

# Beyond The Diamond

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF MENOMONEE FALLS JR PHOENIX BASEBALL

**April 2023 Edition**

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## TOP OF THE FIRST

### Messages from your Board

This is it! April- the month where most of our Jr Phoenix teams get to start playing games outdoors. Sure, it'll be cold and windy to start... that's Wisconsin baseball! But summer weather will be here soon. We hope everyone enjoys getting outside and watching the kids play this wonderful game.

To play these games, especially the early season games, we need everyone's help. Every team is responsible for lining their field before home games and raking the fields after the games. If we don't do this, our overall field quality will deteriorate very quickly and the games will be affected negatively. We'd really like this responsibility not to fall on our coaches - as time they spend prepping the fields is time they aren't coaching your kid. Please take a moment to look at your season schedule and work with your age group general manager to make sure all home games for your team have someone to help with these important duties. Thank you ahead of time for helping out and making this a great experience for your player and their team.

## FACILITIES AND FIELDS

In addition to the new outfield fence going in at the TJ Field, here are some more updates that we are making this spring:

- At Ben Franklin- new stone will be added to the batting cage
- At Ben Franklin and Shady Lane- repairs will be made to the backstop fencing
- At Shady Lane- new bases have been purchased and will be installed
- For the FHOB- \$500 in new baseballs have been purchased

# CALENDAR WATCH

## Upcoming Jr Phoenix Baseball Events

The Menomonee Falls School District has a Baseball Summer Academy Class called Diamond Development. These FREE summer classes are for players entering 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grades. They are run by the high school baseball coaching staff.

Grade 6 June 19–July 21 9:00–10:30

Grade 7 June 19–July 21 10:30–12:00

Grade 8 June 19–July 21 9:00–10:30

Grade 9 June 19–July 21 10:30–12:00

See the **Summer Rec Guide**, pages 36-40, for more information

**Summer registration will open online at 9:00 PM, Sunday, April 16th for Menomonee Falls residents. Resident in-person registration will begin at 8:00 AM, Monday, April 17th.**

April 13 and 19, 2023	Team and Individual Photos at FHOB
May 9, 2023	Youth Baseball Night at MFHS Varsity Baseball Game  Game starts at 430pm at Trenary Field. All youth players invited to come on the field after the game to run bases, play catch with Varsity players.

## STAT-A-TAT-TAT

### 27% (3/11)

**Number of Jr Phoenix Baseball Board Members with players currently playing on a Jr Phoenix team.** Are you interested in helping lead the direction of our club? Let us know if you'd like more information on being a board member!

## BASEBALL FUNDRAISERS

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED OUR ANNUAL BEER TASTING EVENT. WE HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME. CONGRATS TO ALL THE RAFFLE WINNERS!**

### Sweatshirts and T-shirts

At the beer tasting, there were Burgundy T-shirts and sweatshirts available for purchase and they all sold out. If you didn't get one, but would still like to purchase, we still have adult sizes left. T-shirts are \$10 and sweatshirts are \$20. To order, please contact Mike Kohnert with what you'd like and your desired size at [mkohnert5817@gmail.com](mailto:mkohnert5817@gmail.com).

## HIGHLIGHTS AND HARDWARE

One of the many highlights from the beer tasting was the 50/50 raffle- which went for \$278 and was then donated directly to the 12U age group! Shout out to Dan Soley for his generosity!

## SURPRISE NEWSLETTER PROMO

A Single Level Sponsorship under the label **Flipped Reality Clothing** for the winner!

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter!

Anyone who sees this announcement in the 24 hours after the newsletter is published and emails their **name** and their **player's age group** to Ryan at [rhatch52@gmail.com](mailto:rhatch52@gmail.com) by 7PM on April 17, 2023, will be entered into a raffle for one Single Level Sponsorship (\$150) for their age group.

The winner will be contacted directly on April 19th and announced in the May newsletter.

## BASEBALL POTPOURRI

### Alumni Updates

Name the Jr. Phoenix alumnus (and son of a current board member) who was named first team all Greater Metro Conference as a catcher in 2022. *Answer next month.*