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Baseball Club**

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RCBC Newsletter



**Thanks to all of our players and their families, our
coaches, our staff members, our alumni and our
supporters for 15 terrific years of baseball
on Staten Island.**

**RCBC looks forward to continuing to serve its
loyal constituents for many more years to come!**

IF YOU LOVE BASEBALL, WE ARE FRIENDS....

IF YOU LOVE RCBC, WE ARE FAMILY

Happy New Year to all. My traditional start of the year welcome letter. Baseball and family....they go together like a 6-4-3 double play win to end a championship game.

FAMILY: A group consisting of parents and children living together in a household.

RCBC: A group consisting of coaches and players living together at the baseball field.

At Richmond County Baseball, the message we want to deliver each and every day is “we are family.” That phrase goes both ways - it starts at the program level and ends at the families that play for us. What I’m trying to say is it’s a two way street. Without the cooperation from the players and their families, we just become another ball club.

This year marks 15 years as a program. We want to continue to get better each year and to do that, we need the full cooperation of our families. We ask you to support our ideas, to cooperate with your son’s coach and to make the season a fun-filled and great experience.

We are holding meetings and clinics with our coaches to help them become better coaches and mentors. Our Winter Workouts start this month. We continue to create better competition for our teams via our partnership with Perfect Game and hosting tournaments here on Staten Island, offering teams from all around the county to come here to play at RCBC.

George and I can’t wait to give out fresh new Marucci uniforms. We can’t wait to get out on the field and start coaching. We can’t wait to start grooming the fields. It’s what we love to do and we are looking forward to doing it. Get excited; baseball season is just around the corner.

I’ll leave you with this message.....there comes a point when teammates become friends and when friends become FAMILY.

Coach Nick DeFendis

“Every day is a new way for you to make a difference”

A Reminder Regarding Our Communication Channels

Email - Emails are sent out to members via our vendor Constant Contact to communicate announcements and upcoming events. Please make sure we have your correct email address. If you want to add an additional email address, contact info@rcbclub.com.

Our websites (bookmark and check regularly):

Richmond County Baseball Club - www.rcbclub.com

Richmond County Tournaments - www.rctournaments.com

RC Showcase Camps - www.rcshowcasecamps.com

Our Facebook pages:

Richmond County Baseball Club - www.facebook.com/rcbaseball

Richmond County Tournaments - www.facebook.com/rctournaments

RCBC on Instagram: www.instagram.com/rcbc_theclub_

Our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCON-uX9ZKolCm9Oqtxd3c5A>

Coach DeFendis on Twitter: www.twitter.com/nickdefendis

Our monthly Newsletter - Published each month and emailed to all members and posted on the RCBC website under RCBC In The News.

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Forget to visit the RCBC website?
Missing important announcements?
Then sign up for text message alerts
exclusively for RCBC Members

To subscribe, text **84483**
enter **RCBC2019**
in the message field

Payment Schedule

After payment of your initial RCBC registration fee, the balance of your tournament fees, will be due in two payments based upon the following schedule.

12U-13U

March 1—50%

April 1—50%

14U-17U

March 1— 50%

May 1— 50%

Playing time may be suspended if payments are not current.

Any issues, contact Coach DeFendis.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Tournament Update

This year's tournament season is shaping up to be an exciting one.

We continue our partnership with Perfect Game as the PGBA Affiliate for the Northeast and will again host a number of their qualifying events. These include spring and fall Super Qualifiers as well as the June Super25 Northeast Super Qualifier for the 6th year in a row. We will be implementing *DiamondKast* for our events which will allow spectators to follow the action live online even if they can't make it out to the ballpark.

This year, we are introducing a larger number of RCBC tournaments including the RCBC World Series in August. This will be a 4-day event with the winners in each age division earning a free berth to a future RCBC tournament. RCBC teams will enjoy a discounted entry fee to the RCBC events and members will not have to pay a gate entrance fee.

Our high school age teams will again have the opportunity to participate in the invite-only Marucci World Series in Baton Rouge, Louisiana this summer. This is an outstanding event that features a home run derby, fastest man contest, Cajun cookery and competition against other Marucci Founders Club organizations from around the country. In the fall, we are planning to host a special Marucci Honor The Game (HTG) event. More details to come soon.

We will also be introducing a Marucci prize giveaway at each tournament where one roster player from a participating team will win a great item (bat, glove, etc.) from Marucci.

No other organization offers as much from a tournament standpoint as RCBC, with great competition, great fields and great exposure, right here in your own backyard. Let the games begin!

