THE UNI'S WIFE) WAS IN THE NY TIMES THIS WEEK.**
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- **JACK'S DAUGHTER ALEXA, GOT MARRIED THIS PAST SATURDAY.**

WE NEED ALL THE GOOD NEWS WE CAN GET WITH ALL THE HORRIBLE THINGS GOING ON IN THE WORLD. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT ALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE OUT OF HARM'S WAY. BE WELL EVERYONE.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 10/21/23-10/22/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
	Saturday	Canceled					
69	Sunday	20	Schoolyard of Hard Knocks	Lots of cracks with lots of crackpots and cool wisecracks, though I can't give any concrete examples	His Johner vs Andy*	15-7	Lee / Bobby

		Net Weekend Turnout 20		**PPG** **$25/69 = $0.36 PPG which is 89 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 64 cents the "<u>real men does not</u>" complain line.**	**2023 Paid up members** **104** **Welcome new player Marc Pfeffer.**	**Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 145* (New Record)**	

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Game 69 Sunday 10.22.23 by Gordo

A partly cloudy day greeted the intrepid 20 who gathered for Sunday's contest at Challenge Field in Little Neck. An interesting decision was made by that man about town Cousin Brucie. He decreed that there should be 11 fielders on each team, the batting team supplying a catcher. Additionally, the batter would start with a 1 and 1 count. Controversial to say the least but the beleaguered leader's courage proved prescient. Coupled with Lee and Bobby's adroit touch in making the sides, a competitive game ensued.
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> The visitors were led by His Johner who elevated heroism by playing with a malfunctioning sneaker that required tape to keep the soul from flapping. For the home side, the two first name stylings from the recently liberated Paul Andy/ Andy Paul handled the hill.
>
> The mighty Hugh started the game with the first of his two triples. His opening inning run staked the visitors to a quick lead. The home side dug in immediately

and plated three on their own, the key hit being Barry's two rbi rope into the right field corner. In the third, Hugh came through again with the second triple and scored on Ed I's deep sac fly. In the top of the fourth, the visitors plated a pair for the third lead change of the game. Gary the hitting machine Charney and Jack the Ripper each drove in a run.
>
> In the bottom of the fourth, Gordon drove in a run followed by Andy, helping his own cause, driving in another. Another half inning, another lead change! And true to form the visitors came back with two of their own to retake the lead. The big hit was delivered by Leder, the contortionist who hit a ball that was 37 feet inside deep into the right field corner. Another lead change. But guess what? That's right, the home side came up with a pair of their own. Luis and Eric, in a stylish 1860's ABBC uniform, blasted hits and the home side retook the lead. Let us count. Six lead changes through five innings!
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> After a quiet top of the 6th, Bruce and Ed R., kept the string of two run innings going, putting the home side up for good. The home side tacked on 1 in the 7th before exploding for 4 in the 10th. Big hits were put throughout the lineup and the final run was supplied by Steve H. who blasted one of the right field wall. And Steve also dazzled with the leather snaring a rope by the Charns with the bases loaded. The final score of 15-7 doesn't accurately reflect the tension of the game.

LARGELY MISTAKEN HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 10/28/23-10/29/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
70A	**Saturday**	**16**	**KPP5**	**Weather that could've been mistaken for a June Day**	**DougK vs STEVE F/LEE**	11-5	Lee
70B	**Saturday**	**20**	**KPP3**	**Ditto**	**Scott* vs Ralph**	14-11	Bruce /Bob

71	Sunday	19	A-wood	Weather that could've been mistaken for Seattle	His Johner vs Andy*	11-8	Lee / Bruce
		Net Weekend Turnout 55-9=46 **44% OF TOTAL MEMBER SHIP**		**PPG** **$25/71 = $0.35 PPG which is 90 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 65 cents the "real men does not" complain line.**	**2023 Paid up members** **104** **Welcome newest player Marc Pfeffer.**	**Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 145* (New Record)**	

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Game 70A Saturday KPP 5, 10.22.23 From notes by Lee

HICKORY IS MISTAKEN FOR HARMON KILLIBREW AS HE BLASTS 4 HITS, INCLUDING A 2 RUN HOMER

LEE IS MISTAKEN FOR ZOILO VERSAILLES AS HE THROWS OUT 2 RUNNERS AT THE PLATE FOM SS

VINNY IS MISTAKEN FOR ROBERTO CLEMENTE AS HE MAKES MULTIPLE VERY FINE PLAYS IN RF

STEVE F IS MISTAKEN FOR CLAYTON KERSHAW BY MANY, DUE TO HIS IMPRESSIVE MOUND PERFORMANCE.

Game 70B Saturday KPP 3, 10.22.23

SCOTT SMITH'S FINE MOUND AND FINE HITTING PERFORMANCE GETS HIM MISTAKEN FOR WARREN SPAHN

PLAYERS MISTAKE RALPH, FOR SHOHEI OHTANI AFTER HE NOT ONLY PITCHES MASTERFULLY BUT ALSO HITS FOR THE TRI-CYCLE - (A SINGLE, DOUBLE AND TRIPLE.)

DOC EDWARD'S HEART POUNDING, SLIDING GRAB OF A POTENTIAL EXTRA BASER HAD PEOPLE MISTAKING HIM FOR JIM EDMONDS.

JEFF GETS MISTAKEN FOR ICHIRO SUZUKI AFTER HIS BEAUTIFUL HIT TO THE OPPOSITE FIELD IN THE FACE OF DARES AND TAUNTS.

STEVE HERSHORN'S MONSTER DOUBLE TO RIGHT CAUSES PLAYERS TO MISTAKE HIM FOR BOOG POWELL.

ROOKIE MIKE'S BULLET THROW FROM RIGHT FIELD TO GARY Z AT 1B, WHO FIRES HOME TO SNAG A

RUNNER TRYING TO SCORE, HAVE PLAYERS MISTAKING THEM FOR ROCKY COLAVITO AND NORM CASH.

LEDER'S 3 HITS PLUS A SAC, INCLUDING A DOUBLE HAVE FANS MISTAKING HIM FOR KEVIN MAAS OR MAYBE ROGER REPOZ OR MAYBE SHANE SPENCER. HIS PART IN 2 DEFENSIVE DP'S HAD PEOPLE MISTAKING THINK THAT THEY HAD SEEN A LUIS APARICIO APPARITION.

HUGH'S TRIPLE AND SPEED SHOWN AROUND THE BASES HAD PEOPLE MISTAKING HIM FOR VADA PINSON.

NICK'S SOLID GEHRIG-ESQUE, 2 BASE LICK DOWN THE LINE, IN HIS SLEEVELESS JERSEY, LED PEOPLE TO MISTAKENLY THINK THAT HE WAS TED KLUZEWSKI.

BRIAN STAR'S HIT MADE PEOPLE MISTAKENLY THINK THAT NAP LAJOIE HAD MISTAKENLY COME BACK TO LIFE.

BRUCE'S HIT OVER 3B CAUSED A STIR, AS IT MISTAKENLY CONVINCED THE CROWD THAT TONY GWYNN HAD COME BACK TO LIFE.

DR MARTY'S BASE HIT WAS SUCH THAT IT CAUSED INDIVIDUALS TO MISTAKENLY BELIEVE THAT JOHNNY MIZE HAD BEEN REINCARNATED AS A RIGHTY.

GARY "W" MADE PLAYERS MISTAKENLY BELIEVE THAT PIE TRAYNOR HAD BEEN REBORN AND PLACED INTO GARY'S BODY, AFTER SEEING HIS HITTING AND FIELDING PROWESS.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL HAVING EVERYONE MISTAKENLY THINK, I THINK, THAT THEY WERE IN HEAVEN.

Game 71 Sunday 10.229.23 by Bruce and Lee

Just the facts:
Day: Sunday October 29th, 2023
Time 8:00-10:00am
Location: Allenwood red clay field.
Participants: 18 GN regulars + an Admiral's guest.
Sides makers: Bruce + Lee
Managers: Bruce (W)
Lee(L)
Equipment Manager: Bruce
Umpiring: 8:00-9:20 Bobby W (non-playing role)
9:20-10:00 Regular Players
Pitchers: Andy P (W)
Judge (L)
Innings: 11
Score: 11-8

Now the rest of the story:
On a dark and dreary Sunday morning, 18 intrepid GN players and 1 guest, met to play the game that all love. They were nay sayers, "maybe we should cancel", " It looks like rain", "The field will be unplayable", did not stop the game from being played.

Winning team:	Hits:	Highlights:
Jon P.	3.	Great base running & fielding
Marc P.	2.	Great fielding & Pete Carroll Looks.
Ed I.	3.	Gunned down many batters and added to double plays.

Mario	5.	Both Bat & Glove were outstanding.
Gary Ch.	4.	Extra effort as always. Slide home under the tag.
Andy P.	5.	Line drives and arc pitches extraordinaire.
Juan.	3.	Played a great 2nd base, good umpire and ok bat.
Steve H.	1.	Played 1st base like a champ.
Bruce.	3.	Caught hard hit line drive in SCF.

TO BE CONTINUED BY LEE

LEDER'S 2 RUN HOOMER, 2 RUN DOOBER, AND R-BOOB-I SINGLE, MADE PLAYERS MISTAKENLY BELIEVE THAT BOOB ROOTH, ON STEROIDS HAD BEEN REINCARNATED AND HAD JOINED GREAT NECK SOFTBALL.

PETE I BOOMED A TRIPLE WHICH MADE EVERYONE MISTAKENLY THINK THAT A NEW 20 YEAR OLD HAD JOINED OUR GAME.

ADMIRAL VETERAN ROOKIE TONY M THREW OUT 3 RUNNERS AT 2B FROM SCF AND SMASHED A HIT IN HIS DEBUT AB MAKING EVERYONE MISTAKENLY THINK THAT A MAJOR LEAGUER HAD JOINED OUR RANKS.

THERE WERE 3 DP'S
ROB TO LEE TO ZEE 4-6-3 WHICH LED MANY TO MISTAKENLY THINK THAT TINKERS, EVERS AND CHANCE HAD BEEN BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE.

GARY W TO LEE TO ZEE WHICH LED MANY TO MISTAKENLY THINK THAT MAZEROSKI, GROAT AND STUART HAD BEEN BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE.

A LEE UNASSISTED TO Z WHICH LED MANY TO MISTAKENLY THINK THAT THE SCOOTER AND MOOSE HAD BEEN BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE.

BARRY MADE 2 VERY FINE RUNNING PLAYS WHICH LED MANY TO MISTAKENLY THINK THAT THEY WERE SEEING JOE RUDI.

ROB W MADE A GOLDEN GLOVE STAB AT 2B TO START A DP WHICH LED MANY TO MISTAKENLY THINK THAT THEY WERE SEEING ROBERTO ALOMAR,

MARIO ROCKS A CLUTCH RBI EARNING THE NAME MR. ROCKTOBER AS MANY MISTAKENLY THINK HE'S REGGIE- MR OCTOBER.

GARY W FOUND THE ABILITY TO SHOOT TO THE OPPOSITE FIELD AND PLAYED A SUBLIME 3B WHICH LED MANY TO THINK THAT THEY WERE SEEING DAVID WRIGHT BUT THEY WERE WRONG.

DECENT WEATHER FOR NEXT WEEKEND IS EXPECTED AND THAT'S NO MISTAKE. SIGN UP NOW WHILE THE SUPPLY LASTS.

GAR

Softball nation,
Perhaps I didn't mention it in my last email to you guys which tried to encourage more players to sign up for Saturday's game, but we need more players for this Saturday.
Perhaps the front I chose was too small to read.
Perhaps the front I chose was indecipherable.

Perhaps the grammar I used was so bad that players thought I wanted them to stay away.
Perhaps it wasn't loud enough.
Perhaps I accidentally wrote it in a foreign language.
Perhaps I chose white as the font color by mistake.
Perhaps you weren't able to get anyone to read the email to you.
Perhaps you've been distracted by the great debate as to whether to ban pickleball paddles that are the same color as the balls.
Perhaps your calendar did not alert you about the order of the days of the week.

Whatever the cause, my last email produced the opposite effect of what I was hoping to achieve. So please sign up, reverse this oppo-lar effect and be part of this history making weekend. Month 146 photos will be taken in full color.
Also remember you get a full and free extra hour of sleep Saturday night, to recover in case the Saturday game proves to be too rigorous.

Gar
See everyone this weekend. Please try to get fiscally and physically ready to pay your 2024 dues. Stretch those wallets baby. There could be an increase.

