



Let's Play Ball!!

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Commissioner's Letter

The 68th season of the Roland Park Baseball Leagues comes to a conclusion this Saturday at the League Clubhouse, aka Belvedere Square.

This week we are concluding the end of season playoffs in our National, American and Teen Leagues. In the National League, the Pilots and Toppers were squaring off on Wednesday night. In the American League, the Wolfpack and the Vikings will face off on Thursday night. In the Teen League, the Rams forced a winner take all championship game on Thursday night by outlasting the Cubs on Wednesday in 8 exciting innings in beautiful Gilman Stadium. Championship and runner-up trophies will be presented on Saturday.



Friday night will be our end of season All Star Games. The National League and American League All Star games will take place at the Druid Hill Bowl

Fields. Two National League games kicking off at 6pm, and the two American League games scheduled for 8pm. This is a great evening of baseball that will include concessions provided by the 12U Cooperstown Travel Team. On the menu this year are some great options such as hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, chili, taco in a bag, blackened chicken Caesar salad, baked goods, candy, chips and beverages. There will also be an ice cream truck with a portion of all proceeds going to the team.

The Teen League All Star game will take place at Swann Field with first pitch at 7:30pm. This is a great spot to watch a game with the field located by the Patapsco River and definitely worth the trip to South Baltimore to take in this game.

Saturday morning, the Ceremony will start at 9:30 AM, but come out early and get a jump on the fun. Scout out the team baskets and plan your strategies for ticket placement. There are some spectacular entries this year including the following themes:

- Sweet Treats
- Belvedere Square Gift Cards
- Margarita Madness
- Beer & Scratch offs
- Around TV Hill
- Poker
- Origami money basket
- Baseball cards
- Baltimore-themed basket
- Yum, Yum - Wine, Beer, Coffee and Cocktails
- Sumer Knights
- Wine basket
- And many more.

This year we have a very special item that has been donated by one generous Roland Park Baseball family: two tickets to the musical *Hamilton* at the Hippodrome Theater. These tickets will be auctioned off by Silent Auction concurrent with the Basket Raffle.

Besides the Champion and Runner-up trophies, we will also be presenting the Coaches Award Winners in the National, American and Teen Leagues. This award goes to the player on each team who best embodies the spirit and values of Roland Park Baseball, including: sportsmanship, teamwork, effort, a positive attitude, good manners, enthusiasm and fair play. This is the top individual honor bestowed by Roland Park Baseball.

The morning will also include a DJ, festival games with prizes, a dunk tank (wear your suit), and a visit from the Oriole Bird. Food, drinks and ice cream will be available for purchase.

As you prepare to head to the closing ceremonies, take a look around the house and see if you have any baseball or sporting equipment that you would be willing to donate. **The “Leveling the Playing Field” charity will be on hand to collect donations of used/excess sporting equipment.** See details below.

I look forward to sharing the day with the players, families, friends, volunteers and sponsors that make up the league. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as the Commissioner of the Roland Park Baseball Leagues these past two years.

Sincerely,

Andrew Wolfe, 44th Commissioner of the Roland Park Baseball Leagues



Caption: (Above) Mac Barrett, son of the late Allen Barrett, Curtis Green and Chris Downs following the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. (Inset, Below) Hall of Fame Inductees throw out the first pitch of the Tigers/Shamrocks game.

Hall of Fame Ceremony Recap

by Kurt Overton

A very special thank you to all who were involved in another very special RPBL Hall of Fame Ceremony on June 1st at Springwell and Memorial Field. Some of the highlights include:

- Hall of Fame inductee Bob Wood was Skyped in from Jackson, WY. He spoke of a grey February day in 1952 when he attended the founding meeting of RPBL with Merwin Jacobsen, Allen Barrett, and his father Graham Wood. It was held at Roland Park Presbyterian Church. His details of the early part of the league, from Gilman's early help with fields to the laundering of the flannel uniforms in the off season, were terrific to hear.
- Also inducted was Chris Downs, who coached the Cavaliers for over twenty years, and came head to toe in Cavalier blue, including powder blue socks and Chuck Taylors.



