

FIRST PITCH



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- March 4 – March 9 – team photos
- March 1 – 31 – team practices on assigned outdoor fields (weather permitting...**maybe!**)
- Friday, March 15 through Sunday, March 17 – 20% **discount weekend at Dick's Sporting Goods**. Flyer will be made available as we approach that event.
- Saturday, April 20 – come out to Werner Park at 12pm, 2pm & 4pm to watch our 14U teams compete!
- Friday, April 26-28 Storm Chasers Classic – 2019 largest ever hosted
- Friday, May 31-June 2 – Storm Chasers Wood Bat Bash – 2019 largest ever hosted
- Friday, June 14-16 – **Papillion Day's NIT – SOLD OUT!**

Good evening – This publication of our ongoing newsletter is going to be somewhat of a “late breaking news” edition. There have been a couple of items that have come up in the past week that we felt were important to reach out and address, even if at a high level at this point.

Our next edition will take us back to addressing specific topics that were highlighted out of the December 2018 survey.

PSB NIGHT AT THE GOOD LIFE GRILL

As you are aware, we are hosting a PSB night at The Good Life on Monday, March 11. We're excited about the partnership being developed between PSB and TGL and hope that it will build into a long-term relationship.

Questions have been raised asking “what’s in it for me?” by going out to TGL on 3/11? A fair question to be asked. As an organization, we are always looking for opportunities that can generate revenue for PSB. These types of fundraising events can help mitigate any expense increases that would otherwise have to be passed onto each family through the annual Organization Fee.

A night out at TGL gives us an opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, other family members which will help contribute to the funds paid back to PSB through the partnership with TGL. It helps to reduce the potential financial impact to each family in the organization as we take the program forward into the future.

On a very simple scale, fundraisers like this help to cover some of our operating expenses at our indoor facilities. We just purchased a new pitching mound to replace a mound that was beginning to fail. We also replaced the L-screens in each facility as the ones there previously were in bad shape and heading towards a safety risk for our coaches/players. In the past month we've delivered new baseballs to the facilities to help replace some of the older baseballs that were in bad shape.

These types of expenses can be covered by fundraisers like TGL nights, so that we do not have to increase Organizational Fees to pass along these expenses. More TGL nights are planned later this year as well!



INDOOR FACILITY

We wanted to address a topic that got a lot of attention over the past weekend. As a board, we have been made aware of the possibility of a new indoor baseball facility coming to Papillion (in addition to Papillion Landing that opened last November). At such an early stage, we are monitoring the topic and will engage as appropriate to help bring the best to Papillion Select Baseball. Certainly, more to come on this topic over the next several months (and beyond) as we learn more.

As you may recall, the topic of indoor facility use for PSB was discussed in the last edition of the Newsletter. We have had dialogue with the City regarding utilization of Papillion Landing for PSB. At this point in time, what we can commit to is an ongoing dialogue to identify an appropriate opportunity for PSB to supplement our current indoor space with the likes of QUAD space in Papillion Landing or a future indoor facility.

We will always strive to offer the best to our youth in Papillion, while remaining cost conscious for our families. This is where nights like TGL night can also answer that question, “what’s in it for me?” Whether it is renting space at Papillion Landing, or space at a new indoor facility yet to come, it comes at a price. While it would be simple to just raise the Org Fee by potentially hundreds of dollars, we hope to mitigate any increase by things like TGL night.

IN CLOSING

I think what is important to note in closing is that you have a Board that has the best interest of our youth in mind. We are always looking forward to the next set of improvements that can be delivered to continue making PSB the place for the Youth of Papillion to play baseball! We will remain close to the indoor facility situation as it unfolds and make sure that we do what we can to put PSB in a great place to provide more opportunity during the winter months for workouts.

In the next newsletter, I will address the following topics that stood out in the survey:

- Papillion Select Baseball tournaments
- Field – game allocation
- Field – practice allocation
- Indoor practice allocation

Look for the next newsletter by the end of the month.

Sincerely,
Mike Apgar – President of Papillion Baseball