



Welcome!

This is the first edition of our league-wide newsletter. Our intent is to keep athletes, coaches, friends, family, and extensive fan base informed and involved in the North American Women's Baseball League.

We will publish and distribute quarterly throughout the year. During the season, you will be able to view team stats and standings, individual stat leaders, lists of upcoming games and times, lists of upcoming tournaments, and a coaches' corner. Rosters will be included in the Opening Day Edition.

In the upcoming season, we intend on participating in various youth-oriented activities, such as clinics and leadership days. These events will be featured in our community section.

Additionally, there is a section dedicated to our tournament team, the NAWBL Pioneers. Here you will find information about the team as well as any national women's baseball news.

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Fundraising Drive

One of the main reasons NAWBL has survived over the past six years is because of generous sponsorship from the North Shore Spirit and the Nashua Pride. In 2008, we had to rely on our own fundraising efforts to sustain operations. This commitment to fundraising is the most important factor in maintaining our league.

Going forward, an increase in participation from all league members will increase our chances of getting the support we need to keep our league strong. Financial support will enable us to improve economic structure from the top, paving the way for better recruitment, more player involvement, and an overall improved product on the field.

Specifically, the league is exploring options to hold fundraising / social nights at local area restaurants. As these events are confirmed, we will post this information online. Bring your friends, family, and colleagues for a night out that will help defray costs for the 2009 season!

We Need YOU!

Help get the word out about women's baseball. Consider taking part in one of the following areas:

- **Player Recruiting** - consider inviting friends, fellow college or high school alumni, etc.
- **Practice and Game Fields** - check with your local city or town for possible alternate fields
- **Youth Organizations** - we will work with programs in your area (see Community Outreach)
- **Social Networks** - post us on Facebook!

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Throughout the year, opportunities to participate in fundraising, marketing, player recruitment, etc. will be outlined. We strongly encourage any members interested to join in the effort to make our league successful!

Community Outreach

The NAWBL is pursuing a new outreach program with local youth groups. Our purpose is explained here in an excerpt from our website.

“Participation in athletics develops self-esteem, breeds commitment, cultivates leadership skills, and improves physical health. In fact, female athletes often grow to become leaders in the workplace. As an organization led by women, we look to provide local youth programs with the skills necessary to succeed through clinics, seminars, workshops, and other means.”

We hope to develop partnerships with organizations like the Boys and Girls Club, Girls Inc., Boy and Girl Scouts, and local school systems in the coming months.

Pride Pioneers... or what?

**We're looking for a new name!
Got ideas?
Email nawbl@nawbl.org**

The National Scene

Your source for the Pioneers and the national women's baseball scene.

- The Roy Hobbs National Championship was held in Tucson, AZ this October. The New England Red Sox won the 2008 title.
- The International Baseball Federation held the 2008 Women's World Cup in Matsuyama, Japan from Aug.24-29. NAWBL's Karen Costes was selected to Team USA (endorsed by USA Baseball), earning the bronze medal with a victory over Australia.

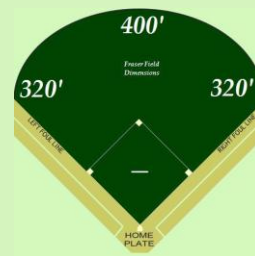
Our Home at Fraser Field

“Yes, we throw overhand.”

Just like the pros do. We play *hardball* on a diamond that carries *major league* dimensions. Fraser Field is arguably the finest non-MLB affiliated ballpark in New England. The state-of-the-art Field Turf™ infield is overlooked by 3,804 spectator seats. Both infield and stadium were newly renovated in 2003 by North Shore Spirit owner Nick Lopardo.



Fraser Field, Lynn MA circa 2005



Fraser Field Dimensions

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NIGHT OUT AT KELLY'S
KELLY'S ROAST BEEF, RT. 1 SOUTH
SAUGUS MA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009
4:00PM - 8:00PM

Invite friends and family to join the league for dinner at Kelly's! Share a plate of fresh fried clams, lobster rolls, or the signature roast beef sandwich. Kelly's has an extensive menu including kids' favorites. Come out after the holiday craze to catch up with teammates.

WHAT TO DO: Write to us at the address below or email nawbl@nawbl.org for your exclusive passes. Bring the passes on the event night (Tues. Jan 6) to have 10% of your food and beverage purchase donated to the league.

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Website News

The league's new website is up! We hope you have had the time to visit. The new site, www.nawbl.org, will be continuously monitored and updated as events and information is available.

COMING SOON

Inside the 'Spike' Zone

This special area will be devoted to the **science of statistics** in honor of our dedicated statistician Spike. We're confident Spike will keep us all informed of batting average, ERA, runs produced, etc. throughout the season.

Get involved! Spread the news about our league to friends and family. Did you play college or high school athletics? Get back in touch with your old coaches to give female athletes the chance to play baseball!

<http://www.nawbl.org>

Contact Information Request

In the interest of maintaining accurate information, we are working to update and consolidate our contact database. Please help by sending a brief email to nawbl@nawbl.org with the following:

- Name / Address / Email - Required
- Phone, Hometown, High School or College, Years Played - Optional

*Look for our Spring Training Edition
in March of 2009!*

*Included: Tentative Season Schedule, List of 2009
National Tournaments, Coaches' Corner, and more!*