- The third inductee was Allen Barrett, whose son Mac spoke of the reverence his father held for the League and the bond they shared over baseball. Mr. Barrett was a decorated WW II veteran and contributed to the community around him in very meaningful ways. The scoreboard at Gilman's baseball field bears his name.
- The final inductee was long time umpire Curtis Greene. Tyrone Hill, who introduced him, spoke of how youth sports can change the world, telling the story of how young baseball players played an inspiring role in the integration of his local little league when he was a boy, and why being an umpire is so important to he and Curtis.

Following the ceremony, the inductees threw out the first pitch for the Tigers-Shamrocks playoff game at Memorial Field.

A very special thank you to everyone who helped make this special day happen including Phil Golden, Heather Entwistle, and the rest of the team at Springwell for their wonderful hospitality in hosting this ceremony.

*Belvedere
Square*



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In addition to our participants, parents and team sponsors, our special league sponsors get an assist for helping us keep the league fun. Thanks to them, thanks to you!!

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PLAYING FIELD**



Leveling the Playing Field & Roland Park Baseball League Collaboration

Did you know that 1 in 5 underserved households are not getting their kids involved in athletics because of the rising price of sporting equipment? Leveling the Playing Field works within the community to collect used/excess sporting equipment so that we can ensure that every kid living in and around the greater Baltimore area can enjoy the benefits of athletic involvement. Our donations benefit Title I Schools and youth/after-school programs looking to engage their students in the physical & mental benefits of youth sports participation.

Roland Park Baseball League will be collaborating with Leveling the Playing Field at the Closing Day Ceremonies on June 8th at Belvedere Square. LPF representatives will be on site to collect all types of sporting equipment from 9am - 12pm. So clean out your garages and clear the yard of used sporting equipment so that kids who are less fortunate are able to enjoy them!

Can't make it out on June 8th? LPF accepts equipment donations from individuals, sports leagues, businesses, and other groups on a rolling basis at our Baltimore warehouse located at **1794 Union Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21211**. If you have any questions please visit our website at www.levelingtheplayingfield.org or contact Kaitlin Brennan at kaitlin@levelingtheplayingfield.org.

What We Accept: (Baseball/Softball)

- Aluminum Bats
- Bags
- Bases (rubber & soft)
- Baseballs
- Catchers Gear
- Cleats
- Gloves (batting & fielding)
- Helmets
- Pants
- Pitching/Batting Nets
- Pitching Machine
- Softballs
- Softie Balls
- T-Ball Sets
- Umpire Gear
- Whiffle Balls
- Whiffle Bats
- Wooden Baseball Bats

See the attached link for a list of equipment that we accept from other sports: field hockey, hockey, golf, lacrosse, football, soccer, volleyball, tennis, and miscellaneous sports ([Accepted Equipment — PDF](#))

Thanks!

RPBL Fall Ball Sign-up Available:

Registration for the In-house fall ball program is now open!

This year we will be again offering two programs: (1) Ages 7-15 Instructional Program and (2) "Baseball 101" for our players six and under. We have both program categories at two session times.

The first session begins at 1PM, and the second session begins at 3:15 PM and the program will once again be at St. Mary's Seminary. The program runs for eight Sundays beginning the Sunday after Labor Day, September 8th.

We will again be partnering with Impact Baseball this season who will be providing instruction. We also are pleased to partner with Patient First and Johns Hopkins whose generosity has allowed us to lower our registration prices for this year.

This program is popular every year with sessions filling up completely. Be sure to register early!

[Fall Ball Signup](#)

Save the date: 2019 Fall Whiffle Ball Classic.

Saturday, September 28th (rain out date, Saturday, October 12th). Come out and have a blast for a great cause- supporting baseball in our City Schools.



RPBL Spirit Wear In Stock!!

Available at Admin table at entrance of Ceremony location:

RPBL Sweatshirts — \$25
RPBL "Little League, Big Fun" T-shirts — \$12

Limited inventory available:

T-SHIRT

Youth S: 15
Youth M: 14
Youth L: 14
Youth XL: 2
Adult S: 4
Adult M: 7
Adult L: 7
Adult XL: 7
Adult 2XL: 1

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Youth S: 7
Youth M: 1
Youth XL: 4
Adult S: 2
Adult L: 3
Adult XL: 3
