

March 2010

MBSA Newsletter



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### Dates to Remember:

#### MARCH DATES

- March 13—Managers Clinic and Equipment Handout—MIS, 9:00 a.m.—noon
- March 19—Burros Open Registration—MES, 6-8:45 p.m.
- March 20—Season Practice Begins
- March 27—Field Maintenance Day—9:00 a.m.—noon

#### APRIL DATES

- April 6—MBSA Board Meeting—7:00 p.m.
- April 10—Field Maintenance Rain Day
- April 12—Picture Day—MES, 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
- April 13—Picture Day—MES, 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
- April 17—Spring Season Begins

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# **ANNOUNCING THE 2010 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (SEE PAGE 2)**

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MBSA is pleased to announce that commencing in 2010, we will be offering two scholarships of \$500.00 each. One will be awarded to a female and one male graduating senior seeking continued education at any university, college, or trade school.

The criteria to be awarded for the scholarship are as follows:

1. Must be a High School Senior residing in School District 210 area (can attend a private school in the District 210 boundaries)
2. Must be attending a university, college or trade school after High School
3. Must have participated in the MBSA a minimum of four years as a player, umpire, or both
4. Must complete a brief 200-400 word essay on "How has MBSA touched your life?"
5. Must NOT be a current MBSA Board Member's Child
6. All applications must be submitted by March 26, 2010

Once established criteria has been met, all eligible applicants will be placed into two containers (one for females and one for males) and the 2010 winners will be randomly selected prior to our April 6, 2010 Board Meeting.

To access the application, go to the MBSA website, or for your convenience, a copy of the application is attached to the last page of this newsletter as well.

## SPONSORS OF THE MONTH



Midwest Orthopaedic Consultants, S.C.

## MANAGERS CLINIC AND EQUIPMENT HANDOUT

### MARCH 13

Managers are required to attend our annual clinic to get valuable coaching and practice tips, as well as information regarding field maintenance and preparation. The equipment will also be distributed on this date.

Where: Mokena Intermediate School

When: Saturday, March 13

Time: 9:00 a.m. to noon  
Equipment Handout following the clinic.



### TRAINING TIP OF THE MONTH

Online resources for baseball and softball training are numerous. The trick is finding the great websites that offer drills without all of the ads, links to other advertiser sites, etc. Just typing "softball drills" in a search engine will yield many good sites. If you are looking for something in particular, try typing the subject in the search box, such as "baseball throwing drills" or "how to bunt." Also, there are some really great videos on YouTube that will also provide you with more than just the written drill.

Here are a just a few that we found with just a basic search:

<http://www.coachtips.com/> - A t-ball coaching website.

<http://www.qcbaseball.com/> - Loaded with drills.

[http://www.juniorbaseball.com/skillsclinics/AS\\_GoodMechs.shtml](http://www.juniorbaseball.com/skillsclinics/AS_GoodMechs.shtml) - A great magazine directed toward kids with a website offering coaching tips.

<http://www.webball.com/> - Another good site that has a lot of easy to understand drills.

<http://eteamz.active.com/baseball/instruction/tips/> - A popular website for team sports.

<http://www.weplay.com/youth-baseball/drills/skills/throwing> - A video supported website with many great ideas.

Try the above, and experiment on your own. Good Luck!

## FIELD MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2010 SEASON

The MBSA is looking for volunteers to work with and assist the MBSA Field Maintenance Coordinator throughout the 2010 Season.

Work includes checking equipment boxes and replenishing chalk, checking base plugs and condition of bases and other duties as needed.

Field Maintenance Day is scheduled for March 27, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please look for information from your respective coach on where your help could be utilized that morning.

Contact Bob Swafford at [fieldmaintenance@mbsa.org](mailto:fieldmaintenance@mbsa.org) for more information.

# ZERO TOLERANCE

As we near the beginning of another baseball and softball season, MBSA would like to remind everyone that we will not tolerate any verbal or other abuse of our umpires at the games. These umpires are often teenagers, and although they have trained well and passed a very tough qualifying exam, it is still inappropriate for anyone to berate an umpire. Only the manager has the authority to approach or address an umpire, and shall do so in a respectful manner. Umpires have the authority to eject anyone who does not adhere to our code of conduct. Please review the code of conduct for your players and let's remember to set good examples for our children at the games.

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

MBSA Night will be June 25th for the Joliet Jackhammers vs. Kansas City T-Bones at 7:10 p.m. at Silver Cross Field. Incentives for the fundraiser also include participation in the pre-game parade, if the league sells 100 flex packs it will receive one suite night rental, 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, and one top seller from baseball and one top seller from softball will have the opportunity to throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

If you have any questions please contact Jim Rice at 815.774.2860.



## MBSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2010

Complete the application below and return it and the required essay to MBSA, PO Box 572, Mokena, IL 60448 or [secretary@mbsa.org](mailto:secretary@mbsa.org) by March 26, 2010. Please type or print legibly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Senior: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

MBSA Participation: Years \_\_\_\_\_

MBSA Divisions played in and or the years you umpired: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

University, College or Trade School you plan to attend fall 2010: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Essay:** Submit this form along with a 200-400 word essay describing "How has MBSA touched your life?"

### **SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

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- 4) Must complete a 200-400 word essay on "How has MBSA touched your life?"
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Once established criteria has been met and verified, one female and one male applicant will be randomly selected as the recipients of the 2010 MBSA Scholarship prior to the MBSA April 6, 2010 Board Meeting.