



NOVEMBER 2009

BANSHEE'S FASTPITCH SOFTBALL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF THE BANSHEE'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER. THE PURPOSE IN STARTING THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO KEEP ALL OF OUR BANSHEE'S FAMILY APPRISED OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION, EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS WITHIN OUR ORGANIZATION. THE BANSHEE'S FASTPITCH SOFTBALL ORGANIZATION MISSION IS TO PROVIDE OUR TALENTED ATHLETES EXCEPTIONAL INSTRUCTION AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF COMPETITION .

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING UPDATE:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ITS QUARTERLY MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12TH, 2009 AND APPROVED THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS FOR THE 2010 SEASON: PRESIDENT-BOB CASAGRAND; VICE PRESIDENT-SCOTT HOROFF; TREASURER-CHERI JAMES; SECRETARY-KATHY LUTZ; 10U PROGRAM DIRECTOR-JIM MCNESBY; 12U PROGRAM DIRECTOR-BRUCE BALDUS; 14U PROGRAM DIRECTOR-VACANT; SHOWCASE PROGRAM DIRECTOR-JOE DIFILIPPO.

BANSHEE'S WEBSITE UPDATE:

THE BANSHEE'S FASTPITCH SOFTBALL WEBSITE ADDRESS IS: WWW.BANSHEESFASTPITCH.COM. THE SITE WILL BE UNDERGOING MAJOR UPDATING OVER THE NEXT MONTH. THE HEAD COACH OF EACH TEAM WILL SUBMIT PLAYER WEBSITE FORMS COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY PLAYERS/PARENTS. LOOK FOR TEAM/PLAYER UPDATES TO BE COMPLETE BY JANUARY 1ST, 2010. PLAYER INFORMATION WILL NOT BE INCLUDED ON THE WEBSITE IF FORMS ARE NOT TURNED IN BY DECEMBER 1ST, 2009.

UNIFORM & CLOTHING UPDATE:

WE ARE EXPERIENCING SOME PROBLEMS WITH BACK-ORDERING OF UNIFORM ACCESSORY ITEMS FROM THE FALL ORDERING PROCESS. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE SALES REPRESENTATIVE IN DEVELOPING A STANDARD LIST OF BANSHEE'S CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES SO THAT THE ORDERING PROCESS IS CONVENIENT FOR BOTH THE COACHING STAFF AND PARENTS WITHIN THE BANSHEE'S ORGANIZATION. OUR VENDOR IS IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A WEBSITE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE BANSHEE'S FASTPITCH SOFTBALL ORGANIZATION. THE BANSHEE'S ORGANIZATION IS STRIVING FOR A STANDARD APPEARANCE AT THE VARIOUS TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS TO PROMOTE THE BANSHEE'S SOFTBALL ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE TRAVEL SOFTBALL COMMUNITY. WE ARE WORKING ON A STANDARD LIST OF CLOTHING ARTICLES THAT OFFER QUALITY MATERIAL WITH AN EXCELLENT PRESENTATION. HEAD COACHES WILL DETERMINE REQUIRED UNIFORM AND ACCESSORY CLOTHING ITEMS FROM WITHIN THE BOARD APPROVED STANDARD CLOTHING LIST.

PRO-LOOK TOURNAMENT UNIFORMS WERE RECENTLY ORDERED WITH THE VENDOR. THE VENDOR INDICATED THAT ALL TOURNAMENT UNIFORM ITEMS WILL BE DELIVERED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 16TH, 2010. A SECOND ORDER WILL BE PLACED WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS. IF TEAMS DID NOT SUBMIT A COMPLETE ORDER WITH THE FIRST ORDER, PLEASE HAVE YOUR TEAM UNIFORM REPRESENTATIVE CONTACT CINDY RAUCH AT 215-896-0841. ALL ORDERS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE PRIOR TO ORDER PLACEMENT WITH THE VENDOR.

