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MGS Newsletter

Winter 2010



Welcome

Dear Midway Families - I hope you enjoyed your holidays with family and friends! This past season was very successful from all perspectives: rec, all-stars, and travel programs all experienced great competition and great success!

The 2011 season is right around the corner and the board is preparing for another great season. We look forward to seeing our returning players and welcoming new families to our Midway community.

If you would like to volunteer to help in any capacity, please contact any board member. Keep in mind that many of the current board members have been at the helm for many years and will be moving on after this season, leaving opportunities for others to step in and keep Midway strong. Please consider stepping in and helping out, some jobs can be done from your home and don't require a long-term commitment.

I look forward to seeing you all on the field! Patty Sinkus, MGS President

Pitching Clinic

The annual pitching clinic sponsored by Midway Girls Softball is scheduled for Friday nights running from January 7th through February 25th (PLEASE NOTE: there will be no clinic on Friday February 4th due to a conflict with the gym). The clinic will start at 6:00 pm and will be held at McKean High School. No prior pitching experience is necessary, and you do not need to be a Midway family to attend. You cannot beat the low cost of \$25 per registrant!

This year's clinic instructor is Laura Francis, current Brandywine High School coach and former Division 1 Drexel University pitcher. She is looking forward to working with Midway and helping to develop pitchers of all levels. Give pitching a try!

Important Dates

- **Pitching Clinic:** Fridays starting January 7th through February 25th (no clinic on February 4th)
- **2011 Registration:** Online starting January 7th; in person at Limestone Presbyterian Church from 9-1 February 5th and February 12th
- **Evaluations:** February 25th *or* March 5th @ McKean HS
- **Coaches Clinic:** March 12th @ McKean HS
- **Practices Begin:** Week of March 14th
- **Orange Crush Spring Tournament:** March 26th and 27th
- **Opening Day Ceremonies:** April 2nd (no games week of April 18th - 24th)
- **Rec Playoffs** begin after Memorial Day weekend
- **Orange Crush 10U/12U Tournament:** June 4th and 5th
- **Orange Crush 14U Tournament:** June 11th and 12th
- **Orange Crush 16U Tournament:** June 18th and 19th
- **Year-End Banquet:** June 23rd
- **Orange Crush 18U Tournament:** June 25th and 26th

Just a note:

10U and 14+ play games/practice on Monday/Wednesday/Saturday.
6U, 8U, and 13U play games/practice on Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday.
Friday and Sunday games are also a possibility for all age groups!

Thanks to our Sponsors!

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2010 Recreation League Results

The 2010 season ended with some very competitive and exciting playoff games. Great job by all teams, and congratulations to the following division champions and runners up:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>
14+ Division	Wildcats	Wolverines
13U Division	Seminoles	Tigers
10U Division	Wolverines	Tigers



14+ Wildcats -- Division Champ



14+ Wolverines -- Division Runner-Up



13U Seminoles -- Division Champ



13U Tigers -- Division Runner-Up



10U Wolverines -- Division Champ



10U Tigers -- Division Runner-Up

Recreation All-Stars

The Midway Recreation All-Stars program is rebuilding! In 2010 we fielded one 18U all-stars team comprised of girls ages 15-18 and competed in combined 16U/18U tournaments throughout the summer. Much fun was had by all in some very competitive tournaments.

Please keep your eyes and ears open for information on the all-stars program, which we hope to build in 2011 with enough interest from players and coaches. If you are a coach and would like to participate by coaching an all-stars team in 2011 please contact Patty Sinkus at 302.494.5450. It is a great opportunity for those players who are interested in continuing to play without the commitment of a full travel program.



2010 18U All Stars: Front Row: Coach Jim Park, Hayley Smith, Sam McCracken, Kristin Park, Chae Quigley, Rachel Bonin; Second Row: Coach Larry Sinkus, Brittanie Joswick, Coti Letnainczyn, Tyler Hastie, Coach Patty Sinkus; Back Row: Jenn Krzywicki, Heather Blackwell, Shannon Mooney, MB Sklodowski

10U Orange Crush Highlights

The young ladies of the 10U Orange Crush had a very successful 2010 season. Highlights of the season include a 1st place finish at the Extreme Explosion Tournament in Oaks, PA! The 10U's strong pitching together with energetic hitting and exuberant defense steam-rolled the field! In addition to the girls' enthusiastic team energy, their 2010 record includes one 3rd and two 5th place finishes. The girls ended the year with a strong showing at the 10U Pony Nationals hosted by Midway and finished 13th out of 25! Their overall record for the year was 26-20. Great job ladies! Some of our girls stayed at the 10U and some moved up to 12U, but they all have a bright future in this game.

We would like to thank Coach Brian Matson for his time spent with the team over the past couple of seasons. He will be moving on to coach his son on the travel baseball circuit. Good luck to Brian and Shawn!



16U Orange Crush Success!

Our 16U Orange Crush had another very successful year during the 2010 season. We went 43-18-2 over the course of the season and had some notable tournament finishes, as follows: 1st place Delaware Invitational Fall Showcase - Gold Bracket; 1st place New Jersey Sharks Summer Showcase Silver Bracket; 3rd place DE Invitational Summer

Showcase Silver Bracket; 3rd place Firecracker Showcase Gold Bracket; and 3rd place DE ASA State Tournament.

We finished 13th at the ASA Eastern Nationals in York, PA to end our summer season. We picked up right where we left off during the fall and as a new 18U team went 18-3 over the course of four events. Our team, as always, combined strong fundamental play with great pitching and defense and timely hitting. The girls are already hard at work preparing for the 2011 high school and travel season and are looking forward to even greater success next summer. We want to thank our families, as well as the extended Midway family - without their support and encouragement, none of our success would be possible!



Front row (L to R): Samantha Subda, Brandi Parker, Jessica Glass, Nicole Burress
Back row (L to R): Laura Wilson, Christen Boas Hayes, Kirsten Trotta, Coach John Burress, Michelle Hagarty, Kristine Casey, Jaime Glass, Daniele Hagarty, Taylor Marando, Coach Donna Glass, Coach Mike Parker

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