



Welcome Letter from the DESL President

March 4th 2020

On behalf of the 2020 league executives and myself, I would like to welcome you to the Dollard executive softball league. 196 members (15 new to the league) that have committed their 2020 summer to playing in the finest softball league on the West Island. I hope the excitement begins with this email as we are only 53 days away from the upcoming draft and a little over 2 months away from opening day.

If you were not at the league's final meeting last year, Harley our past president brought in a new process for selecting captains which the new executive endorsed and was met with a lot of praise from many of the league members. This process called for captains to be selected by a separate committee made up of 5 members of the league, 2 of which are on the executive but are not captains. This committee was completely autonomous without influence from the executive whatsoever. Here is the list of captains selected for the 2020 DESL season;

Returning Jeffrey Kosow and Michael Rabinovitch, Marc Shade and Robbie Cohen, Stuart Schwartz and Harley Schwartz, Todd Halpern and Murray Sklar, Steve Marer and Jeff Tabacman, Louie Wilk and Danny Wilk, Ash Ilkhani and David Friedberg and finally, the 2019 champions Jason Koropatkin and Rodney Shapiro.

New tandems Gord Bloom and Bobby Leftakis, Larry Shapiro and Bradley Weigensberg, Mitch Rosenberg and Phil Dahan, Jason Prince and David Newman, Lorne Wiltzer and Howie Wiltzer, Jimmy Israel and Michael Mercado.

Congrats to all, we have a lot of new blood that were selected as captains this year and with any luck, this could be you at the end of the season...



Furthermore, we have some changes to the existing rules that will be shared with you once Jon Dankner (our rules guru) makes his final tweaks and sends out his quick survey asking you what you think of a few

changes we are looking into for the upcoming season. Please take this survey seriously and I would like to hear from everyone as it **you** that dictates a lot of what we do.

As we move towards the start of the season, we realize that there are always challenges that arise from the decisions made in the off season. I want to assure you any concerns you bring forward to the executive will be met with the due diligence it deserves. There are tabs on our website that allow you to reach out to any of the executive member (including myself) with questions or concerns that you may have. Don't be afraid to use them.

Please put into your calendars the date of the draft, April 26th, 2020 and check for updates for time and place on our website <http://ddosoftball.com/> that Berky will be administering on a regular basis. We want to see you come out and watch as David Bassal, our MC for the event uses his genius humour to entertain you. Come and see as newbie captains (duos) Prince/Newman, The Wiltzer bros, and Israel/Mercado, sweat their way through their selections.

Stay tuned for more info regarding the AGM/Captain's meeting which will be about a week before the draft (TBC) but for now break out the workout gear and hit the gym. Enjoy what's left of the winter as Spring is coming on fast!

Thank you,

Stuart Schwartz- President