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The JetHawks Journal



The Official Newsletter of the Flight Crew Booster Club

Words From the Chair

The JetHawks Hot Stove banquet, that was held on January 26 at the UAV conference center, was a successful fund raising event for youth baseball. The banquet was a sellout with 200 tickets sold and nearly 75 requests for tickets had to be turned down. Zack Wilson, the Senior Director of Player Development was in attendance along with Freddie Ocasio, the new JetHawks manager for 2017.

The following is a short bio for Freddie Ocasio:

An infielder playing (SS, 2B, and 3B) **Fred Ocasio** played 41 games for the Asheville Tourists in 1994, hitting .320/.377/.410 and 14 games in 1995, hitting .308 with no extra base hits and three walks. Ocasio began his coaching career with the Arizona League Rockies in 1998. After two years there, he spent one season with the Salem Avalanche. He became hitting coach of the Tri-City Dust Devils from 2001 to 2005 and was promoted to manager of the club in 2006. He managed at Tri-City from 2006 to 2012, then he went to Asheville in South Atlantic League for the 2013 and 2014 seasons. He then was moved to Modesto for the 2015 and 2016 seasons. His coaching and managerial career seems to have always been with a Colorado Rockies affiliate.

Brandon Emanuel will serve as the JetHawks Pitching Coach in 2017. He also spent the past two seasons with Modesto. Anthony Sanders will be the team's Developmental Supervisor, the same role he held with Modesto last season. Trainer, Josh Guterman joins the JetHawks after spending the past four seasons with Modesto. The Rockies have yet to announce the JetHawks Hitting Coach for 2017.

Colorado Rockies Affiliate Information

The Hartford Yard Goats Baseball Club, the Double-A Eastern League Affiliate of the Colorado Rockies, has announced today that Jerry Weinstein has been named as manager for the 2017 season. Last year's team was in third place in the Eastern division with a 74 and 66 record. The Eastern League is comprised of 12 teams with six teams in each division.

The Albuquerque Isotopes, the Triple-A affiliate of the Rockies have announced Glenallen Hill will return as manager of the club. The upcoming campaign will mark Hill's fifth consecutive year as manager of the Rockies Triple-A affiliate. Hill led the Isotopes to a 71-72 record during his second year in Albuquerque in 2016, which saw the team make a late-season surge to finish just two games out of first place in the PCL's Pacific Southern division. The League is comprised of 16 teams in four divisions. The Isotopes stadium was opened in 2003 and seats 11,124 and they had 522,226 in attendance in 2016 (average 7795).

The Grand Junction Rockies is the Rookie League affiliate of the Rockies and in the Pioneer League. They have announced the coaching staff for the 2017 season. Returning to manage the team is Frank Gonzales. He will be joined by hitting coach Lee Stevens, pitching coach Doug Jones, Trainer John Duff, physical performance coach Phil Bailey, and development supervisor Andy Gonzalez. The League is made up of eight teams in two division (North and South). The Grand Junction Rockies record for 2016 was 36-39 and they had 79,470 in attendance last year in 38 games.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board meetings- at Primo Cafe

3/4, 4/1, 2017

General Membership Meetings

2/16, 3/16, 4/13, 5/18, 6/15, 7/13

Shakey's Fund Raiser

February 20, 2017

Rockies Spring Training in Arizona

March 2017

JetHawks Opening Day

April 6th, 2017 vs Visalia

Banquet

August 21, 2017



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Judy and Rich have visited local civic groups to encourage their members to host a player in their homes for the 2017 season.

Shakey's has reserved two future dates for fund raisers (Feb 20 and April 26) for us.

The FCBC earned \$205.64 at the last event. This was from 52 total receipts deposited in the box.



The Lancaster JetHawks need your help to make the Lancaster JetHawks Youth Baseball League a success. They need common everyday people to become involved, and you do not need to be a baseball expert. The key dates for volunteers are the following: Wed, June 7; Fri, June 16, Wed; June 28, Wed; July 12, Wed, July 19; Wed, July 26; and Sun, July 30 for end of the season Athlete Recognition

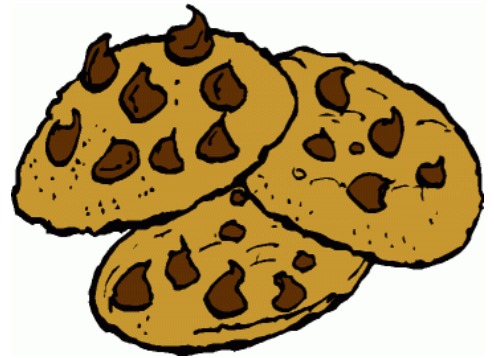
With volunteer support we will be able to bring a summer full of baseball, fun and memories for children right here in the Antelope Valley. Remember these children would not experience the thrill of baseball if it were not for this youth baseball league.

If you can help or have other questions please call the JetHawks office (661-726-5400) and talk with Will Thornhill or send Will an email at williamt@jethawks.com. With FCBC support we can help make this happen.



Recent discussions have been held about changing the "welcome cookies" given to players, to a more "healthy" alternative. Judy Lester asked some of her players their feelings on the change. Here is the response from Ronnie Mitchell, a player from last year's team...

"Good morning. LOL Push from who? Don't strip us of sugary goodness. For the love of God, give us something to live for in the Minors"



These replica Colorado Rockies designed jerseys will be auctioned off on Friday, April 28th by the Booster Club. The players will wear them while playing that night against the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes and then sign them after the game.



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The following are the FCBC/player Potluck dates for the 2017 season along with assignments for each Potluck. Use the first letter of your last name to determine what you are to bring to the Potluck:

April 9

- A— E Desserts
- F —P Drinks (Coke or Pepsi products, Water, Gator Aid)
- Q - Z Side Dish or Salad

April 30

- A— E Drinks (Coke or Pepsi products, Water, Gator Aid)
- F —P Side Dish or Salad
- Q - Z Desserts

May 28

- A— E Side Dish or Salad
- F —P Desserts
- Q - Z Drinks (Coke or Pepsi products, Water, Gator Aid)

June 11

- A— E Desserts
- F —P Drinks (Coke or Pepsi products, Water, Gator Aid)
- Q - Z Side Dish or Salad

June 25

- A— E Drinks (Coke or Pepsi products, Water, Gator Aid)
- F —P Side Dish or Salad
- Q - Z Desserts

July 9

- A— E Side Dish or Salad
- F —P Desserts
- Q - Z Drinks (Coke or Pepsi products, Water, Gator Aid)

July 23

- A— E Desserts
- F —P Drinks (Coke or Pepsi products, Water, Gator Aid)
- Q - Z Side Dish or Salad

August 13

- A— E Drinks (Coke or Pepsi products, Water, Gator Aid)
- F —P Side Dish or Salad
- Q - Z Desserts

September 3

- A— E Side Dish or Salad
- F —P Desserts
- Q - Z Drinks (Coke or Pepsi products, Water, Gator Aid)

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Everyone should bring a main dish (in addition to assignments above) and it is suggested that the main dish be sufficient for 20 - 25 people.