RINGOR SPIKES WILL BE ORDERED WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS. IF INTERESTED IN THE RED OR BLACK RINGOR SPIKES, PLEASE HAVE YOUR TEAM REPRESENTATIVE CONTACT CINDY RAUCH AT 215-896-0841 TO PLACE YOUR ORDER. ONE ORDER SHOULD BE PLACED FOR THE ENTIRE TEAM THROUGH THE TEAM UNIFORM REPRESENTATIVE. GO TO WWW.RINGOR.COM FOR DETAILS REGARDING THESE QUALITY SPIKES. WE WILL RECEIVE A TEAM DISCOUNTED PRICE WHEN OUR ORGANIZATION ORDERS MORE THAN 10 PAIR OF SPIKES.

FUTURE COACHING OPPORTUNITIES:

HEAD COACHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR 10U PROGRAM AND OUR 14U PROGRAM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011 WILL LIKELY BE AVAILABLE. IT IS OUR DESIRE TO FIELD TEAMS AT THE 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U AND SHOWCASE LEVEL SO THAT PLAYERS MAY GROW WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. IF INTERESTED IN SERVING THE AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY AS HEAD COACH OF OUR 10U OR 14U PROGRAM DURING THE 2011 SOFTBALL SEASON, PLEASE CONTACT BOB CASAGRAND AT 215-872-2229. TRAVEL SOFTBALL EXPERIENCE IS DESIRED.

FUNDRAISERS:

BANSHEE'S FASTPITCH SOFTBALL IS VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE PARENTS WILLING TO RUN FUNDRAISERS THIS FALL. OUR FOOTBALL FRENZY, WREATH SALE AND PIE SALE OFFERED PLAYERS OF EACH TEAM A GREAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR PLAYER AND TEAM DUES/EXPENSES. THESE FUNDRAISERS REQUIRED NO MINIMUM PURCHASE AND PARTICIPATION WAS VOLUNTARY. I WANT TO THANK AL COSTELLO, KARA MCCREARY, LISA SALAMONE AND CINDY RAUCH FOR TAKING ON THESE FUNDRAISERS. ALL THESE FUNDRAISERS PROVED TO BE A HUGE SUCCESS AND GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE PAYMENT OF PLAYER/TEAM DUES.



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10U TEAM NEWS:

WELCOME THE 10U TEAM TO THE BANSHEE'S ORGANIZATION! THE 2010 TEAM INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS: COURTNEY ANDERSON, TORI BRANDENBURGER, FRANCESCA CAPOZZI, KYLIE FLAGLER, MADDY MALETZ, KATIE & EMILY MCNESBY, ALLY & CASEY MEYERS, ALYSSA MYERS, MIRANDA ROYDS, GABBY SALAMONE AND TAYLOR SCIUBBA. THIS TEAM HAS 4 RETURNING PLAYERS AND 9 NEW PLAYERS. THIS GROUP COMES FROM MANY NEIGHBORING TOWNS AS WE HAVE 4 GIRLS FROM HORSHAM, 4 GIRLS FROM WARRINGTON, 2 GIRLS FROM LENAPE VALLEY, 1 GIRL FROM HATBORO, 1 GIRL FROM LOWER GWYNEDD & 1 GIRL FROM GLENSIDE.

DESPITE THE MANY RAINOUTS THIS FALL, THE GIRLS WERE ABLE TO GET A FEW GAMES IN AND WENT AN IMPRESSIVE 4-0. THIS INCLUDES TWO WINS VS. THE LOWER PERKIOMEN X-TREME & TWO WINS VS. THE WARRINGTON BLUE THUNDER. WITH THE SOLID FALL BEHIND US THE GIRLS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE COMING WINTER PRACTICES & SPRING GAMES. WE WILL BE STARTING OUR INDOOR PITCHING PRACTICES ON THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS IN DECEMBER AND WILL HOLD TEAM INDOOR TEAM PRACTICES IN JANUARY.

