



**SPRING BALL 2013 NEWSLETTER May 6, 2013 – Please read all the way to the bottom**

If you see the following people, please thank them for coaching Spring Ball this year:

Major League Baseball- 3 Teams: *Auto Works:* Sandy Drumluk, Jim Mailer, John Buckholz and Aaron Strickland; *Bell's Auto Care:* Jen Maza; *Brecht's Towing:* David Peck and Ron Senecal

Triple A League Baseball- 4 Teams: *Chili's Sky Chiefs:* John Pascarella and Ed Dow; *John C Lowery, Inc Paw Sox:* Eric Hicks and George Malepe; *Zhe Fm Solutions, LLC Mud Hens:* Jim Wisner and Todd Willson; *Cayuga Xpress.Com Red Wings:* Pete Chapman and Jeremiah Iacovelli

Double A League Baseball- 4 Teams: *Countryside Veterinary Hospital Phillies:* Jim Wisner, *First National Bank of Dryden Navigators:* Fred Casterline and Aaron Strickland, *Carina Construction, Inc Sea Dogs:* Matt Haney and Fred Bachner, *CFCU Community Credit Union B-Mets:* Mike Hayes and Jeff Bennett

Single A League Baseball- 5 Teams: *A & B Awards Scrappers:* Chris Sidle and Karl Bergman; *Cyclones:* Eric Brown and Tim Jett; *Lug Nuts:* Don Davis and Pete Chapman; *Expos:* Bill Morrow and Katie Weekie; *Cross Cutters:* Daryl Nydam and Bob Brotherton

Major Softball (U12) - 1 team: *Creative Touch Hair\* Nail\*Wax Purple:* Pete Takach, Egon Wendel and Rachael Jackson

Minor Softball (U10) - 2 Teams: *Dryden Purple:* Lynn Day and Keith McKnight; *Village of Dryden Historian Elsie Gutches White:* Rachael Jackson, Craig Sicina, Theresa Kromer, Steve Stupke

**-One of the main Coaching goals this year is focusing on the game within the game. Basically what this means is that the little things can turn into big things with Baseball and Softball skills development. These skills can range from anything like: running off the field, sitting on the bench with your team, learning to grip the bat, to not calling safe or out prior to an umpire making a call. The single biggest thing parents can do to help your coach is to allow him/her to work with their team as a unit on the bench or in the dugout. Keeping this thought in mind please do not sit behind the player benches at your assigned field. Please support our volunteer coaches in their endeavor. The best motor skills development for a young player is actually playing catch with them in your own backyard.**

-The 2013 Dryden Kiwanis Aquafina Pitch, Hit and Run Competition has been changed to Friday Night May 10th starting at 6:15 pm at the ball fields at the Groton Ave Park in Freeville. The Aquafina P.H.R. is open to all Town of Dryden Youth. Information can be found on the PHR tab on [www.drydenkiwanisonline.com](http://www.drydenkiwanisonline.com). Some of the 2012 PHR winners are pictured below:



-As most leagues start the regular season this week it is a good time to review some Ball etiquette and safety rules:

-All scheduled games must begin at the scheduled starting Time. The home team takes the field 30 minutes before the starting time for a 15 minute warm-up. The visiting team then takes the field for 15 minutes before the starting time for a 15 minute warm-up. At the scheduled starting time, the umpire should call "Play Ball-Batter up".

-All offensive and defensive players will need to be ready for play within 5 minutes of the end of the previous inning.

-Players must sit with their team.

-Players should never walk in front of a catcher.

-Player should run on to and off the field and not walk.

-No player should ever have a bat in their hands unless they are the up to bat hitter or are the "on deck" batter. All other bats should be leaned against the backstop.

-The home team always uses the first base-side bench or dugout.

-After the game Players and Parents should not leave the playing area until the bench or dugout area has been cleaned of all bottles and garbage.

-As the fields are maintained by community support the home team parents and players are responsible to hand rake the home-plate area and drag between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base; using the mats at the ball diamonds.

-In Freeville parents and players should walk behind the third base dugout of field 1 to field 2 and should never walk in the outfield area of field 1 to and from their cars.

-Spectators should not sit or stand in the area behind the benches behind the backstops. Only official scorekeepers may sit there.

**-Dryden Dairy Day is Saturday, June 8th. Tradition has been that Dryden Kiwanis Ball Players march in the parade. This year, I would like to see the greatest turnout we have ever had. Please plan on having your ball player march this year in the Dryden Dairy Day parade.**

-Every now and then I see cars parked in a way that I would consider too close to a ball field to be assumed safe from flying balls. Remember that parking at these fields is at your own risk.

**-Just a reminder to parents and spectators that the local School Grounds and Municipal Parks that we use do not allow the consumption of any type of tobacco or alcohol products on premises. They also do not allow animals - wild or domestic (dogs, etc), to be brought to sporting events. Please respect their rules so we may play there next year. Kiwanis members love dogs and we sponsor the Dog for Honorary Mayor of the Town of Dryden program, however because of an incident at a game a few years back, dogs are discouraged at all ballgames.**

- Dryden School's Baseball and Softball teams are still playing games, take your child to one of these games to help them learn the sport and to support your local school. The Dryden School Athletics website is: [www.dryden.k12.ny.us/Athletics](http://www.dryden.k12.ny.us/Athletics).

**-Thanks to all who helped out at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiwanis Community Field Clean-Up day On Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>. A thank you is needed to be said to the Canfield Family, the Spearman Family, the Scutt Family, Jim Wiser, Pete Chapman, Jason Leifer and a Big thank you to Mr. Tom Crossgrove.**



-If you have Ball photos you would like to send into us via email related to Dryden Kiwanis Spring Ball 2013, I will try to post some of them to future newsletters or to the [www.drydenkiwanisonline.com](http://www.drydenkiwanisonline.com) website.

-Dryden Kiwanis is always looking for new members to help out in the community to change the life of one child at a time. To see what we're all about check out our website at [www.drydenkiwanisonline.com](http://www.drydenkiwanisonline.com). If you think you might be interested in joining Dryden Kiwanis please let us know by emailing us on the website's contact page.

**-For the next two weeks the "Home" team coach is responsible to cancel a ball game in case of bad weather. The Home coach will contact the "Visiting" coach and each coach is responsible to contact their players.**

*Thank you for your help in making this an enjoyable experience for our children to remember.*

*Keep swinging for the fences!!*

Don Scutt  
Dryden Kiwanis