



December 2016 Newsletter

As the temperature starts to drop and snow is on its way it is difficult to imagine that baseball season is right around the corner. But HBL has begun planning for 2017 and will soon be ready to begin our 62nd season of baseball. There are a number of exciting things happening this year and we look forward to getting back out of the field.



HBL GETS A NEW HOME

As many of you have heard, HBL's base of operations is soon moving to Mountain View Park. This brand new facility has been in the works for years and will finally open in March 2017. Even though we will still be using fields around town, Mountain View Park will be where HBL calls home. We are all excited to play on these brand new, lighted fields.

Pictured above: Challenger field at Mountain View Park

WINTER TRAINING IS HERE!

Get high level instruction in the areas of hitting, pitching, fielding, and catching with Eric Eden and Ryan Kane during of Winter Training sessions. Winter training is available for players ages 7 and up.

6 week sessions begin January 13th!

[See the website for dates and times.](#)

JUNIOR COACHES

HBL is proud to announce the formation of a Junior Coach Program for the 2017 season. Junior Coaches, 7th graders and above, will be on the field with our younger players, assisting volunteer coaches in the carrying out of drills and teaching the skills to make our players better. Interested in being a Junior Coach? Please register [here](#) or visit the [HBL Home Page](#).

PLAYING OUTSIDE OF YOUR AGE LEVEL

Every year the HBL Directors receives requests from parents to have their child play in a league with older kids. In the past a large majority of these requests were denied because we had no way to determine for ourselves whether or not it was an appropriate move for the child to skip a level. For the 2017 spring season, HBL is giving players the opportunity to demonstrate their skills. If you feel child is best suited to play with older kids, we require that players' skills be evaluated.

Date: Sunday January 8th, 2016 at 6pm

Location: Branchburg Sports Complex in Branchburg

Cost: \$30 per child

[Sign-up here.](#)

Meet the HBL Board

Below you will see who the 2016-17 Board of Directors are, how they volunteer their time to HBL and how you can reach them with any questions that you might have.

President - Chris Porter

5th year on the HBL Board

Duties: Chris is responsible for overseeing the board and making sure that all is done to carry out HBL's commitment to provide the best baseball experience for the children of Hillsborough.

How to Contact Chris: president@hillsboroughbaseball.org

Vice President of Business Operations - Brian Cooper

4th year on the HBL Board

Duties: Brian is responsible for overseeing all of the financial aspects of the league, handling communication with our insurance company and with accountants. Brian also oversees the volunteers tasked with recreation uniforms, equipment, sponsorships and work bonds.

How to contact Brian: vpbusiness@hillsboroughbaseball.org

Vice President of Baseball Operations - Scott Ross

3rd year on the HBL Board

Duties: Scott is responsible for overseeing all of the baseball operations of the league. This includes working with our Director of Travel, Player Agent, Field Maintenance and Training/Development to ensure that all games are played, that our fields are in tip top shape and we have the best possible baseball product on the field.

How to contact Scott: vpbaseball@hillsboroughbaseball.org

Secretary/Registration/Volunteers - Connie Harbison

5th year on the HBL Board

Duties: Connie is responsible for keeping HBL organized and informed. Connie leads the effort to make sure all program registrations are open and functioning properly, this includes Rec, Travel, Evaluations, Winter Training, and all Manager and Player evaluations to name a few. Ever seen HBL news updated on social media, yep, that's Connie also.

How to contact Connie: secretary@hillsboroughbaseball.org

Director of Scheduling - Michael Duralek

3rd year on the HBL Board

Duties: Michael schedules all of our games and practices for both the rec teams and travel teams. This is a huge undertaking and Michael does a great job fitting all the pieces into place.

How to contact Michael: scheduling@hillsboroughbaseball.org

Director of Training and Development - Keith Treonze

4th year on the HBL Board

Duties: Keith works hand in hand with the High School Varsity Coach in the development of all of our training programs, from Winter Training to coaches' clinics. Keith's passion for training and developing HBL players is evident to anyone who has ever talked to him about the topic and it has shown in the successes and progression of both of travel and rec players.

How to contact Keith: development@hillsboroughbaseball.org

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Meet the HBL Board (continued)

Director of Travel - Eric Albee

2nd year on the HBL Board

Duties: Eric oversees our travel program from evaluations, to the formation of teams, to working as a guide to our managers in the booking of tournaments for our travel teams to play in. Eric spends the year working with all of travel managers as they navigate through all aspects of the management of these teams.

How to contact Eric: stt@hillsboroughbaseball.org

Director of Field Operations - Frank Raab

1st year on the HBL Board

Duties: Frank will be working with our field maintenance people to ensure that the fields our kids play on are in the best condition possible. When it rains and games get cancelled, don't blame Frank, he is just the messenger as those decisions are made by the professionals.

How to reach Frank: operations@hillsboroughbaseball.org

Director of Purchasing and Equipment - Jwalant Patel

2nd year on the HBL Board

Duties: JP handles all of the organizing and ordering of uniforms, apparel and equipment for HBL. His organizational skills make it possible for over 500 uniforms to be correctly sized, ordered and delivered so our kids look their best out on the field.

How to contact JP: purchasing@hillsboroughbaseball.org

Treasurer - Stephen DelSordo

1st year on the HBL Board

Duties: Stephen's primary responsibility is to work with the VP of Business to ensure that HBL remains solvent and has the money to make baseball in Hillsborough happen. His keen eye on our finances helps keep baseball an affordable program for the children of Hillsborough.

How to reach Stephen: treasurer@hillsboroughbaseball.org

Director of Fundraising - Jenn Glazewski

1st year on the HBL Board

Duties: Jenn's task is to help us plan and execute HBL fundraisers throughout the year in an effort to keep costs down and create a fun sense of community in town as we carry out these fundraisers. Have an idea or want to give Jenn a hand? We are sure she would love the help.

How to reach Jenn: fundraising@hillsboroughbaseball.org





WORK BOND OPPORTUNITIES

Looking to fulfill your 2017 work bond obligation? We have hourly opportunities for you to help out and also more involved opportunities such as Tournament Committee Chair, League Coordinators and more. Check our [volunteer zone](#) for more information as the season gets under way.

NEWS TO KNOW: BAT SPECIFICATIONS

**BASEBALL BAT SPECIFICATIONS
ARE CHANGING in 2018**

Read more at [USA Baseball](#).

**2017
Retention Survey**
[Click here to take our
brief survey](#)



HBL Welcomes your Thoughts and Ideas

Have an idea that you think would make HBL a stronger organization? See something that you would do differently? Let us know! You can express your opinions, thoughts and concerns via email by reaching out to any of our Board Members. Want to come to a meeting? We have thirty minutes set aside for Open Forum before each and every scheduled board meeting. Check the HBL site for our next meeting date and please email secretary@hillsboroughbaseball.org and president@hillsboroughbaseball.org to let us know you are coming.

