



Richmond County Baseball – 2016: The Year In Review

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for a very successful 2016. 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 12th year, the RCBC baseball program continues to grow. This year, we had over 250 players on 18 teams ranging from ages 8 through 18. This was our first year hosting an 8U team and that will continue into 2017 as we try to bring competitive baseball to players at a younger age.

Outstanding play was the order of the day again as we brought home 22 tournament championships and reached the championship game in 42 events. The 17U Nationals had an outstanding season, advancing to the playoffs for the first time and finishing ranked 27th out of almost 400 elite teams from around the country in the prestigious Perfect Game World Wood Bat Championship in Atlanta, Georgia. They also won the annual Shoot For The Stars tournament (40 teams) at the RC complex and the Diamond Nation World Series (100 teams). As a result of their success, they were ranked in the top 100 teams in the country, as rated by Perfect Game. The 10U Nationals also had an outstanding season, winning 6 championships and finishing runner up in 4 others. Over the past 3 years, RCBC teams have won 69 championships and reached the championship game in 129 events. Congratulations to all of our teams. No one gets to more championship games than RCBC.

We had another outstanding class of “graduating seniors,” and the number now stands at over 200 RCBC players who have gone on to play at the collegiate level with millions of dollars in scholarship money. Exciting news too as former RCBC standout Zack Granite made the 40 man 2017 spring roster for the Minnesota Twins.

We continued to expand the tournaments hosted at the complex, with over 30 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 175

organizations from 10 states and Canada). This year, we had teams from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Illinois, Ohio, Florida, Montreal (Canada) and the Dominican Republic participate in our events. 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 third year in a row. We were also a 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 4th annual Future College Prospect Showcase Camp, giving our players direct access to some of the best colleges in the area. This year, we had over 25 outstanding schools in attendance. In collaboration with 5 Tool Baseball and PostGrad Creative, we were also able to offer our players the opportunity to create recruitment and highlight videos to help them market themselves to schools.

We continued to provide opportunities for players to advance their development year round, hosting our Winter Workouts at CSI for the 9th year, and running a summer youth baseball camp and winter hitting classes in collaboration with 5 Tool Baseball.

We furthered our relationship with “The Series,” a platform for outstanding players to showcase their talents at the regional and national level. This year, several RCBC players had the opportunity to participate in their championship event in Fort Myers, Florida.

We continued to make on-field improvements to the Richmond County Youth Complex, and the quality and condition of our fields makes it one of the premier baseball facilities in the area. Look for additional improvements during the off-season, including new outfield fences on fields 1 and 5.

The RCBC website has now recorded over 360,000 visits and in addition to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, we expanded our social media reach with the addition of an RCBC You Tube channel. We continued to publish our monthly Newsletter, providing a vehicle to showcase our accomplishments.

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 2017!

Nick and George