

June 2010

MBSA Newsletter

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BASEBALL / SOFTBALL

ASSOCIATION

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JUNE DATES

6/25—MBSA Joliet
Jackhammers Night

6/30—Spring Season Ends
(Including Playoffs)

JULY DATES

7/6—MBSA Board Meeting—
Elections 7:00 p.m.—VFW

7/17—Equipment Returns

7/31—Colt and Palomino Season
Ends; Blaze Tryouts for 2011

AUGUST DATES

8/1—Blaze Tryouts for 2011

8/7 Blaze Trout—Rain Date

8/8—Blaze Tryouts—Rain Date

PARADE AND PICNIC **A HUGE SUCCESS!!**

MBSA would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our 2010 Parade/Picnic. We tried some new things this year, such as the tickets and skills competitions. Both allowed us to provide activities and food for all in attendance, so look for

them to return next year. Huge accolades to the many volunteers, who helped us to make this year's picnic so successful! Your time was greatly appreciated! A special Thank You to our picnic sponsors: Berkots, Dairy Queen, Dick's Sporting Goods, Domino's Pizza, J&J Jumpers, Joliet Jackhammers, Marcus Theaters, & Schaaf Equipment

MBSA also extends a SPECIAL THANK YOU to Andrea Espinosa for her outstanding efforts in coordinating this event!!!

Our next MBSA event is Joliet Jackhammer night on Friday, June 25th @7:10pm. Hope to see you there!

SPONSORS OF THE MONTH

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2010 FALL BALL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registration opened on June 7, 2010 and will remain open through August 31, 2010 for our Fall Ball program. You may go to the link on the MBSA website listed as 2010 Fall Ball Registration to begin the process. Registration is available for Boys Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt/Palomino Divisions, and Girls Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony and Colt/Palomino Divisions. Fees range from \$100.00 to \$110 depending upon the division selected.

More information regarding Fall Ball will be coming in the next few months.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Open elections are being held at our July 6 Board Meeting. **We need volunteers** for many positions that currently do not have a candidate. If you are interested in volunteering for a position, please contact Jamey Behringer at secretary@mbsa.org, or attend the July 6 meeting.

EQUIPMENT TURN-IN

When: Saturday, July 17, 2010
9:00 a.m.– noon

Where: 19513 Scarth Avenue
Mokena

Cleaning the equipment prior to returning it is greatly appreciated. Please remove all rocks, personal items, and garbage. Wipe down dirty equipment, first aid kits and other league materials. Make a note if something is broken or missing.

If you are unable to drop off your equipment on 7/17, please contact Equipment Coordinator at Joe Rajca at equipment@mbsa.org.

LOST AND FOUND

Several items have been lost or found this year including:

Lost:

- On 6/17/10 a baseball bag was left in the parking lot at Main Park.
- On 6/15/10 a black NIKE batters glove was lost at Buske Park.

Found:

- A black Mizuno glove at Hecht Park. The glove has a name on it.

If you have found either of these above items or lost a glove please click on the Lost and Found link on the MBSA website for details on who to contact. In addition, you may also visit this link to post a lost or found item.

TRAINING TIP OF THE MONTH

Pregame Warm-up Drill

Split the team into two groups, one at third or first, and the second in the left field or right field (depending on what dugout you have). With a coach assisting as catcher, have a couple of balls ready. Hit a fly ball to the outfield, which should be thrown into the infield player, who relays the ball home. Then hit a grounder to the infielder with a throw home. The players jog and rotate to both positions. Once everyone catches on, the drill moves pretty well. The jogging gets the legs warmed up, and we have also incorporated throwing and fielding into the drill.

Good Luck!! If you have a pregame warm-up or other drill you would like to share, please email us at communications@mbsa.org.

2010 Fundraiser

The Joliet JackHammers are teaming up with the MBSA and offering a great fundraiser for the league. You can purchase a 6 ticket flex pack for only \$50 with \$20 from each flex pack sold going back to MBSA. The flex tickets can be used for any game during the JackHammers 2010 regular season. If paying by check please make checks payable to Mokena Baseball & Softball. If you have any questions please contact Jim Rice at 815.774.2860.



815.726.BALL
jackhammerbaseball.com

INCENTIVES

Prizes

Each player that sells a flex pack will be entered to win an autographed ball, autographed jersey, autographed bat, a pair of season tickets and \$500. Winners will be named on MBSA Night.

Pre-game Parade

Anyone who attends the league night with MBSA will have the opportunity to join in on the pre-game parade that will partake on the warning track prior to the game on "MBSA Night"

Suite Night

If the league sells 100 flex packs it will receive one suite night rental (game TBD) \$700 value

Baseball Buddies

The team that sells the most flex packs will have the opportunity to take the field with the JackHammers during the National Anthem on "MBSA Night"

First Pitch

One top seller from baseball and one top seller from softball will have the opportunity to throw out the ceremonial first pitch on "MBSA Night"

*If the league sells 500 flex packs it will earn an additional \$1 for each ticket sold (additional \$6 per flex pack)

MBSA Night ~ June 25th

Joliet JackHammers vs. Kansas City T-Bones
7:10PM at Silver Cross Field

