



MARCH 2010

BANSHEE'S FASTPITCH SOFTBALL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE BANSHEE'S FASTPITCH SOFTBALL ORGANIZATION'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER. OUR TEAMS HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD OVER THE WINTER IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2010 TOURNAMENT SEASON. WE KNOW OUR PLAYERS ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE SEASON AND OUR ORGANIZATION IS EXCITED REGARDING THE GROWTH OF OUR VERY TALENTED PLAYER'S SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE GAME OF SOFTBALL. OUR PLAYERS ARE VERY DEDICATED TO THE SPORT OF SOFTBALL AS EVIDENCED BY THE HARD WORK PUT INTO PRACTICE AND GAMES OVER THE WINTER MONTHS. BELOW PLEASE FIND RECENT HIGHLIGHTS REGARDING OUR ORGANIZATION AND TEAMS.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING UPDATE:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL HOLD ITS 1ST QUARTERLY MEETING FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010 ON MARCH 18TH, 2010. THE BOARD WILL BE REVIEWING THE PRACTICE SCHEDULE FOR OUR TEAMS AS WELL AS THE BANSHEE'S HOSTED TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE 2010 SPRING/SUMMER SEASON. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE GOOD SUPPORT FROM BOTH THE TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL DISTRICT IN PROVIDING FIELDS FOR OUR TEAMS TO PRACTICE AND HOLD TOURNAMENTS. THE ORGANIZATION IS HAPPY TO REPORT THAT OUR 10U/12U TOURNAMENT FOR MAY 1ST AND 2ND, 2010 IS GETTING A GOOD RESPONSE FROM AREA TEAMS. OUR 14U PONY TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 5TH AND 6TH, 2010 IS COMPLETELY SOLD OUT WITH 12 TEAMS COMING FROM MARYLAND, NEW JERSEY, AND PENNSYLVANIA. OUR 14U ASA NATIONAL QUALIFIER SCHEDULED FOR JULY 10TH AND 11TH, 2010 RECENTLY EXPANDED TO 16 TEAMS DUE TO HIGH DEMAND FOR PARTICIPATION. WE ARE ALSO EXCITED TO ADD A FALL 18U ASA NATIONAL QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT THAT IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 2ND AND 3RD, 2010. WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH OUR LOCAL TRI-COUNTY ASA ORGANIZATION, WE ARE FORTUNATE TO RECEIVE SANCTIONING FOR TWO ASA NATIONAL QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS THAT WILL PROVIDE THE WINNER WITH BERTHS TO ASA NATIONALS. THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER APPROVAL OF STANDARDIZED PLAYER AND COACH UNIFORM ORDER FORMS. THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS TENTATIVE 2011 TRY-OUT DATES. WE ANTICIPATE HOLDING TRY-OUTS THE WEEKENDS OF AUGUST 21ST AND 22ND, 2010 AND AUGUST 28TH AND 29TH, 2010. MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW IN OUR NEXT QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON THE BANSHEE'S WEBSITE AROUND THE 15TH OF JULY.

BANSHEE'S WEBSITE UPDATE:

THE BANSHEE'S FASTPITCH SOFTBALL WEBSITE ADDRESS IS: WWW.BANSHEESFASTPITCH.COM. THE SITE HAS UNDERGONE SIGNIFICANT UPDATES AND WE CONTINUE TO MODIFY TEAM PAGES AS WE GAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM OUR HEAD COACHES. IT IS THE GOAL OF THE ORGANIZATION TO HAVE PROFILES FOR EACH OF OUR PLAYERS ALONG WITH PLAYER PICTURES AND TEAM PICTURES. IF ANYONE SEES AN ERROR IN THE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE PAGES ON THE WEBSITE, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL WITH THE CORRECTIONS TO ROBERT.F.CASAGRAND@LMCO.COM. ALSO, WE ARE LOOKING FOR EACH TEAM TO HAVE A WEBSITE COORDINATOR THAT CAN WORK WITH OUR WEBMASTER, SUE CASAGRAND, TO CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE OUR WEBSITE.

