## 2011 STATE TOURNAMENTS

# 50+

**Saturday, July 9**<sup>th</sup> Memorial Park, Linden Middlesex County Fields

Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> Memorial Park, Linden

RAIN DATES:

Saturday, August 27th Sunday, August 28th

### 60+

Saturday & Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Memorial Park, Linden

RAIN DATES:

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

### 70+

Wednesday, July 20th

Veterans Park, Old Bridge

RAIN DATE:
Wednesday, July 27st

# REMEMBER Roster Rule

Team Roster submitted on June 1, 2011 to NJSSA will be roster used for the 50+ and 60+ Tournaments.

NO SUBSTITUTIONS
OR REPLACEMENTS
WILL BE PERMITTED!



## **BUCCANEERS WIN 60+ "A" TITLE**

Repeats as Division Champions

The Ocean County Buccaneers won their first "A" Division Championship in the 60+ NJSSA State Tournament defeating TLC from Union County 15-4 in the final game. After losing the first game, TLC came back to tie the series with a 22-20 win in the second game. The Buccaneers are an original team from the Ocean County Senior Softball League OCSSL that was formed in the early 90's. A number of the players on this team have been together for more than 20 years beginning in the 50's Division with several going back even further to the Toms River and Lavallette Men's Leagues in the 70's and 80's. Currently co-sponsored by Bey-Lea Chiropractic and Lifestyle Chiropractic, this Buccaneer team has been the A Division 60's Champion in the OCSSL for the past 5 years and has consistently been among the top 3 finishers in the State Tournament for the past 10 years.



Front Row L-R: George Terra-Nova, Richard Geisler, & Bob Rowland.

Second Row: John Vitiello, Eddie Basile, Tony Marotto, Carmine Balletta,
Steve Douglas, and Arthur DeFazio.

Back Row: Jim Kazmarek, Blace Kopola, Pete Smith, Richard Longo, Bob Richards, and Bob Compton.

#### OCEAN COUNTY HAWKS WIN 60+ "B" TITLE

Wins First Division Champion



Standing: L-R: Tony Mantaro, Richard Tomasik, Ed Sofield, Richard Clifford, Walter Miller Mgr., Bill Endriss and Rodney Ford. Kneeling L-R: Bob Martin, Joe Jones, Albert Petroni, Joe Lynch, Kevin William, and John Forames.

Team manager Walter Miller was a little concerned about taking his Hawks to the 60+ NJSSA State Tournament. This was the first time the Ocean County team had ever competed in the State Tournament. His fears grew when the Hawks were put in the "B" Division of the Tournament. Although having a successful year, second place in the Ocean County 60+ League during the regular season, he felt the competition on the State level may be a little to much for the Hawks. His concerns quickly faded as the Ocean County team, swept through the "B" Division and winning their first Championship Game defeating the Patriots of Middlesex County in the title game.

### NICOLINA PIZZA WINS 60+ "C" TITLE

Formerly LA Law Repeats

Ron Zimmers' Nicolina Pizza, formerly LA Law (Union) defended their NJSSA "C" Division crown in defeating Sports Medicine (Ocean) 2 games to 1 at Tremley Field. Trailing 4-2 after 1 inning of the 3rd game, Nicolina scored 11 unanswered runs, winning 13-4. Congratulations in repeating as State Champions.

Game I Nicolina 14, Sports Med. 6 Game 2 Sports Med. 5, Nicolina 3 (8 innings) Game 3 Nicolina 13, Sports Med. 4

Notable Quotables
"If you don't succeed at first,
try pitching." –Jack Harshman



Nicolina Pizza 60+ "C" Champions

## **MORRIS COUNTY TAKES 70+ TITLE**

Takes Second Championship in 3 Years



Mother Nature must like older men. She showed her true colors, blue skies, white clouds and a bright sun for the 6th annual 70+ NISSA State Tournament held in Old Bridge.

The Morris Area 70+ Senior Softball Team won the 2010 title, their second championship in three years, losing in 2009 in the final game.

The team consisted of players from the Morris/Essex Tuesday and Thursday League teams.

Top Row L-R: Tom Mellina, Tony Ciccone, Sal LaGreca, Al Overbough and Bob Smith. Bottom Row L-R: Bob Hoffman, Teddy Chodorowski, Joe Crofton, Bill Perman and Bob Thourot. Missing from Picture: Tony Ciavatta, Bob Kruse, Alex Strashinsky and Rich Lindstedt.