HAPPY HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 11/4/23-11/5/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
72A/B Mix	**Saturday**	**26**	**KPP5**	**Windless and mild made us all winners with smiles**	**Leder vs STEVE F*/LEE**	CLOUD **9** **TO** EU-**4**-IC	Lee
73	**Sunday**	**24**	**A-wood**	SUNNY WEATHER WITH SUNNY DISPOSITIONS	**His Johner* vs Andy***	**10-10**	Lee / Bruce

		Net Weekend Turnout 50-11=39 **38% OF TOTAL MEMBER SHIP**		**PPG** **$25/73 = $0.34 PPG which is 91 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 66 cents the "<u>real men-does-not</u>" complain line.**	**2023 Paid up members** **104**	**Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 146* (New Record)**	

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HERE ARE THE HIGH POINTS:

CONSECUTIVE MONTH OF OUTDOOR SOFTBALL PLAY 146 IS NOW ETCHED INTO HISTORY. KUDOS TO ALL THE TOUGHIANS THAT MADE IT HAPPY-EN.

LEDER IS THE LEADER IN PAYING THE 2024 GNSB DUES. HE IS THE FIRST PAY-UPPER AND IS NAMED WARDEN OF THE NEWLY SET UP GNSB DEBTORS PRISON. AND HE'S GOT PLANS! SO BE VERY AFRAID. 28 OUT OF THE 104 CURRENT MEMBERS HAVE PAID THE 2024 DUES WITHIN THE IST WEEKEND OF COLLECTION. THANKS GUYS BUT THAT LEAVES 76

ELIGIBLE FOR INCARCERATION. WE HAVE ROOM FOR 77 TORTURE CHAMBERS. HARSH BUT NECESSARY.

Game 72A/B Saturday KPP 5, 11.4.23

26 GLAD-IATORS FOUND THEMSELVES IN 7TH HEAVEN ON THIS ABSOLUTELY BEATIFIC DAY

HUGH MADE HIS TEAMMATES HUGH-PHORIC AS HE BLASTS 3 HITS.

TEAMMATES WERE OVER THE MOON WHEN BRYAN B HIT ONE OVER THE MOON AND STAR IN LEFT FOR A MOONSTER DOUBLE.

TEAMMATES WERE UBERLY EXUBERANT WHEN MATT R RAPT A 3 RUN HOMER TO RF TO PUT TO GIVE THEM A COMFORTABLE LEAD.

BUT TODAY'S EXULTANT OF SWAT WAS MIKE "SULLY" WHO DOUBLED AND HOMERED WITH 2 MASSIVE BLOWS.

VINNY HAD A BALL AS HE HAD A BALL GO PAST OUTFIELDERS FOR A TRIPLE.

NICK DIDN'T JUST NICK THE BALL, HE SMASHED IT FOR A DOUBLE, WHICH MADE HIS TEAMMATES HAPPY AS CLAMS AS HE HELPED MAKE THEM TODAY'S CLAMP-IONS.

THE HAPPY-GO-LUCKY LEDER NEEDED NO LUCK, AND USED ALL SKILL TO BURST THE BUBBLE OF OPPONENTS WITH HIS SINGLE AND DOUBLE, TO ADD TO HIS ALREADY IMPRESSIVE EXTATISTICS.

JON Z, JON P, JON S, STEVE H, GORDO, AND LEE CAN BE FOUND IN THE TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR TODAY'S GAME UNDER NICE HITS.

ED H MADE 2 FINE RUNNING PLAYS IN CF TO EARN GRINS FROM TEAMMATES TO THE CHAGRIN OF NON-TEAMMATES

IT WAS A HAPPY MIRTH DAY FOR SNOOP, GARY W AND JACK WHO TURNED A BEAUTIFUL 6-2-5 DP WITH THE BASES LOADED.
STEVE F, LEE, AND STEVE H WERE HAPPY TOGETHER PERFORMING A 1-6-3 DP ON FELLOW TURTLES.

IT WAS NO LARK THAT STEVE FEINSTEIN'S COMMAND ON THE MOUND WAS VERY CO-MOUND-ITORY, AS HE ONLY ALLOWS 4 RUNS IN HIS 9 INNINGS TO MAKE HIS COMPADRES HAPPY AS LARKS.

Game 73 Sunday 11.5.23

BOTH TEAMS SUBMITTED THEIR 10 RUNS TO A PUNNING CONTEST THINKING THEY'D WIN, BUT A CLEAR WIN WAS UN-10-ABLE.

10-10 WINS NY

THUS BOTH PITCHERS END UP CONTENTED COWS.

THERE MIGHT BE NO JOY IN MUDVILLE BUT THERE WAS PLENTY OF IT IN ALLENWOOD AS BOTH TEAMS WALKED AWAY BEING HAPPY WINNERS. IT WAS A REAL LAUGHER IN THE NON-TRADITIONAL SENSE. ACTUALLY IT WAS THE OPPOSITE.

LOTS OF HAPPINESS AROSE OVER PETER'S (AKA LAWRENCE PETER BERRA) CATCHER SHOW. HE GEMMED 3X BEHIND

THE PLATE. ONE WAS A SENSATIONAL OVER THE SHOULDER SNAG OF A POP UP. BUT THEN HE GUNNED DOWN 2 HAPLESS RUNNERS AT 1B WITH HEAT SEEKING MISSILE-ESQUE THROWS, AFTER GRABBING DIRT SPINNERS BETWEEN THE PLATE AND 1B, DESPITE TEAMMATES ILL-ADVISING HIM TO "LET IT GO." LIKE THE BEATLES SANG, "HAPPINESS IS WARM GUN."

MARC PFIEFFER HAD HIS TEAM SINGING BS&T'S "YOU'VE MADE ME SO VERY HAPPY," AS HE HITS THE BALL A COUNTRY SMILE TWICE, ONE FOR A TRIPLE, THE OTHER FOR A VERY SPEEDY ROUND TRIPPER.

STEVE FEINSTEIN'S TEAMMATES WERE GIDDY OVER HIS 3 HITS DAY.

BRYAN BLACK OBLIGED JUDY GARLAND'S PLEA FOR EVERYONE TO GET HAPPY

WITH HIS SCINTILLATING RUNNING GRAB OF A LINE DRIVE AT SS.

MARIO (WITH A TRIPLE AND 2 RBI AND OTHER HARD HIT BALLS), ANDY, GARY CH, LEE, KENNY, AND NICK, DEFIED JIMMY DURANTE'S PLEA TO MAKE JUST ONE SOMEONE HAPPY AS THEY MADE THEIR WHOLE TEAM HAPPY WITH FINE HITTING PERFORMANCES AND MULTI-HIT, MULTI-RBI GAMES.

THE HOME TEAM TRAILED MOST OF THE GAME BUT MATT R MADE IT A HAPPY TRAIL AS HE BLASTED A FINAL INNING GAME TYING HIT.

HAPPY TRAILS TO EVERYONE UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN NEXT WEEKEND WHEN HAPPY DAYS WILL BE HERE AGAIN

2023 Game	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
74A/B Mix	Saturday	25	KPP5	Low windage and mild made for high smileage	Leder / Steve F*	8-7	Bruce w/
75	Sunday	15, THEN 16	A-wood	Cool enough to cause shrinkage, but warm enough not to totally discourage play	Plata* vs Z*	17-14	Lee / Bruce
		Net Weekend		PPG	2023 Paid up	Con-sec-	

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Game 74A/B Saturday KPP 5, 11.11.23 Veteran's Day by GNSB's 98th youngest player.

IN THE VILLAGE OF KINGS POINT, A SCRIMMAGE FOR THE AGES GIVES MUCH SMILE-AGE TO AN ASSEMBLAGE OF 25, AMIDST BEAUTIFUL FALL FOLIAGE!

HERE'S THE COVERAGE:

A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF RUNS EXISTS FOR THE FIRST 6 INNINGS ON THE GNSB STAGE. THANKS TO OUTRAGEOUS PITCHING PERFORMANCES BY RALPH, LEDER AND STEVE F, AS THEY PUT HITTER AFTER HITTER IN BONDAGE, TYING THEM UP WITH BOTH FAST BALLS AND GARBAGE PITCHES, ALLOWING FOR VERY INFREQUENT PASSAGE TO HOME PLATE.
BUT THEN A SAVAGE WAR BEGAN TO BE WAGED.

DR. ED DEFIED HIS HIPPOCRATIC OATH AND ONCE AGAIN DID HARM… TO THE VISITING SQUAD. HE RAVAGED THEIR HOPES BY SMASHING A PUMPKIN THROUGH THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE INFIELD, WITH RUNNERS ON 1ST AND 2ND, IN THE BOTTOM OF THE 13TH, SCORING BRYAN BLACK, WHO MADE A MAGNIFICENT SLIDE INTO THE PLATE, JUST UNDER THE CATCHERS TAG, TO WIN THE GAME. IT WAS A CONTROVERSIAL PLAY, WHICH SOME CALLED A GROSS MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE. IT WAS A WALK-

OFF BASE HIT FROM DR ED. YOU NEVER SAUSAGE A FINISH.

THERE WAS A BARRAGE OF HITS BY:

- STEVE FEINSTEIN, WHO HELPING HIS OWN CAUSE, PILLAGED AND PLUNDERED THE OPPOSITION WITH3 HITS AND 5 RBI.
- WE MUST ALSO PAY HOMAGE TO RICH LUZARDO WHO HAD A MULTI-HIT GAME INCLUDING A MONSTER TRIPLE THAT CARRIED MAJOR TONNAGE.
- STEVE M, WHO DID MAJOR DAMAGE WITH 3 HITS AND A WALK TO DRIVE IN 3 RUNS.
- MIKE "SULLY' WHO WENT ON A HITTING RAMPAGE WITH THE HEAVY POUNDAGE OF 2 HITS RESULTING IN SEVERAL RUNS
- JON SPIEL WHO HAD 2 HITS VOYAGE INTO AND LAND SAFELY INTO THE KPP5 PASTUREAGE TO DRIVE IN RUNS.
- BRIAN STAR WHO SUPPLIED A HEAVY DOSAGE OF 3 HITS FOR HIS TEAM.
- RALPH WHO CAUSED MAJOR WRECKAGE TO THE OPPOSITION BY HITTING THE BALL HARD EVERY TIME UP TO COLLECT A COUPLE OF HITS AT LEAST.

- NICE HITS WERE ALSO BEGOTTEN BY THE AGELESS FLASH PAISNER, THE CAGEY JUAN PLATA, STEVE H THE SAGE, LEDER THE UBER VERBI-AGE-D COMPOST-AGER, THE UNAGE-ING AND ENGAGE-ING HUGH,THE PERPETUALLY ENRAGED AND OUTRAGED, GORDO AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, VETERAN PETE, THE COURAGEOUS. (THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE).

DEFENSIVELY:

- **MIKE "SULLY" SABOTAGED THE OPPOSITION'S BID FOR RUNS WITH AN INCREDULOUS DIVING CATCH OF A BALL IN LCF.**
- **STEVE FEINSTEIN, WHILE OVERSEEING THE ACREAGE AT 3B MADE A MAGNIFICENT PLAY IN WHICH HE THREW THE RUNNER OUT AT 1B FROM HIS KNEES.**
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- **JACK STOPPED THE HEMORRHAGE-ING OF RUNS WITH HIS RUNNING GEM IN RF AGAINST VERY TOUGH SUN GLARE**

- **HOWEVER THE PLAY OF HE GAME IS AWARDED TO JUAN PLATA, WHO CAUSED A MAJOR BLOCKAGE IN HIS OPONIES' RUN CIRCULATION, WITH AN UNBELIEVABLE SNAG OF A MISSILE TO SCF, THAT HE CONVERTED TO A DP WITH A LASER THROW TO 2B.**

SPECIAL KUDOS TO SIDE-MAKERS BRUCE AND BOB FOR BEING ABLE TO MANAGE UNDER A CHALLENGING SITUATION AND TO MAKE SUCH FAIR SIDES.

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Game 75 Sunday Allenwood 11.12.23 by FUTURE PARK COMMISSIONER GORDO - DON'T FORGET TO VOTE.

Sunday the 12th of November saw a spirited group of 15 hit the well groomed stylings of Allenwood Park. That there were only 15 in no way diminished the fun. However, it must be stated that there were 27 signed up to play on Saturday

for Sunday's game. That 12 people chickened out because instead of it being 41 degrees at game time, as it was on Saturday when 25 showed up, it was 39 is nothing short of an embarrassment. So Sunday morning's game boils down to 15 people carried on heroically, 12 people disgraced themselves. And now on to the details of the contest. *(Commisioner's Note: Not everyone who bailed, did so because of the weather.*)

The home side saw the Juanderful Juan on the hill against the contentious irascible styling of the Z meister. The visitors got out of the gates in a hurry, plating five with consistent hitting from top to bottom. Gary W., Herr Lederhosen, Might Matt, Spielage, Nicky Spillane, man from Planet Z, Cousin Brucie all pounded hide with prejudice. And after half an inning, it was 5-0. The homeside plated a deuce but it would have been significantly more if the aforementioned J Spiel and Cousin Brucie hadn't shown incredible defensive prowess.

