# History of ...

# **UNION COUNTY SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

The Union County Senior Softball League (age 50+), was formed in 1990, mainly through the efforts of Ray Meyer. The league became an official, registered member of the ASA and the NISSA at that time.

The 1st Executive Board Members of UCSSL included Ray Meyer, Al Arnold, Barry Barkin, Dom Deo, Ray Jazikoff, Tony Muccia, Bill Nichols, Bob Palasites and Bob Rowland.

Others to contribute, in the succeeding years, to build on the early foundation of development, included Allen Armenti, Charles Biondi, Ken Brown, Tom Boland, Bob D'Arecca, Butch Ernst, Nick Gallicchio, Jerry Hettrick, Tom Sharkey, Lou Vespasiano and George Zimmerman.

Eight teams were formed during the initial year of competition. They were:

BULLS and BEARS
CREST AUTO BODY
CWA LOCAL - 1032
McCRACKEN FUNERAL HOME

NIELSEN DETECTIVE AGENCY PHONE NOOK SUBURBAN CABLEVISION UNION COUNTY - EAST

The 60+ division was formed in 1992.

Dom Deo

## **UNION COUNTY LEAGUE 2007 STATISTICS**

The Union County Senior Softball League has completed its 18th season with the following results of the 2007 season:

50+ (A Division)	50+ (B Division)
American Legion19-3	The Office13-9
Awnings Galore15-7	S.M.C12-10
Antone's Pub14-8	Northwestern Mutual9-14
D&K Associates12-10	Union Center National Bank8-15
Promptcare7-15	Union Center National Bank8-15
K.M.D. Tuning7-15	Associated Auto Parts6-16

#### PLAYOFF CHAMPIONS (A Division) — AWNINGS GALORE!

Awnings Galore defeated a surprising K.M.D. Tuning team in the finals, by the scores of 17-3 and 9-3... (best-of-3-games). K.M.D. Tuning had previously upset American Legion, the league-champs, in the semi-finals by the scores of 13-12, 1-15 and 12-8.

#### **PLAYOFF CHAMPIONS** (B Division) — **S.M.C.!**

The hot S.M.C. team defeated the league-champs, The Office, in the finals, by the scores of 11-1, 7-4 and 9-8 (best-of-5-games).

 60+ (Super-Seniors)

 Commerce Bank
 16-1

 Creative Industries
 15-4

 L.A. Law
 6-11

 Smith-Barney
 5-13

 Associated Auto - (Silver)
 2-15

### PLAYOFF CHAMPIONS (A Division) — CREATIVE INDUSTRIES!

Commerce Bank was the "team of the year," what with their 1st place finish during the regular season and with their state-championship of the "A" Division in the NJSSA tournament. However, when it became time for the Union County playoffs, Creative Industries took the title for the 8th straight year! In the finals, Creative Industries defeated Commerce Bank by the scores of 5-2 and 21-1 (best-of-3-games).

# A Special Tribute...

for Deceased Members of the Union County Senior Softball League Since its Inception in 1990:

Jim Airey (Comcast)

**Bob Canales** (Comcast & Creative)

Flip Chambliss (Phone Nook & Burgdorff)

Dan Cox (Burgdorff & Legg Mason)

Fred Daprile (Antone's Pub)

Jerry Lestardo (Creative Industries)

Tony Muccia (Antone's Pub)

Armando Passarelli (Crest)

Robert Postel (Crest)

Tom Price (II Giardino's)

Lou Vespasiano (L.A. Law)