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**Richmond County
Baseball Club**

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you would like included
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RCBC Newsletter

New Uniforms Have Arrived

Most players should have now received their new uniforms from Marucci. Please check to ensure you received the correct size and uniform number.

Remember that even though you received your uniform, players will not be allowed to play in any games until your registration and tournament fees are paid up-to-date.

Wear your RCBC colors proud.





For those teams with tournament fee balances, your next payment is due by April 1.

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.

Players will not be allowed to participate in any games until the registration fee is paid up-to-date.

If there are any issues meeting this deadline, please contact Coach DeFendis at 917-299-9211 or nick@rcbclub.com

Tournament Update

The 2018 tournament season kicks off next month. This year promises to be an exciting year again as we are scheduled to host over 70 events including Perfect Game Mid Atlantic and Northeast Super Qualifiers and the new PG World Series. Here's our upcoming April schedule:

April 14-15 - PGBA Northeast Classic (11U, 14U)

April 21-22 - PG Super25 Spring Super Qualifier (10U, 11U, 12U, 13U)

April 28-29 - PGBA Northeast Spring Shootout (10U, 11U, 14U)

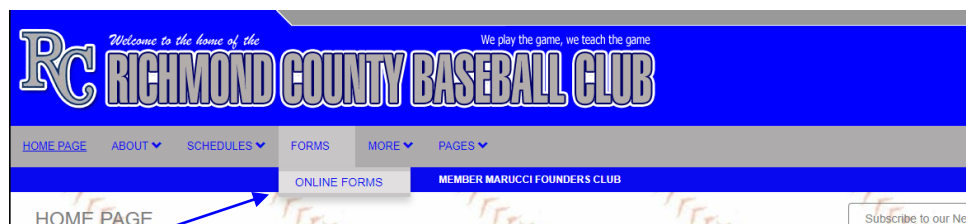
For our full tournament schedule, visit www.rctournaments.com.

Sign up for *PG Super25 Mid Atlantic's Finest*, the new tournament blog from Perfect Game. Go to www.midatlanticsfinest.com.



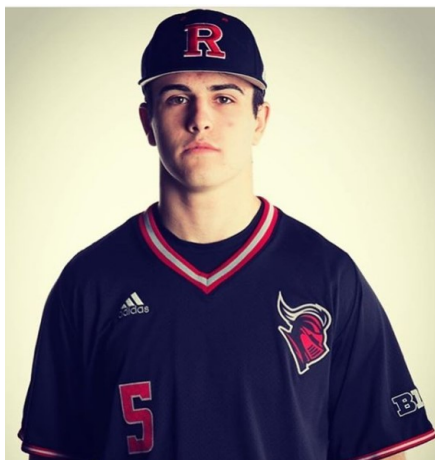
We are looking for part time weekend help during our tournaments. Positions include both onsite and offsite tournament directors, game scorers, apparel sales and gate security.

If interested, submit your contact information via the 2018 RCBC Employment form on the RCBC website (www.rcbclub.com).



RCBC Player Updates

Just a few examples of former RCBC players making the headlines in college baseball.



Dan DiGeorgio
Rutgers University



Ricky DeVito
Seton Hall University

Vincent Vitacco
Rider University



Vincent Zappulla
Merrimack College



Phil Russo

Travis Zurita

SUNY Maritime College



Free Wagner College Clinic For RCBC Members



Wagner College, in collaboration with Richmond County Baseball, is offering a free baseball clinic on Monday, April 2 for RCBC members on teams in ages 8U through 13U.

Wagner Head Coach Jim Carone and his staff and players will be at the Richmond County complex to conduct the clinic which will run from 10 am to 2 pm.



Don't miss this exclusive opportunity to work out with one of the best college baseball staffs in the area and get an early taste of what college baseball is all about.

To sign up, submit the registration form on the RCBC website (www.rcbclub.com) under the Online Forms dropdown menu.

Register Now For The Perfect Game Spring Showcases in Staten Island

A Special Promotion from Richmond County Baseball. Once your invitation request is accepted, you will be sent a payment link. Enter promo code 549RCB at checkout to receive a 15% discount off of the regular Showcase price.

PG 14U Northeast Showcase

May 5-6

Richmond County Savings Bank Ballpark

PG Sunshine Northeast Showcase

June 9-10

College of Staten Island

Richmond County Youth Complex

Curtis High School

For more information and to request an invitation, go to www.perfectgame.org or www.rcbclub.com.





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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - The American Psyche

Quote of the Month - The RCBC Mission Statement says
"The Player is Number 1 at the Richmond County Baseball Club"

At Richmond County Baseball, we deal with kids....from elementary through high school. We coach them....we teach the game to them....help them find a college....we care about them. RCBC meets its responsibility. That's why I'm NOT writing about baseball this month. Something more important than baseball has risen!!!

Friends, we have a problem in America today. School has become reading and writing and arithmetic....plus murder and injury thrown in. Something has gone wrong. Since 2010, more than 150 children have been fatally shot while at school. Roughly 250 other kids have been injured because of gun shots at school. And there are no age limits. Twenty 6 year olds were gunned down at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut, while Virginia Tech University had more than 30 killed in one day. In between, 17 high school students were recently gunned down in Parkland, Florida. And...these stats don't even include Columbine; remember that one. School has become like that famous Western "Gunfight at the OK Corral." So where is Wyatt Earp when you need him?

This article is NOT a debate for or against gun control. It's not about the blame game. It is not the fault of President Trump...or ex-President Obama or Mayor DiBlasio or Hillary Clinton or the National Rifle Association or Arab terrorists or Congress of Kim Jung Un. That does NOT solve the problem. These are what is debated after the shootings. What about Step 1?

The first step is "what is going on with the American psyche?????" What is making people get up in the morning and choosing to shoot children at school over, let's say, going shopping at the mall? How can a person, especially an American, who is supposed to be rational and civilized living in a great nation, want to give up his life and take kids with him? Help me out here.

The causes of the shootings are said to be Anger....Bullying....Depression....Sadness....Jealousy....Mental Illness....Revenge. These are serious problems a person may have. But Mass Murder??? We haven't even brought up what happened in Las Vegas.

At Richmond County Baseball, the Player is Number 1. That's why I can't believe what is happening. My email is mikelope19@aol.com. Am I missing something about the American Psyche today???? Help me out!!!! Am I over-reacting?

Oh by the way, if you attend church to pray for kids safety, please be careful. There have also been multiple church shootings over the past decade!!! "Thou Shall Not Kill" is one of the Commandments. Not sure what number, but I'm sure it's in the top 10!

Marucci Featured Item

Marucci Ladies Apparel

Moms – Gear Up For The Upcoming Season
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Holiday Greetings From RCBC



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