

# 06/02/2015

## **Picture Day Recap**

Picture Day went well. Some have gotten their pictures already. Andy will be delivering some sponsor plaques.

## **Apparel Sales**

It went very well. \$3,279. We will maybe have one more sale.

## **Cal Ripken Summer Xtreme**

Route 84 is still here, but participation is weak. Cal Ripken Xtreme has more than 80 teams. Monroe may be trying to participate. Everything is online and ready to go.

## **8U Stratford Burdick Tournament**

Tournament in Stratford with the pitching machine. Two kids from each rec team are nominated plus 3 or 4 more.

## **8U Friendship Tournament**

Two teams will be participating with large (14+) rosters.

## **Park & Rec Field Allocations**

It's frustrating. Andy has tried multiple ways to facilitate getting field times. At least the person who handles the lights does a good job. Otherwise, P&R has been virtually unresponsive. Pat McCleary has been working on a schedule that's fair for all teams. Walnut Tree will be considered a "practice field" because of the lack of outfield grass. The NMS field may be considered a "practice field" as well.

## **Al Leonard Tournament**

Teams need to coordinate with division director and try to finish rec leagues before the tournament.

## **Districts, States, & Regionals**

Southbury hosting districts for 12-year-old 70s (possibly not). Newtown is hosting 10s. The 9s are still up in the air. 11/70 and 60s are still up in the air.

## **Tournament Books**

Book information will be coming and forwarded to coaches. Andy has the tournament cards. Birth certificates will be collected and verified for all players.

## **Summer Travel Registration**

Some teams are full already. Some still have players that need to register.

## **Travel Equipment Distribution**

Sunday at 10:00 AM.

## **Field Maintenance**

Some fields are looking good. Others, no so much. There may be delays because of the number of P&R employees out on disability and the limited work day. Hawley 1 is in dangerous condition, but where else can we have the 9-year-olds play?

## **Division Director Report**

8's are getting better each week. Pitching machine broke and kids are doing the pitching.

9's are wrapping up on Sunday and will be starting travel.

10's are going well. Playoffs are finishing on Sunday.

11's have playoffs starting Thursday and will be trying to have a double-elimination tournament with 6 teams. Two teams will be playing in the Jimmy Fund.

12's have playoffs starting Thursday. Districts start on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

13's are going well. Most played in the fall, so the transition to the big field was smooth. The decision not to play Xtreme worked out well.

14/15's finish next weekend.

## **Around the Room**

How to approach P&R about fixing Hawley 1? Should we express concern about the safety of the field, or should we offer to do the work ourselves? The latter has been tried and ignored. It seems that NBR gets ignored and AAU teams get what they want. Some suggest that the way to get P&R to get things done for us is to make friends with Pat Llodra. Can we get partial refunds due to the poor service? Who is liable for dangerous conditions?