



## **Richmond County Baseball – 2015: The Year In Review**

**We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for a very successful 2015. The Richmond County Baseball Club continues to reach new heights, and thanks go to all of our coaches, staff members, parents, players and sponsors.**

**Celebrating our 11<sup>th</sup> year, the RCBC baseball program continued to grow and we now have 300 players on 20 teams ranging from ages 9 through 18. Outstanding play was the order of the day again as we brought home 23 tournament championships and reached the championship game in 47 events. No one gets to more championship games than RCBC.**

**We had another outstanding class of “graduating seniors,” and the number now tops 170 RCBC players who have gone on to play at the collegiate level with over \$15 million in scholarship money.**

**We continued to expand the tournaments hosted at the complex, increasing the number to over 50 this year. These events continue to provide convenient and economical play for our teams, against some of the best competition from NYC, Long Island, New Jersey and beyond (over 160 organizations from 8 states and Canada). We continued our partnership with Perfect Game, hosting a large number of sanctioned events for them along with the Northeast Super Qualifier tournament for the second year in a row. We were also the host site for Blue Chip Prospects and Triple Crown tournaments. With the number of teams now traveling to Staten Island for our events, we continue to provide significant economic benefit to local stores, restaurants and hotels.**

**We hosted our spring 13U Patriot League for the third year, with RCBC teams coming out on top again.**

**We hosted our third annual Future College Prospect Showcase Camp, giving our players direct access to some of the best colleges in the area.**

**We continued to provide opportunities for players to advance their development year round, hosting our Winter Workouts at CSI for the 8<sup>th</sup> year, and running summer youth baseball camps, a high school boot camp and winter hitting classes in collaboration with 5 Tool Baseball.**

**We established our initial relationship with “The Series,” a platform for outstanding players to showcase their talents at the regional and national level. Going forward into 2016, RCBC will be taking on a leadership role in NY. Look for more exciting news on this soon.**

**We hosted the 4<sup>rd</sup> annual Johnny Ray Memorial Fall Classic tournament for high school baseball programs and provided sign sponsor opportunities at the complex. Proceeds benefit local student-athletes with tuition assistance.**

**We continued to make improvements to the Richmond County Youth Complex, upgrading the lights on field 4 to give us the ability to play 60/90 baseball later in the day. Look for additional improvements during the off-season.**

**The RCBC website has now recorded almost 350,000 visits and in addition to Facebook and Twitter, we expanded our social media reach with the addition of an RCBC Instagram channel. We continued to publish our monthly Newsletter, providing a vehicle to showcase our accomplishments, provide important information to RCBC members and advertise local merchants.**

**And, we continued our support for the community with our involvement with a number of local programs, fundraisers and businesses.**

**We want to wish you all a very happy holiday season and best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Here's looking forward to another great season in 2016!**

**Nick and George**