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RCBC GHOST



Monthly Newsletter

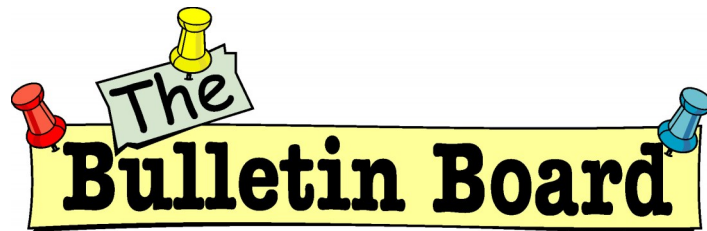
RCBC College Commits Dinner

RCBC hosted a dinner to honor our recent college commits and their families. Wishing them the best of luck as we look forward to seeing them pursue the next chapter of their athletic and/or academic careers.

In attendance were Tomas Cestero (Seton Hall), Kasey Gilman (Princeton), Own Callahan (Ithaca), Michael Palermo (CSI), Anthony Marsillo (Molloy), Robert Rispoli (UConn), Michael Sutter (Miami), Andrew DeAngelis (Post) and Joseph Dioniso (St. Peters).
Camera shy: Joseph Mennella (Hofstra).

See more photos on page 10.



A graphic of a yellow bulletin board with a black border. The words "The Bulletin Board" are written on it in a bold, black, serif font. "The" is on a small white tag pinned to the top left with a yellow pushpin. "Bulletin Board" is on the main board, pinned to the top left with a red pushpin and to the top right with a blue pushpin.

The Bulletin Board

- Reminder for those teams for which we collect tournament fees that your second installment will be due in April. If you haven't paid your March fee yet, payment can be made by credit card via your LeagueApps account, by check made out to RCBC, by cash or by Venmo to Nicholas-DEFENDIS. You can set up your LeagueApps account for automatic cc payment on the due dates via our payment plan option.
- Player package items and jerseys have shipped so please check right away to ensure you received all the correct sizes. If there are any issues with your order, please contact our Marucci customer service rep Maddie at teamsales@maruccisports.com.
- The Ghost Invitational Tournament featuring RCBC and PRD teams kicks off the tournament season at the RC Complex on April 7-8. The event for 11U, 12U, 13U and 14U will celebrate the partnership between the two organizations. The first PG event of the year will be April 21-23 with the PG Super25 Northeast Spring Super Qualifier (10U, 11U, 12U, 13U).
- Note that Diamond Nation will now require all spectators to purchase their admission tickets online in advance. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit their website at diamondnation.com.



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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - No Going Home
Arguments....Please!

Quote of the Month - Pete Rose says it's a simple formula: *"Win two thirds of the one run games and your team will be a success."*

You have seen this article in our Newsletter more times than a "Honeymooners" repeat. But it still needs to be said: "Don't be the reason your son would rather play Tik Tok than play baseball."

Baseball is a difficult sport, so don't make it unenjoyable. DO NOT....I repeat, DO NOT ruin a three hit game by sonny boy and talk only about his one pop out. Or your son pitches five innings allowing just one run. Please tell him how well he tossed. Do not complain about the two walks he surrendered or the RBI double that occurred.

It's usually the same script. Game ends, you and sonny boy get in the car and once daddy starts the motor the criticism starts. It begins as an OK conversation as you pull out of the RC Complex. It starts to become a louder debate as you head onto the Staten Island Expressway. Your son starts to say to daddy "Enough already, I heard you." By the time you get off the highway, both of you are shouting louder than Z100 which is blasting in the car. And you pull into the driveway, and sonny boy says: "The heck with this crap; I don't even want to play anymore!"

There are too many scenarios like this. Parents please remember that baseball gets harder as you get older. Perfect Little League careers even out quickly in the sandlots and high school. Allow you son to develop and learn from his mistakes. Remember a large number of players quit baseball between the ages of 12 and 14! The reasons vary, but do not give sonny boy the easy excuse to stop playing...."daddy won't leave me alone." Memo to moms: remind your husband to not be over critical. Either that or go to the Jersey Shore instead of to the RCBC doubleheader that day....LOL.



