


LANCASTER / DEPEW *PONYTAILS* NEWSLETTER

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Board of Directors 2008-2009

Elections were held during the September general meeting. The 2008-2009 Board of Directors are:

Officers:

President	John Raab*
Vice President	Paul Cumbo
Secretary	Joy Stepien
Treasurer	Dan Steck

Division Coordinators:

Pee Wee Coordinator	Joel Patterson
Ponytail Coordinator	Dan Guarasci
Junior Coordinator	Conrad Young
Middle School Coordinator	Open
High School Coordinator	Joe Abati*

Committee Coordinators:

Equipment Coordinator	Frank Moll
Newsletter/Publicity	John Faltisko
Candy/Fundraising	Rosanne Raab
Umpire Coordinator	Marvin Ziemba
Concession Stand	Joy Stepien
Clinic Coordinator	Bob Zaidel
Travel & Tournament	Larry Mentel
Facilities Coordinator(Scheduling)	Mark Blersch
Facilities Coordinator(Maintenance)	Dave Shevlin

At Large Positions:

Darren Andrews	Sue Mrozek
Prudy Murray*	Mark Dauer*

*New Board Member

The Presidents Pen: As the new President of the Lancaster / Depew Ponytails, I would like to take a moment and recognize the amazing people who have left our Board of Directors in 2008.

Kevin Peterson	Anita Peterson
Gina Williams	Karen Kochmanski
Greg Bracikowski	Conrad Walters

These people were not just parents who came to watch their daughters play softball. They went above and beyond the normal involvement in our league. They dedicated so much time, not only to managing their own teams and dedicating themselves to the ins and outs of the running of this league, but to building a core and a foundation for the rest of us who follow in their footsteps to work from and aspire too.

Great people are those who do so much, effortlessly and without complaint. Selfless is a word that comes to my mind when thinking of the accomplishments of these individuals. Their legacy (The Batting Cages) stands proud for all to see at 1 Walden Pond. We are honored to know these people and what they have done for our community.

John Raab
President

2009 Registration dates:

Registration will be held for the 2009 season at the Ponytails Training Facility located at Walden Pond.

The dates are as follows:

January 10th - 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
January 17th - 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
January 31st - 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Draft Night will be held February 19th.

Community Service Opportunity: Are you, or do you know, a high-school softball player that needs to do some community service for their college resume or confirmation class? Consider helping out at one of our clinics, teaching young girls the fundamentals of softball. We will be starting clinics shortly and look to have willing young ladies of the softball community come to show their skills to the up and coming stars of the Lancaster / Depew Ponytail softball league. Call the league office at 683-0879 or send an e-mail to ldponytails@yahoo.com.

Batting Cage Wall Project: A group of volunteers spent the weekend of October 11th and 12th installing a bright new wall covering in the league's batting cages at Walden Pond. Check the league website for some photos. Volunteers also spent the day of October 18th on the annual fall clean-up. The clean-up included painting, cleaning windows and screens, repairing the fence, trimming bushes, mowing the lawn and more.

Safety Improvements: The league and the Town of Lancaster have been working together to make the front diamonds at Walden Pond safer. Concrete pads have been poured and fences will be going up in front of the benches to protect the girls from stray softballs. Discussions are also underway for the possibility of building covered dugouts. It's in its infancy stage at this point but it is being worked out with the town. We are hoping to have the dugout project completed by the 2009 season.

Walk of Fame: Would you like to be a part of The Lancaster/Depew Ponytails history? Commemorative bricks may be engraved with the name of a person, family, or team and include special dates, sayings or events that you wish. Bricks will be engraved in the Spring and Fall of each year.

2009 Events:

April (TBD)	Umpire Clinic
May 8 th	Spring Fundraiser
May 9 th	Opening Day
May 16 th	Picture Day
Jun 26 th	Friday Night Bash
July 4 th	4 th of July Parade

Check the website for the latest updates.



Heat Tournaments

June 5 th – 7 th	12U/14U
June 12 th – 14 th	16U/18U
July 11 th – 12 th	10U

Travel and Tournament - Teams have been formed and practices are underway for the 2009 season. The 12U White Team is still looking for two 12U girls to complement our squad. We are a first year 12U team that will play a full Metro schedule as well as 4-5 tournaments. We will also be playing in the Sahlen's Indoor League as well as practicing in our indoor training facility located at Walden Pond during the winter months. If interested, please contact Chuck Donofrio at 684-2600 or Larry Mentel at 891-4648.

Managers for the 2008-2009 season :

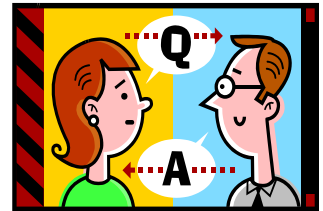
10U Todd Madison	Black
10U Al Dirschberger	White
12U Dan Prenoveau	Black
12U Chuck Donofrio	White
14U Paul Cumbo	Black
14U John Raab	White
16U Larry Blas	Black
16U Dan Steck	White

Attention Parents:

Do you have a comment or suggestion for the Board?

The L/D Ponytails are very willing to listen to comments and/or suggestions from parents. All letters must be signed in order to receive a response.

Please send letters to: Lancaster/Depew Ponytails Softball
P.O. Box 207
Lancaster NY 14086.



Letters should never be sent to the manager's, coaches or board member's home.