

Important Information

Please join us at the next Board Meeting. All are welcome!

March 7, 7 pm
Municipal Building –
Council Chambers

Important Dates

- 🕒 March 13 – Travel Tryouts (15U SP – PAWS)
- 🕒 March 14 – Team Creation – slow pitch
- 🕒 March 18 – Dick’s Bethel Night (15% off purchase); 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- 🕒 April 1 – Slow Pitch practice begins (BPGSA)
- 🕒 April 10 – Fast Pitch Season begins (GPGSL)
- 🕒 April 11 – Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 🕒 April 19 – 5 pm -8 pm Chick Fil A Spirit Night
- 🕒 May 1 – Social – Bethel Park Community Ctr
- 🕒 May 8 – Picture Day – IMS cafeteria

Note: A full calendar of events can be found on the website at:

http://www.bpgsa.org/BPGSA_Calendar.pdf

BPGSA Executive Board

President/Tournaments	Mike Babik
Vice President/Comm/Web	Manuel Redman
Treasurer	Steve Shannon
Secretary	Mike Drahusz
Fields/Equipment	Jim Cavrak
Membership	Bob Cook
Uniforms	Mike McMahon
Rules/Umpires/Tournaments	Bruce Thompson
Pictures/Trophies/Clinics	Jerry Cowser
Volunteers	Lisa Finnegan
Sponsorships	Clayton Kinlan
Concession Stand/Social	Gail Tarr
Director	Pat Dougherty



Clinics

Check back to the bpgsa.org website after the March 7th Board meeting for updates on clinics on March 13th and 20th.

Night at the Races & Cash Bash – May 1

The Social is from 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm at the Bethel Park Community Center. The cost is \$25 per person and includes dinner, soft drinks, beer and multiple chances to win money - drawings (prizes awarded include \$300 every 20 minutes), Night at the Races activities, and multiple 50/50 drawing opportunities. (Must be over the age of 21 to purchase tickets and attend the social.)

Tickets are available NOW, so contact a Board member to purchase your tickets! Remember, you can sell these tickets to family and friends from all anywhere in the country. Ticket holders don't need to be present to win.

If you are interested in **Sponsoring a Race or Horse**, please contact the Board at board@bpgsa.org. If you would like to help with the planning or volunteer at the social, you can also contact Gail Tarr at board@bpgsa.org. We need a lot of help to make this a success!

Concession Stand Construction – Monthly update!

As everyone knows, we had a bit of snow in February. The parking lot was plowed, but then nobody could get to the concession stand. Work is to begin again soon. We are hoping to have the concession stand open by the beginning of the season and the bathrooms sometime during the season. Something about putting in the sewage lines being delayed. Only a month until Spring Ball starts...Stay tuned for more updates as we get closer.

Ideas/suggestions wanted...

Have any ideas for an article or something that you would like to see in the newsletter, email the Board and we will do our best to keep you up to date on what is going on with the BPGSA.

Look for the next issue – April, 2010

Contact us:

Feel free to contact the Board at the following address:

BPGSA
PO Box 264
Bethel Park, PA 15102

Or E-mail: board@bpgsa.org

Newsletter questions/inquiries contact:
Sue Shannon - S2shannon313@verizon.net

**Check us out on the web and on
FaceBook!**

<http://www.bpgsa.org/>

Volunteers Always Needed

BPGSA is an organization run entirely with volunteer time. The organization does its best to fundraise in forms of socials, concessions, and tournaments to afford nicer fields, facilities, and equipment but we still need you.

We know that everyone has busy schedules and it is tough to find the time to volunteer. The Duty Fee program will continue this year asking each family (excluding the Tee Ball and 18U parents) put in 1.5 hours over a 3 month period in some way or pay a \$25 fee. This is done to ensure that the organization runs as smoothly as it can and so that our girls can have the best possible experience. The items listed that include (DF) are activities that would count towards your hours.

Here are some ways that you can help the BPGSA by volunteering your time:

- BPGSA Tournament (July)
- Business Manager (1 per team) – contact Coach if interested (DF)
- Clinics (listed on the website)
- Coach
- Committee Chair
- Community Day (September on the High School campus)
- Concession Stand (Upper Miners) – (DF) – to sign up contact Gail Tarr, board@bpgsa.org
- Division Coordinator
- Equipment Return (end of Fall Ball season)
- Executive Board
- Field Cleanup (DF)
- Manager (DF)
- On-Site Registration
- Raffle Sales (Tournaments)
- Social (DF)

“Other” Softball News:

There are two Softball Booster organizations at the High School that are working with our girls. In an attempt to make everyone aware of what is going on with them we are adding some information to the BPGSA newsletter with links in case you want to check them out.

Soft Ball School Booster Clubs:

Slow-Pitch – School Sport (Club Sport)

- Check out the Slow Pitch Association website: www.bpspa.org.
- **Chick-Fil-A spirit night is March 11th from 5pm – 8pm.** Please join us and help our organization with our fundraiser. Just let them know at the register that you are there to support us.
- Next Booster Meetings – April 15th and May 20th. Booster meeting notes will be posted soon for the March 1st meeting.
- T-shirts are available for sale - \$12.50. Black long sleeved shirts with the Blackhawk logo on the front and *Softball* down the left sleeve.

Fast-Pitch – School Sport (WPIAL)

- Check out the High School Fast Pitch website: <http://www.hometeamsonline.com/teams/?u=BPFASPITCH&s=softball&t=c>
- Tryouts are March 8-12.
- **The girls will be selling candy at South Park shops on Sunday March 21st.**
- Softball clinics in March, check the BPGSA website for dates after March 7th
- We are still looking for sponsorships for fundraising. Any business that helps to support the team will have its name proudly displayed on the back of the clinic t-shirts that the girls wear throughout the season as well on a large banner that will be hung at all of the home games. Contact Eileen Wallace (wallace.5@verizon.net) if you are interested in being a sponsor.
- This year the girls will be:
 - Selling drink cozies in orange with the hawk and Bethel Park Black Hawks on it for \$2
 - Selling Sarris candy bars for \$1
 - Having a Car Wash on April 10th. More information to follow.