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TBS Baseball 13's Capture Beach Blast Championship

The Baseball School 13-year-old team captured the Jersey Shore Beach Blast Tournament held over the 4th of July weekend in Red Bank. Given the high caliber of competition in the 20-team tournament, the key intangible that manager Ralph Dinizo attributed the win to was the ability to come together as a team and "play for the name on the front of the jersey and not for the names on the back."

In the preliminary round, TBS finished with a 3-1 record, beating the Ocean Storm 7-6, the Manalapan Vipers 26-1, and the Jersey Hurricanes (Shrewsbury) 3-2. TBS lost, 6-5, to the Jersey Shore Hurricanes (Howell).

In the quarterfinals, TBS settled the Jersey Shore Hurricanes, 10-5. Joe Esposito pitched six strong innings for the victory. Marcus Rivera (4-for-5), John Maxwell (3-for-5) and Gary Binkiewicz (2-for-5) provided the offense.

In the semifinals, TBS beat the top-seeded Long Island Braves, 5-1. Mike Minniti went the distance on the mound for the victory. TBS took a 1-0 lead in the first as Louis Mazzella walked, stole second and scored on a single by Rivera. In the third, TBS added three runs on RBI by Mazzella, Rivera and Maxwell. TBS closed out the scoring in the fourth when Michael Henkels led off with a single and scored on Binkiewicz's RBI.

The finals, TBS edged the Staten Island Knights, 2-1. Taylor Schon pitched the first two innings and Ryan McCarthy followed with five innings of outstanding relief. TBS entered the bottom of the seventh inning trailing 1-0. Matt Greaney walked and Mike Ridge followed with a single. Henkels then drove in the tying run with a shot up the middle, sending Ridge to third. Dylan Papa then drove in Ridge with the winning run with a single.

Union County Sr. Men's 50+ Softball League Results:

50+ DIVISION 1 (As of July 10):

TEAM	W	L
Antone's Pub & Grill	15	1
D&K Associates	12	5
Linwood Inn	10	6
Lombardi/Greenkeepers	10	6

50+ DIVISION 2:

TEAM	W	L
Awnings Galore	11	5
Marion/Jacobsen Roofing	7	9
Northwestern Mutual	5	12
The Office	5	12
Union Center National Bank	4	12
Crest Refrigeration	3	14

SUPER SENIORS DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Creative Industries	12	5
Il Giardino Ristorante	8	5
L.A. Law	5	7
Legg Mason	1	13

Awnings Galore 8, Linwood Inn 7
Awnings got three runs in the bottom of the seventh to grab a victory over an "A" Division team. Doug Husak's two-run triple tied the game and Neil Grandstand followed with the game-winning hit. Patrick Sarullo pitched magnificently to secure the win.

D&K Associates 11, Marion/Jacobsen Roofing 8
Cliff DeAnna (HR), Bob DeBellis, Tony Falzone, Al Feigenbaum, Gerard McDermott and Phil Spinelli each produced key multiple hits to pace D&K.

Lombardi & Greenkeepers 20, Union Center Nat. Bank 9
L&G produced 24 hits and were led by Tom Straniero (4 hits), Brian Williams (3 hits, HR, 4 RBI) and Keith Gibbons (triple and ninth homerun of the season). Banker Steve Lemanowicz had three hits, including a three-run homerun.

D&K Associates 11, The Office 8
The Office tallied five runs in the top of the fifth to take a 7-3 lead, but D&K answered with eight runs. Cliff DeAnna led D&K with three hits, while Gerard McDermott homered.

Antone's 20, Crest Refrigeration 3
Antone's Bob Lieberman and Gary Wiese each had three hits. Lieberman and Randy Tenhengel each finished with four RBI.

The Office 10, Crest Refrigeration 9
The Office had to come from behind to secure the victory. Pitcher Ken Dunbar's three-run triple in the bottom of the sixth was the decisive blow. Chip Weiss had three hits, while Howard Smith and Tony Zarvos produced key triples for the Office.

Linwood Inn 10, Northwestern Mutual 9
Awnings Galore, won by forfeit, over Marion/Jacobsen Roofing



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TESTING NEW TECHNOLOGY...Shaxamaxon Golf Pro Michael Kierner, right, tests his new Launch Monitor at the driving range.

