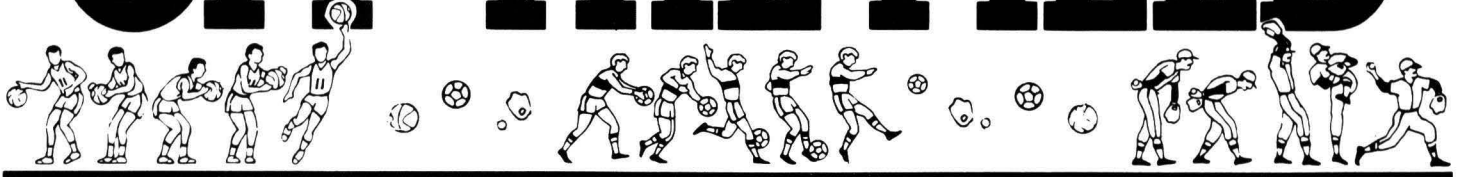


# OFF THE FIELD



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ALLENDALE RECREATION COMMISSION

FALL 1993

## President's Message

### PAST . . .

The past four years that I've served as president of the Allendale Recreation Commission have been very rewarding mostly because of the terrific people that I've had the opportunity to meet and work with on various projects. The Rec Commission is working as a strong team, from sponsors to league directors to coaches. It has been very gratifying to see so many new people join the organization in different capacities, all volunteering their time to enrich the sports experiences of our children.

Many thanks to Mike Carey who organized the Bergen Bruisers Rugby Match and donated \$2100 of their proceeds to ARC.

Allendale was the proud host of the Willie Mays Tournament this summer, thanks to the efforts of Scott Michels and Jack Kilgallen, without whose work the tournament would have been held elsewhere.

Corporate, local business, and individual sponsors continued to throw their support our way in a most generous manner, making possible the renovations on Brookside Field #2 and Crestwood Field #5. We can't forget the invaluable help of Richard Furfaro who managed to combine fiscal responsibility with practicality in the plans for the Field #5 renovation. He was also instrumental in changing the Grandstand Field to a full-use field for our 7th and 8th grade programs. We wish him well as he begins his first term on the Borough Council in January.

I'll look forward to serving as Basketball Commissioner and wish Jack Kilgallen the best of luck as he takes over as the President of ARC. His experience and dedication will serve the organization well.

*Ed Ducey*



### PRESENT . . .

"Go over to Mr. Itwasatie and say 'thank you for being my coach this year' and tell him he did a wonderful job."

Isn't that pretty much the gist of what we all instruct our children to do at the end of each season.

Unfortunately it's not that easy to thank an Ed Ducey who for the past four years has run the program that put all those coaches out there.

Why? Because at the end of his term he's not standing on the side of some field picking up orange peels, used paper cups and bubble gum wrappers.

Instead he is probably at home on the phone trying to collect last year's uniforms.

So a thank you to Ed requires a little more effort, which is the "message" I'd like to send.

All past presidents of the ARC (AAA) have succeeded in achieving the purpose of this organization which is to provide an organized, out of school, youth sports program for the children of Allendale.

Ed Ducey, however, has brought new meaning to the word "organization."

Over the past four years under his leadership and with the help of a lot of good people, improvements to the A.R.C. range from the simple purchase of a Post Office Box to exemption from Federal and N.J. Sales Tax; from new safety batting helmets to a N.Y.S.C.A. coaches certification program and from storage boxes at each baseball field to the total renovation of fields #2 and #5, not to mention this newsletter, kickball, picture day, baseball clinics, books and instructional tapes donated to the library . . . . .

To make a long story longer, every goal which Ed set out to achieve back in September of 1989, was achieved and then some.

So, for the countless hours you've given, the problems encountered, the criticisms you've taken, as well as the many achievements accomplished, I thank you Ed Ducey and ask everyone to make an effort to drop a card, pick up the phone or the next time you see him around town . . . .

"Go over to Mr. Ducey and say, thank you for being ARC President for the past four years" . . . oh and — tell him he did a wonderful job.

