

**MOON AREA SOFTBALL LEAGUE  
SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER**



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**WEBSITE**

[www.moonsoftball.com](http://www.moonsoftball.com)

Our website is continually being updated to include all features and details.


**SPRING / SUMMER 2009**



What a season!!!! We had 17 teams playing between in-house and travel. From T-Ball to Fast Pitch in-house and 16U and 12U travel teams. We also had three Hopewell teams playing in our in-house league. The playoffs included all the Modified and Fast Pitch teams with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers be awarded trophies. T-Ball and Coach Pitch had their special playoff days at DeVenzio Field after which all players received a trophy for participation. Also, our 12U travel team came in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Greater Pittsburgh League. The morning of July 4<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual in-house All-Star games for Coach Pitch, Modified Pitch and Fast Pitch. It was a fun time and all the players were awarded medals for playing in the All-Star games. MASL also hosted a fall 12U girl's softball tournament on Labor Day Weekend. Eight teams from the surrounding area participated including our 12U travel team. We are hoping to host a bigger tournament in 2010 with more age levels. Check the website later for more details.

**NEW IN 2009**

The softball season for 2009, brought some new additions. We purchased a new pitching machine, and we secured new Coaches bags and equipment. We also had names put on the players uniforms, had play-offs and awarded trophies. We sent Moon tournament teams out to play in various tournaments in the area, and we hosted a tournament in Moon on the Labor Day weekend including hot-air balloon rides and an ice cream truck. We conducted pitching clinics for the girls with the Moon Area High School varsity softball coach.



**NEW IN 2010**

We are reducing the registration cost for the spring / summer season, and we are hoping to construct a new batting cage to house our new pitching machine. We are requiring facemasks to be worn by the pitchers, 1<sup>st</sup> baseman and 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman for their protection. The facemasks will be supplied to each team by the softball association as part of the coaches' equipment. We are planning on conducting some skills clinics for the players and some coaches' clinics for the coaches to benefit them with their playing skills. Finally, we are planning on hosting another softball tournament bigger than last year.

## **GENERAL MEETING**

This meeting is open to all that want to attend and provide feedback to the Board of Directors. The next general meeting will be held after the 2010 Spring / Summer season. Please check the website for details.

### **SPONSORS**

If you or a company you work for would like to sponsor a team or a fundraiser, please send us an e-mail or advise one of the board members and we will supply the details. We are always looking for sponsors for various activities associated with girls' softball.

### **FUNDRAISERS**

Last season we had a Texas Hold Em poker tournament and a Golf Outing which generated funds to better support the girls' softball league and help us to reduce costs to the players. Both fundraisers were a success and a good time was had by all who participated. We are planning another Texas Hold Em poker tournament for this year and of course we will have our third annual Golf Outing. The dates have yet to be determined, so please check the website for further details and forms.

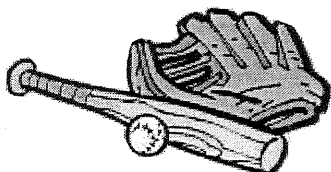
### **REGISTRATION**

Sign-ups for the 2010 spring / summer season will be held on Jan. 30 and Feb. 6 in the Middle School main lobby from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This is for walk-in registration. We will also accept mail-in registrations until March 6. A registration form is being e-mailed with this newsletter to all girls who have played during the past year 2009. Please spread the word and tell anyone who does not receive the e-mail about softball registration. Registration forms will be distributed to the Elementary schools in Moon and available on our website ([www.moonsoftball.com](http://www.moonsoftball.com)). You can also contact a Board member for a registration form. " PLEASE TRY TO REGISTER ASAP."

We try to field as many teams as possible, however it all depends on registration numbers. Any requests for a particular team with other players or a particular coach should be noted on the registration form. We cannot always guarantee all requests, but we try our best to satisfy everyone.

### **CONCESSION STAND**

The concession stand is a source of income for the league and a convenience for all the teams that play on our two softball fields. We always need people to work in the concession stand. If you are interested, please advise a Board member or a Coach. The registration form has a place to volunteer, so please consider signing up to help. We will have people in charge of the concession stand to open and close so all you need to do is help out during the game. All the in-house and travel teams will be responsible for working the concession stand an equal number of games. The coaches will set up a schedule for their team and coordinate with the people in charge. This will allow for the concession stand to be open for all the games. Thank You in advance for your help.



## *FALL BALL 2009*

**Great turnout!!!!** We had 7 teams playing fall ball this past season including 8U, 10U, 15U, and 18U. Our fall ball participation keeps increasing each year. Thanks to all who played and helped coach the teams.

## *SCHOLORSHIP AWARD*

Beginning in 2010, we are giving each year a scholarship award of \$500 to one senior player on the Moon Area High School softball team that has played in our Moon Area Softball League (MASL). This award will be given out during the awards night at the high school.



## *SPRING / SUMMER 2010*

The league will be structured similar to years past including both in-house and travel teams. Travel teams will be determined by how many girls sign up for travel and if we have enough coaches. Our in-house leagues will consist of T-Ball (ages 4-5-6), Coach Pitch (8U), Modified Pitch (10U), and Fast Pitch (ages 11-15). How many teams we field in each league depends on the number of girls we have registered. There is also a possibility that some in-house teams from other surrounding areas may join us again this year. This will give us more teams and more fields to play on. Last season we had great participation. Let's try to build on that for this year. We need to know how many girls will be playing in our various leagues before we can draft teams, order uniforms and schedule games. So please register early ASAP. We will try to schedule as many games as possible this season. There will also be tryouts for tournament teams during the season.

**NOTE:** Moon Township Little League Baseball is conducting a Little League Challenger Division this year. The Challenger Division welcomes players boys and girls with physical and mental challenges. For more details check the Moon Baseball website or contact Barry Tipker at 412 398-1385.

## *MOON AREA SOFTBALL LEAGUE*

As everyone knows MASL is made up solely of volunteers who teach softball to all the girls and help in all other aspects of running the league. We the Board of Directors would like to thank all of you that give up your time to help the league and assist the girls in any way. Through all of our efforts we are making the MASL grow and expand. Remember, it is all for the benefit of the girls who want to play softball. **THANKS**