The visitors went quietly in the top of the second and things turned around when Mario cleared the bases with a monster three run triple. Both sides continued blasting the ball but no shot went further than Matt's bomb to left center. It was nip and tuck through the next five innings until WUrtzel went Wild with a moonship to left. And the rest of the homies also contributed; Charns, Gordo, Barry, Steve H., and Bob strung some hits together and then the day's calamity unfolded. Wurtz hit a bloop that Bruce fielded on a bounce with his left hand while tagging out the runner with his gloved right hand. Bobby, the veteran umpire saw it and called it properly but it was ruled that it was close enough for government work and the 5 run rally ended shrouded in controversy. But all controversy came to an end when Weinstock said enough

and blasted a critical two run triple to put the visitors up by 3. The beleaguered homies could nary muster a reply and the final score stood 17-14-0 17 for the visitors, 14 for the home side, and zero for the couch potatoes. If you sign up, show up. Have a nice week.
GC

Don't forget about Hugh's upcoming gig at Finn Macools

Please watch for any Fall/ Winter start time info.
GL

HIGHLIGHTS WITH CUTOUTS

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76A	Saturday	16	KPP5	Weather beautifully cutout to play softball	Leder / Steve F* vs Ralph	10-8	Lee
76B	Saturday	18 (19-1 AWOL)	KPP3	Ditto	Leder* Vs Eric the Natural Knight	17-12	Bruce w/ Bobby's nod
77	Sunday	23 with 2 early cutouts	A-wood	Cool but definitely cutout for playing ball	Eric the Cardinal* vs his Johner	19-9	Bruce w/ Bobby's nod

		Net Weekend Turnout 57-19=38 **37% OF TOTAL MEMBER SHIP**		**PPG** **$25/77 = $0.32 PPG which is 93 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 68 cents the "<u>real men-does-not</u>" complain line.**	**2023 Paid up members** **104** MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far **62**	**Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 146* (New Record)**	

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Game 76A Saturday KPP 5, 11.18.23 by Lee

Game got off to a slow start with some shoddy D. The Ralph's took and early 4-1 lead by a booming double by Ralph over RF head. On the day Ralph had 3 hits and 3 RBIs. The Dave's tied it up lead by a booming triple by Rich L. The Ralph's to the lead for good with back to back triples by Lee and John L. Defensive highlights by Bryan B with a barehand

grab off a bounce to turn a force out at 2nd. Sliding grab in OF by John L and spectacular diving play in the last inning by Mike Suly at 2nd base after ball was tipped off pitchers glove. Final score Ralph's 10- Dave's 8. Both pitchers went the distance and pitched well.

Game 76B Saturday KPP 3, 11.18.23 by GNSB's 98th youngest player.

Please go to the link below.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwBE67-U5UM

Game 77 Sunday Allenwood, 11.19.23 by GNSB's 98th youngest player.

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78A/B	Thursday	22	KPP5	Thanksgiving-esque	Bengal DougK* vs. Eric the U.	11-6	Lee with Bobby's nod

79A/B	**Friday**	**20**	**KPP3**	**Black Friday-esque**	**Luis* vs DougK**	**16-14**	Lee with Bobby's nod
	Saturday	**Canceled Cold temps, frozen field**					
80	**Sunday**	**23**	**A-wood**	**November-ry**	**Eric the Uni-que vs His Johner***	**9-8**	Bruce w/ Bobby's nod
		Net Weekend Turnout 65-26=39 **38% OF TOTAL MEMBER SHIP**		**PPG** **$25/80 = $0.31 PPG which is 94 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 69 cents the "real men-does-not" complain line.**	**2023 Paid up members** **104** MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far **67**	**Con-sec-utive outdo or mont hs playe d: 146* (New Recor d)**	

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Game 78 A/B Thursday KPP 5, 11.23.23(Thanksgiving) by Future GNPD Park Commissioner Gordon

A perfect day greeted the intrepid warblers of the diamond to the friendly confines of Kings Point Park. The two sides were capably represented by the Bengal Doug vs. Eric the U.

In the top of the first, the happy stylings were set in motion by Rich L., who drove in a pair with a double. His hitting prowess continued in his next at bat when he drove one deep for a solo four bagger. The home side led by the color of Pais and Jon's S&L followed by big Lou stretched together sticks in four of the first five innings. But their efforts to get more than one at a time across was thwarted by the slick fielding of Fran who stopped everything short of the planes flying to Laguardia. His thievery was most emphatic when he dove to his left to stop a smash destined for the fields.

Rich L., continued his one man band as he drove in a pair with a solid single to right. Steve F. joined the fray with a triple deep into the farthest confines. When Gordon, Doug with a double, Gary W., Ed and Z all drove in runs it became apparent that the goose was cooked for the U's. Even Lou's blast was not enough to stem the tide. Final Score Bengalis 11 - U's 6.

Game 79 A/B Friday (Black Friday) KPP 5, 11.18.24 by Future GNPD Park Commissioner Gordon

Friday's game was actually a tale of two. The first six innings saw a defensive struggle between Lou's Blues and The Bengali Kid looking for back to back victories. For the first half of the game, both pitchers and defenses were stingy. Among the plays of the day was Nick's snarling a wicked line drive. But the most incredible feat was performed by Matt who somehow managed to extricate a ball stuck in the vines at the top of a tree. His effort resulted in his landing on the ground but not before the befuddled pill went back to the pitcher.

In the bottom of the fifth, Lee drove in a run only to be answered by Hugh's sac fly. In the bottom of the seventh however, the bats caught up. Rich, Matt, Doug and Steve F., all stroked with alacrity and the home side went ahead by five. With the way the game was going, it looked like that would be enough. But it wasn't. Not even close.

In the top of the ninth, Barry found his hitting shoes and drove a triple to right. Inspired, Lou and Leder hit a double and triple and it was game on. In the tenth, Lou and Jon Spiel (didn't there used to be a brother?) slashed and burned and the score was tied.. Rich L. helped put the Koch Tigers ahead by one but now the visitors started gobbling like Wild Turkeys, scoring 6 in the 12th and 4 more in the 13th. Leder and company including Z, Bobby, Ed, and Vinny all set the Thanksgiving table.

Down by 8 going into the final at bat, the home side responded heroically. John V got it going followed by the Fine stein, Nickers and Juanito and when the Pais got on, the home side had the tying run at the plate. But alas, that is where it stayed and Black Friday went into the books, Lou's legends 16 - Bengal Tiger 14.

Game 80 (Regular Sunday)Sunday, Allenwood, 11.18.26 by Future GNPD Park Commissioner Gordon

Saturday greeted the valiant 20 with perfect conditions. However, the commissioner's office checked the weather at 1:30 a.m. and cancelled the game on account of darkness. Close enough for government work.

Commissioner's Note: *I wasn't up at 1:30a.m. Those numbers don't even appear on my clock. Besides I only listen to FM.*

The final day of the Thanksgiving weekend saw a shift in venue to Allenwood Park. The field was in superb condition and the weather was worse than Saturday which is why the game wasn't cancelled. Undaunted by the head scratching antics of the powers that be, the courageous and fearless Bruce called "play ball" and away we went.

The home side had the stylings of the Huntsmen on the hill slinging the arrows. Against him was the unstoppable stylings of the great Eric the U.

The visitors scored right away when Zig scooted home from second on a deep fly to left center. Quiet again ruled the early innings and it wasn't until the fourth that the visitors plated some more. Ed and Eric, helping his own cause, both drove in a run each. Down by three, the home side got their feet moving. The big play was the lightning feet of the Pais man who just beat out an infield chop with two out. Hits by Gordon, Kono, Feinstein and Bryan followed and the score was deadlocked.

Jack knocked in a run with a fielder's choice but Paisner's quick feet struck again. A triple followed by a Gordon single and it was tied yet again. The visitors took exception and took matters into their own hands. First an embarrassing single by Barry followed by Rich L. single set the stage for the Ledermeister to go yard and put the visitors up by three. When Ed tacked on a rbi fielder's choice, it looked like it was game set and match. But the unlikeliest of heroes emerged. With two on and down by four, Z smashed an opposite field double which drove in two. Not to be out done the hunted became the Hunter and all of a sudden it was a one run game. Enter Mr. Paisner aka the sandman. His smash plated the tying run and it was to a final inning we went.

The visitors were stymied by the inspired home side and then came the heroics of the bottom of the 12th. Steve F., led off with a rope down the left field line for a double. Bryan hit a moonshot that allowed Steve to tag and that brought the Charns to the plate. First time is a charm as he hit a difficult bouncer to the first baseman. Steve H.'s throw was a hair late as F. snuck in for the deciding run.

A great weekend of fun for all that participated. And a special shoutout to all the Ironmen who played in every game. Of course, with the postponement, many will question whether or not it should count as an Ironman weekend. But what does it matter? If you expect a cup, consider this, so did I from 4 years ago when I played in all four games.

Commissioner's Note: It is clearly stated that a player must be present for the photo in order to be in the photo

Vote for Gordon for Park Commissioner! December 12th. Say no to 15 million dollars of new taxes to pay for whatever the Commissioners decide.

Thank you to Gordon for writing these marvelous highlights. You should run for Park Commissioner.

PS Photos of the 3/4 Iron Men are attached.

ELECTION EVE HIGHLIGHTS
The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 12/9/23-12/10/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
81A/B	Saturday	23	KPP5	Decidedly Decent December weather	DougK* vs.Leder*	13-13	Lee with Bob's nod
82	Sunday	21	Allenwood	Ditto	Luis/Steve F* vs His Johner	15-8	Bruce and Bobby
		Net Weekend Turnout 44-10=34 33% OF TOTAL MEMBER SHIP		PPG $25/82 = $0.30 PPG which is 95 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 70 cents the "real men-does-not" complain line.	2023 Paid up members 104 MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far 75	Con-sec-utive outdoo r months played: 147* (New Record)	

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OUR 147th CONSECUTIVE MONTH OF OUTDOOR PLAY IS ACHIEVED!

NON-PHOTO IS NOT ATTACHED

Game 81A/B Saturday KPP 5, 12.8.23 by Bruce

- SATURDAY HEADLINES:
- TRUMPETS SOUND THE TRIUMPHANT RETURN OF RICH CONNORS AND MIKE SPIEL.
- WHO BOTH DISPLAY BATTING PROWESS AND FIELD SENSE.

  CROWD GOES WILD FOR THE HITTING AND FIELDING OF MVP ED R.
-
- STUNNING RESULTS FROM LEE T., SIDESMAKER EXTRAORDINAIRE WITH A NOD TO BOBBY W.
-
- WINNING PITCHERS DOUG K AND MARK L. 13 TO 13 TIE IN 12 INNINGS.
- WEB GEMS:
- GARY W. TAGGING OUT A RUNNER AT HOME.
- DOUG K. THROWING OUT A RUNNER AT FIRST BASE WHILE LAYING ON HIS BACK.
- STEVE H. SCOOPING OUT A THROW INTHE DIRT TO GET THE RUNNER.
- MASSIVE SHOTS BY:
  BRYAN B.
  HUGH C.
  SETH S.
  LEE T.
  MARK L.
  PLUS A BUNCH OF OTHER SPECIAL HITS AND PLAYS THAT I CAN'T REMEMBER

  Added highlights from Saturday. Spiel brothers combine for 9 hits. Ed R was the hero with 2 terrific catches in

RCF and multiple line drive hits, including a bomb over the LF's head. Bobby tied a major league record by recording an out at every base.

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Game 82 Sunday, Allenwood, 12.10.26 by Future GNPD Park Commissioner Gordon. He should have been elected but was done wrong. Hopefully next time though.

Clear thinking at the helm by Captain Bruce and Ensign Widawsky saw a last minute change of time to combat the winds of change that were due to descend on Allenwood park on Sunday. The heads up crew (all except for 2 whose claims of never getting the message fell on deaf ears), tack and come about to the field a half hour early. And it was off to the America's cup GNSB style.

The first inning was a massive display of offensive behavior. The visitors led by Hugh, Ed R., Lou, Ed I., (re)Pete, Gary W., Steve H. and the aforementioned Captain all slashed through the impending storm clouds to put up 4 in the top of the frame. Bloodied but unbowed, the home side came back with a four spot of their own. Gordon, John Spiel (the spiel who actually shows up) Rich L., Mario, Jack, Herr Lederhosen, Charns, Juan, Z, Hunt and the Ensign all brought their swords to battle and the pirates had evened the count. It was Leder's three run triple that did the most damage but Gary Ch. continued his hot hitting with an rbi as well.

The visitors scratched three runs across and the game was getting quite intense. Then Zig and Feinmiester showed up. And in a display of gutlessness that even Gordon was disgusted by, Steve F., (un?)intentionally walked Rich L. to fill the basses for Mario. One rope later and the home side was nearly level. Mighty Lou changed it with a big swat to drive in a run and restore some depth to the charger. And in the top of the7th, the swashbuckling stylings of Gary W. reared their ugly heads as he drilled a double to left field.

