

Dear Midway Families,

We hope all of you have had a safe and happy holiday season. This past season was a very successful season for Midway Girls Softball. Our recreation league was strong again this year with almost 300 girls participating and our Orange Crush travel program had over 80 girls involved as well. The 2012 season is coming up soon and we wanted to make sure that you received some highlights from both last year and this upcoming year.

Our All-Star program represented the league very well with the 10Us & 12Us both winning tournaments this past summer. The All-Star teams were represented by all teams in the recreation league and did us very proud. They participated in 12 tournaments in Delaware, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Special thanks to Randy Stevens (10U), Ed Abshagen (12U), Tom Martin (14U) & Patty & Larry Sinkus (18U) for leading efforts of their respective teams and thanks to all the assistant coaches, players and parents for making this program a success! Look for information for this year during the season for tryouts and visit our website to see pictures of our champions.

Our travel program had a successful year as well with multiple tournament winners from 10s through 18s. Our teams traveled to North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania participating in over 60 tournaments. The Midway Orange Crush has re-established its' reputation as being one of the most competitive travel programs in the Mid-Atlantic Region. A special thanks to Donna Glass (18U), Greg Shivery (14U Black), Warren Ellis (14U), Mike Subda (12U) and Lori Browning (10U) for all their efforts in making this program a success! Please visit our website for further information on Midway Orange Crush.

This year has brought about some changes in our board. Patty Sinkus, our president for the past 10 years has decided to step down from that position. Patty will still be involved a board member. Her steady leadership the past 10 years has allowed our league to maintain and grow as other leagues in the area have declined or folded. She was the driving force behind our very successful All-Star program and helped manage everything from Fall Ball to the concession stand. Patty & I started at the same time and trust me

when I say this league would not be standing without her. Uniform orders, registrations, managing databases, writing newsletters, coaching teams, working the concession stand, tracking down sponsors, coordinating and working our special events and so much more. She deserves our thanks and praise for all that she has done. I am glad she is not leaving all together and I know she will continue to be a tremendous support for the league! When you see her, please take the time to say thank you.

Our board would like to welcome Randy Stevens as our new equipment manager. We are always looking for new board members, if you are interested, please contact me at [gregshivery@verizon.net](mailto:gregshivery@verizon.net) or 302-743-3164. We are looking for help with our concession stand. The Park family who handled it for us last year cannot do it anymore. We really appreciate their time and efforts. The reason we have not raised our registration prices in 10 years is because of the success of our concession stand.

I am going to provide you with some info on our current board members. These members all do this for the girls! Their contact information is located on our website at [midwaygirlssoftball.org](http://midwaygirlssoftball.org)

Jeff Lawson is our Rec League Coordinator. If you are interested in coaching or have any specific questions about the rec league, please contact him. He is handling registration with the assistance of Lori Conaty. Mike Subda manages our umpires for the recreation league. If you are interested in umpiring, please contact him. Mike French is our league accountant and has been for 10 plus years. Rich Klumpp is our Secretary and keeps us all straight on what we actually said at our board meetings. Donna Glass is our travel league coordinator. Doug Spavlik manages our website and e-mail communications. Tom Glass continues to manage our fields and all the Red Clay fields with the utmost diligence. Our complex continues to be one of the best in the tri-state area thanks to Tom. Please contact him if you would like to donate time or material to our fields.

Please see the important dates below concerning registration and the winter pitching clinic. The board of Midway Girls Softball would like to thank all of you for your continued support and we are looking forward

to a great 2012 season! Thanks! Greg Shivery, President & MGS Board

Important dates & events that will be happening this year:

**The pitching clinic starts Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at McKean HS. Laura Francis, head softball coach at Brandywine HS & for pitcher at Division 1 Drexel, is returning for her second year. Please contact me with any questions. The clinic will run every Friday until the end of February.**

**Important Dates**

**Pitching Clinic: Fridays starting January 6th through February 24th**

**2011 Registration: Online starting January 7th;**

**Walk-in registration at Limestone**

**Presbyterian Church from 9-1 February 4th and February 11th**

**Evaluations: February 25th or March 3rd @ McKean HS**

- **Coaches Clinic: March 10th @ McKean HS**
- **Practices Begin: Week of March 12th**
- **Orange Crush Spring Tournament: March 31st and April 1st**
- **Opening Day Ceremonies: April 17th – First day of games**
- **Rec Playoffs begin after Memorial Day weekend**
- **Orange Crush 10U/12U Tournament: June 2nd & 3rd**
- **Orange Crush 14U Tournament: June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**
- **Orange Crush 16U Tournament: June 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**
- **Year-End Banquet: June 21st**

- Orange Crush 18U Tournament: June 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup>
  - DIT Firecracker July 6-8
  - 10U PONY Nationals – July 11-15
  - DIT Summer Invitational – July 19-22

**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!

The board of Midway Girls Softball would like to thank all of you for your continued support and we look forward to a great season in 2012. Thanks!

Greg Shivery, President