*Jack Kilgallen*

**ALLENDALE RECREATION COMMISSION OFFICERS**

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**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**A.R.C. GENERAL MEETINGS 1994:**

JANUARY 19th  
MARCH 16th  
MAY 10th  
SEPTEMBER 21st

ALL MEETINGS ARE AT BOROUGH HALL: 8:00 P.M.

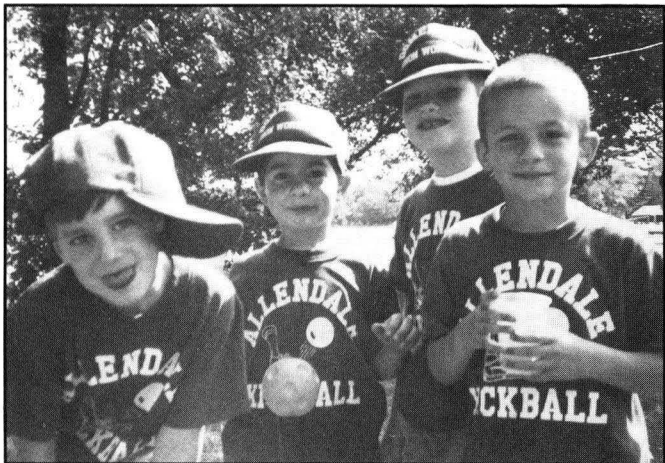
We encourage all of you to attend.

**HELP WANTED**

... Volunteers are needed to chair the PICTURE DAY fundraiser that will be held in May. Please contact Beverly Mellick (934-1443).

**... UMPIRE COORDINATOR**

A.R.C. is in need of a take-charge man or woman to coordinate the umpire schedule for baseball and softball. Please call Howard Ridkes (818-0506) for more information.



**Basketball**

Registration for the Basketball season will take place on the following dates:

Friday, October 8 from 7-9 P.M. - Brookside Gym

Friday, October 15 from 7-9 P.M. - Brookside Gym

Saturday, October 16 from 9 A.M - 12 Noon - Brookside Gym

Basketball is open to boys and girls in grades 3-8. Third and fourth graders will be introduced to the basics of basketball through instruction and skills training.

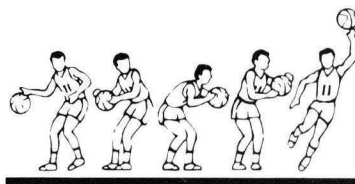
Since we plan to have our teams in practice by early December, we need your cooperation with timely registration. We'll need lots of volunteers to help as coaches, referees, score keepers, time-keepers, and commissioners at each grade level. Please help out where you can. We welcome your participation in Basketball whether or not you have a child enrolled in the program.

All youngsters aged 16-18 are invited to participate in our coaches' clinic scheduled for **November 16-18**. Completion of the clinic qualifies them to serve as an assistant coach.

Chuck Dombeck has served as Basketball Commissioner for the past four years, doing an outstanding job in this position. We thank him for his super organizational skills and great patience!

With your support and enthusiasm, we can provide the children with a great basketball season. I'll be happy to answer your questions at registration.

Ed Ducey 825-3293



### SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

#### Welcome New Board Members

Rose Amatuzzi, Chris Kellar, George Schlavis, Carl Billeter and Howie Ridkes.

#### Thanks to Departing Board Members

|               |                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Rich Brennen  | Past Vice President                |
| Bob Roth      | 4 Years as Softball Commissioner   |
| Chuck Dombeck | 4 Years as Basketball Commissioner |
| Lynn Gaydosh  | 2 Years as Soccer Commissioner     |
| Don Dinallo   | 2 Years as Baseball Commissioner   |

#### Fields Report

Rich Furfaro expressed cautious optimism that the borough would complete all renovation work at Recreation Park by the end of this year.

#### General Discussion

In lieu of the usual Commissioners' Reports, the format was changed to a sport-by-sport open discussion for the following reason:

As new president, I would like to address, early on, as many of the problems, criticisms, and complaints all of you may have, as well as try to incorporate any positive suggestions for change into our sports programs.

Obviously, this can only be done if I know what they are.