A few more runs transpired over the next few innings only to get washed away when the rain finally appeared in earnest and wiped out that part of the scoreboard.

Mid-December HIGHLIGHTS
The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 12/16/23-12/17/23

2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
83A/B	Saturday	24	KPP5	Sun-Drenched 52 degrees	Ralph* vs. His Johner	16-10	Lee and Bruce
84	Sunday	24	Allenwood	Cloudy 52 degrees	Eric the Uniform* vs His Johner	10-9	Bruce and Bobby
		Net Weekend Turnout 48-16=32 31% OF 2023 TOTAL MEMBER SHIP		PPG $25/84 = $0.30 PPG which is 95 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 70 cents the "real men-does-not" complain line.	2023 Paid up members 104 MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far 77	Con-sec-utive outdoo r months played: 147* (New Record)	

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Game 83A/B Saturday KPP 5, 12.16.23 by Lee

Saturday 12/16 Highlights

-beautiful weather and field conditions
-sidemakers Bruce/Lee/Bobby
-WP Ralph
-LP Judge
Defensive gems

Mike Su robs sure extra base hit in LF
Z snags liner at 1B
Lee grabs pop up in short left field
Lee unassisted DP
Eric T-Jon Sp-Z nice around the horn DP.
Hugh and Ed R solid in OF turning bombs 💣 into outs.
Rich L solid at 2B robbing sure hits.

Hitting Stars

Steve M with long double to give Hunts early lead.
Gary W 2 hits and hard hit outs
Hugh Ed R Cliff and Jon S with multiple hit games
Ralph with game breaking double with men on
Hitting star was Mike Suly who hit for the cycle and multiple RBI's

Game 84 Sunday Allenwood, 12.17.23 by Bruce

WHILE THE WEATHER WAS THREATENING, THERE WAS NO NEED TO MODIFY OUR STARTING TIME. THE PARKS DEPARTMENT MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY TO ELECT A NEW AND IMPROVED COMMISSIONER AND DID NOT REALIZE THAT WE WOULD BE PLAYING, SO THEY DID NOT MANICURE THE FIELD.

THE SIDE MAKERS (BOBBY & BRUCE) COMBINED TO PRODUCE WHAT BOBBY CALLS "A GOOD PRODUCT". TWELVE INNINGS OF 1 RUN BALL ENDING WITH A 10 TO 9 SCORE.
THE TEAMS WERE TIED 9 TO 9 IN 11.

KUDOS TO THE PITCHERS ERIC THE UNIFORM (W) AND JOHN THE JUDGE (L) FOR PITCHING, FIELDING AND KEEPING THE GAME MOVING.
JOHN MADE AN AMAZING GRAB OF A ROCKET LINE DRIVE TO DEPRIVE ME OF A HIT. NOT TO BE OUTDONE, ERIC RETURNED THE FAVOR TO SNAG A LINE DRIVE AS WELL.

BOTH BRYAN B. & MARK L. HIT HOME RUNS.
GARY W. WENT 3 FOR 4 WITH 3 RBIS AND A TRIPLE.

THE FIELDING WAS EXTRAORDINARY:

BOBBY CAUGHT A SCREAMING LINE DRIVE IN SCF.
YOUNG JONATHAN Z. CAUGHT EVERY POP UP ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE FIELD FROM THE PITCHERS MOUNT, ALL THE WAY TO SHORT LEFT FIELD.

4 DOUBLE PLAYS:
RICH L. TO BOBBY
RICH L. TO JON Z. TO GARY Z.
RICH L. TO GARY Z.

MANY MORE HITS AND PLAYS BUT I DO NOT REMEMBER THEM.

Bruce Blattberg
Sent from my iPads

*****SEASON'S GREETINGS AND HIGHLIGHTS*****

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2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
85A/B	Saturday	20	KPP5	34 DEGREE START, 39 DEGREE FINISH, NO WIND, CLOUDY -BW	Eric the Uniform vs DougK*	13-10	Lee Bob Bruce
86	Sunday	22	Allenwood	Cloudy In the 40's degrees	Luis vs His Johner*	10-8	Bruce and Bobby
87	Monday/ Christ-mas	20	KPP5	Cloudy In the 40's degrees	Eric the Uniform* vs His Johner	10-5	Lee Bob Bruce

		Net Weekend Turnout 62-35=27 **26% OF 2023 TOTAL MEMBER SHIP**		**PPG** **$25/87 = $0.29 PPG which is 95 cents less than buying an item at *Dollar Tree* And 70 cents the "real men-does-not" complain line.**	**2023 Paid up members** **104** MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far **77**	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 147* (New Record)	

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Game 85A/B Saturday KPP 5, 12.23.23 by Gordon, the man who was robbed of the GN Park Commissionership due to unscrupulous shenanigans

With the Winter Solstice behind them, the intrepid diamoneers descended on the winter tundra of Kings Point Park's field #5. The impenetrability of cleat to earth brought back memories of winter classics from another era. It was the Ice Bowl II.

Braving the hill for the visitors was Bengal clad Dougie K. Representing the home side was the Mariano Clad Yankee bonvivant, Eric the U. The top of the first saw the visitors attack with a vengeance. Tough AB's from Hugh, Brian,

Rich C, and Frau Lederhause allowed Big Bryan Black (Triple B) and the only Spiel with courage to drive in the opening pair. The Bengali kid set the home side down tamely and when the visitors reemerged, their venom was still juiced. Juan ripped a two bagger down the left field line and Cousin Brucie drove him in with a smash to the right side. And after a quiet bottom of the second, the Begali helped his own cause with a vicious double, one of his many hits on the day.

Down by four, the home side got their act together. Gordon and Rich L., both doubled and then Barry went the other way and it was 4-3. Only an incredible defensive play by Spiderman Spiel kept the floodgates from opening. Play settled down and goose eggs ensued until Rich L. roped a triple to tie the score. On the following play, with two outs, Barry hit a soft ground ball that he beat out through grit and determination and Rich scored to give the home side the lead. Oh no wait. Mr. Softball got caught napping and didn't move a muscle. Instead of scoring from third, Rich watched the geese fly south and the score remained tied. It would have been their first lead of the game but instead they never took the lead for the entire game. The visitors went Bengal wild and plated first one on a Spiel single, then two when Bryan and Connors lashed and crashed and then five more when Doug K., made an incredible dash for the plate and slid into home just ahead of the tag. This show of team commitment which the other side failed to demonstrate, is the reason why the home side led by 6 going into the bottom of the last. But with two outs, Gordon, John V., Rich L,.Barry piled some hits together which set the table for the bottom third. But alas it was Dougie K.'s day and his side enjoyed the spoils of a spirited 13-10 victory.

Game 86 Sunday A-wood, 12.24.23 by Gordon, the man who was robbed of the GN Park Commissionership due to unscrupulous shenanigans

Sunday saw the diamond boys at Allenwood Park. Light rain and poor drainage made for some soggy conditions. But the fearless among us refused to be denied. The visitors were led by the oversized head or undersized cap of His Johner. Against him was the wily Knuckleballer Luis Hoyt Wilhelm Avila.

The visitors were stymied in the top of the opening frame. The home side scored a pair as Bryan continued his hot hitting driving in one before the steady hand of the venerable Rob Wurtzel drove in another. When the visitors came up, Lou was unable to contain the bottom of the order and Bruce and the Judge each drove one in. The visitors were infected with hitting zeal and they added three more in the third and the fourth to take an 8-2 lead. Rich L., John V., Eric

and Ed took umbrage with the pill and blasted hit after hit. Not to be outdone, Ch., Connors and Leder added offensiveness.

The home side tried to respond but diabolical defense stymied their efforts two innings in a row. First Dr. Ed made a sensational grab of a sinking liner that would have opened the floodgates. And not to be outdone, Leder flashed leather and made a stunning and lunging grab of a sure extra base hit to keep the home side from getting closer. That being said, the home side showed poise and promise by getting two back and then two more to cut the lead to 8-6. It seemed like the visitors were losing their edge until Eric crushed a bomb over Barry's head in left, driving in a run and then scoring on a Matt RBI.

The home side responded with a deuce when Lou and Bobby made it happen. But latecomer Ziggy just missed driving in the tying run to crush the hopes of the home side. The beleaguered homies could muster nary a response and the final was His Johner's elves 10, Lou's grinches 8.

Game 87 Monday KPP 5, 12.25.23 by Gordon the man who was robbed of the GN Park Commissionership due to unscrupulous shenanigans

Christmas day saw the diamonders return to a much improved conditions at KPP 5. His Johner, nursing a one game win streak went up against the unvictorious stylings of the Orioles, Eric the U. The visitors busted out of the gates. Lee, Gary Ch., Mike, Rich L. set the table for Barry, Dr. Ed, and Steve who each drove in a run to start the visitors with a three run lead. The visitors added a solo run in the third when Gary W., got the first of his two RBI's. But then the home side put their foot down and got three back. Leder crushed a double and Triple B topped that with a triple. When the mud had settled, the lead was cut to one. Stifling defense held the visitors in check for the next three innings and that was all the home side needed. Triple B lashed another double and the Brian became the Star when he drove in two with a superbly hit single. The two sides each put up a candle in the seventh and the count stood 7-5 in favor of the home side. The homies got a pair in the ninth when Leder drove in one with a Fielder's choice and Brian drove in a second. When Zig blasted a double down the left field line, the home side had a five run lead. More tenacious defense and tough pitching left the visitors in the lurch, unable to score for five straight frames. When it was all said and done, it was all said and done for the home side.

Congratulations to the Ironmen, whose wisdom, guts and determination continue to embarrass the Commissioner and the no show board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gordon

It was an ultimate game on the penultimate day of the year. An epic back and forth contest that ended in walk-off fashion.

Ralph and Doug had the unenviable task of pitching on a day when EVERYONE came to hit.

Ralph's home squad had a 7-0 lead through the first three. Doug's visitors started to chip away over the next five innings scoring 8 runs while Doug held the opponents scoreless.
Four runs would be scored in the bottom of the 8th and Ralph's mates would take the lead back , 11-8. Not to be undone, Doug's hitters would push across three runs to knot the score at 11 heading into the 12th. Each team scored 2 runs in the 12th, and with the 13th being the final inning, 13 was a lucky number for Ralph as he had the walk-off RBI.

There were so many batting and fielding stars yesterday, literally everyone contributed.
Here's a few of the more memorable ones:

-Rich Luzardo - scary power including a blast over right fielder's head for a triple despite the outfielders playing in another zip code. Rich also had a big unassisted DP at second.
-Johnny V's frozen ropes to left. However on one, Brian Star chased the ball down , relayed to Bryan , who threw a bullet to third for the tag out.
-Gary W, Steve Feinstein, Doc Ed, Leder being Leder , and Jack all added key hits at some point during the game. Jack added several fine fielding plays in right, including a great catch on a bomb hit by Matt Rice.
-Bryan Black , Ed H -multiple screaming line drives throughout the game. BB also must have handle at least a dozen ground balls at short.
-Bruce's glove work in short CF - at least four web gems.
-Gary Z - nice double play taking the throw at first and then firing across the diamond to third to catch the runner, ending the threat and the inning.
-Ed Ip - key hit along the way and another one taken away by Luzardo on a great play
-Connors and Rice going against the shift with oppo hits including a nice triple down the left field line for Matt. Connors also went down the LF line for a ground rule double.
-Star Man and Sully (two doubles) doing the job in the 1-2 spots with multiple hits setting things up for Bryan B and Ed H.

-Juan had a key hit/RBI and handled things behind the plate.

Great job by sides-maker Bruce, nailing it with two equal teams.

Kudos to the two GN Parks Department employees who whipped the infield and home plate area into excellent shape after several days of rain.

Game 89 Sunday KPP 5, 12.31.23 by Gordon

It was to be the final game of 2023, a year that was very good to the many participants of Great Neck weekend softball. Today's contest pitted the humble stylings of Mr. Lou vs. the gyrations and permutations of Steve the Dream Fine stein as they squared off on the familiar confines of KPP 5.

The visitors got off first as Big John H. went yard, blasting a moon shot over the left center field fence. Obviously it was just another day at the office as John decided that it wasn't worth his time to run the bases. The ever present and effervescent man about town, Cousin Brucie looked to Fred Merkle him at second base, but the beleaguered umpire rejected his appeal. The home side responded with some offensive behavior of their own, provided by Big Lou and the Charns who was put in the clean up spot and promptly delivered the mail. It would have been a big inning if not for a terrific grab in right field by the recidivist in training, Matt.