UNIFORM & CLOTHING UPDATE:

EACH PLAYER SHOULD NOW HAVE ALL ARTICLES OF CLOTHING ORDERED. WE KNOW THAT IT WAS A DIFFICULT PROCESS THIS YEAR AND WE ARE WORKING WITH THE VENDOR TO IMPROVE THE PROCESS AND TIME FROM ORDER TO RECEIPT OF UNIFORM ITEMS. THE ORGANIZATION IS WORKING TOWARD AN ONLINE ORDERING PROCESS/WEBSITE. WE ANTICIPATE THE NEW ONLINE SYSTEM TO BE IN PLACE BY AUGUST 1ST, 2010. WE ARE NEARING COMPLETION OF THE UNIFORM ORDERING WEBSITE FOR FINAL APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IN THE FUTURE, EACH TEAM WILL COORDINATE WITH THE VENDOR THROUGH A TEAM UNIFORM REPRESENTATIVE FOR TEAM UNIFORM ORDERS PLACED THROUGH THE WEBSITE. WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM EACH TEAM TO ACT AS THE TEAM UNIFORM COORDINATOR. IF INTERESTED, SEE YOUR HEAD COACH FOR DETAILS.

FUTURE COACHING OPPORTUNITIES:

REMINDER THAT WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR TWO HEAD COACHES FOR THE 2010-2011 SEASON. ONE AT THE 10U AND ONE AT THE 14U AGE LEVELS. IT TAKES DEDICATED COACHES TO KEEP OUR PROGRAM GROWING. PLEASE CONTACT BOB CASAGRAND AT ROBERT.F.CASAGRAND@LMCO.COM IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE INTERESTED IN THESE VERY REWARDING COACHING POSITIONS. TRAVEL SOFTBALL EXPERIENCE IS DESIRED BUT NOT REQUIRED.

TEAM & PLAYER PICTURES:

THE BANSHEE'S FASTPITCH SOFTBALL ORGANIZATION WILL BE SCHEDULING TEAM AND PLAYER PICTURES. THE ORGANIZATION WILL BE PROVIDING PICTURE BROCHURES TO YOUR TEAM HEAD COACH HIGHLIGHTING PACKAGE OFFERINGS. THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO PURCHASE ANY PICTURES. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE THAT HAVE INTEREST IN PURCHASING TEAM AND PLAYER PICTURES. IT ALSO PROVIDES THE ORGANIZATION TEAM AND PLAYER PICTURES FOR PROMOTING OUR ORGANIZATION AND FOR OUR WEBSITE. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY YOUR HEAD COACH IN THE NEAR FUTURE ON THE TIME AND DATE FOR THIS PICTURE DAY. IT IS REQUESTED THAT ALL PLAYERS PARTICIPATE AS WE ARE LOOKING TO TAKE AN ORGANIZATIONAL PICTURE FOR THE HOME PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE AND NEED FULL TEAM PARTICIPATION.



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10U TEAM NEWS:

THE 10U HAS A TEAM OUTING TO THE TEMPLE/DREXEL SOFTBALL GAME ON SUNDAY MARCH 21ST. TEMPLE HEAD COACH JOE DIPETRO HAS GRACIOUSLY OFFERED TO HAVE OUR PLAYERS ANNOUNCED & ON THE FIELD DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. THE TEAM IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS FUN EXPERIENCE!

THE TEAM IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SPRING TOURNEY SCHEDULE. CURRENTLY, OUR 10U TEAM WILL PLAY IN 8 TOURNAMENTS AND 1 ROUND ROBIN FOR A VERY BUSY SPRING SCHEDULE. INCLUDED ARE THE EVENTS AT THE CRUSH, STING, XTREME, PEGASUS, JENNIE FINCH'S DIAMOND NATION & THE HOME BANSHEE'S TOURNEY. THE TEAM ANTICIPATES FINISHING UP WITH PONY NATIONALS IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

THE TEAM IS REALLY COMING TOGETHER NICELY AS THE GIRLS ARE SINCERELY EXCITED TO BE A PART OF THE BANSHEE'S ORGANIZATION!

12U TEAM NEWS:

WE'RE GETTING PUMPED UP FOR THE START OF THE SEASON! THE GIRLS HAVE BEEN RECEIVING OUTSTANDING BATTING INSTRUCTION FROM SANDI AND TAMI WAMBOLD EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT, AND ARE WORKING VERY HARD. OUR PLAYERS ARE LEARNING IMPORTANT TECHNIQUES AND ARE STARTING TO UNDERSTAND HOW THEY'LL BE USING THESE BATTING TECHNIQUES DURING THE SEASON.

