

## official newsletter of the SYRACUSE CHAPTER of the NYSBUA

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Winter Business Meeting at Twin Trees Too	12:00	Feb 10
Rule Interpretation Meetings	7:15	starting Feb 25
Lester's Upstate Sports	6:15	March 17

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#### Dates to remember

- New Men Meeting
- Thursday Jan 10**
- Winter Meeting
- Sunday Feb 10**
- Rule Interpretation Meetings NSJH 7:15
- Monday Feb 25**
- Monday March 3**
- Monday March 10**
- Monday March 17**
- Monday March 31**
- Monday April 7 (6:45)**

RULE BOOKS WILL BE HERE; PREVIOUSLY ISSUED UMPIRE MANUALS WILL BE USED AT THE INTERPRETATION MEETINGS THIS YEAR.

ON MARCH 17, LESTER'S SPORTS WILL BE AT THE MEETING WITH UMPIRE EQUIPMENT FOR SALE. PRE-ORDER FOR FREE DELIVERY!

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"It is designed to break your heart. The game begins in the spring, when everything else begins again, and it blossoms in the summer, filling the afternoons and evenings, and then as soon as the chill rains come, it stops and leaves you to face the fall alone."

-- Bart Giamatti, *The Green Fields of the Mind*

#### → Annual Business Meeting ←

The annual business meeting will be held at noon on Sunday, February 10 at Twin Trees Too on Milton Ave. in Solvay. Plans are to start at 12:00 noon sharp! Doors open at 11:30. Buffet provided after the meeting!

#### → Interpreter ←

Since this is officially the pre-season, it is time to begin checking The Arbiter on a regular basis. I will be posting weekly tips on preseason preparation, including rules, mechanics, professionalism and philosophy. Also, look for a couple of contests with fabulous prizes (TBA).

#### → Nominating Committee ←

Bill O'Sullivan has chaired the nominating committee, with assistance from members Mike LaNasa and Craig Dudczak, This election has more than one candidate for two offices. As always, nominations at the meeting are welcome!

The following have been nominated for election at the February 10 meeting:

President: Joe DiPalma Vice President: Mike Capriotti or Chuck Richmond  
Member at Large: Gary Brisson or Pat Indivero or John Smorol  
Secretary/Treasurer: Art Haber

#### → Fingerprinting ←

It's almost over! Only a few need to make sure that everything is done. Anyone that Section III knows has been fingerprinted is eligible to umpire. All umpires that need to check things out will be notified at least by the business meeting on February 10.

#### → Availability ←

Availability Calendars are open on the Arbiter. Final Availabilities must be submitted by Feb 15 for the spring season. Fill out availabilities from March 26th - June 30th including weekends. If anyone has any problems logging on to the arbiter, contact me with an email for assistance. Thanks - Mark

#### → Rule Interpretation Meetings ←

The rule interpretation meetings start this year on Monday February 25. Meetings start at 7:15 each Monday through March 17. March 24 is off as the schools are not in session. March 31 is the date of the Part 2 exam at 7:15. Our last pre-season meeting is on April 7 at 6:45pm.

#### → Equipment ←

Get a head start, and perhaps an earlybird special by checking out new clothing and/or equipment at:  
Lester's Upstate Sports: www.lestersupstatesports.com 1-800-468-9520  
Lester's will be at the March 17 meeting. Pre-order and Dave Prong will deliver in person at no charge!

#### → Membership Committee ←

The Membership Committee is pleased to advise that the following Probationary Umpires have been recommended for Active status. Final approval would be completed by vote of the membership during the Winter Business meeting of the Syracuse Chapter of the NYSBUA.

Kevin Corcoran Kevin Eagan John Kohanski  
Tom Marlin Henry Pagano Carl Slater