The top of the third saw the visitors strike for a pair, Rich Lazer Lazardo slashing and smashing this time. But the home side refused to demur and Mr. Ed, the Charns machine and Lou led the charge and it was tied at 5 after 3. A sac fly by Gordon briefly put the visitors up by one but the home side decided that enough was enough. First John Z., went deep and this inspired a lineup busting ensemble to muddy the batters box. Hugh, Ed I., Jack, Rob/Roy, Gary W., Steve H. and Cousin Brucie all contributed. So verklempt was Fine no more Stein, that he walked the Cousin twice in a row. A kinder manager would have removed him from the rubber earlier but this particular manager obviously left him out there to suffer the indignity. Despite the visitors plating a pair courtesy of Leder, Matt, Juan and Z., the move to bring in a new pitcher did nothing to quell the molten aluminum that kept pounding run after run for the home side. From top to bottom, the home side was merciless and when the final tabulation was read, the home side was not the Lou sers but rather they enjoyed a lopsided 17-11 victory.

KUDOS TO THE CHRISTMAS WEEKEND IRONMEN

BRUCE, BOBBY W, LEDER, STEVE H, BRYAN B, GARY Z, ED R, ERIC, GARY W, GORDON, BARRY, HUGH, RICH L, JUAN.

Please note that the ironman photo sent in my previous email contained some non-ironmen, more unscrupulous behavior. I'm no sure how this could happen in such an advanced softball society such as ours.

Happy New Years guys from our Huntington Pointe Delray Beach Offices.

One Wonderful Winterland Game of Weekend of Highlights

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 1/13/23-1/15/24

2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
	Saturday						
2	Sunday	20	KPP5	Cloudy In the 40's degrees	Ralph* vs Leder	13-11	Bruce
	Monday/ MLK Day						

		Net Weekend Turnout 20 **25% OF 2024 TOTAL PAID MEMBER SHIP**		**PPG** **$30/2 = $15.00 PPG**	MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far **80**	Con-sec-utive outdoo r months played: 148* (New Record)	

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It was an ultimate game on the penultimate day of the year. An epic back and forth contest that ended in walk-off fashion.

Ralph and Doug had the unenviable task of pitching on a day when EVERYONE came to hit.

Ralph's home squad had a 7-0 lead through the first three. Doug's visitors started to chip away over the next five innings scoring 8 runs while Doug held the opponents scoreless.
Four runs would be scored in the bottom of the 8th and Ralph's mates would take the lead back , 11-8. Not to be undone, Doug's hitters would push across three runs to knot the score at 11 heading into the 12th. Each team scored 2 runs in the 12th, and with the 13th being the final inning, 13 was a lucky number for Ralph as he had the walk-off RBI.

There were so many batting and fielding stars yesterday, literally everyone contributed.
Here's a few of the more memorable ones:

-Rich Luzardo - scary power including a blast over right fielder's head for a triple despite the outfielders playing in another zip code. Rich also had a big unassisted DP at second.
-Johnny V's frozen ropes to left. However on one, Brian Star chased the ball down , relayed to Bryan , who threw a bullet to third for the tag out.
-Gary W, Steve Feinstein, Doc Ed, Leder being Leder , and Jack all added key hits at some point during the game. Jack added several fine fielding plays in right, including a great catch on a bomb hit by Matt Rice.
-Bryan Black , Ed H -multiple screaming line drives throughout the game. BB also must have handle at least a dozen ground balls at short.
-Bruce's glove work in short CF - at least four web gems.
-Gary Z - nice double play taking the throw at first and then firing across the diamond to third to catch the runner, ending the threat and the inning.
-Ed Ip - key hit along the way and another one taken away by Luzardo on a great play
-Connors and Rice going against the shift with oppo hits including a nice triple down the left field line for Matt. Connors also went down the LF line for a ground rule double.
-Star Man and Sully (two doubles) doing the job in the 1-2 spots with multiple hits setting things up for Bryan B and Ed H.
-Juan had a key hit/RBI and handled things behind the plate.

Great job by sides-maker Bruce, nailing it with two equal teams.

Kudos to the two GN Parks Department employees who whipped the infield and home plate area into excellent shape after several days of rain.

Game 1 Monday KPP 5, 1.1.24 by Lee

Rainy skies turned sunny allowing 15 committed GN softballers to start the year on a high note.
The game epitomized GN Softball has the player sharing that is needed when you have this number of players was seamless thanks to everyone's cooperation.

Final score 13-11
WP-Ralph
LP-Leder

Close game through out. Web gems by Ed R, Rich L, Z and Leder

Hitting stars
Vinny 6 hits
Rich L, Ed R and Ed I with 5 hits
Hugh, Z with 4
Clutch hits by Nick K and Gary W to get the home team back in the game.

In the bottom of the 12th with the tying and winning runs on base with bases loaded and only one out Lee hit into a game ending double play when Vinny (who was on the batting team) caught a ground ball at 3rd, stepped on the base for one and threw home to Seth Cohen who tagged Leder with the final out of the game.

Sidemaker-Lee

A big thank you to:
The organizers and side makers Bruce and Lee for making this 3 day New Year's Weekend happen, despite difficult weather circumstances and poor field conditions.

The three highlight writers Rich C, Gordon and Lee for keeping the highlight tradition alive. I think its the first time 3 **different** writers contributed.

Happy New Year Everyone.
Gar -Sent from 3 different remote locations to our Offices for processing in Delray Beach then beamed back to you.

One Wonderful Winterland Game of Weekend of Highlights
The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 1/13/24-1/15/24

2023 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
	Saturday						

2	**Sunday**	**20**	**KPP5**	**Harsh**	**Eric the "U" vs Steve F WP Not given**	**Not given**	Not given but probably Bruce and Bobby
	Monday/ MLK Day						
		Net Weekend Turnout 20 **25% OF 2024 TOTAL PAID MEMBER SHIP**		**PPG** **$30/2 = $15.00 PPG**	MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far **80**	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 148* (New Record)	

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Game 2 Sunday, KPP 5, 1.14.24 by the man who should be Park Commissioner: Gordo

A gift is nice. An unexpected gift is infinitely nicer. Those who braved the January conditions were treated to something that was described by one of the participants as magical. And it was.

KPP 5 and winter don't mix. The field freezes, puddles ice over and unforgiving wind and cloud cover make for harsh conditions. The decision to even have a game is made at the last minute by the Captain and sundry associates, taking

into account all the factors. And the decision was game on but bring shovels and rakes. As the warriors descended on the field, a flurry of activity to render the field playable was undertaken. And the softball gods pitched in too as cloud cover gave way to bright sun and wind gusts were few and far between. If the field warms up too quickly, then it becomes a mud bowl. But Mother Nature was kind and the field with ongoing assistance by the humble combatants, were outstanding. Game on!

The visitors were led by Eric the U., who bedazzled in a Japanese Baseball Uniform from the Lions. Opposing him was the malevolent Steve "Fine"stein. In cold weather, bats and bodies take time to warm so the fielders usually have their way. And this contest was true to form. The bottom of the first saw an outstanding defensive gem by Rich as he snarled a looping ball in right field and then stepped on the bag to double up the runner. A solo run crossed the dish in the bottom of the second as Gary W. drove in a run with the first of his hits. The visitors answered back as BBB (Big Bryan Black) drove in a run with a sac fly followed by Gordon's rbi single.

Things quieted down for the next few frames until the bottom of the fifth when Rich C. and (re) Pete drove in three and the home side surged into a 4-2 lead. More goose eggs against the Malevolent one and the home side added a single run courtesy of Pete, who repeated his earlier exploit and drove in a run with a single.

Finally, the visitors got going thanks to outstanding baserunning by the Zig, who caused panic on the paths. And when the dust had settled, Zig across the plate, Rich L. stood on third and BBB was on second. And then in a stark example of malevolence, Gordon was intentionally walked to load the bases for the Lion man himself.

I hope Mr. Feinstein is reading these words and can recount the blast that Eric hit off of him, deep into left field. The ball don't lie!!! A bases emptying double and the visitors took the lead. The visitors who previously looked vanquished were now spright in step as evidenced by a terrific catch by Mr. Ed I in center field as he lunged and made a shoestring catch on a sinking liner. The visitors were now a few innings from vindication but Bobby had other ideas. Mr. Widowsky, the epitome of a wily veteran blasted a moonshot of Mr. Ed's head and with that, the home side sprung into the lead.

Down to their last at bat, the Lion tamer drove in another run which led to the Riceman coming up with the score tied. His seeing eye Texas leaguer fell just over the infielders head and between the two outfielders. Nursing a slim lead, Captain Bruce made a courageous call and handed the ball to the beleaguered

Gary Z. Anxious moments ensued and with the tying and go ahead runs on base, the play of the game, neigh the year occurred.

A looping shot similar to Matt Rice's hit looked like a sure hit. The only one who had a possible chance was BBB. Will he be able to range back? Will the ball drop? What happened next will be remembered by all that were there. Retreating as fast as he could, it appeared that Bryan might be able to make the catch. OH NO!!! His loping stride coupled with the moguls of KPP's outfield and BBB went down flat on his back. Recognizing the opportunity, the runners sprinted, certain that everyone would score! Bryan, bloodied but unbowed, stretched his frame as far as he could and miraculously the ball fell safely into his glove. A sensational, unbelievable play. And with complete composure after this divine intervention, BBB calmly threw to the base to double off the flabbergasted runner. Bryan's efforts deserve this epitaph:

Out of the night that covers me,
    Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
    For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
    I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
    My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
    Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
    Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
    How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate,
    I am the captain of my soul.

FEB-ULOUS HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 2/10/24-2/11/24

2024 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
3	Saturday	22	KPP5	Cloudy but comfy	Eric the "Crawford" * vs Ralph/ Steve F WP	10-4 13 Innings	Lee / Bruce
4	Sunday	21	KPP5	High 40's and cloudy	His Johner/ Ralph vs Steve F*/ Leder	11-6 11 innings	Bruce with Bob's consult
		Net Weekend Turnout 40-13=27 34% OF 2024 TOTAL PAID MEMBER SHIP		PPG $30/4 = $7.50 PPG	MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far 80	Con-sec-utive outdoo r months played: 149* (New Record)	

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OUR CONSECUTIVE MONTH OF OUTDOOR PLAY REACHES 149!!!
KUDOS TO ALL

GNSB HAS NOW HAD GAMES PLAYED IN 170 OF THE LAST ALLOWABLE 171 MONTHS, WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER OR FALL. THAT'S 14 PLUS YEARS

Game 3 Saturday, KPP 5, 2.10.24 by the man who should be Park Commissioner: Gordo

The weekend of February 10th and a number of notable events surrounded the date. There is the Chinese New Year, the Super Bowl, Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday is this week) and Valentine's day all within several days of each other. Add to all that, February weather and one would suspect that the men of steel would find themselves bested by circumstance. But fear not, once again the brave looked through the abyss and found themselves in a clash of titans.

Mid-week rain rendered Allenwood unplayable (thank you Park Commissioners for not spending the 80K allocated years ago to fix the drainage) so both games were held at KPP 5. Sadly however, the fields were littered with Dog Waste (Thank you Park Commissioners for not providing suitable alternatives for dog owners and to the dog owners themselves who are grotesque in their indifference) and this forced the combatants to pick up in order to make the field playable.

A seasonably warm and overcast day greeted the visitors led by Ralph on the hill and the homies led by Eric who was once again resplendent in Negro league garb. The wind abated and it was, play ball. The visiting side started with a bang. Lee, Ed R., Mike S. Herr Leder, Steve F. all came out slashing but with a huge inning looming, an unbelievable defensive play stopped the rally dead in its tracks when Hugh deftly fielded a line drive base hit and hit the cutoff man, B cubed who gunned a strike to Rich C and the shocked runner was out at the plate.

The home side got the pair back when Brian, Hugh, and Rich drove lasers about the field. Bryan followed with a sac fly and Rich C., who just dazzled in the field, flashed one of his many hits to tie the score. The field went quiet largely owing to a spectacular grab by Cousin Brucie in short right center field. And the game remained quiet until Rich C., drove in another to put the home side up by one.

The undoing of the visitors occurred in the bottom of the 6th when the rest of the home side got into the act. Jack, Eric, Gordon, Jon Spiel, Z and Bruce all contributed to a four run outburst. and for all intents and purposes, it was all over right there. Riches L and C combined for some more offense and the home

side led by 7 heading down the stretch. Matt's RBI single was not enough to stem the tide. Nor was the defensive brilliance of Steve F., Nick, Steve F., and Herr Lederhosen. Final count 10-4.

Game 4 Sunday, KPP 5, 2.11.24 by the man who should be Park Commissioner: Gordo

Sunday also saw refreshing warmth for the month of February. And without any wind or even a hint of a breeze, the conditions were wonderful and once again, it was Play Ball!.

