

Freemansburg Bethlehem Township Athletic Association Newsletter



February 2018

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Upcoming News/Events:

League/Board Meeting Dates: 3/1, 4/5 at 7:00pm,
5/3 at 8:00pm, at FBTA Field House

Blue Barons Auxiliary Meeting Dates: 3/22 (NEW
DATE), 4/12, 5/10, 6/14 (Elections), 7/12 at 7pm at
FBTA Field House

Important Dates:

Parent Meetings:

**March 8: 6:30pm Minors/Majors
7:15pm Rookie**

**March 15: 6:30pm T-Ball
7:15pm - Coach Pitch**

March 20: Keystone Pub Fundraiser 5-8pm

April 21: Opening Day Ceremony 9:00am

**April 21 & 22: Minors/Majors Kick-Off
Tournament**

April 27: Morgan Hill Golf Outing

April 29: Iron Pigs FBT Event

June 3: FBT Day

Contact the Board via email at:
fbtaemail@yahoo.com

Check out our new website:
fbtaa.com

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FBTAA

President's Message

Hello FBTA Families and Friends,

I am not sure about you, but I am getting spring fever. The weather this month has been mild and the birds are starting to nest. All good signs that spring will be here very soon and our season can begin. Recently, we finished our evaluations and teams are being created. Furthermore, uniforms are being ordered and our parent's meetings have been scheduled and announced.

FBTA is always looking for sponsorships, parent involvement, and volunteers. We also offer community service hours for high school students and opportunities for Cub Scouts/Eagle Scouts. If you are an electrician, carpenter, plumber, or a handyman, we could always use your assistance with our facilities. If you are willing to help, please contact the Board at fbtaemail@yahoo.com.

The next big task is to make sure our facilities are set up and ready for the upcoming season. We will be asking for volunteers to help once we confirm dates. We cannot begin our season until all the fields are ready and released. Volunteers have been the lifeblood of this organization for the last 64 years. To continue to be successful in offering the families a great place to play, we will need help.

I want to also take a minute to thank the Freedom Patriots and Northampton Spartans for all the help they provided during evaluations this year. Your help has gotten our season off to a great start.

Eric Vernon
FBTA President



CONCESSION STAND

2018 REFRESHMENT STAND NEWS

- We will now be accepting credit cards (minimum \$10 purchase) on our NEW Square POS register system
- Bottle drinks – no more fountain soda
- 6 Family Meal Deals – to save you some money
- 8 New Candies
- 4 New Drinks including Capri Sun – a healthier choice for your children
- 5 New Ice Cream Choices – including frozen bananas

We have listened to you and are doing everything we can to offer more choices for your refreshment needs, and hopefully speed up wait times along the way. We will still be making most of our hot foods on demand (when not busy). We have found that most of the hot foods that we sell, do not last very long under heat lamps. The longest wait time should be no more than 5 minutes (pizza) and mostly 3 to 4 minutes (everything else).

Once again, we will try to speed things up by using one of our service windows to accept **Treat Tickets only**. This is something we've forgotten about and I apologize for that.

Please remember that everyone has to do their turn and provide a few hours of their time in order to help cover the refreshment stand. It is extremely important that you fulfill **YOUR** obligation. We are **ALL** volunteers! If you have an emergency, and truly can't fulfill your obligation, you must contact your team parent **ASAP**. I'm asking that you text or call **ME** as well. My information is at the bottom of this page. The reason is that last season we had a few "No Shows", and the stand couldn't be open.

