

MYBA Fall 2004 Newsletter



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League Champions!

MYBA would like to congratulate the following 2004 League Champions in **Rec Ball**:

Minor 9/10: Bike Authority

Major 11/12: The Gazette

Senior 13/14:

Stumpf Construction

Senior 15/18:

Visage Surgery Center

In **Hot Stove**, Medina has two Lorain County Champions!

Farm 8: CorrPro Cougars

Class EE (15-16): Titans

In **Class G (11-12)**, the **Medina Tornados** advanced to the Hot Stove District Championship game but were unable to win that game, which would have qualified them for the State Tournament!

Congratulations to all teams in MYBA!

2004 Season Recap!

MYBA would like to thank all of the players, parents, coaches, and umpires for everyone's hard work and dedication in helping MYBA overcome some difficulties this past season, ranging from numerous rainouts to an inoperative Hot Line and overloaded website. At one point in the season, MYBA's game scheduler had over two hundred games to reschedule! The Hot Line became unavailable for approximately seven days (and during some of the wettest days of the year!) because of a computer hard drive crash at Verizon Phone Company. As a result, MYBA's website was accessed by more people in that seven-day period than during any other similar period in the six years of operation. The server could not handle the volume and constantly crashed. For those interested, the website was accessed over 20,000 times during the 2004 season!

Hopefully the 2005 season will be a little drier or have the rain spread out. The Inter-

net provider of MYBA's website, www.medinayouthbaseball.org, has upgraded its software and hardware in anticipation of higher usage and is ready for the next season.

MYBA would welcome a volunteer or two in each age group to come forward willing to update the MYBA website on a daily basis with game results and updated team records. With over 75 teams in MYBA Rec Ball and almost 20 Hot Stove teams, the current one or two volunteers who maintain other parts of the website cannot keep up with updating the website for game scores and records on a daily basis. Please contact Don Cantanzarito if you are interested in helping your son's league, myba@zoominternet.net or 330-725-MITT (6488) or attend the next MYBA monthly meeting November 9, 7 p.m. at Rustic Hills Country Club.

Hot Stove Advance Registrations

In past years, previous year's Hot Stove players have been asked to register early, so that MYBA would know how many open positions there would be for the next season. MYBA is beginning the preregistration process early this year in an attempt to simplify the process. The attached registration form on page three must be **completed and returned to MYBA by December 15**, along with \$10, a non-refundable deposit which will be applied to the player's 2005 registration. This form can only be used by players who played in Hot Stove in 2004. Players who participated in Rec Ball in 2004 cannot register for Hot Stove until after January 3, 2005. Last year's players who register in advance will still have to complete the MYBA 2005 Hot Stove Registration Form when the remainder of the registration fee is paid.



The returning of the form and the deposit will ensure that player's 2005 Hot Stove registration is guaranteed. If the Advance Registration Form and \$10 is not returned to MYBA by December 15, the player will not have a guaranteed spot in Hot

Stove for 2005. The player's alternative will be to register as early as possible in January in order to save his playing spot. Open Hot Stove registration will begin after January 3, 2005 to fill the available spots in each age group. Available spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Updated information regarding available playing positions will be on MYBA's website, www.medinayouthbaseball.org.

The \$10 deposit will only be refunded if a player moves out of the Medina City School

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Calendar of Events—2005

Dec. 15, 2004.....Returning Hot Stove players' deposit and form due

January 3.....Online & mail-in registration becomes available through MYBA's website

February 5 & 19.....In-person Registration at Medina Rec Center. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Feb. 28.....Registration Deadline for Hot Stove 8-14, Minor 9/10, Major 11/12 and Senior 13/14

March 31.....Registration Deadline for T-Ball through Farm 8, Hot Stove 15/16 and Senior 15-18

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District prior to the first scheduled game of the season or develops a disqualifying medical problem. After a player's preregistration has been received, the player's 2005 registration may then be completed during January or February on-line on MYBA's website, during in-person registration, or by mail.