RCBC Member Update

**Congratulations to former RCBC
standout Travis Zurita, now playing
for SUNY Maritime, who was
awarded the Axxess Baseball
2018 Rookie Of The Year**



**Congrats to 2019 grad Kevin Walters
on committing to SUNY-Oneonta**



RCBC Member Update

Best wishes to Coach Joe Stauffer on his retirement from coaching after 10 years of service to RCBC. There is a long list of players who learned the game and enhanced their skills under “Falcon Joe’s” guidance. Thanks for your dedication and support Joe and best of luck going forward.



College Exposure Camps Sponsored By RCBC



Seton Hall University



Rutgers University

RCBC Looking For Advertising Sales Help



We are looking to sell advertising space at the Richmond County Youth Complex. With the large number of people coming to the complex for all of the games and tournaments played there, it is an attractive location for local merchants to advertise at.

We are looking to hire someone to spearhead this sales effort. Responsibilities will include soliciting and signing up merchants, coordinating the sign creation with a local print shop and hanging the signs at the complex. Additional details will be available upon request.

If you are interested, have the time, and are good at sales, then let us know. Compensation will be commission-based (or can help offset your 2019 registration fees).

Email us at info@rcbclub.com with your contact info and a brief bio. Include a resume if available.



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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

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Quote of the Month - Former Dodgers Manager Tommy Lasorda once said *"There are three types of players - Makes it happen, Watches it happen, Wonders what should happen."*

I haven't written since November so Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and if you're Jewish, Happy Hanukkah. Let's get down to business. By the way, I'm writing this article while its 5 degrees outside. So what better time to think about summer baseball.

This is no knock on high school baseball. But in the area of getting recruited, summer baseball is where its at. The summer set-up lends itself to that. Multiple team tournaments bring a load of college coaches, free from their own schedules, to see for themselves the players they might have an interest in. It's sort of an *American Idol* or *America Has Talent* show. The occasional trips to compete against nationwide opponents are also special. Which brings us to RCBC. Our coaches, let by Nick DeFendis, have helped scores of our players reach college baseball at all levels. Some go beyond college like Major Leaguer Zack Granite. And this June, Rick DeVito is expected to be a high draft choice while Dan DiGeorgio and Anthony Prato may also get drafted. All grew up playing baseball at RCBC. All began their development at our complex.

Richmond County Baseball has earned the respect and the trust of college recruiters who know that the RCBC coaches have the players prepared



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fundamentally....physically....and mentally. When we call up a recruiter, our evaluation is taken seriously. Simply take a look at the RCBC collection of coaches for the 13 to 17 age group and check their success, whether it be their high school record and/or their college coaching experience.

Having our own complex means more and better practice sessions which adds up to development. At RCBC, by Labor Day, your son is much better than he was on Memorial Day.

The pre-high school contingent of players, under the direction of George Quinn and his staff, start the development early. DeVito, DiGeorgio and Prato all started their rise to stardom under Quinn and his coaches.

Former players who are now college stars still rave about how much they learned from Coach Quinn. Some still call him for batting practice.

If you're at RCBC now....Stay Here! And if you know a good player looking for a summer place to go, direct him to Richmond County Baseball.

See you next month.

A Message From Coach DeFendis Regarding Marucci

As you know, RCBC enjoys a partnership with Marucci Sports, and we are a member of their elite Founders Club. Not only do we source our uniforms from Marucci, but RCBC members have exclusive access to Marucci apparel and equipment at significantly discounted prices. Nowhere else can RCBC members go to get these great products at the low prices we can offer on our Marucci Online Store. I am asking all members to consider Marucci first when your apparel/equipment needs arise.

Marucci products include metal bats (the new CAT8 line), custom wood bats (#1 bat in all of MLB), stock and custom fielding gloves, catchers' gear, bat bags and backpacks, sunglasses, batting gloves and batting helmets. Remember that RCBC has a mandatory royal blue batting helmet standard; please consider Marucci if you need a new one.

Marucci is also the exclusive distributor of custom RCBC apparel. This includes tee shirts, shorts, hoodies, ladies apparel and outerwear. Note that RCBC members are NOT allowed to design, purchase or sell any RCBC-logged apparel locally from sources other than Marucci. Marucci has recently enhanced their order fulfillment process so that online apparel orders are turned around quicker. They have also eliminated any minimum purchase quantities, an issue that delayed deliveries in the past.

So visit the Marucci Online Store on the RCBC website. Remember the special access code for RCBC members: RCBCNY. And start enjoying all the great products Marucci has to offer.

Marucci Featured Item

Need A New Batting Helmet?

Remember that RCBC has a mandatory Royal Blue batting helmet standard. Order yours from Marucci.



Available to RCBC members at a special discount price.
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Marucci Featured Item

Order Your 2019 Player Package



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