This game might as well have been called the Ziggy show. He was on base more times than he batted. Multiple doubles, runs scored, runs driven in, it was 6-0 against the Judge's home side before the ink was dry. And Steve F., who is always hard to hit, is even stingier with the lead. Also contributing for the home side was Leder, Mario, Jack, Gary W., Z., and the venerable Cousin B. The only one who failed to contribute was Barry but we would have been a man short without him, especially after the Judge's knee started talking to him. Apart from Zig, Leder, who came in to relieve Steve F., was smoking and stroking the pill about the yard. Despite the audacious stylings of Eric the Padre, Jon Z. was not able to single handedly carry the load. Despite drilling one to the left center field fence. It could have been a homer if not for certain circumstances.

Two notable plays were turned in. One by (re) Pete who did a corkscrew in the batter's box on his powerful swing which landed for a clutch single. But the play of the game was put in by Roy Buster Keaton Z, who somehow landed on his neck with his feet straight up in the air on Leder's triple. That he was able to get up with only his pride hurting is testimony to the incredible flexibility and overall good health the man enjoys. When it was all said and done the visitors held on to win 11-7 in a game which was not as close as the final score indicated.

HIGHLIGHTS WITH A TOUCH OF MARCH MADNESS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 3/2/24-3/3/24

2024 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
5	Sunday	18	Schoolyard	Unseasona-bly Mild for the Unreasona-bly wild players	Eric the U vs Andy*	17-12	Bruce And Bob

		Net Weekend Turnout 18 **23% OF 2024 TOTAL PAID MEMBER SHIP**		**PPG** **$30/5 = $6.00 PPG**	MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far **80**	Con-sec-utive outdoo r months played: 150* (New Record)	

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OUR CONSECUTIVE MONTH OF OUTDOOR PLAY REACHES AN UNPRECEDENTED, OFF HE CHARTS 150!!!
KUDOS TO ALL

Game 5 Sunday, The Schoolyard, 3.3.24 by the man who should be Park Commissioner: Gordo

The nattering nabobs of negativity were finally thwarted as an absolutely gorgeous day greeted the intrepid warriors of the diamond. Unseasonably high temperatures followed a significant rainstorm so the festivities were kicked off at the hard top of Challenge Grounds.

The home side were led by Eric The U, resplendent yet again in full regalia. Opposing him was the bionic man with no last name, Andy Paul.

In the top of the first, Rich Connors and Mark, the man who puts the Leder in Lederhosen each smacked RBI doubles. Stingy defense greeted the homies and when the visitors plated two, again courtesy of Mr. Connors, it looked like

we might be in for a lopsided affair. But hold on to your hats ladies, The bottom of the third saw an incredibly dynamic and even handed effort with everyone contributing with the offensive behavior. Ed I., followed by Eric (who was on it all game) followed by John V., and Mario, Jack (re)Pete, Snoop, Z and Cousin Brucie all lashed and slashed and when the gravel had settled, the U's boys were ahead.

In the top of the 7th, the visitors regained their swagger. Gordon drove in two with a triple and Ed R. knocked him in. Normalcy restored? Not hardly. In the bottom of the frame V and Mario each drove one in and the home side were in front again. And when the visitors came to bat, came the explosion! First Andy went yard with a two run four bagger. Then Steve F., said triple time and then John L. clutched up with a bases clearing double. In all, six had touched the dish and it looked like clear sailing. I say it looked like it. But it wasn't. John L., traded mid game! came through with a two run double for the home side. Going into this and one more, the score was Visitors 13 Homies 12. Incredible!!! But the top of the tenth saw the visitors pound in four. Connors drove in another one before Leder cleared the fence for a ground rule double. When Steve F. drove one in, it was left to Gary W. to finish the task. The veteran calmly delivered the knockout blow. From there the beleaguered homies had nothing left to offer. The final - Paul's Pups 17 U's Unicorns 12.

March is in the books and from the looks of it, the worst is behind us. It is time to heed the call gentlemen. Play Ball!

HIGHLIGHTS WITH SURPRISE GUESTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 3/9/24-3/10/24

2024 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
6	Saturday	22	KPP5	Above the play grade	Eric the U vs Ralph*	18-4	Lee and Bruce
	Sunday	Canceled					

		Net Weekend Turnout 22 **26% OF 2024 TOTAL PAID MEMBER SHIP**		**PPG** **$30/6 = $5.00 PPG**	MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far **80**	Con-sec-utive outdoo r months played: 150* (New Record)	

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Game 6 Saturday, KPP5 3.9.24 by Lee

Mother Nature relented briefly to allow GN softball to get out on the well groomed KP5 (kudos to GN staff for getting it ready for us).

The morning started with Lenny P showing up straight off the red eye to make it an even 22.

The game started competitively with both team scoring 2 in the first, Bryan with a 2 RBI bloop double for the U's and Lee with an RBI single and Rich C with a sac fly for the Ralph's.

The Ralph's jumped ahead in the 4th with an RBI single from Brian S and opposite field 2 RBI double by Ralph.
The U's closed the gap to 5-3 when Bryan knocked in his third run of the game.

The turning point was the unplanned exit of the mercurial Mike Spiel leaving the U's without a big bat. A rare mid-game trade sent the junior Spiel to the U's but that would not be enough to slow the Ralph's as they opened the game up with an eight run 7th and would go on to score a total of 18 runs and allowing only one more run for a final score of 18-4.

The key hits for the Ralph's in the big inning were multiple RBI's for Bruce and John V.

Top Performers
Ralph with a dominant performance on the mound

Jack with multiple web gems in LF.
Bobby threw Lee out from RF trying to stretch a single into a double
Cliff with a running catch in RF to stop and sure extra base hit

Bryan Black, Rich C and Brian S with 3 hits and 3 RBI's
Lee had a perfect day going 4-4 with a walk and a sac fly

Sent from Bayside to Delray Beach back to various locals in and around the Great Neck environs.
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There were two surprise guest appearances this weekend. Check out attached photos.
California Lenny in GN and Dave the Rockstar in Delray.
BTW the 2024-2025 schedule is up and on TC. Just click on the **Event Schedule** button (See attachment) to sign up for future dates.
Be well all
Gar

HIGHLIGHTS IN LIVING CLOVER FOR
The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 3/16/24-3/17/24

2024 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
7	Saturday	22	KPP5	Springy	Lee vs Ralph*	8-6	Lee w/ Bob and Bruce input
8	Sunday	23	KPP5	Intermittent outbreaks of Spring	His Johner*/ Ralph vs Eric the UNICORN	12-11	Bruce and Bob
		Net Weekend Turnout 45 - 14=31 39% OF 2024 TOTAL PAID MEMBER SHIP		PPG $30/8 = $3.75 PPG	MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far 80	Con-sec-utive outdoo r months played: 150* (New Record)	

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DAVE GERBER REJOINS GNSB AFTER A LONG TERM INJURY AND GERBER FERVOR RETURNS!

Game 7 Saturday, KPP5 3.16.24 by Lee courtesy of ChatGPT

On that picturesque March day in Great Neck, the Men's Softball league witnessed an exhilarating showdown between the Lees and the Ralphs, highlighted by remarkable plays and a thrilling extra-inning finish:

1. **Top 1st: Inning-Ending Double Play: Lee showcased his pitching prowess, inducing a ground ball that led to an inning-ending double play, with Bryan and Steve H executing a flawless relay to stifle the Ralphs' early momentum.**

2. **Bottom 3rd: Brian S's Spectacular Running Catch: Brian S displayed his defensive prowess with a remarkable running catch, denying the Ralphs extra bases and preserving his team's lead.**

3. **Top 4th: Leder's Clutch Triple: Leder came through in the clutch for the Ralphs, smashing a triple to drive in a run and give his team a 3-1 advantage.**

4. **Top 6th: Bryan B's Spectacular Over-the-Shoulder Catch: Bryan B made a highlight-reel play with a spectacular over-the-shoulder catch, showcasing his defensive skills and preventing further damage.**

5. **Bottom 6th:The Lees Offensive Explosion: The Lees broke the game open with a five-run rally, fueled by a double from Rich C and singles from Ed R, Bryan B, Jon S, and Eric T, seizing control of the game.**

6. **7th Inning Drama: The Ralphs fought back with a run in the 7th, thanks to a clutch RBI single by Ed I, setting the stage for a tense late-game showdown.**

7. **Bottom 7th: Lee's Response: The Lees responded swiftly, scoring two more runs to extend their lead, but the Ralphs refused to go down without a fight.**

8. The game remained deadlocked as both teams battled fiercely, with defensive gems from the Ralphs, including Mike S's leaping catch and Ed H's running catch that turned into a double play, showcasing their determination to claw back into the game.

9. **Offensive Standouts: Jack, Leder, Brian S, and Bryan B delivered standout performances at the plate, each contributing three hits, while Dr. Ed led the way with an impressive five hits, demonstrating the offensive firepower of both teams.**

10. **Final Score: After 13 intense innings, the Lees emerged victorious with a hard-fought 8-6 win over the Ralphs, in a game filled with memorable plays and thrilling moments.**

Game 8: ST. PATRICK'S DAY, Sunday, KPP5 3.17.24 by Gordo

It was the final game of the winter. And there was little doubt that spring was in the air. Pleasant temperatures and a sun, though intermittent, shone with warmth. Occasional gusts served as a reminder that winter was trying hard to stand her ground but it was merely a temporary condition. In short, the field and weather conditions were ideal and the KPP 5 diamond dwellers faced off for the bragging rights of the morning.

The visitors offered the legal stylings of the crafty veteran, Your Johner. Opposing him for the home side was the indefatigable defender of softball fashion, the deferential Eric the U. The visitors scratched a single run in the first courtesy of a Hugh fielder's choice. The home side returned the favor when Big Bryan Black drove in the tying run with a sharply hit sacrifice fly. The visitors called and raised with Gary W. driving one home. A quiet inning for the home side and then the visitors erupted for a four pack in the top of the third.

After another fielder's choice by Hugh, Leder laced an rbi single before Gordon drilled a two rbi two bagger. Rich L. cut the lead in half when he roped a two out two rbi single of his own. From there on, stinginess

became the order of the day. His Johner and Eric combined for 4 1/2 scoreless innings. Resplendent and bedazzling in their control.

In the bottom of the eighth, the home side put a rally together that tied the score. First Ed R. blasted an rbi single and then Rich L. put the game on his shoulders with another two rbi hit, this one a double. The home side went ahead in the bottom of the tenth when Ed R. continued his big time hitting with a sac fly. But the top of the 11th saw this see-saw affair change its fulcrum. Ralph drove one in and then the big play of the game. With two runners on and two out, Gary W., hit a tricky ball between first and second. And all kinds of stuff started happening including a Christiano Renaldo style header and when the dust had settled, Gary was on first and the two runners had scored. The visitors now led by three. In the top of the 12th, Mario drilled a triple to dead center, driving in one. And he scored on Hugh's huge rbi single up the middle. Down by five, the home side put on their helmets and fastened their seatbelts. And after another rbi by Dr. Ed, Rich hit a three run four bagger and it was a single digit separating the two groups of warriors.

But alas, from that cup no more. And Ralph, in relief, secured the victory for the visitors. Well played and now on to spring!

THANK YOU TO LEE AND GORDO FOOR DOING THESE FINE HIGHLIGHTS. THEY WERE BOTH CLEVER AND CLOVER, OVER AND OVER.

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Be well all
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BE WELL EVERYONE.
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HARE RAISING HIGHLIGHTS

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2024 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
9	Saturday	20	KPP5	Springly after a day of Good Fridaytions	Eric/Z vs Ralph*	14-3	Lee / Bruce
10	Sunday	24	KPP5	Intermittent Spring Breaks with Easterly Winds	His Johner /vs Leder*	18-9	Bruce and Bob
		Net Weekend Turnout 44 - 14=30 39% OF 2024 TOTAL PAID MEMBER SHIP		PPG $30/10 = $3.00 PPG	MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far 80	Con-sec-utive outdoo r months played: 150* (New Record)	

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ALL HAIL NEXT WEEK'S RETURN TO A 7:45 START BECAUSE THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE FLY.

(AND FISH, WORMS, COLDS, BOUQUETS ETC)

Game 9 Saturday, KPP5 3.30.24 by Lee courtesy of ChatGPT

Sidemakers Lee/Bruce

Great Neck Men's Softball Highlights - March 30, 2024
In a thrilling match on March 30, 2024, the Ralphs and Eric/Zs clashed in an typical GNSB showdown

- **Early Lead for the Ralphs**: The Ralphs stormed ahead with an early 5-run lead, fueled by a barrage of singles off Eric the U's pitching.
- **Strategic Pitching Change**: Eric the U was replaced by Z, who made a triumphant return to the mound. This strategic move proved crucial as Z settled in, giving up only a 2-out RBI to Gary W.
- **Z's Dominance**: Z showcased his prowess, holding the Ralphs scoreless for five consecutive shutout innings. His exceptional performance kept the game close until the late innings.
- **Late Game Surge by the Ralphs**: Despite Z's efforts, the Ralphs rallied in the 9th, 10th, and 11th innings, putting up eight runs to secure their victory.
- **Final Score**: The Ralphs emerged victorious with a final score of Ralphs 14, Eric/Zs 3. Ralph's pitcher, Ralph, delivered an outstanding performance, scattering three runs over 12 innings.
- **Offensive Standouts**: Leder and Rich C led the Zs' offense with three hits each. On the Ralphs' side, Steve F, Lee, and Jon Paisner shone with multiple-hit games.
- **Spectacular Defensive Plays**: Both teams displayed exceptional defensive prowess. Steve M and Eric the U made remarkable catches, while Gary W showcased his skills in right field. Lee's diving play to rob Steve M of a hit and initiate an inning ending play was a highlight of the game.

