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Richmond County Baseball Club

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RCBC Newsletter

RCBC COMMUNITY DAY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 12

RCBC's annual Community Day at the Commons Café is scheduled for Saturday, March 12 from 10 am to 2 pm. During that time, all profits from sales will be donated back to RCBC to assist with improvements to our complex.

RCBC members and family and friends are encouraged to come that day to help support the organization and have a great meal in the process. The Commons Café is known for their great sandwiches, salads and wraps as well as one of the top burgers on Staten Island!

There will be raffles and other items for sale. Also, if you ordered an RCBC batting helmet during registration, you can pick it up at the Commons Café that day. A limited number will also be available for sale for \$20 if you didn't order one in advance.

The Commons Café is located in the Teleport off South Ave. Just look for the bright yellow building on the right after entering the Teleport complex.

So come on out on March 12 to show your support.



Payment Reminder

If you still have a balance on your 2016 registration fee, it is due now. If paying by check, make out to RCBC and mail to 98 Tanglewood Drive, Staten Island, NY 10308. If paying by credit card, use the authorization form on the RCBC website.

Your coach will also advise you regarding any additional tournament or league registration fees.

Reminder that RCBC has a batting helmet standard. All helmets must be royal blue and carry the RC decal. If you didn't order during registration, a limited quantity will be available during our annual Community Day at the Commons Café on Saturday, March 12. Players can also purchase their own as long as it conforms to our standard. RC decals will be supplied.

Tournament Update

Our exciting 2016 tournament schedule kicks off in March as we once again host many Perfect Game sanctioned events in the spring. We're already seeing many new teams register this year, and from places as far as Virginia, Florida, New Hampshire, Ohio and Illinois. Here's our March/April lineup:

PGBA Holiday Classic (3/25-3/26) - 10U, 12U, 14U

PGBA April Fools Follies (4/2-4/3) - 10U, 13U

PGBA Staten Island Rally (4/9-4/10) - 9U, 11U, 13U

PGBA Staten Island Challenge (4/16-4/17) - 10U, 14U

PGBA Big Apple Classic (4/23-4/24) - 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U

PGBA Staten Island Mayhem (4/30-5/1) - 12U, 13U

Text Message Alerts



Don't check your email often?

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Sign up for text message alerts from RCBC

Important announcements and information sent directly to
your cell phone

To subscribe, text 84483 and enter RCBCINFO (all caps)
in the message field.

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text message rates may apply



Coach Mike Lopiparo
College Placement
Coordinator
Quality Control Coach

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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

BE REALISTIC IN PICKING A COLLEGE FOR BASEBALL

Yes...most high school baseball players aspire to play baseball at a Division-1 college. Yes...some parents...not all...get upset if their son isn't being looked at by a D-1 school, and immediately blame the coach for not doing enough.

And...yes...there are players and parents that don't realize there are different levels of Division-1 and it isn't easy to get a high level D-1 like North Carolina, UCLA or Oregon.

At Richmond County, we are like a Broadway Stage. Your son gets ample opportunity to present his skills to plenty of schools...to be seen by a carload of Division-1 schools. Loads of tournaments...out of town trips... showcases at RCBC and let's face it...showcases that players attend on their own. If your son isn't being approached seriously by D-1 baseball programs, see if you're aiming for a program at too high a level, or maybe your son might be a better fit for Division-2 or

Division-3.

Most baseball players in New York DO NOT play Division-1 in college. There is a percentage that do...but I would guess 75% do not. THERE IS NO SHAME IN YOUR SON PLAYING COLLEGE BASEBALL AT A DIVISION-2 OR A DIVISION-3 SCHOOL.

Division-2 schools in the tri-state area provide excellent competition. RCBC players have received scholarships (baseball and academic or both) to attend D-2 programs and have excellent careers on the field and in the classroom. TJ Greig starred at RCBC and went to D-2 Malloy College and became Player Of The Year in the East Coast Conference, and came within a whisker of getting drafted. Pitcher Dylan McNamara DID get drafted after Coach DeFendis directed the righthander to Adelphi. D-2 has become the perfect fit for many NY players.

Some of the tri-state D-2 conferences to look at are (in no particular order):



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(continued)

CACC
East Coast
Northeast 10
PSAC

All have a batch of schools in the
general area. The Sunshine State
Conference in Florida has always
been popular with our local high
school baseball athletes.

