



## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

In order to communicate what's been going on and what will be going on with the Coral Reef baseball program, please read the information below. Visit the website [www.coralreefbaseball.com](http://www.coralreefbaseball.com) for all our information.

**BOOSTER MEETING- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 7:30 IN MEDIA CENTER**

**BARRACUDA DIAMOND CLUB-General Booster Meeting- Tuesday, October 5 @ 7:30PM in the Media Center.** We are expecting to have, once again, full membership in the Barracuda Diamond Club Applications will be available at the meeting and dues (\$35) can be paid at that time [this year you will receive a booster T-shirt].

**CONCESSION STAND-** It is the club's intention to have the concession stand operational throughout the fall league. Since varsity will play doubleheaders on Saturdays and South Florida Travel JV will play doubleheaders on Sundays, your help would be well appreciated. As in the past, each family is asked to donate one case of water or soda or Gatorade, or individual bags of chips or cookies which can be resold to the public (a \$5 case of water is resold for \$24). Donations can be brought to the field on Saturday or Sunday when games are being played. Marion Dees and Miriam Blanco can also help coordinate. The concession operation is a vital part of our wholesome family atmosphere, not to mention its significance to our overall fundraising program. Please lend a hand

**GOLF TOURNAMENT-** The date has been set for Saturday, November 13 at the Miccosukee Golf & CC. We have already received donations of Heat, Hurricane, and Dolphins tickets for the tournament raffle, and we expect many other fabulous golf prizes to be donated. The best ball format will allow everyone a chance at the prizes. It is shaping up to be a great time for the Barracuda baseball program. I know that this will be a significant fundraiser as well as a great chance to network with potential sponsors.

Therefore, I challenge every player (family) to sign up at least one golfer for the tournament. Even if you don't play, you're welcome to come out to help and enjoy the fun. Our goal is to have at least 50 golfers signed up by October 15. A full field would be 100 or more. Greens fees and sponsorships should be accompanied with a completed order form and can be turned in anytime before October 15. For more information call Dave McDonald (305-298-1180) or Tom Prongay (305-253-548) or see Coach Bisceglia.

Players have received **Flyers** and **Order Forms** and they will be available at our booster meeting and on our website.

**SPONSORSHIPS & YEARBOOK ADS-** The kick-off for our sponsorship and ad campaign has begun. Our sincerest thanks to the first advertiser- the Inside Cover no less- Randy and Charmaine Flick purchased that at our first booster meeting. Players will be given last year's book along with a thank you letter, and have been instructed to hand deliver those to any advertisers who purchased a quarter page or more. If we have enough books, we will also deliver those to our business card advertisers as well. We are starting immediately by asking those patrons to renew their ad for this year. If you have any questions about this program call Coach Bisceglia (305-989-3349). Monies from the ads will help us in the short term to pay for equipment and baseball related needs.

Last year our sponsorship program (corporate banners, yearbook advertisement, and coaches committee membership) reached \$20,000. Our goal this year is to exceed that amount. With approximately 55 players in the program the average per player was \$370. However, I fully understand that everyone's ability to meet that total varies. That is why I will never ask for personal fees from families and players. Our "team" orientation relies on each member to do the best they can, realizing that we are all in this enterprise together and that our goals are all the same: to create the best possible venue for our student-athletes to succeed. This spirit can flourish when everyone is dedicated to do his/her utmost. As our players are well aware, the pride that has developed here at

Coral Reef is a direct result of the efforts of the many players and boosters who have preceded them. The unity of our Barracuda family will continue on this most noble of missions.

**--FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION--**

**AMERICAN AIRLINES ARENA CONCESSION-** Through Mrs. Lori Tyson, we have the opportunity to work 15 events at the AAA. This would be a significant revenue producer. However, the commitment must be unwavering. We are currently getting precise information on how many people are needed and the dates of the events. We encourage the parents and players on the varsity to take a serious look at this opportunity because the proceeds will be used for the varsity spring trip. The trip is currently being worked out to go to Atlanta to play four or five games during the break. We will dedicate a portion of our booster meeting ironing out the logistics and then determining the feasibility. Please read and fill out the attached questionnaire so that we have a better measure of everyone's commitment before we proceed.

**UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS-**

*"The Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup is on and the countdown has begun for an unprecedented event in motorsports - Ford Championship Weekend, Nov. 18-21 - featuring the championship-finale for the inaugural NASCAR NEXTEL Cup. Ten of NASCAR's greatest drivers are battling for the ultimate prize - the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup - to be decided at Ford Championship"*

**HOMESTEAD SPEEDWAY PARKING:** As for the past 7 years, we plan to be available to work the parking lots at the Homestead Speedway. If our contact agrees we will work Sat. & Sun. Nov. 20-21. As more details become available we will post them on the website. Last year's revenue \$3300.

**YARD SALE-** scheduled for early December, Freshman parent Joe Garcia has graciously volunteered to chair the event. Dee Dalby, Joy Grier, Sheri Lambert, and others have volunteered to assist. Donations for the sale can be brought to the field throughout the fall and stored in the blue container behind the home dugout. More details will be forthcoming. Last year's revenue \$2000.

**CAR WASH-** scheduled for mid-December is chaired by Mo Blanco. Along with Don Petersen, schedules and tickets will be made available as the event draws near. Everyone is involved in ticket sales, but the freshmen and a selection of "deserving players" make their greatest contribution by working the event. Lists will handled by Coach Bisceglia. Last year's revenue \$1600.

**FIELD CONDITIONS & NEW PURCHASES-** If you haven't noticed, we have purchased a new Toro lawn tractor. Through the efforts of Mo Blanco, Al's Lawnmower Service sold us this \$10,000 unit for only \$6,000. We have paid \$3500 and will owe the balance by December 31. Also, the batting cages have been resurfaced to allow for the installation of high quality Astroturf. This should give us the training facility we have always hoped for. The entire project will cost approx. \$7500. With the impending addition of lighting for the cages we will be able to accommodate all our players with more quality batting time. This should go a long way for those who have been paying for batting lessons and private batting cages. Certainly there are many other improvements on the drawing board and according to our efforts to raise funds, these improvements will come about: an infield sprinkler system, conversion of the blue container into an air conditioned dressing room, the addition of awnings over our bleacher area, and new windscreen for the outfield fence.

**FALL LEAGUE SCHEDULES-** Players were given copies last week. Please check our website. The CABA Varsity will be coached by Alfredo Benavides, a Coral Reef alumnus. Manlio Bobadilla Sr. and Rusty Dees have offered to help out. The CABA JV will be coached by Robert Aleman while The South Florida Travel JV will be coached by Mo Blanco Sr. Coach Bisceglia and Coach Holladay will help coordinate all games.

Sincerely,  
Coach Bisceglia