At the general meeting and now via this newsletter I am asking that you voice your concerns as soon as possible to either myself, the sport commissioner or Chris Kellar. Every issue received will be reviewed, by committee, and either rejected (with reason given) or incorporated into the program.

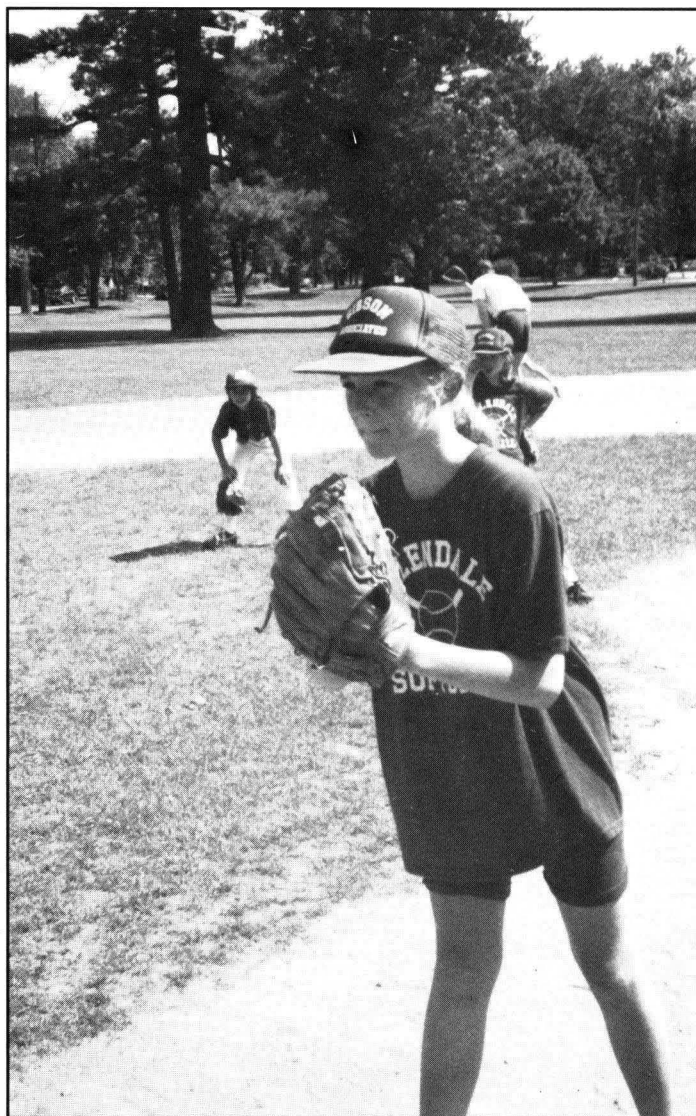
Two committees have already been set to review the issues pertaining to baseball and softball. The first meetings are scheduled for early November.

If received soon enough, changes involving basketball may be instituted this 1993 season.

Soccer will be dealt with in January or February of next year.

In short; if you think it's broke, tell me NOW and I'll try to fix it.

*Thank you,  
Jack Kilgallen*





## NEWS BRIEFS:

... A.R.C.'s SPRING DINNER DANCE was a great success. Everyone had on their dancing shoes and their party hats. We all had so much fun that we plan on holding the affair again this spring!

... MEMORIAL DAY BENEFIT RUGBY GAME played by the Bergen Bruisers (with our own Mike Carey) and the London Irish Rugby Club raised not only a generous donation to A.R.C. but gave us a chance to experience a sport unfamiliar to many of us. Thank you Bergen Bruisers.

... "WHAT'S THE SCORE?" We no longer have to ask that question at some of our games thanks to Scott Michels and Rich Ege who donated 3 scoreboards.

... A.R.C. is continually finding ways to enhance our sports programs for our children. The newest addition to our pool of equipment is a PITCHING MACHINE.

**SOCCER UNIFORMS** — A new procedure for distribution of soccer uniforms has been instituted this season. Full uniforms (shirt, shorts, and socks) have been given out. However, **ONLY SHIRTS** are to be returned at the end of the season. Hold the shorts and socks for next season. This is an attempt to alleviate some of the headaches of uniforms not being returned. Last year we had **28** uniforms that were not returned!



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