The deadline for all new and returning 2005 Hot Stove registrations will be February 28. The registration deadline for players who will be playing in the Hot Stove EE League (15-16 year olds) will be March 31.

Birthdates for Leagues:

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| | T-Ball | 8/1/98 – 7/31/00 |
| Rec Ball | Farm 7 | 8/1/97 – 7/31/98 |
| | Farm 8 | 8/1/96 – 7/31/97 |
| | Minor 9/10 | 8/1/94 – 7/31/96 |



2005 Registration

The 2005 MYBA Registration will begin after January 3, 2005, with on-line registration available through the MYBA website, www.medinayouthbaseball.org. Mail-in registrations will also be accepted after that time. Registration forms will be available on the website and at the Medina Community Recreation Center and City Hall. Forms will also be mailed to all 2004 Rec Ball and Hot Stove players in December.

In-person registration will be held at the Rec Center on two Saturdays: February 5 and 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Please note the change in location.

Sports ID numbers must be obtained from the City of Medina prior to registering players for baseball. The Sports ID permit may be purchased at the Rec Center or City Hall. A permit must be obtained for all players who live outside the Medina city limits, i.e. any address greater than 1400.

Copies of players' **birth certificates are required** for all leagues. If a birth certificate was turned in with the player's 2004 registration, a copy will not be needed in 2005. All birth certificates turned in for 2004 have been saved and the 2005 registration will be matched up with the birth certificate on file.



Field Renovations

The City of Medina Parks Department will be adding dirt and crowning fields at Reagan and Mellert Parks this fall. MYBA is working with Medina City School's Athletic Department and the MHS Baseball Parents Group in renovating the High School field and re-grading Union Field. The fields at A.I. Root Middle School, Ella Canavan Elementary School and Homestead will also have dirt added and then crowned.

The High School Baseball and Softball Fields are undergoing complete renovations, including new fencing, sod and infield dirt. It is MYBA's plan to have teams in all leagues, from T-Ball to Senior 13-14, play at least once a year on the field. This will hopefully instill desire in the younger players to improve their skills so that they will be able to play on this field when they are in high school and reward the older players for continuing to play. Players ages 15 and above in both Hot Stove and Rec Ball will have many games scheduled on this field next year!

Reverse Raffle

As you may have seen this fall, the Medina High School Baseball and Softball Fields are going through complete renovations. This project is being completely funded by Medina High School Baseball Parents Group and MYBA, with smaller contributions coming from the MHS Athletic Department and Medina Girls Softball Association. The Medina High School Baseball Parents Group will hold a Reverse Raffle at Weymouth Country Club on Saturday, November 13, beginning at 6 p.m. This raffle will help support the renovation of the Medina High School Baseball Field. Tickets are \$50/person, which includes dinner, beer, wine, and a chance at \$1,000.

There will be many door prizes, side boards, silent auction items, and a D.J. after the drawing. Joe Charboneau, the Cleveland Indian 1980 Rookie of the Year, will be signing autographs for a fee. Autograph proceeds will go to the Baseball Field Renovation Fund. Contact Lisa Atkinson, 330-723-0704, for tickets. Help improve baseball in Medina!

Concession Stand Volunteers Needed

MYBA would like to operate concession stands during the 2005 season at Mellert Park and Reagan Park in the building between Field 4 and 5. Two or three people to oversee each operation will be needed. Teams will be asked to man the concession stands based on the fields they play. More information will be included in the Winter Newsletter.

MYBA cannot exist without adult volunteers and this is one area that needs assistance. Spectators and players always appreciate the availability of drinks and snacks before and during games. Please contact Don Catanzarito at myba@zoominternet.net or 330-725-MITT (6488).