**The Richmond County Baseball Club
Cordially Invites You To A Special
Ceremony Paying Tribute To Our
Coach And Friend
ANTHONY SUTTER**



**Friday, April 7, 2023
10 am**

**Richmond County Youth Complex
1400 Travis Ave.
Staten Island, NY 10314**

Special event tee shirts will be available to purchase with proceeds benefiting the Sutter Tuition Fund and the Ghost Scholarship Fund.

2023 Jerseys Have Arrived



Our 2023 royal and black jerseys now feature our new Ghost branding.

As well as the Ghost logo and Anthony Sutter (AS) tribute sleeve patches.

Wear your RCBC colors proud!

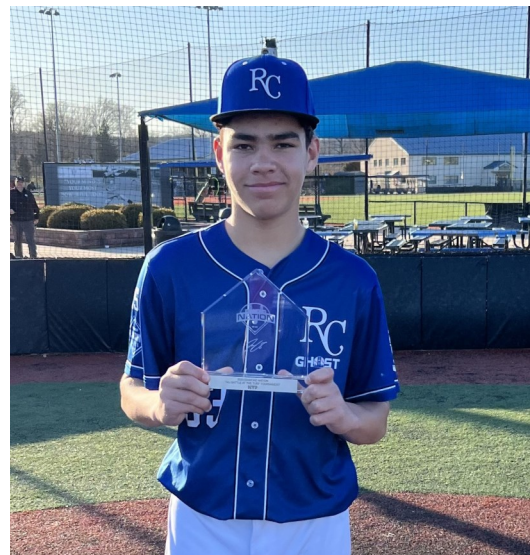


Tournament Update

Congratulations to Coach Renna and the 13U Americans on winning the Diamond Nation 14U Battle At The Turf tournament. A great start to our 2023 tournament season.



Aaron Vazquez was named
Tournament MVP



RCBC Players Selected For PG Honors



Congratulations to the following RCBC players who were selected to the Perfect Game 2023 High School Senior All-Region Team - Northeast.

1st Team

Robert Rispoli

Honorable Mention

Andrew DeAngelis

Kasey Gilman

Anthony Marsillo

Joseph Mennella

Michael Palermo

Nicholas Silvestro

RCBC Players Selected For PG Honors



Congratulations to the following RCBC players who were selected to the Perfect Game 2023 Pre-Season Underclass All-American Team - Northeast.

2nd Team

Tomas Cestero

Honorable Mention

Joseph Dionisio

Leo Doyle

Peter Fopeano

Jake Giovannone

Michael Marchese

Nick Runfolo

Anthony Salmonese

Dylan Swanson

RCBC Players In The News

Good luck to former RCBC standout pitcher Ricky DeVito who was traded from the Pittsburgh Pirates to the Texas Rangers organization. An 8th round draft pick by the Atlanta Braves in 2019, Ricky was later acquired by the Pirates in 2021 and played for their Greensboro Grasshoppers High A affiliate last season. Ricky was assigned to the Rangers' minor league camp.



Anthony Prato, who was drafted by the Twins in 2019, was invited to the big club's spring training camp this year. The speedy utility player appeared in 8 games, collecting 3 walks and a hit, swiping a base and scoring 4 runs. Best of luck this year Anthony.

Scenes From Our College Commits Dinner



Marucci Bat Demo Day At The RC Complex

We will be hosting a Marucci Metal Bat Demo Day on Friday, April 7 during the Ghost Invitational Tournament at the RC Complex. Players are invited to come down to swing the new CAT X line as well as the redesigned Victus NOX 2 and Victus Vandal. These bats and the full line of Marucci and Victus bats are available on our Marucci Locker Room online store at special RCBC Member prices.



DEMO
DAY



Marucci Featured Item

New Sublimated Batting Practice Jacket



Look for it under the Uniform Items
section of the Marucci Locker Room

For all your equipment needs, visit our Marucci
Locker Room online store where RCBC members
always get a discount.