DESPITE ALL THE SNOW CANCELLING PRACTICES, THE TEAM IS REALLY COMING TOGETHER!! WE WILL BE KICKING OFF THE SEASON WITH A DOUBLE-HEADER ON APRIL 11TH AGAINST THE EXTREME AND DEEP RUN. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SPRINGFORD STING TOURNAMENT ON APRIL 24TH AND 25TH AND THE EXTREME XPLOSION TOURNAMENT ON MAY 8TH AND 9TH. ALSO PARTICIPATING IN THESE TOURNAMENTS WILL BE OUR 10U AND 14U TEAMS DEMONSTRATING THE POWER OF OUR ORGANIZATION! WE ARE READY FOR SOME FUN ON THE DIAMOND.

14U TEAM NEWS:

THE 14U TEAM HAS BEEN BUSY OVER THE WINTER PLAYING IN TOURNAMENTS AND PREPARING FOR TRAVEL/HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL. OUR TEAM TRAVELED TO WILLIAMSPORT IN JANUARY TO PLAY IN AN ASA INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT AT THE GENERATIONS SPORTS DOME. TEN TEAMS PARTICIPATED IN THE 3RD GAME EVENT TRAVELING FROM PENNSYLVANIA, NEW JERSEY, MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA. THE BANSHEES FINISHED THE DAY IN 3RD PLACE.

OVER THE PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND IN FEBRUARY, THE 14U TEAM TRAVELED TO FLORIDA TO PLAY IN THE ASA INVITATIONAL AT WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS. IN ADDITION TO A GREAT SOCIAL EVENT FOR THE TEAM, OUR PLAYERS BATTLED SOME VERY TOUGH FLORIDA TEAMS TO FINISH AS THE RUNNER-UP IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL PLAYERS AND FAMILIES.

OUR PLAYERS ARE CURRENTLY TRYING OUT FOR HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL. WE ARE SO PRIVILEGED TO BE ABLE TO WORK-OUT DURING THE WINTER IN PREPARATION FOR OUR TRAVEL PROGRAM AND HIGH SCHOOL BALL. OUR 14U PLAYERS WORKED HARD IN PREPARING THEIR SKILLS AT THE HIGHEST COMPETITIVE LEVEL. GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR PLAYERS IN PLAYING FOR THEIR HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS!!

SHOWCASE TEAM NEWS:

OUR SHOWCASE TEAM IS WORKING HARD ON PLAYER VISIBILITY WITH COLLEGE COACHES. IN JANUARY, THE SHOWCASE TEAM TRAVELED TO PLANTATION, FLORIDA TO PLAY IN ONE OF THE BIGGEST COLLEGE SHOWCASE TOURNAMENTS ON THE EAST COAST. WHILE THE WEATHER WAS LESS THAN IDEAL WITH RAIN AND A CHILLY 39 DEGREES, THE BANSHEE'S BATTLED THROUGH FIVE GAMES. IN THE FIRST GAME AGAINST THE WASCO DIAMONDS FROM CHICAGO, OUR TEAM LOST 4 TO 1. THE TEAM TIED 3 TO 3 AGAINST THE SOUTH CAROLINA EXPLOSION GOLD IN THE 2ND GAME. THE BANSHEE'S BEAT TEAM DEMARINI FROM FLORIDA 7 TO 3 IN THE 3RD GAME WITH HOME RUNS BY TAYLOR SHULTZ, TEX SHILLING AND JESS WHITE. GAME 4, TEAM ARUBA BEAT THE BANSHEE'S 5-4. IN THE FINAL GAME OF THE TOURNAMENT, OUR GIRLS BATTLED TO A 5 TO 5 TIE AGAINST THE TAMPA CROSSFIRE GOLD. OVERALL, THE BANSHEE'S SHOWCASE TEAM HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL 2009/2010 FALL/WINTER SEASON WITH 18 WINS, 6 LOSSES AND 5 TIES.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, OUR SHOWCASE TEAM IS SCHEDULED FOR MANY SHOWCASE TOURNAMENTS FOR THE SPRING/SUMMER 2010 SEASON ALLOWING OUR HIGH SCHOOL AGED PLAYERS MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR TALENT TO COLLEGE COACHES IN HOPES OF LANDING A SOFTBALL SCHOLARSHIP.