I will be holding 4 register classes. If you are expecting to run our new system, please try to make time for one of these classes. It will be difficult to train cashiers on the fly. Overseer Managers are **Required** to attend one of these classes. An email will be sent out listing the dates and times of these classes

Lastly, if you have any ideas to help improve our system, items to add, complaints, or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time,
George Horwath
RS Coordinator
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Gmhjr6965@yahoo.com



Publications Committee

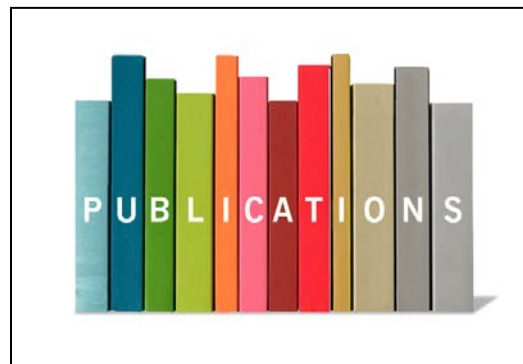
In an effort to increase communication among our members, the Publications Committee was created this year. This committee consists of myself, Eric Vernon, Ken Santay, and Wendy Santay. One of the most important items that we decided to implement is this newsletter. Each of the past four months we highlighted a committee, its chairperson, and a board member. Our hopes in publishing the newsletter is to update our members with important baseball information, have our members better informed as to what goes on behind the scenes at FBTAA, and let our members get to know who we are in order to make connections beyond baseball. Hopefully you have found the newsletter informative and a worthwhile read.

Along with the newsletter, we were also hard at work creating postcards to send out to the schools for this year's registration. With the move to Cal Ripken, our boundaries opened up a little so we wanted to make sure those new areas were aware of their option to join FBTAA once registration began.

In addition, the Publications Committee has decided to forgo the printed program this year that had been given out at Opening Day in the years past. FBTAA's new website has been updated and is being heavily utilized to showcase our newsletters and will also be used in place of what was in the program. You'll be able to check the website for game schedules, snack stand schedules and sponsors, everything that was in the printed program will now be on the website.

Moving forward through the season we will look to continue communicating with members through our newsletter and will hang any flyers of upcoming events around the FBTAA complex. So be on the lookout and we hope to see you at the fields supporting the Blue Barons!

Jennifer Felix
Publications Committee Chairperson



Getting to Know the Families of FBTAA

George Horwath

*** Board Member**

*** Refreshment Stand Coordinator**

Hi, my name is George Horwath. I have been a board member for the past 2 years and the Refreshment Stand Coordinator for the past 3 years.

I was born in Bethlehem and spent most of my life living in Bethlehem Township. I have been at F.B.T.A.A. for the past 44 years in some capacity or another. I started as a player when I was 8 years old. At that time, there wasn't a baseball program for anyone younger at F.B.T.A.A. My father was my manager from when I was 8 until I was 10. At that time, my father decided that he wanted to coach the more competitive Junior Legion team. He remained with the Junior Legion for 23 years while I continued to play until I was 16. I would have to say that during my baseball days, I was considered to be a pretty good 1st baseman and a below average hitter. My focus then turned to working at the now closed K-mart on Linden Street in order to pay for my car. I graduated from Freedom High School in 1983 and spent the rest of my work life doing electronics and electrical work.

My greatest joy in life are my 2 children. My 16-year-old son Cade and my 14-year-old daughter Kinsley. Cade started playing baseball at F.B.T.A.A. when he was 5. I was his manager from this point until he was 10, when he decided he wanted to skip his next 2 years of Little League and play for our Midget program on the senior field. He is still at F.B.T.A.A. and will be trying out for Freedom's baseball team this year. He currently plays ice hockey for both the JV and Varsity teams at Freedom. Kinsley has always been very active. She has done dance, basketball, and is still a very good equestrian. I really enjoy watching her jump higher, and higher with each competition she enters.

I currently live in Lower Nazareth with Kinsley's 2-year-old Pit Bull "Annie" and her 2-year-old cat, "Mow-Mow".

Thank you for taking the time to read my bio.

