


Princeton Van from Mercer County, once again dominated the 50+ " $A$ " Division Tournament. Holding the1st place trophy is manager Dom Pugliese (left) and team captain Lou Macai.

## TWO OUT OF THREE AIN'T BAD

50's \& 60's Tournaments Prevail, 70's Washout

Over the weekend of June 29 \& 30, 50 \& over teams from Mercer, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean and Union Countries gathered at Linden's Memorial Park for the annual NJSSA Tournaments.

In the "A" Division, conducted in a double elimination format, the finals were contested with undefeated Princeton Van (Mercer) defeating Renda Roads (Union) 16-12, scoring 5 runs in the bottom of the 6th.

In the "B" Division, an all Middlesex final, Check-

X-Change defeated Rod's Tavern in two straight in the best of $3,12-11$ and 20-19. In the 2nd game, Rod's had one run in and the tieing and winning runners on base when the Rod's batter fouled out to the catcher. Great games to watch.

In the " $C$ " Division, it was all Diehards (Morris) over the scrappy Metuchen Savings Bank in two straight, 16-9 and 19-6. Congratulations to the Champions and a special thanks for all of the participating teams.


Front Row L-R: Mike Micinski, Joe Biancini, Bob Jaroni, Doc Clancy. Back Row L-R: John Jackman, Dom Pugliese, Lou Macai, Bunky Miller, Chip Creager, Jack Mcnulty, Joe Plumeri \& Bruce Henry.


Tournament Committe member Art Kopaczi is waiting for the rain to stop - He sat there for three weeks before cancelling the 70 Tournament.


There is another Berra behind the plate. Hall of Famer and Yankee legend "Yogi" Berra's son, Larry, is catching for Creative Industries, the " $B$ " Division Champions in the 60+ Tournament.


Front Row L-R: Bill Vanderstreet, Tony Vodola, Mark Bennett, Carmine Balletta, Rich Geisler \& Vinny Quinn. Back Row L-R: Ed Klecan, Pete Smith, Mark Canegallo, Russ Casey, Tommy Mount, Tom Wiecerak \& John Wiecerak.
"B" DIVISION CHAMPS


Front Row L-R: Roger Redmond, Rad Rodriguez, Bob Lorincz, John Jordan, Bob Hand, Doug Vitanza \& Gene Raisle. Back Row L-R: George Corrigan, Bill Dinardo, Gary Epstein, Kerry Cash, Kyle Eaton, Ed Rodriguez, Felix Valez \& Rick Gill Missing: Harold Zayas
"C" DIVISION CHAMPS


Front Row L-R: Jim Malton, Al Cheli \& Bunny Longo. Back Row L-R: Lou Graziano, Bob Banghart, Randy Allen, Jerry Kitts, Bill Pennie, John Poyer, Dan Berry, Steve Palermo, Hap Poyer \& Mike Korovich.

## ROD'S REPEATS AS 60's CHAMPIONS

## Take "A" Divisions Title for Third Year in a Row

The weather cooperated as the NJSSA 60's Tournament was held as scheduled at Memorial Park in Linden. We had repeat winners in the "A" and "C" Divisions and a 1st time winner in the "B's"

The "A" Division final brought together the 2011, 2012 Champion, Rod's Tavern (Monmouth) vs. past State Champion Awnings Galore II (Union). Rod's swept the two games, winning 21-12 and 18-8. The games were more competitive than the scores indicated. Rod's is now a 3 -time Champion and hopefully will be back in 2014 to defend their title. The "B" Division matched Creative Industries (Union) against Jerzee Boys (Morris). Jerzee Boys won the


Tournament Director Norm Stumpf (center), is flanked by veteran ASA umpires Gary Moran (left), and Barry Ochs (right). Umpiring in both the 50s and 60s Tournaments went very well without any serious problems.
opening game of the best of three, $9-8$, scoring 3 in the top of the 6th. Creative bounced back winning the next two, 9-4 and 9-12. Creative showed a balance offence and played consistent defense. Congratulations guys. See you all next year.

The "C" Division was played to a double elimination format with defending champions, Survivors (Middlesex) being challenged by teams from Union, Morris, and Ocean Counties. The finals matched undefeated Survivors vs. Backyard Grill (Union) coming out of the losers bracket. Scoring 3 in the 2nd and 4 in the 5th, the Survivors defended their 2012 crown 9-4. The Survivors have not lost in two years and will probably be moving up to the "B" Division next year. It was great weekend with a lot of exciting softball. Once again, the Linden Recreation Department had the field in great shape both Saturday and Sunday.


Front Row L-R: Tom Lombardi, Brian Williams, Dana Kimmel, Frank Pepe, Bill Reichle \& Steve Ferro.
Back Row L-R: Art Kopaz, Karl Grossmann, Larry Berra, Dennis McDough, Dennis Watson, Frank DeLuca, Joe DePierro \& Dennis Mosier.


Front Row L-R: Vic Capolunghi, Ray Datrio, Bob Fertal, Mike Caputo \& Joe Kryszkowski. Back Row L-R: Mike Consolmagno, Joe Benanti(died this year), Ace Homan, Tom Hudak, Joe Ertle \& Fred Zebro.

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