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What's this all about?

This is the first issue of what we hope will become a regular part of our baseball league services. The plan is to send a newsletter to all players and managers at the beginning, middle, and end of each season.

All players are invited to submit ideas for topics to be discussed, or questions about league rules or any other issues.

Killington wins league title in first season

The Summit Lodge Saints of Killington capped their first season in the league by beating the Jericho Indians, 10-4, in the league championship game on September 9.

The team compiled a 12-1 won-loss record, passing Lake Region for first place with a win in the final game of the regular season over the previously undefeated Rangers.

Only a 12-8 loss on May 20 to last year's champions, South Royalton, kept Killington from an undefeated league season.

Jericho's presence in the final game was made possible by their semifinal victory over Lake Region on September 2, by a 4-2 score, in an exciting battle. Killington barely qualified for the game, coming up with 3 runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to overcome Pour House by 7-6.

Congratulations to manager Bill Bauer and his fellow players for their achievement. However, see the next story, below ☺

State Championship goes to the other guys

The first State Championship game, held at Montpelier on September 16, was won by the Missisquoi Expos, champions of the Green Mountain MSBL, which defeated Killington by a score of 13-6.

The idea for the matchup between the two leagues came from Rocky Harlow of the South Royalton team. Once the idea was floated it was embraced by both leagues and the resulting game was enjoyed by all (okay, maybe not ALL the participants, since somebody had to lose).

We will discuss whether to make this an annual event, at our next league meeting in February 2002.

2001 Regular Season Final Standings

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Killington	12	1	.923	--
Lake Region	11	1	.917	.5
Champlain	9	3	.750	2.5
Pour House	8	4	.667	3.5
South Royalton	8	5	.615	4
Jericho	7	6	.538	5
Chelsea	5	8	.385	7
Winooski	3	8	.273	8
Montpelier	2	10	.167	9.5
Kingdom	1	10	.091	10
Newport	1	11	.083	10.5

Playoff Results

August 19

Jericho 13, Newport 9
Chelsea 10, Kingdom 4
Montpelier 13, Winooski 12

August 26

Jericho 17, Champlain 0
Pour House 7, S.Royalton 3
Lake Region 11, Chelsea 9
Killington 16, Montpelier 2

September 2

Jericho 4, Lake Region 2
Killington 7, Pour House 6

September 9 League Championship

Killington 10, Jericho 4

Got a computer? Check out our web site

In case you didn't know, our league has a web site with the complete schedule and results, updated weekly throughout the season.

Check it out: www.neknetwork.com/baseball

**Next league meeting: Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002
2:00 PM, Charlmont Restaurant, Morrisville
Open to all managers and players**

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New teams on tap for 2002 season

It is almost certain that the league will expand next season, to at least 14 teams.

At press time, these are the proposed new teams, with contact information. If you are interested in starting a new team, contact the league secretary, Mike Wagner, for more information, at 802-334-7514 or by e-mail at mikew@together.net

Burlington Cardinals: Ronn Winn, 802-425-3432

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Proposal for an 18 and over league

Floyd Brown suggested that we determine the interest in forming a new league for players who are age 18 and over.

The younger league is an opportunity for players to continue to play hardball after high school or college, and provides a natural lead-in to our own league once the players reach age 35. Players can continue to play in the younger league if they want to.

The new league will play with full rules, and no pitching age limitations. It will be affiliated with the national Mens Adult Baseball League (MABL), so that the teams could participate in national tournaments and get other benefits.

If you would like to share your thoughts on whether and how this league would work, please contact Floyd Brown, P.O. Box 1, W.Charleston, VT 05872, phone 802-895-4467.

We will also discuss this at the next league meeting, in February.

So you think you know the rules?

This happened in a playoff game this year. With a 1-2 count a pitch came in high and inside, and the batter had to duck out of the way. In so doing he fell and injured his back, so that he could not complete the at bat. Every player on the team was already in the game, so there was no available pinch hitter. How do you think this should have been handled?

A - the batter is out for not completing the at bat

B - the at bat does not count, the player is out of the game, and the next batter comes up to the plate

C - without a batter in the box, the pitcher throws pitches until it is ball 4 or strike 3. If ball 4 then a courtesy runner (not a pinch runner) takes the base.

We are waiting for a ruling from the MSBL umpire-in-chief; but what's your opinion?

Bill Lee's Baseball Clinic Held Oct. 5-7

By Mike Wagner

My Newport teammate Neil Stanzione and I attended the 'fantasy camp and clinic' featuring Bill Lee, at Middlebury College, from October 5-7.

It was organized by a group called "Extra Innings", run by Jeff McKay, a former Middlebury player who was also baseball coach at UMass and California, who has organized this kind of event in other places. This was their first such venture in Vermont, and by the end of the weekend we were all planning to repeat it next year, probably as a 3-day event over the Columbus Day weekend.

One of those helping to run it was Karl Lindholm, a former player on the Champlain team, who works at Middlebury College. There were some participants who had not played baseball in quite a while, and some who just wanted to get some tips from a former major league player. But the most interesting was a group of 3 women who are members of a womens baseball league in New York. I'm not making this up, these ladies play hardball on regulation fields and are serious about the game. For more information, check out their website at www.nywomensbaseball.com

Due to an overnight rain, the Saturday morning session was held indoors in the spacious field house. Jeff McKay provided individual batting instruction. He emphasizes being mentally ready for each at bat, as well as the physical aspects of the swing. Bill Lee gave pitching lessons and dispensed various nuggets of baseball wisdom.

Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning we were outdoors on the beautiful field, in my opinion in better shape than Centennial. From that point it was a combination of playing and practice, and did I mention yet that it was a lot of fun?

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