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Jennifer Felix

* Publications Committee Chairperson * Assistant Coach * Blue Barons Auxiliary Vice President

Sports have been a part of my entire life. I grew up in Basking Ridge, NJ, with my parents and younger sister. Gymnastics was the first sport I was involved in, followed by cheerleading, and recreation basketball and softball. Six years as a Somerset Hills Pop Warner cheerleader led to me coaching my sister's cheerleading squad for two years. Once I was in high school, I played two years of basketball as a guard, and four years of softball as a catcher and outfielder, with one year of being a recreation umpire. After college, I played softball for two years in the Bernards Township Women's Softball League, and I coached the St. James 8th Grade Girls Softball team when I taught at the school in Basking Ridge.

The New York Yankees have always been my favorite baseball team since I was a kid. I remember sitting and watching them with my Dad in the 80s and calling them the "Junks" because they weren't that good back then. The first game I ever went to was when I was a kid and it was the Yankees vs. the Oakland A's. Being in a major league stadium watching my favorite team play helped solidify my love for the game of baseball. Now, as an adult, I get the opportunity to help coach my own two boys on their baseball teams. I enjoy being on the field sharing my knowledge of baseball with them and their teammates, and especially watching the other boys' reactions when they realize that a "girl" actually knows a thing or two about baseball.

Lock Haven University in Lock Haven, PA, is where I attended college. Having decided to become a teacher, Lock Haven was a great teacher's college, and the size and location along the Susquehanna River was a perfect choice for me. While there, I decided to pledge Alpha Sigma Tau sorority, where I was Secretary and the Growth and Development Chairperson for one year. It was also at LHU where I met my husband, Steve.

Steve and I were married in October of 2000 and lived in Neshanic Station, NJ, for four years before deciding to relocate to Freemansburg, where we have lived for the past 13 years. We have two boys, Jack who is 12 years old, and Ryan who is 8 years old. Luckily for us, they love baseball just as much as we do. As a family, we enjoy attending Iron Pigs games, having family movie nights, and vacationing at Long Beach Island, NJ. Summers at LBI were a part of my childhood when I worked at Fantasy Island Amusement Park in the arcade, and now I get to share that with my boys and watch them make memories.

Currently, I am a 5th grade Language Arts teacher in the Branchburg School District in Branchburg, NJ, where I have been teaching for the past 17 years. Even though I make the hour-long commute on route 78 each day (the bane of my existence), I look at it as my transition time between teacher and mom which allows me to enjoy my favorite iced Dunkin Donuts coffee and 80s/90s music.

In addition to being wife, mom, teacher, coach, and chairperson, I am also the Blue Barons Auxiliary Vice President, a role I have held now going on my third year. Getting involved, planning events for the league, and fundraising has been a rewarding experience and has given me life-long friends. The 2018 baseball season should prove an exciting one with joining the Lehigh Valley Cal Ripken League, and I look forward to starting it!

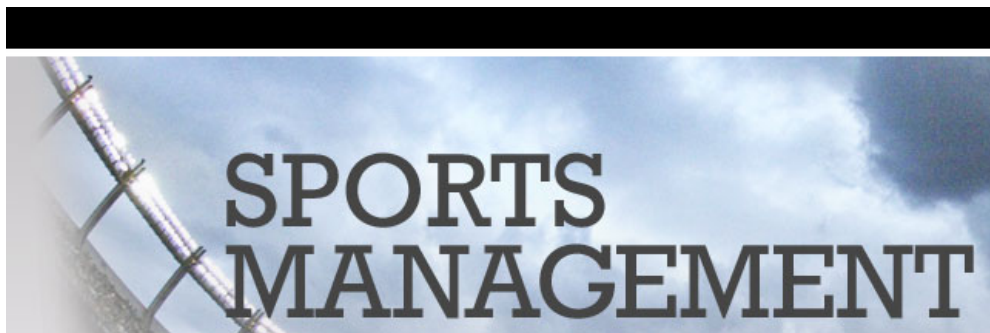


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David Lissy

*** Chairman of the Board * Player Agent**

Grew up in Springfield, NJ, played football and baseball in College (University of New Haven). Married (wife Kristen) and one child Tyler who is a freshman at Notre Dame High School. Have been the player agent for 8 years.





