

OCEAN COUNTY SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Ocean County 60 League is operating for the 2nd consecutive year with players selected from a limited draft. Teams were allowed to keep a basic group of players from the 2006 season and then draft additional players from a common pool.

In an exciting and close race, Stewarts finished 1st place, followed by #2 Roma, #3 Buccaneers, #4 Hawks and #5 Mariners. The Hawks won the 4-5 playoff to advance to play Stewarts. The Hawks were defeated in a best of three by League Champion Stewarts. Meanwhile the Buccaneers, with their walking wounded back, defeated Roma in two straight setting up a Stewarts - Bucs final. The Bucs proceeded to sweep the League champs in 2 straight, winning the Playoffs for the 2nd consecutive year. The Bucs entered the NJSSA "A" division, losing to Commerce Bank in the bracket play on Saturday while advancing to the finals. On Sunday the Bucs and Commerce split the 1st two games of a best of 3 series before defaulting in the final game. All in all it was a very successful 2007 season in Ocean with the draft being a big equalizer. The 2008 season will again field 5 teams with Pete DeRosa taking over as League President. Pete will be President of both the 50 and 60 Leagues.

In a new twist and in an effort to save money, the League has started an OCSSL Umpires Association. Details to follow in the next newsletter.

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is our first League President Tom Jackson without who's untiring effort this league would not have been possible. The other original officers were Del Martin, Vice President, Rich Endres, Treasurer and Frank Kardashian, Secretary. Our current President is Joe Serrao who has served several years in that capacity and through his efforts insures the continuity of our league. The more recent Vice President Bill Hutcheon has certainly added his efforts for the league. Another individual we would be remiss in mentioning is Bob (Hossie) Hospidor who has donated endless hours in maintaining Del's Field for which we owe a great debt of appreciation for all his hard work. Prior to Hossie, the field maintenance was handled by Del Martin for many years, and for whom this field was named. Of course each of the team managers have certainly done a great job with each of their respective teams.

We must also extend our thanks and appreciation to the Old Bridge Recreation Department for their cooperation and assistance each year in scheduling and maintaining the fields. Finally, we must give thanks to all the players who participate in this league. They are truly a great bunch of guys and make this game and league a reality for all of us "older guys" to be able to join with one another every year.

"You don't stop playing because you grow older, you grow older because you stop playing".

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Kardashian,
Secretary

Ocean County League Makes Changes For The Better

This year Ocean County Senior Softball League has made changes for the better. We have SSUSA insurance and both the 50's and 60's league managers voted not to join any umpire association (ASA or NSA) to save the fee. Managers decided to hire certified umpires. They will be called Ocean County Senior Softball Association umpires. This will be a \$3.00 per game savings for the season. Both Ocean Leagues will follow SSUSA rules and regulations.

2007 season for the 50's league was as it has been for 5 or 6 years.

The only exception was Rada Chiropractic came from next last in the B Division in 2006 to challenge power house EPA Financial in the A Division finals. The outcome was the same for the past 10 years, EPA Financial was the A Division Champions. Wins and losses have been discarded. The following is standings from 2008

A Division
EPA Financial
Rada Chiropractic
Sonic
Scrappers

B Division
Williams Construction
Tom's Team