



February 2011 BAYFL Update

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No, It's Not Time for Football Yet, but...

There have been many changes since the end of the football season which we wanted to update you on. We have had "retirements" from the ranks of BAYFL's leaders, updates on the fields (yes, "fields", please see below for details) and equipment. We stay busy in the off season planning for the next year and thought you might like to know what BAYFL has been up to.

[Upcoming Dates](#)

May 1st

*Registration Opens
for the 2011
Season*

May 15th

*SERVPRO - BAYFL
Benefit Golf
Tournament*

SERVPRO - BAYFL Golf Tournament

Mark Cilea is taking over for Dick Lancaster as the coordinator of the the golf tournament. Welcome to the board, Mark!

Mark's happy to report that thanks to the generosity of the Cox Family, SERVPRO has again agreed to be the lead sponsor of the golf tournament.

We'd like to get more parents involved this year so the tournament has been moved from a weekday to a Sunday (May 15th). You don't have to be a great golfer to play. According to Mark:

"This is for the kids. Get a team together and have some fun. Remember, we are all Hackers and we WILL have a blast!"

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The cost for the tournament is \$300.00 per team or \$75 per golfer. We're also looking for hole sponsors (\$100.00). Please click [here](#) to download the registration/hole sponsor form.



President Klatt Retires

At the end of the season, Randy Klatt retired as President. Randy oversaw the organization during a time of significant growth in registration, expansion of the league to include the Mt. Ararat Middle School teams, the loss of the old Brunswick High School field, and the initiation of the annual golf tournament. It's an understatement to say that all went well. Thank you for all of your work, Randy and don't be a stranger!



Randy is presented with a mini helmet plaque made by Ray Benjamin at BAYFL's January board meeting.

Dick Lancaster 2nd Honoree of the Ken Ames Award

In November, Dick Lancaster left the board of directors (we're happy to report he's still going to continue coaching) and was honored with the Ken Ames Award. The Ken Ames award is named after BAYFL's founder and is given periodically to someone who has made a significant contribution to the league over a long period of time.

Dick Lancaster has coached for BAYFL for many years. Originally, he coached teams that his son played on, but when Dick's son moved on to high school, Dick kept coaching for BAYFL. Each annual survey contains glowing comments about Dick's coaching. He has his priorities right and puts the best interests of the kids first. Dick is a role model of a BAYFL coach.

In addition to coaching, Dick coordinated the golf tournament the past two years, oversaw the helmet sticker ordering last year, coordinated our punt, pass and kick competition in years past and still finds time to donate to other youth activities (baseball) and serve on the Brunswick Recreation Commission. Thank you, Dick and Congratulations!



Dick was left speechless (which doesn't happen too often) when he learned of being given the Ken Ames Award.

Field (s) Update

The Brunswick Parks and Recreation Department has told us that we will be able to begin using the field at the Stowe school in 2011. It remains to be seen whether the press box/concession stand will be ready for the 2011 season, so we may only be able to use it for practice, but we will have access to the field again.

The Sagadahoc Agricultural and Horticultural Society has agreed to renew our lease to the Fairgrounds Field. **Thank you to [Ray Labbe and Sons](#) who donated many yards of loam at the end of the season.** Malloy's Lawncare spread the loam to repair the spots which got low during the season or where grass wasn't growing. We're in the process of bringing in water service to the field to strengthen and expand the grass coverage for 2011.

You might ask what BAYFL's long range plan is for the fields. With 14 teams, we really need two fields for games and practice. Our intent is to practice at both fields and eventually be able to have games at both fields.

Helmet Upgrade

Every two years we must send all of the 7th and 8th grade helmets off to be cleaned, tested and re-certified. This costs us between \$2,500 and \$3,000. We last did this in 2010. A couple of years ago we began the practice of sending 100 of the 1st-6th grade helmets to be cleaned/recertified in the off year. We were scheduled to do this in 2011. However, because the youth helmets really need replacement and our fundraisers have done well the past few years, we decided to forgo spending the money to clean/recertify the 1st through 6th grade helmets in 2011 and instead replace them. The board is pleased to announce that we have ordered 175 new Schutt helmets (~ \$13,000) for the 1st - 6th Grade. We will replace the old, uncomfortable youth Schutt helmets (some of which date back to the mid-1990's when the league was founded). We will continue to use about 35 newer Adams and

Champro helmets that we purchased over the past few years.

The 7th and 8th grade helmets are next due for cleaning/recertification in 2012. If the fundraisers also go well this year, we intend to replace all of 7th/8th grade helmets in 2012, rather than send them out for cleaning and recertification.

Questions, comments, etc...

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