

## 2010 STATE TOURNAMENTS

### 50+

Saturday & Sunday  
July 10<sup>th</sup> & July 11<sup>th</sup>

#### RAIN DATES:

Saturday & Sunday  
August 28<sup>th</sup> & August 29<sup>th</sup>

#### SATURDAY

Memorial Park, Linden  
Tighe Park, Freehold

#### SUNDAY

Memorial Park, Linden

### 60+

Saturday & Sunday  
August 21<sup>st</sup> & August 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### RAIN DATES:

Saturday & Sunday  
September 11<sup>th</sup>  
& September 12<sup>th</sup>  
Memorial Park, Linden

### 70+

Wednesday July 14<sup>th</sup>

#### RAIN DATE:

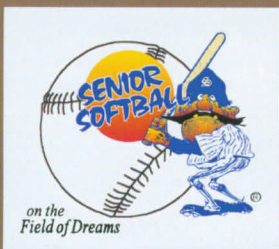
Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup>  
Veterans Park, Old Bridge

## REMEMBER

### Rule Change

Team Roster submitted  
on June 1, 2010  
to NJSSA will be roster  
used for the  
50+ and 60+ Tournaments.

**NO SUBSTITUTIONS  
OR REPLACEMENTS  
WILL BE PERMITTED!**



## MIDDLESEX COUNTY SENIOR SOFTBALL

The Metuchen Savings team in the Middlesex County Over 50 League is now playing in its 21st year. The league was initiated in the dining room of Jerry Klein of East Brunswick with players interested in starting up a senior softball league. It was to be a fun league, however over the years, it has become very competitive with 12 teams now participating.

Our team in the first year, won only 2 or 3 games. The highlight of the first few years was a game in Sayreville when we beat Sanitary Disposal, one of the top teams in the league for many years.

The Metuchen Savings Team has won 2 State Division Championships, once in 1998 and again in 2005.

The league is constantly looking for new players, since many of the original members are now playing in the 60+ and 70+ leagues. Members that once played on our team and are now playing on that team in the sky include, Jerry Bitkower, Bob Uveges, Tom Burke, John Vereb, Jim Powell, Kevin Costello, and Ace Anstett.

One of the goals of the State and local directors is to attract new players that are reaching the magic 50 number, and increase their interest in playing competitive softball, meeting new players and having fun. Encouraging players to participate in the senior leagues should be a priority to all those now playing. If we don't get new players each year to replace those

who are no longer playing, it will only be a matter of time when our senior leagues will terminate due to a lack of players. In today's economy where can one enjoy playing a sport every week for 5 months at such a low minimal fee.

The current directors of the Middlesex Over 50 League are Doug Vitanza, Ron Lesonsky, Bob Lorincz and Jerry Yaros. Previous board members include Harvey Yonowitz, Bob Moble, Jerry Chapin, Rich Nadler and Fred Lamparter.

By Jerry Yaros



**Front Row L-R:** George Lord, Jim Muglia, Lew Ogonowski, Steve Canning, Jerry Yaros, Fred Soto  
**Back Row L-R:** Paul Henry, Allan Schulman, Walt Maibach, Vinnie Quinn, Bob Donnelly, Jay Majeski, Al Homan, Kevin Costello, Charlie Smith, Jack Muratore, Stan Director, Bunny Longo, Mark Fuerstein, Gary Crosby

## MORRIS AND ESSEX COUNTY TUESDAY MORNING LEAGUE

Don Braun founded and organized the Essex and Morris County Senior Softball League at Degnan Field in West Orange, 19 years ago. He was an outstanding softball player and truly enjoyed the game.

Don was also a Little League coach in his younger days and coached Tony Ciavatta's two sons, Anthony and Michael in West Orange. He was always patient and a gentleman when dealing with kids or Senior Softball players – who sometimes behave worse than kids.

We all thank Don for his foresight to start the vibrant and successful Tuesday Morning 60+ League. Don was the first Manager of the Embers in the four team league, which started 19 years ago. The other three teams in the first year of the league were Montville, Morris and Nutley.

There are now eight teams in the league and doubleheaders are played every Tuesday morning in West Orange and Randolph. At the end of the season, playoffs are held on a beautiful four field complex in Randolph. At the end of the playoffs, a large barbecue is held for all eight teams with about 130 hungry players feeding their faces, and many wives helping out with all the food preparation.

Again, we thank Don Braun, who sadly passed away in November, 2009 at the age of 78. God Bless Don and we're sure that he has already organized a softball league in heaven.

By Paul Oliver and Tony Ciavatta

## TWENTIETH SEASON OF UCSSL COMMENCES WITH TRIBUTE TO DOM DEO

The Union County Senior Softball League opened its twentieth season on April 27th with a ceremony honoring Dom Deo prior to the TLC / Creative Industries game. Dom, one of the group of men who formed the UCSSL two decades ago, passed away in August. He had been a player, a team manager and a league officer since the league's inception. The evening began with team jerseys presented by Deo's Creative Industries team to his wife Judy and his son Derek. Teammate Bob Failla spoke to the players and fans in attendance about Dom's contribution to the UCSSL as a Charter Member and of his progression to the position of League Commissioner, after which Derek Deo threw out the ceremonial first pitch of the league's 2009 season.

In a well played match of 60+ Division powers, TLC edged Creative by a score of 13-12. Creative has won either the League Championship or League Playoff for the past 8 years. Dom Deo was manager or co-manager since 2004, when Creative won the State Championship. TLC has won the State Championship for the past two seasons.



(Left to Right)

Pete Osborn of TLC who has succeeded Dom Deo as UCSSL Commissioner, Dom's son Derek Deo, Dom's wife Judy Deo, and 60s Division Coordinator Norm Stumpf who has succeeded Dom as manager of Creative Industries.