Shackamaxon Pro Discusses Custom Fitting of Golf Clubs

By MICHAEL KIERNER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Golf companies have been making golf clubs bigger and easier to hit over the past decade. They have also been designing golf balls to fly farther. There is one problem, the size of the driver and the distance the golf ball can travel have reached their legal limits. The new technology has greatly benefited many golfers and has made the game more enjoyable for everyone. But if the companies have reached their legal limits, what can be done to improve your game?

Custom fitting, along with improved technology, has accelerated over the past 10-15 years. In the past, golf professionals were fitting players "statically". This meant taking height measurements, hand to ground measurements, hand size, etc. to determine the correct golf club(s) for the player. Golf professionals then started fitting players "dynamically". Along with fitting "statically", professionals watched players hit shots with different shafts, lengths, lie angles, etc. to determine the correct club(s).

Most recently, companies have been working with machines called "Launch Monitors" to fine-tune players' clubs even more. These cutting edge machines give immediate feedback to determine which golf club(s) is best for the player. The Computer monitors ball speed, ball spin and launch angle. It uses these readings to determine the correct golf club(s) for the player to maximize distance and accuracy. Golf will always be an unpredictable game, but having the correct equipment will give you a better chance of improving.

This service is now available at Shackamaxon Golf & Country Club, for those golfers, of all levels, who are interested in fine-tuning their equipment and determining the proper club fittings. Instead of hitting the ball indoors and into a net, you will be hitting golf balls on the driving range where you will be able to see the ball's flight as it is being registered on the computer.

Michael Kierner is the Head Teaching Professional at Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club. For information about lessons please call, (908) 233-3989.

WF 'Y' to Sponsor Basketball Tourney

The Westfield Area Y will host its version of March Madness with its sponsorship of a 3-on-3, double elimination basketball tournament on Saturday, August 6, and Sunday, August 7.

Teams will be notified of its respective game times after the entry deadline and brackets have been formed. All teams may be co-ed, have 3-4 players, and will be placed into

age-appropriate brackets. Groups are as follows: ages 16-18, 19-25 years, 26-34 years, and 35 & up.

Cost is \$95 per team. All entries must be submitted by August 1 at the Westfield Area Y in person or online at www.westfieldnj.org. For more information, please call Jennifer Hessberger at (908) 233-2700 extension no. 258 or e-mail at jhessberger@westfieldnj.org.

Westfield Blue Marlins Top New Providence, Livingston

The Westfield Memorial Pool Marlins "Blue" Team kicked off its 2005 season with wins over New Providence (255-190) away and Livingston (331-114) at home. The team is undefeated in the North Jersey Summer Swim League for the last 23 seasons.

Three team records were established. Rebecca Clapp (13-14) established new marks in both butterfly and backstroke and Ryan Gajdzisz (9-10) broke the previous team record in the 12&Under IM, despite being only 10-years-old.

New Providence Meet:

Several swimmers took first place in two separate individual events, including: (11-12) Rebecca DeLaFuenta, Jill Kandigian, (8U) Stephen Husch, (9-10) Matt Daniel, and (13-14) Chris DeLaFuenta.

Swimmers taking a single first place included (8U) Erika Daniel, Johanna Mermer, Ryan Daniel, Jack Rose, (9-10) Amanda Sovany, Ryan Gajdzisz, Tim Walsh, (11-12) Jillian Ceasrine, Jack Leahy, Adam Metz, (13-14) Kelly Gajdzisz, Lauren Ross, Rebecca Clapp, Max Blum, (15-18) Alexi

Kuska, Patrick Daurio, Dan McGrory and Kyle Murray.

Second and third place finishes were: (8U) Julia Myers, Sophie Bass, Stephanie Carter, Megan Welch, Amy West, Ben Bass, Jordan Hickman; (9-10) Lexi Carter, Courtney Han, Carissa Jenkins, Elinor Reinhardt, Luke McGrory, Connor Moore, Dan Myers, Mark Trinkle; (11-12) Caitlin English, Allison Rose, Megan Kaveney, Ryan Hobson, Michael Blutfield; (13-14) Stephanie Albright, Megan Boersig, Kathleen O'Neil, Devan Giordano, Brian Hart, James Kazazis, Justin Lo; (15-18) Megan Rauch, Brittany Reyes, Callie Meserole, Lisa Rauch, Kristen Selert, and Matt Green.

The Westfield Memorial Pool competitive swim program has over 270 swimmers who are split into several teams - "blue," "white," and for the first time a "green" team.

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