



Friends of Baseball Expands!

Our Board of Trustees recently approved expansion south to include Eugene and all of Lane County. We are very excited by this opportunity to serve this region. In a recent meeting, the ***Eugene Emeralds*** suggested they wish to participate as well by Co-Sponsoring a 2010 Coach and Volunteer Award for this region! At this time we are now actively pursuing team/league grant applications from this region for organizations that may qualify. Please forward this along to teams in Lane County in order to reach out to this new group.

Coach and Volunteer Honorees Announced

We recently conducted our Metro Coach and Volunteer of the Year celebration at PGE Park. The Beavers were gracious in hosting and co-sponsoring this event. We could not be happier with this year's honorees and all the finalists. These individuals literally insure that a bat meets a ball each summer for their kids.



***Sue Seaver, Tournament Director Softball World Series
2009 Volunteer of the Year***



Bill Grimm, Lake Oswego Little League - 2009 Coach of the Year

Sue and **B**ill are amazingly deserving and are true ambassadors for the thousands of Coaches and Volunteers who serve our community of baseball and softball. *For lack of nominations in 2009 our valley Coach and Volunteer of the Year will be initiated in 2010.* Now with our Lane County program and our wonderful co-sponsors, we are making plans for six honorees in 2010. This will represent **six ~ \$1,000 Grants** on behalf of these Honorees for their individual leagues. *Thanks once again to the **Portland Beavers** for their momentum in making this year and future years possible!*

Becoming a Friends of Baseball "Fan" Gains Traction!

We're off to a great start in creating an interactive forum that is dedicated to youth baseball and softball in our community. Timely and relevant articles are being posted weekly, announcements of ways you might assist and how we might help you will be updated and posted. Take a moment to take a peek, and a second moment to sign in. Thanks to the **hundreds** who have decided to become one of our "**Fans.**" Follow this link:

[View the FOB Facebook "Fan" Page](#)

Corvallis Knights/ FOB Youth Baseball Clinic 2009



The Corvallis Knights Coaches and Players conducted a wonderful clinic this summer working on drills that keep this game fun. Nearly 250 kids participating in this year's inaugural event at Goss Stadium - it can only be considered a wonderful success!

After the clinic participants shagged balls for the Knights' batting practice. The Knights game soon followed with a sleep-over on this glorious field to cap the evening. Our plan is to double participation in 2010; stay tuned for our announcement. *You simply can't miss this summer afternoon if you love this game.*

Santiam Community Baseball Receives Grant!

This wonderful community has worked year after year to upgrade their youth baseball fields. Starting in 2006 they began by refurbishing their concession stands and erecting new fencing. In 2007 visitors' bleachers were refurbished and work was completed on the dugouts. This year the field was upgraded and new foul poles erected. All of this was done with the insistence that the players take ownership of these projects with "skin in the game." Friends of Baseball is honored to provide \$3,500 in funding for field clay and a new riding mower to assist in maintaining these beautiful fields. *This is a wonderful example of the shared visions of our two organizations.*

A Need Established; A wish Comes True . . .

On July 21st we were contacted by Vicki Lyons of Sprague/South Salem Little League. Their concession stand had been burglarized and ransacked. Twelve bags of gear, bats and balls, and all of their food had been taken for their upcoming 11/12 softball state tournament *that weekend*. With this sense of urgency we sent out an appeal to a couple dozen individuals who have asked to help out in the past. *(In the future we will also notify of these urgent needs through our facebook fan page.)*

Amazingly, within 12 hours this team was once again whole; thanks to this outreach their tournament was saved; those of you who helped this team. . .

I know who you are. .

Simply Said Thank you

Have a wonderful fall!

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