High school players and parents
sometime get irritated if we sug-
gest their son might be a fit for
Division-3. DON'T BE. I have
grown more impressed by the D-3
set-up through the years. Just
about ALL Division-3 schools pro-
vide a top education that helps
guarantee professional success
down the road. Almost all D-3
schools also play on excellent and
beautiful facilities plus a confer-
ence like the NJAC competes at a
D-1 level with plenty of players
drafted.

DO NOT rule out a D-3 program.
Some of the Division-3 confer-
ences to look at are:

Centennial
CUNY
Empire 8
Landmark
Liberty
Little East
Middle Atlantic
NESCAC
New England Women's and Men's
Athletic Conference
NJAC
Skyline
State University of NY Athletic
Conference
University Athletic Conference

Hopefully this article has been
helpful. I always encourage
parents or players to email or call
me with questions. Remem-
ber...do not rule anything out.
The important issue is that your
son goes to a school that gets him
a nice degree...and...he goes to a
place where he will get playing
time no later than his sophomore
year!

Coach Lope



Featured Article - RCBC and PG Super25

By Coach Nick DeFendis



Richmond County Baseball is entering our third year in partnership with Perfect Game, one of the premier tournament organizations in the nation.

Perfect Game launched its unique Super25 tournament series in 2014 based on the concept of promoting true team baseball where squads with set rosters can progress through regional or qualifying tournaments on their way to winning a PG National Championship. Bob Barth, PG Super25 Mid Atlantic Regional Director and newly appointed National Director in 2016, proclaimed “PG Super25 promotes team baseball and at Perfect Game, we’re all about what’s best for the game of baseball.”

For the third year, Richmond County will again be the host site for the Northeast Super Qualifier tournament June 3-5 for ages 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U and 13U and on June 17-19 for the 17U Mid Atlantic Super Qualifier. Teams from throughout the Northeast will be descending on Staten Island for these prestigious events, giving our teams the opportunity to test their skills against the best regional competition, right here in our own backyard. This year, winners will receive a paid bid to the PG Super25 National Championships in July in Fort Myers, Florida.

Our association with Perfect Game reflects the quality and professionalism of the events we run and it will continue to drive awareness of Richmond County Baseball on both a regional and national level. In addition to PG Super25 events, we will also be hosting a large number of Perfect Game (PGBA) sanctioned events this spring. For our full tournament schedule, visit www.rctournaments.com.

Show Your Support For NYC Councilman (50th District, SI) STEVEN MATTEO



Councilman Matteo has been a huge supporter of youth baseball on Staten Island and has sponsored many initiatives to help increase participation in and improve the enjoyment of the game.

I will be hosting a special fundraiser to assist Councilman Matteo with his upcoming re-election campaign.

Please join me for a cocktail reception on Tuesday, March 8 between 6-8 pm at Max's Esca Restaurant, 1559 Richmond Road

Suggested minimum donation if attending is \$50-\$125

If you cannot attend and wish to contribute, please make your check payable to "Matteo 2017" and mail to my attention, 98 Tanglewood Drive, Staten Island, NY 10308. Complete the form on the next page and include with your check.

Thanks for your support. Coach DeFendis

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Contribution Card
Matteo 2017

For Committee Use Only

Statement #: _____
Transaction ID: _____

Please Make Checks Payable to: Matteo 2017

☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Cash in the Amount of \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

I understand that State law requires that a contribution be in my name and be from my own funds. I hereby affirm that this contribution is being made from my personal funds, is not being reimbursed in any manner, and is not being made as a loan.

Contributor's Signature

Date of Contribution

*Mail To: Matteo 2017
98 Tanglewood Drive
Staten Island, New York 10308*

Maximum Contribution \$2750

Personal checks only please. No Corporation, Partnership or LLC Checks Permitted

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EVERY SEASON STARTS AT



Time to get ready - the 2016 season is almost here

RCBC members get discounts on baseball gear and apparel:

Bats - 10%

Gloves - 10%

Cleats - 10%

Training Gear - 10%

Baseball Apparel - 15%

Gatorade - 20%

For the discount coupons, go to www.rcbclub.com
and click on the link on the Main Menu