Game 10: EASTER SUNDAY, KPP5 3.31.24 by Gordo

An early Easter holiday corresponded with the final late start of the season. It was a glorious spring day with the budding Cherry blossoms, Spruce and Willow trees all providing pastel splendor. Coupled with the glorious weather, the field conditions were pristine. Gentlemen, start your engines.

Judge and company shut down the visitors in the top of the 1st. The bottom saw Leder's hosen get hosed for three runs. The big hiTs provided by Rich L., who drove in two with a double and Mario who followed by lashing a rope to drive in a third. Down three, the visitors scratched a single run across courtesy of Eric the U., resplendent in style yet again. who drove a shot bringing one home for the visitors. The home side was silenced in their next at bat as the defense started to take on a new form of stinginess.

When the rejuvenated visitors took to the dish, the result was a four spot courtesy of a Sac Fly by Gordon, a clutch two rbi single by Hugh and Ed I's rope for an rbi. The home side responded with a single run courtesy of another Lazardoism, and scored the tying run in the bottom of the fourth thanks to Marc's sac fly. But then the play of the day came to pass. Rich Connors dropped a Texas leaguer into short right center field for a sure hit until Hugh made a head first diving lunging pouncing launch and somehow made a sensational grab. Inspired, the visitors went hogwild.

In the fifth, they scored 3 courtesy of Leder's two RBI triple and Hugh's clutch single. They added 3 more in the 6th. This time (3)Pete drove in one, followed by Gary W., and then Jon Pais. And then in the 7th, they added 2 more. Leder, again with a triple followed by Hugh again. It was now 13-5 and it stayed lopsided until the final bell. The visitors added 5 in the 9th putting it entirely out of reach. Gordon drove in 2 with a single. Leder drove one in on a safety squeeze which brought with it some serious questions of legality but with the weather fair and the game decided, the controversial play went unpunished. The home side did score 4 in the bottom of the 9th, the big hit being Ed R's two run double but by then it was all over save the Easter Bunny egg hunt.

Game time moves to 7:45! Don't forget 7:45!!! Did I mention that all games will start at 7:45?!?!?!?

Sent via a VERY HARE-O-DYNAMIC carrier Easter Bunny who HAPPILY HIP HOPPED from GN to HP, then back to GN. See everyone soon.
Gar

SOLAR HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 4/6/24-4/7/24

2024 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
11	Saturday	22	KPP5	Cool but no showers for the 22 show-ers	Z/Steve F vs Andy*	14-10	Lee / Bruce
12	Sunday	23	KPP5	TYPICAL PRE-CLIPSIAN WEATHER	His Johner* / vs The Uniform	17-15	Bruce and Lee
		Net Weekend Turnout 45 - 12=33 39% OF 2024 TOTAL PAID MEMBER SHIP		PPG $30/12 = $2.50 PPG	MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far 84	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 151* (New Record)	

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TOTALLY ECLIPSING ALL OTHER NEWS - CONSECUTIVE MONTH STREAK OF 151 IS ACHIEVED!

Game 11 Saturday, KPP5 4.6.24 by Gordo

The Great Neck Softball gladiators turned the page figuratively on the winter season as the last game posted was played on Saturday April 6th according to

the Gregorian Calendar and March 24th on the Julien calendar. This attention to dates is made necessary by the Monday April 6th eclipse that transfixed so many along its path. And speaking of paths,

Numerous blasts festooned our humble environs as the tenacious stylings of Gary Z. faced off against the man of two first names, the always humble Paul Andy. The visitors started the hootenanny off with a solo run in the top of the frame courtesy of Steve F's blistering rbi single. But the home side lit up the visitors in the next two innings. Suspect defense and an unfamiliarity with the strike zone doomed the Zmeister. And after it became 8-1, the pitching change was made. The major offensive offenders were Steve H. and Rich L who pepper sprayed clinchers about the pitch.

In the top of the sixth, Mike S made his presence felt and then Gary W. in the adjacent frame. But the home side said, this party is ours and led by Cliff and Mr. Paul, plated 3 to put the home side up by 8. But then the fur started flying and the home side plated 6 in the top of the eighth. Steve, Gordon and Z all slashed and burned through the home side's defensiveness and it was suddenly a two run game. But the home side calmly plated another and then one more in the 11th courtesy of 3B...Big Bryan Black and it was all over save the victory jig.

Game 12 Sunday, Allenwood 4.7.24 A PRECLIPSIAN ACCOUNT by Gordo

Sunday's game marked the beginning of the new season, at least as it appears on team cowboy. Of course, the fact that Allenwood was taken away and there were fence problems at KPP really points to the lack of control the do nothing board should be accountable for. Instead, the new year starts off the way the old one ended, plagued by controversy and dubious claims of a consecutive months streak. Nonetheless, those selfless souls that actually play the game were in fine form.

The visitors, led by Eric The U., started off with a big six lead generated by Leder, Lee Mario, Barry and Jack. Ed H got one back but it looked like the visitors were going to carry the day when they scored three in the top of the second. Rich Connors provides the muscle. But the home side led by His Johner aka the cantankerous one, put up 3, 3 and then 4 to springboard past the hapless visitors. Steve H. Hunt, Ed R. all set the table for Big Steve F's three run four bagger.

The home side tried to offset what Steve and 3B did and put together 3 deuces in innings 7-9. Leder, Rich C., Barry and Mario all made it happen. but the home side bent but didn't break thanks to the gutsy play of Steve F, and Pete. When Ed R accompanied Ed I and Ed H. to hitters paradise it was simply a case of too much Mr. Ed. The final score was homies 17 and the visitors 15. A wild contest portending a fabulous season, with or without competent leadership…

Commissioner's Note.
We hope to go back to using 2 diamonds this Saturday, so sign up.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 4/13/24-4/14/24

2024 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
13	Saturday	24	KPP5	The reason spring was invented	Steve F* vs Ralph	11-8	Lee / Bruce/ Bob
14	Sunday	24	Allenwood	Soft and springy below, fresh and delightful above	His Johner / vs Eric* The Pirate	10-7	Bruce and Lee

		Net Weekend Turnout 48 - 14=34 40% OF 2024 TOTAL PAID MEMBER SHIP		PPG $30/14 = $2.14 PPG	MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far 84	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 151 * (New Record)	

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OFFICIAL SEASON OPENING WITH *2* SATURDAY GAMES SET FOR THIS WEEKEND 4.20.24

Game 13 Saturday, KPP5 4.13.24 by Gordo

March winds invaded April and the first of the two weekend games were played under blustery conditions. However, the weather was fair and the resolve of the gladiators was unaffected so it was play ball.

The visitors were led by the bedazzling splendor of the knuckleball pitcher par excellence, Sir Ralph. Facing him and leading the charge for the homies were Steve's F and M respectively. The visitors started well. The balanced lineup saw Lee, Leder, Vinny, Ed R. among others slash and crash hits all about the yard. Throw in a shot of Jack, some Cliff and Vinny, it seemed as if the visitors would run and hide. And in fact, they did sprint out to an early lead. But fate would not be kind to the visitors this day as Ralph's fielders betrayed his guile and the home side made some noise of their own. Steve H., Ed I., 3B or B to the third power, all produced a stunning display of offensive fortitude.

Despite the efforts of Leder and company, the home side were too tough. And when Barry crushed the ball with an angry swing, it seemed all over save the

dancing. But the top of the ninth saw a spirited effort. Lee, Gordon, Vinny and Jack led the charge and suddenly it was a close contest. But that would be the visitor's solace as the homies escaped with a hard fought victory. The play of the day however would be turned in by the visitors. With Bobby on first, John Z. sent a moonshot over the right fielder's head. Gary W., finally chased down the pill before relaying to Jack, who throw home to Mr. Connors. Jon Z. looked set to score but the express was held up by the local and tags were applied to each runner. Double Play (except there were already two outs, but this goes under the cover of literary license).

Game 14 Sunday, Allenwood 4.14.24 by Gordo

Sunday saw the first contest at Allenwood. And as the day progressed, the field conditions became better and better until it was simply majestic. For the visitors, it was the beleaguered purveyor of Justice, the honorable his Johner. Against him was the man who elevates class and style with every game, resplendent once again in dashing threads, this time of a Pittsburgh variety was Eric the U.

The bottom of the first saw Gordon and Ed H., drive in a couple and then the bottom of the second saw the pitcher help his own cause, followed by G.W. and then Rich Z., the following inning. Left to his own devices, the Judge drove in the first run for the visitors. Steve F. answered back but Connors went deep up the hill, Leder slashed to parts unknown, Big Bryan Black aka B cubed, also drubbed the unwitting clincher and suddenly it was a dog fight. It was not enough. Just like the previous day, the comeback faltered and the lead was simply too much to overcome.

Commissioner's Notes.

- ***We hope to go back to using 2 diamonds this Saturday, 4.20.24, so sign up.***
- ***Our annual GNSB Board of Director's meeting will take place Saturday April 27 at 10:30. GNSB are welcomed to attend. Location TBA***

MUNSTROUS HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 4/20/24-4/21/24

2024 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
	Saturday	CANCELED					
15	Sunday	23	Allenwood	Bright, sunny, coolish start, cloudy ghoulish end	His Johner* / vs Eric* The Red Sox	13-13 Mocking bird Lane	Lee, Bruce, Bob
		Net Weekend Turnout 23 27% OF 2024 TOTAL PAID MEMBER SHIP		PPG $30/15 = $2.00 PPG	MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far 84	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 151* (New Record)	

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Game 15 Sunday, Allenwood 4.21.24

MIKE SULY'S MONSTER, 2 RBI HOME RUN MASH WAS A BALL YARD SMASH!

HIS CLOUT, WAS A PRE-PASSOVER, PASSOVER OF LEFT FIELD ONTO THE 2ND HUMP OF THE HILL AND IT BROUGHT HIS TEAM BACK INTO THE GAME.

SUPER MARIO BECAME THE CENTER OF ATTENTION AND SENTIMENTAL FAVORITE, WHEN HE SENT OUT A SENSATIONAL, CENTERFIELD 2 RBI HOME RUN, PUTTING HIS VISITORS AHEAD, AFTER THEY HAD TRAILED FOR 7 INNINGS.

KONO HAS A MONSTER 5 FOR 5 DAY, INCLUDING A 2 RBI TRIPLE TO LCF. FLASH PAISNER AND EDDIE "MUNSTER" IP WERE ABSOLUTE BEASTS, EACH CRUSHING 3 BLOOD CURDLING HITS.

GORDO AND BOBBY HONORED ABNER DOUBLEDAY AS EACH HAD BIG 2 RUN DOUBLE DAYS.

IN ADDITION TO THE MANY OFFENSIVE PLAYERS SOME WERE OVERLY DEFENSIVE ABOUT THEIR PLAYING LIKE:
FLASH PAISNER WHO MADE A SPOOKTACULAR SLIDING CATCH IN LCF.
GARY Z WHO'S BODY SNATCHED A THROW IN THE DIRTY RED DIRT AT 1B.

JOHN HUNT WHO CAUGHT A VERY LOUD SOUNDING POUNDED DEATH-RAY TO THE MOUND, THAT WAS BOUND TO NOT TOUCH GROUND UNTIL IT FOUND NO OUTFIELDERS AROUND.

TODAY'S GAME WAS AN EXCITING, SEE-SAW BATTLE THAT ENDED IN A 13-13 TIE. BOTH PITCHERS KEPT THEIR TEAMS IN THE GAME AND BOTH ACHIEVED THE RARITY OF THROWING A 3_PITCH INNING. KUDOS TO BOTH.

ANNNOUNCEMENTS:
WHAT A SURPRISE!
TWO BATS WERE LEFT AT THE FIELD. THEY ARE PICTURED IN THE ATTACHMENT. ONE HAS BEEN CLAIMED. FORENSICS AND DNA TESTING ON THE OTHER BAT HAVE REVEALED VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE OWNER OTHER THAN HE LIKES TO TAKES SHOWERS USING AN UMBRELLA.