Keystone Pub Bethlehem Dine and Donate Fundraiser Night

Come support FBTAA on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, between the hours of 5:00 - 8:00pm.

The Keystone Pub will donate 10% from all purchases (food and beverage) back to the FBTAA Blue Barons Auxiliary!

While you are there, come check out the Blue Barons Auxiliary raffle on the first floor of the pub!



We will see you at the pub!

Tournament Registration

\$125 per Golfer

Includes: Golf, cart, dinner buffet, drinks and beer on the course, and prizes!

Captain: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Player: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Player: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Player: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Join us for dinner! Those who are not golfing are welcome to attend the dinner.
\$45 per person

Payment Type:

Cash.....Amount \$ _____

Check.....Amount \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to FBTAA)

Mail To:

Brent Wallace
4055 Allen Street
Bethlehem, PA 18020
Attn: Golf Tournament



About Morgan Hill Golf Course

The 18-hole course at Morgan Hill in Easton, Pennsylvania features 6,749 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 71. **UNIQUE DESIGN FEATURES:** Six split fairways, four bunker-less holes, four holes with 7 or more bunkers, over 300' of elevation changes, over 150' of elevation change on Hole #12, panoramic views of farmlands, the Pocono Mountains, neighboring towns, Lafayette College, the Delaware River and the Delaware Water Gap. The course opened in 2004.

Address & Phone

100 Clubhouse Dr.
Easton, PA 18042
610-923-8480

Directions:

www.theclubatmorganhill.com/contact/directions-map

Attire:

Proper Golf attire required: No jeans, cutoffs, sweats or T-shirts



3rd Annual Golfing for Baseball

Golf outing



Friday, April 27th, 2018
Morgan Hill Golf Course
1pm Shotgun Start

Freemansburg Bethlehem Township Athletic Association

Community support allows us to provide a quality baseball experience to over 500 children from the Borough of Freemansburg and the Township of Bethlehem.

As you can imagine there are many expenses involved in managing a community youth sports program. Your continued support will provide for the purchase of uniforms, insurance, baseball gear, umpires and field maintenance. Without the support of people like you, we would not be able to reach our goals. Not only are the youth enjoying the sport of baseball, they are also learning many valuable life lessons by being a member of a team.

In 2018, we will continue to improve our FBTA complex in order to provide a more reliable baseball experience for all of our Little League and Senior Field Players. The improvements made, improve the fields and permit games to be played in all weather conditions.

Please know that your support and generosity does not go unnoticed. Without your involvement, all the things that make our league great would not be possible. Thank you again for your continued support in 2018.

Visit Our Website

sports.bluesombrero.com/fbtaa



Morgan Hill Golf Course:



Schedule of Events:

12:00pm Registration
1:00pm Shotgun Start
6:00pm Dinner Buffet

Format:

Scramble - 4 Person Teams

Join us for dinner! Those who are not golfing are welcome to attend the dinner.
\$45 per person

Events of The Day:

Closest to the Pin Contest
Longest Drive
Putting Contest
50/50 Raffle

**Please Contact Brent Wallace with
any questions at
Brent.wallace@yahoo.com**



Be a Sponsor!

Eagle: \$1,000

- *Signage on our field for all of 2018 season
- *Complimentary foursome
- *Special recognition in all event promos
- *Complementary custom hole sign

Birdie: \$600

- *Complimentary foursome
- *Special recognition in all event promos
- *Complementary custom hole sign

Hole Sponsor: \$50

- *Custom hole sign at one of the 18 holes
- *Include your company's logo or just a picture of your kids...it's up to you!

**Your support means a lot! Any and
all donations are welcome and
appreciated!**

All supporters will be recognized as proud
supporters of FBTAA!