

## 2009 STATE TOURNAMENTS

### 50+

**Saturday and Sunday,  
August 22nd & 23rd**

**Saturday,  
Memorial Park, Linden  
Tighe Park, Freehold**

**Sunday,  
Memorial Park, Linden**

### 60+

**Saturday and Sunday,  
September 12th & 13th**

**Saturday and Sunday,  
Memorial Park, Linden**

### 70+

**Wednesday, July 15th  
Veterans Park,  
Old Bridge**

## REMEMBER

### Rule Change

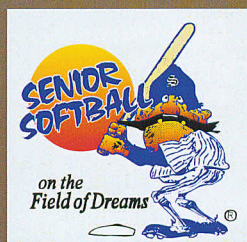
### 50+

Team can add two players from the same league, same level, or lower with a maximum of twelve (12) players.

### 60+

Team can add two players from the same league, same level, or lower with a maximum of thirteen (13) players.

Players on more than one roster may only play for one (1) team. Any questions about the state tournaments check with Norm Stumpf, Tournament Director, [normanstumpf@hotmail.com](mailto:normanstumpf@hotmail.com)



## NJSSA 2008 50+ STATE CHAMPIONS "C" DIVISION

The "C" Division played in Freehold on Saturday and Sunday. St. Leo's of Lincroft was another Monmouth County team to bring home a championship trophy.

They went undefeated in the tournament beating Williams Construction, Northwestern Mutual, and the Jersey Shore Boyz on Saturday. Taking Williams again, and beating Lionsgate on Sunday for the title.

On Saturday they played all three games with 12 players. Sunday going into the double elimination round they only had ten players. Left fielder Rich Traub and 3rd basemen George Manos were missing due to prior family commitments. Despite the depleted roster everyone stepped up and contributed to the win. Dick Katuski pitched all five games and Jeff Natlick was his battery mate. Timely hitting helped the big RBI hitters John Wiczerak and Frank Taparta do their jobs. The steady play of Leo Pagdon at shortstop, Bill Armstrong at second and big Ron Shabuna at first was a great combination. Jimmy Sorrenti filled in at third base on Sunday and Don Cerchio and Dennis McCauley completed the outfield. All and all it was a good weekend of softball for St. Leo's.



**Standing (left-right)** Frank Taparta, Ron Shabunla, Jeff Natlick, Dick Katuski, Leo Pagon, Dominick Cerchio, and John Wiczerak.

**Front Row (left-right)** Bill Armstrong, Buddy Brazaitis, Jimmy Sorrenti and Dennis McCauley.  
Missing from picture-Rich Traub and George Manos.

## NJSSA 60's STATE TOURNAMENT

The NJSSA 60's Tournament was held (September 6 & 7th) at Linden's Veterans Memorial Park. With the threat of a severe storm looming, the Tournament was underway at 8:30 sharp on Saturday morning.

Only 8 teams were entered this year due to teams having to play with their League rosters, no substitutions, and the competition of a Tournament in Cape Cod. Some teams were not able to put a team on the field.

The "A" Division was comprised of 5 teams, The Bucs (Ocean), Gatto's (Somerset), and three Union teams, Commerce Bank, Creative Industries and Kilkenny House.

The heavy downpour held off until late Saturday, and with a shortened schedule, Commerce Bank repeated as State Champions. The Bucs finished second (2nd) with Creative, Gatto's and Kilkenny trailing. Fred DiMartino was the ace pitcher for Commerce.

### "A" DIVISION CHAMPIONS



**Front Row (left-right)** Fred DiMartino, Bob Bierman, Bob Lorincz, Carlo Melia, Felix Vales, Oscar Harrison and Frank Tartaglione.  
**Back Row (left-right)** Bill Granada, John Silva, Walt Maiback, Rich Poloniza, Wayne Michaels, Pete Osborn, Bruce Symon and Fred Enzel.

In the "C" Division, three teams were entered, LA Law (Union), Padres (Morris) and PNC Bank (Mercer). With some shifting of games, the Tournament was completed before the rain came.

LA Law, after losing their 1st game, came back to sweep the field, winning their 1st State Championship. Manager Ron Zimmer and his team deserve a lot of credit in winning after struggling through a difficult season in the UCSSL.

After losing their first game, LA Law won each of their remaining games to capture the title in the "C" Division. The team dedicated the championship to the memory of their longtime sponsor, manager and friend, Lou Vespasiano.

Congratulations to all of the players who participated.

### "B" DIVISION CHAMPIONS



**The LA Law team members standing from (left)** Ron Zimmer, Tony Orlando, Ron Virgilio, Carmen Coppola, Sam Englehardt, Marie Vespasiano, Bobby DeBellis, Walt Serafin, Mick McNicholas and Rich Pelesko.  
**Crouching from (left)** Bill Ritchie, Gene Bisulca, Gordon LeMatty and Bob Grant.