REMINDER: OUR ANNUAL GNSB BOARD MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT SATURDAY AT 10:30. BOARD MEMBERS PLEASE SIGN UP ON TEAMCOWBOY. ALL PLAYERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. MORE TO FOLLOW.

Bejeweled Highlights

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 4/27/24-4/28/24

2024 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
16A	Saturday	18	KPP5	Meh-velous	DougKay* vs Steve F	8-4	Lee

16 Ru-Bee	Saturday	15	KPP3	Meh-Velous	Bruce vs Z*	15-9	Bruce /Bob
17	Sunday	24	Allenwood	Sapphire skies, over a diamond of emerald grass. A pearl of a day	His Johner* / vs DougBee	3-1	Lee, Bruce, Bob
		Net Weekend Turnout (33+24) -19 = 38 45% OF 2024 TOTAL PAID MEMBER SHIP		PPG $30/17 = $1.76 PPG	MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far 84	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 151* (New Record)	

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Game 16B Saturday, KPP3 4.27.24

On today's emerald diamond,

Nick was on sapphire, adding ,

4 hits and 4 rbi to his shiny Nick-lace.

That opal o' mine Bobby, makes 2 sparkling gems in rf. And glitters at bat with 3 hits.

DougBee comes up with the jewel of de-nile at shortstop His web gem is a hit denial for the batter.

The fluorescent, Mark Leder drives in 2 runs on consecutive sac flies, hit so deep that the runner, Gordon, was able to tag 2 bases both times. The also tripled to the star-board side of the field. Speaking of stars, the multi-faceted Brian bashed 3 hits.

Gordon bedazzled fans with his 14 carat gold glove gem of a threatening missile down the rf line.

Bruce takes a fine diamond cut and drives a hit over the head of the right fielder.

Dave Gerber bangles out a couple of blingles as he continues his injury recovery.

Matt R returns after an 8 month hiatus looking fit, trim and healthy and sparkles at the plate with some diamond smashing drives for base hits.

Z holds homies to zingle digits.

Game 16A Saturday, KPP5 4.27.24 Forthcoming

Game 17 Sunday, Allenwood 4.28.24

A GNSB GAME FOR THE AGES!

THE LOWEST SCORING GNSB GAME OF ALL TIME IS WAS PLAYED TODAY ON THE ALLENWOOD EMERALD DIAMOND

HIS JOHNER LIMITS OPPOSITION TO JUST ONE RUN TO SET A GNSB RECORD!

BOTH HURLERS PITCH SPARKLING GEMS BUT HIS JOHNER OUT DUELS DOUG BECK 3-1 THANKS TO A CRAFTY PITCHING PERFORMANCE.
(THE PREVIOUS LOWEST SCORING GAME HAD BEEN 3-2)

TODAY'S LOW RUN PRODUCTION WAS AIDED BY:
A JON SPIEL STAB OF A LAZER TO THE SS HOLE TTHAT HE CONVERTED TO A 6-11-9 DP.

NOT ONE, BUT TWO, DEATH DEFYING, SLIDING CATCHES BY KENNY IN RCF

AN EXCITING GUN DOWN OF A RUNNER AT THE PLATE, WHO UNCOACHED, TRIED TO STRETCH A TRIPLE INTO A 4 BAGGER. BOBBY (RF), TO JACK (2B) TO GARY W (C)

A 6-6-3 DP BY LEE TO Z

A ZEE GRAB OF A SMOKER TO 1B THAT APPEARED TO BE DESTINED FOR EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT, BASES AT A CRUCIAL TIME.

A 4-4-3 TAG AND THROW DP BY RICH L

MULTI-HIT GAMES WERE MINED BY

- **DAVE GERBER**
- **MARK LEDER,**
- **GARY CH**
- **MARC P**

- **MARK KONO INCLUDING A 2B**
- **GORDON, INCLUDING A 3B**

A REPORT ON THE ANNUAL GNSB BOARD MEETING (4.27.24) WITH SOME SLIGHT RULE CHANGES IS FORTHCOMING

DANCING IN THE HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Commissioner's BLog: All-Star Dates 5/4/24-5/5/24

2024 Game #	Day	Turnouts	Location	Conditions	Pitchers	Scores	Side-makers
18A	Saturday	14	KPP5	May-velous	DougKay vs Ralph the supplier*	12-5	Lee
18B	Saturday	18	KPP3	May-Velous	Eric the Cardinal/ Bruce/ Gordon vs DougBee* /Z*	12-7	Bruce /Bob
19	Sunday	23	Allenwood	Not so May-velous-cloudy and raw	His Johner* / Lee vs Eric the National	16-9	Lee, Bruce,

		Net Weekend Turnout (34+23) -21 = 38 **45% OF 2024 TOTAL PAID MEMBER SHIP**		**PPG** **$30/19 = $1.59 PPG**	MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far **85** **Welcome Rookies Nico Toliano and Glenn Auerbach**	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: **152*** (New Record)	

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The Kentucky Derby, The 5 Boro Bike Race, The Long Island Marathon and Cinco de Mayo Celebrations are overshadowed by:

OUR NEW CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY RECORD OF OUTDOOR SOFTBALL.

MONTH 152 IS IN HE ARCHIVES!

WELL DONE GENTLEMEN!

(SEE ATTACHMENT FOR FIELD B PARTICIPANTS)

Game 19A Saturday, KPP5 5.4.24 AWAITING?

ROOKIE NICO IMPRESSES THE CROWD. LOOKS LIKE HE'LL BE A FINE ADDITION!

Game 19B Saturday, KPP3 5.4.2

LEDER ATTENDS A *HOMECOMING DANCE* WITH A *MONSTER MASH* TO CENTERFIELD AND DRIVES HOME 3 OTHERS, DESPITE USUAL DRUNKEN-LIKE BEHAVIOR. WOW! WHAT A *SWING* THAT MAN HAS!

Z HAD A *FANDANGO* (FAN-TASTIC DAY) AT THE PLATE WITH 3 HITS INCLUDING ONE IN WHICH HE *BUNNY HOPPED* INTO 2B .

CLIFF *PRANCED* INTO 1B SAFELY 3 TIMES.

BOBBY SLYLY *FOXTROTTED* TO 1B SUCCESSFULLY THRICE.

ALSO PERFORMING *MULTI-DANCE NUMBERS* AROUND THE BASES TODAY WERE:
RICH CONNORS, INCLUDING A *WALTZ* INTO 2B,

ROOKIE GLENN A, WHO *BOOGALOOED* IN FROM HUNTINGTON, IMPRESSED A VERY VETERN CROWD WITH HIS BATTING PROWESS.

ERIC THE CARDINAL, WHO GLIDED INTO 3B GRACEFULLY, ALMOST COMPLETING A FULL *SQUARE DANCE.*

AND KONO OF COURSE WHO'S A *POLKA* (POKER) WHIZ.

NICE COMEBACK BY THE HOME TEAM. DOWN 10-1, THEY STAYED ROUGH AND TOUGH AND MADE THE SCORE RESPECTABLE.

Game 20 Sunday, Allenwood 5.5.24

PLAYERS DID A RAIN DANCE AND DESPITE A THREAT OF THE MISTIES THEY CAME TO PLAY.

BARRY DISPLAYS FINE *FOOT WORK* SEVERAL TTIMES TO CUT DOWN MULTIPLE DRIVES BEFORE GOING UP INTO THE *HULLY GULLY.*

NOBODY COULD ACCUSE ZIGGY OF BEING A *ZIGFIELD FOLLY, HE TAP DANCED* HIS WAY TO 1B AND BEYOND 4 TIMES!

SOMETIMES I'M ASKED, "*WATUSI* AT GNSB," I SAY SEE KONO. HE RIPPED 4 HITS, WHICH OFTEN IS HIS NORM, WITH A SAC.

JON SPIEL WAS ONE OF TODAY'S *DANCING WITH THE STARS* WINNER THANKS TO A HOME RUN AND A DOUBLE.

MARK LEDER WHO'S ALWAYS IN A STATE OF *LOCO-MOTION* HITS ANOTHER MASSIVE 2 RUN HOMER TO RCF.

BRYAN THROWS OUT A RUNNER AT THE PLATE DESPITE THE RUNNER DOING AN IMPRESSIVE *SLIDE*.

YOU CAN'T *BLAME* RICH CONNORS' TALENT *ON THE BOSSA NOVA* HE KEEPS UP HIS HOT HITTING, (3 HITS INCLUDING A DOUBLE) ALL BY HIMSELF!

ED I REFUSED TO CHARGE ANYONE FOR HIS 3 HITS. HE'S A *FREE STYLE DANCER*.

RICH LUZARDO'S 4 HITS, INCLUDING A 2 RUN TRIPLE MAKES HIM TODAY'S *BELL OF THE BALL.*

APOLOGIES OF COURSE, TO PLAYERS WHO TRIPPED THE HIGHLIGHT FANDANGO, BUT DIDN'T GET NOTICED. I WAS BLINDED BY THE HIGHLIGHTS, REVVED UP LIKE A DEUCE, ANOTHER RUNNER IN THE NIGHT. (WHATEVER THAT MEANS)

Also sorry about all the Hora-ble puns

Gar
516 996 2641

SAT-URDAY HIGHLIGHTS

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20A	Saturday	16	KPP5	Minimally sat-ur-rated	Lee* vs Ralph the supplier	14-9	Lee
20B	Saturday	18	KPP3	Ditto	Juan Plata vs Z*	17-11	Bruce /Bob
	Sunday	Canceled	Allenwood	Not such a sun day, Sunday			

		Net Weekend Turnout 34 40% OF 2024 TOTAL PAID MEMBER SHIP		PPG $30/20 = $1.50 PPG	MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR 2024 so far 85 Welcome Rookies Nico Toliano and Glenn Auerbach	Con-sec-utive outdoor months played: 152* (New Record)	

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Game 20A Saturday, KPP5 5.4.24

AWAITING INVESTIGATION, BUT DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATHS. YOUR SUBSTITUTE HIGHLIGHT INFORMATION TEAM OR (S.H.I.T) IS APPARENTLY ON STRIKE.

Game 20B Saturday, KPP3 5.4.24 By Gordon

AWAITING RESULTS FROM SAT-ELLITE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

BUT DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATHS.

The most perfect of days greeted the intrepid warriors of the diamond this May at KPP's iconic Field 3. Pitching for the visitors was the prospector Juan Platta. Against him was the always affable Gary Z.

The game started with a three run burst. The hearty visitors plated through when a plethora of line drives got the runners running. Seth K., Brian, Connors, Al Z., Glenn and Juan all slashed and bashed. A few innings later it was the two Seths, K and C who, along with Barry and Cousin Brucie staked the visitors to a six run lead. There were grumbles of who made these sides when the beleaguered home side found their hitting shoes and scored a touchdown and a PAT, to take the lead. Gordon started it with an RBI single and then El Ledersky drove one hither and thither and when Dr. Ed launched a howitzer, the lead had changed. Inspired, the home side went further in the eighth when Seth S (the s for smoked one) followed by Steve H, Gary W. Bobby, Z., and the Bashman kept the visitors dancing and prancing all over the field. Not even Juan, Brian Bruce and Barry D's heroics could change the trajectory of this massive comeback.

When it was all said and done, the home side took this 10 inning contest by the score of 17-11.

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IN THE MEANTIME, WE HAVE A *RECORD CORRECTION* FOR YOUR RECORD COLLECTIONS.

IT WAS RECENTLY REPORTED THAT GAME 17'S, SCORE OF 3-1(Sunday, Allenwood 4.28.24) WAS THE LOWEST RECORDED SCORE IN GNSB HISTORY. THIS WAS INACCURATE. THE LOWEST SCORE WAS 2-1 WHICH HAPPENED A DECADE AND A HALF, AGO. THANKS YOU TO HIS HONOR FOR POINTING THIS OUT, WITH PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE. (SEE ATTACHMENT) HOWEVER, ONLY ALLOWING ONE RUN BY A SINGLE PITCHER IS STILL THE RECORD, WHICH JOHN NOW SHARES.
ALSO:
THERE WAS A **GLARING , ALMOST SAT-ANIC OVERSIGHT** IN LAST WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS. THE HORMONE PUMPED, HIGHLIGHT WRITER FORGOT TO INCLUDE:

SETH COHEN'S MAGNIFICENT SNATCH OF A SPINNING, SWERVING, SLICING, FOUL POP, OVER HIS HEAD A HOME PLATE. IF THAT WASN'T INCREDIBLE ENOUGH, 10 SECONDS LATER ON THE NEXT BATTER IT

HAPPENED AGAIN!!! THEY WERE NOT EASY PLAYS. THAT DEFINITELY WAS A GNSB FIRST! WAY TO GO SETH. THAT MUST HAVE BEEN SO SAT-ISFYING.

HAVE A GOOD WEEK ALL
GAR