THE GIRLS ARE SINCERELY EXCITED TO BE A PART OF THE BANSHEE'S ORGANIZATION!

12U TEAM NEWS:

WELCOME THE 12U TEAM TO THE BANSHEE'S ORGANIZATION! THE 2010 TEAM INCLUDES: ANDREA BALDUS, JAYNIE BLACK, AMANDA BRADLEY, JEN CADER, ANNA GILLESPIE, JENNIFER HAMMONS, JACKIE LOCKE, TAYLOR MARINELLI, KAYLA RICHARD, KAELI SIMMONS, EMILY WALLACE AND MARA WITSEN.

THIS IS A VERY TALENTED GROUP OF GIRLS. WE WILL BE STARTING OUR INDOOR PRACTICES IN JANUARY AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SEASON!!

14U TEAM NEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS ON THEIR SELECTION TO THE 14U BANSHEE'S TEAM: CARLIE BALDUS, LAUREN BROPHY, NICOLE CASAGRAND, AMANDA COSTELLO, DARIA EDWARDS, LAUREN LAWLOR, KARLIE MCCREARY, SOPHIA NICHOLSON, MICHELLE RAUCH, AMELIA SHELLY, MARIA SPINOSA, CORINNE WATSON, AND JAYME ZIEGLER.

SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW ADDITIONS: SOPHIA NICHOLSON FROM THE LENAPE VALLEY FURY, KARLIE MCCREARY FROM THE DEEP RUN LADY LIGHTNING, AND JAYME ZIEGLER AND AMELIA SHELLY FROM THE DOYLESTOWN DRAGONS.

THE 14U TEAM HAD A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL FALL SEASON FINISHING WITH 12 WINS AND 4 LOSSES. THE TEAM WILL BEGIN WINTER WORK-OUTS IN DECEMBER WITH STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING, HITTING AND DEFENSIVE SKILLS.

THE 14U PROGRAM IS EAGERLY AWAITING ITS WINTER TRIP IN FEBRUARY TO THE WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS IN DISNEY WORLD TO PLAY IN THE PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND ASA INVITATIONAL.

SHOWCASE TEAM NEWS:

THE 2009/2010 18U SHOWCASE TEAM WILL CONSIST OF 13 VERY TALENTED ATHLETES FROM THROUGHOUT BUCKS AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, INCLUDING MELISSA SPINOSA, ALLY TEX SHILLING, DANIELLE DIFILIPPO, TAYLOR SCHULZ, CHRISTINA JAMES, HEATHER LUTZ, MAEVE MCGILL, CARLY JOHNSON, MARIA SAVARESE, JESS WHITE, TYLER VITELLI, KRISTEN COSTAR, AND MEGAN KELLY.

IN THE FALL 2009 SEASON, THIS TEAM COMPILED A RECORD OF 17 WINS, 4 LOSSES, AND 3 TIES. THE SHOWCASE TEAM HAD WINS AGAINST GOLD TEAMS FROM MARYLAND, NEW JERSEY, ALONG WITH OTHER TEAMS COMPRISED PRIMARILY OF 18 YEAR OLDS.

WE ARE CURRENTLY PREPARING FOR THE RISING STARS SHOWCASE IN FT LAUDERDALE ON THE WEEKEND OF JAN 8,9,10, 2010. INDOOR WORKOUTS WILL BEGIN ON DEC 6TH, 2010 AT KEITH VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL FROM 1 PM TO 3 PM IN THE LOWER GYM.

THIS BANSHEES TEAM IS DETERMINED TO MAKE A MARK ON THE SOFTBALL COMMUNITY WITH PLANS OF COMPETING IN SOME OF THE MOST COMPETITIVE SHOWCASE TOURNAMENTS ON THE EAST COAST.

THE 2010 SHOWCASE TEAM SCHEDULE FOR THE SPRING/SUMMER 2010 IS COMPLETE AND WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE ORGANIZATION WEBSITE IN THE NEW YEAR.