Rec Ball: Major 11/12 8/1/92 – 7/31/94
 Senior 13/14 8/1/90 – 7/31/92
 Senior 15-18 8/1/86 – 7/31/90

Spiritwear for Christmas

MYBA has Spiritwear available for Christmas! Items include windshirts, polo shirts, and Henley shirts each embroidered with the MYBA logo. Prices range from \$16 for the Henley shirts and \$18 for polo shirts to \$28 for the windshirts. Items can be ordered by calling Gary Baker, 330-725-3569, or e-mailing myba@zoominternet.net.



Birthdates for Leagues:

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| | Farm 8 | 8/1/96 – 7/31/97 |
| Hot Stove: | H League-9/10 | 8/1/94 – 7/31/96 |
| | G League-11/12 | 8/1/92 – 7/31/94 |
| | F League-13/14 | 8/1/90 – 7/31/92 |
| | EE League-15/16 | 8/1/88 – 7/31/90 |

Hot Stove 2005 Advance Registration

(This form is to be used **only** for Players who participated in Medina Hot Stove in 2004)

Player _____ 2005 League _____ Date _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 City, State ZIP _____ Age _____ Birthday _____
 Parents: Father _____ Mother _____ 2004 Hot Stove Team _____
 E-Mail Address _____

Has the address or telephone number changed from Spring, 2004? Yes No

The deadline for Hot Stove Advance Registration is **December 15, 2004**. By sending this form, along with a non-refundable payment of \$10, to Medina Youth Baseball Association, Inc., this player is guaranteed a position in the age-appropriate MYBA Hot Stove League for the 2005 Season. Players whose forms are received after **December 15, 2004**, are not guaranteed a position in Hot Stove. Any questions should be submitted to Ken Carpenter, Medina Hot Stove Commissioner, 330-722-2283.

After submitting this preregistration form, full payment of the registration fee must be made by:

February 28, 2005 Ages 9-14
March 31, 2005 Ages 15-16

Completion of the registration process can be done by mail or on-line using MYBA's website after January 3, 2005, or in person at the Rec Center February 5 and 19.

This form, along with payment, should be mailed to MYBA, P.O. Box 1751, Medina, OH 44258.

Thank you for your advance registration!

MYBA Board Members

President: Don Catanzarito
Chairman: Bob Galloway
Vice President: Ken Carpenter
Secretary: Thom Lang
Vice Secretary: Robynn Cox
Treasurer: Gary Baker
Vice Treasurer: Dave Stumpf

2004 League Commissioners

T-Ball: Chad Browning
Farm 7: Todd Brady
Farm 8: Bob Cash
Minor 9/10: Dino Paoletta
& Mike Morabito
Major 11/12: Dave Stumpf
Senior 13/14: Kevin Sparks
Senior 15/18: Mark Woodling
Hot Stove: Ken Carpenter

2004 Board of Directors

Director of Equipment: OPEN
Director of Umpires:
(Leagues 9-12): Kevin Sparks
(Seniors): Bill Scott
Director of Concessions: OPEN
Director of Sponsorship: OPEN

Medina City School Tax Levy

The Medina Youth Baseball Association Board of Directors would like to ask all individuals who are eligible to vote **FOR** the Medina City School Tax Levy on November 2. Even though MYBA is a non-profit private organization, it works closely with both the Medina City School District and the City of Medina. Each entity depends upon the others to provide safe, fun and reliable activities and facilities for our local youth. Your vote for the levy will be greatly appreciated by all! More information on the tax levy can be obtained on the Internet @ www.medinalevy.com.



Monthly Meetings

MYBA monthly meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday of each month at Rustic Hills Country Club and begin at 7 p.m. Check the MYBA website for any changes in dates.

Should you have any ideas or suggestions and cannot attend a meeting, please feel free to e-mail your comments to myba@zoominternet.net. All constructive suggestions or comments are welcome.

This volunteer organization stands behind the youth of Medina to ensure they have a safe and fun place to play. The MYBA Board always welcomes parents who would like to become more involved. Grab a mitt and get in the game!

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