



# Play at the Plate New Jersey

## NEWSLETTER

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### First Manager's Meeting

On Sunday January 15th, PATPNJ held our first managers meeting for the coming 2017 season. It was held at the Courtyard Marriott in Mahwah, NJ and was well attended our managers. Topics of discussion included league updates, schedules, umpire procedures, committee information and other matters pertaining to the upcoming season. Everyone seemed excited to be talking about baseball again and Sunday's gathering was a great start toward building the baseball community we at PATPNJ envision for our members. We are working on the next steps for the league and we look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting. We will announce the time, date and location as soon as possible.

### Field of Dreams, Iowa Tournament

Get out that old style classic uniform and join us for 4 days of baseball, camaraderie and a celebration of our national game at the famous movie site of "Field of Dreams" in Dyersville, Iowa from August 10 – 13, 2017.

PATPNJ is bringing a 15-man team, but spots are going fast. 9 players have already committed to this exciting event. Come join us in this recreational competitive tournament for \$390.00pp and bring your adult son or daughter along to participate as team member.



Play 7 recreational 7 inning games over a 4-day weekend  
3 of them under the lights on "Field of Dreams"  
4 at Commercial Club Park in downtown Dyersville.

Early arrival practice on Thursday Aug. 9 from 1-4pm at CCP.  
Cocktail Party and Bar-B-Q Saturday evening at 6PM at Commercial Club Park. Guests are very welcome. (There will be a charge for all guests. TBA).

Watch the movie "Field of Dreams" under the stars on a big screen at Commercial Club Park. The popcorn is free and adult beverages can be purchased on site. A framed photo of you on the Field of Dreams to take home with you. Travel and lodging not included. Visit the Website for registration information.

### Membership Advantage

All registered and age confirmed members should have received their Membership Card in the mail. Not only are PATPNJ participant's ballplayers, but they are members of an elite group of people with skills and services that are made available to all our members. Our members include Doctors, Lawyers, Mechanics, Printers and so much more. With your membership card, you unlock our members only webpage where we offer each other knowledge of their trades to assist other members in every way possible, including membership discounts at local eateries and baseball facilities with the use of our membership card.

### Sponsorship Update

Managers!! Remember that one incentive of acquiring sponsors is the benefit it can provide for your team. If you sell the following sponsorship levels, you can see the following benefits:

\$250 Platinum Sponsorship- \$100 goes toward your team  
\$200 Gold Sponsorship- \$50 goes toward your team  
\$125 Silver Sponsorship- \$25 goes toward your team

As we mentioned at the meeting, you can either apply this toward the league fee or the money will go back to your team if you have already paid the league fee, the sponsorships have a 12-month shelf life on the site.

Advertise your business on the Play at The Plate New Jersey website, PATPNJ.COM. Another way we bring value to our members is keeping the membership fee as low as possible. With scores and statistics updated almost daily several thousand people will be visiting our site. For \$250.00 we will advertise your business for one full year on our website of which sponsorships will assist in keep membership cost to a minimum.

### New Team Update

PATPNJ welcomes Johnny Burgos and his NL Division NYPD Team.

### Field Update

PATPNJ is happy to add Wyckoff Memorial Field to our list and we are actively working on securing Franklin Lakes Pulis Avenue turf field. In addition, we also secured Park Ridge on Tuesdays and Thursday nights along with the Park Ridge night field. We were unable to secure Westwood for Sundays.

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### League Stats

PATPNJ uses technology to assist our members to clarify any concerns they may have. Through our record system we are able to share our analysis and stats to better inform our members. The 35-year-old rule had some owners and managers slightly concerned on changing the competition level. It was the opinion of PATPNJ that the age limit will enhance the league by bringing in new younger players but the ratio of these players will not affect the actual level of play. To date that philosophy seems to ring true with 210 players currently registered only 6 players are between 35-38 years old. The current league average age is 50.47 years old.

### Around the League

Congratulations to Jim Sweeney who is getting married to his special lady Dana on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Elton Clarke who recently got engaged to his lovely fiancé Betty.

Congratulations to Keith Honeywell who was also engaged recently to his lovely fiancé Judi.

### Sponsorship of the Month

Be one of our sponsors and you will can be featured as a Sponsor of the Month. To date, we have had over 5000 hits on our site. Get your business recognized!!!

### Dates to Remember

February Rules & Schedule Meeting: TBD

March 15, 2017 – Payments Due

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### Charitable Causes



On January 15<sup>th</sup> PATPNJ held their first annual pre-season managers meeting at the Mahwah Courtyard with over 30 members in attendance. A league and team update was provided along with updates to field status and proposed rules. A small raffle was held where the proceeds would benefit an organization of the leagues choosing. Elton Clarke of the Passaic Orioles won the raffle and donated it back to the cause. Today PATPNJ league representatives Kevin Smith and Michael Dittamo went to the Holiday Dome in Oakland to present the Bergen County Wildcats Special Olympic Team with a check for \$200.00 on behalf of PATPNJ and its' members.

On January 20<sup>th</sup> PATPNJ made a donation of 3 decoys to help control the geese problem at the Waldwick High School field. It is the sponsorships and fundraisers that allow PATPNJ to help our friends and neighbors.

Do you have any news, charitable cause or celebratory event you would like to share? Email us at [PATPNJ@Verizon.Net](mailto:PATPNJ@Verizon.Net)



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