



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

From Coach Bisceglia

On behalf of the Barracuda Diamond Club and its Executive Board

To Barracuda Nation



After an outstanding meeting this past week with our entire group, I would like to briefly recap some of our immediate priorities and encourage everyone to help the baseball program get a fast start this fall. Of course, the baseball season is more of a marathon than a sprint, but, if we can get going now with an enthusiastic pace, we can all slow down in the spring and enjoy the high school season to its fullest.

As is the case customarily, the varsity team does require the most resources, but our first priority is for the benefit of all players. At the meeting we outlined the **final phase of completing our varsity and junior varsity clubhouses**. We are working right now to install the rest of the electrical and lighting needed in order to make everything truly functional on both sides of the field. However, we still need to purchase rubber flooring for the interior of each room, and spike-proof rubber matting for the exterior dug-out areas. With a little help from some handy boosters, we will then proceed to insulate and drywall the JV clubhouse and add air conditioning. When these projects are complete, we can paint inside and be finished by January. We will then have changing areas, complete with lockers, and a safe place to store all baseball equipment and uniforms.

To begin providing the resources needed to underwrite this, and the rest of our baseball needs, we do ask that every family **join the Barracuda Diamond Club**. Not only will you receive the benefits of such membership, but those dues will give us the financial stimulus we need right now. You may find the forms on-line.

Everyone should be congratulated on a very successful start to our **concession business**. Money generated from our sales will help defray our End of the Year Celebration, as well as provide money needed to maintain our field. We understand the commitment it takes to man such an operation and are sincerely grateful for everyone's help.

CURRENT FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

The Annual Car Wash at Sunstate Bank on US 1- a date in November will be set very shortly. Each player will be responsible to prepay for 10/ \$5 coupons. There will be a meeting with all players shortly to set up the work schedule and disperse the tickets. A letter will be sent home requesting volunteers to assist with the event.

Barracuda Diamond Club Golf Tournament @ Doral Sunday, December 13 @ Doral. A flyer will be posted on the web by the end of October. Right now, please promote the event to all potential golfers. Our objective is to fill the tournament with 140 golfers. At this point we ask that each booster also attempt to solicit either auction items (tickets to sporting events, sports memorabilia, travel packages, etc.) or smaller raffle items. The raffle and auction generate more than half of our total tournament revenue. We will also be soliciting tee signs from sponsors. Any leads on personal or business sponsorship is highly appreciated.

Homestead Speedway Parking-

Saturday and Sunday – Nov. 21 & 22. Our annual parking duties should again resume. A notification will be forthcoming as we put together the schedule for this event. This has been a fall fund-raising staple for over 10 years.

Coral Reef Bazaar -

Saturday, November 21- The Athletic Department is sponsoring this year's event here at Coral Reef High. If anyone is interested in purchasing a booth for \$25, you may call our **Athletic Director, Ms. Deb Margolis (305-232-2044/ ext. 2107)**. Our own Patti Ugalde is organizing a booth to benefit the baseball team. If you wish to work with her, or help out in any way, please contact her at pugaldekidsfirst@yahoo.com.

Upcoming season highlights: Aside from our fall league teams currently playing, we will enter a varsity selection for the **FIU January Team Camp**. This will be held January 8-10 with a 4 game guarantee. There will be a \$40 fee for participants, but this is an exceptional opportunity for our players to be evaluated by the FIU coaching staff, as well as a venue where we can showcase our players and team. It should be a great prelude to the beginning of our official high school season which starts on January 18. We are also very excited this year as we will once again put on our **Alumni game**. Consideration is to hold this event just prior to the winter vacation, or right after the New Year. This will accommodate all those alumni who may be home visiting from school. The varsity is also tentatively planning to play a feature game in the spring at UM's Mark Light Stadium. This would certainly highlight the season. The annual Palmetto Bay Mayor's Cup game is once again on the schedule versus Palmetto (March 6 at Coral Reef Park – both JV and Varsity games).. Coral Reef won the Cup last year. The spring trip is being considered and looks to take the team up to Pensacola to play in the Gonzalez-Tate tournament which should feature some extraordinary competition.

Stay tuned for all our upcoming fundraising and baseball events.

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Our most lucrative and year round fundraising efforts should continue to be the solicitation of advertisement for the **2010 Barracuda Baseball Yearbook & the solicitation of Corporate and Banner Sponsors**. Joining the Barracuda Baseball **Coaches Committee Club** is also a major enterprise we wish you to consider. Please check on line for our program flyer and order form. All questions and concerns should be directed to Coach Bisceglia.