



The Relief Pitcher

Presidents Message

It has been a long season for us in the SJUA. We worked hard to get all of our assignments done and service the schools. We knocked out the GVAA Tournament and the John Cobb Tournament. Congratulations to all of our members on a job well done.

As President of the SJUA, it is time for me to look back, evaluate, and figure out how I can take a few more steps forward to get our organization improved for our members and the schools we service.

I hope everyone has a great summer. Enjoy whatever life brings you next and please stay up to date with the information SJUA puts out next.

-Gerry Malamisura

Treasurer's Report

Here is the Treasurer's Report:

For the month of May:

Opening Balance: \$12,894.80

Money in:

Interest Paid \$0.57

Dues and Assessments-\$5,117.00

Money Out:

Assignor Fees: \$3,000

Hot Stovers: \$500

Stamps: \$13.16

End-of-Month Balance: \$14,448.77

I will be sending out your 2024 fee reconciliation soon. I will also be sending out payments for Killer B in the next two weeks. I will notify via zebra web when they are in the mail. Fees owed will be deducted from your Killer B check.

SJUA will accept the following forms of payment for 2024.

VENMO - @John-Henderson-3.
Please label as dues or assigner fees

ZELLE - the phone # is 267-978-5708

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Sunshine Committee

There is no sunshine this month.

Secretary Report:

Another successful high school season has come and gone. I would like to remind everyone that registration for next season is already open. Please go to NJSIAA.org to register for the 2024-2025 season.

You may have heard rumors of Zebra web going away for scheduling. That is true BUT NJSIAA will continue to use it for one more season and then we will transition to Arbiter for the 2025-2026 season.

For the first-year umpires (Cadets), you should have received reimbursement from NJSIAA through Zebra pay. If you did not receive your money, please email me at docschmitt@yahoo.com

-Doc



IMPORTANT
SJUA

DATES:

Election Results and
End of Year Party:

8/7/2024 @ 7pm

FROM THE
DESK OF
THE
SUPERVISOR
OF
OFFICIALS



Treasurer Report: (Continued)

CHECK - accepted in person at meetings or
mailed to my address

John Henderson
605 Linden Ave.
Riverton, NJ 08077

CASH - accepted in person only

Please reach out to me if there are any questions
or concerns

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-John Henderson

The 2024 high school/middle school season is now over and I would like to congratulate all of the umpires who officiated school games to make the school season a success! I would also like to congratulate those officials who participated in the State Tournament games. Again, the SJUA put its' best foot forward and we have been recognized by the State.

Although the school season is over, the summer ball games continue and will challenge your game management skills with inexperienced coaches and over-enthusiastic parents. Remember, DO NOT respond to parental comments, and DO NOT make disparaging remarks about teams or players. You never know who is listening.

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Supervisor of Officials (Continued from Page 2)

SJUA Policy: Remember, if you have an ejection of a player or coach, please contact me or our Secretary, Gary “Doc” Schmitt immediately.

Cadet Class: The cadets now have one school year under their belts. Please continue to help them with their respective mechanics.

UNIFORMS: Please keep your uniforms and equipment clean and ready to go for the games. You are being “sized up” as you walk on the field. Look and act professional within the confines of the field and parking lot.

ASSIGNMENTS: Cooperate with our Assignor and block out your dates ASAP. This will save him double duty work. Accept your respective assignments in a timely manner.

Please don't hesitate to provide any recommendations you feel would be beneficial. Good luck and best wishes to all for continued success in the 2024 baseball season!

Laughter is the Best Medicine: What did the baseball glove say to the ball? Catch ya later!

-George T. Joo



Have a nice
summer!

Assignor's Korner:

This will be my last publication as your assignor. I appreciate each and everyone's effort to make this year a success. Special thanks to Noel Allison who went above and beyond in helping the association. Also, a thank you to Doc for making sure I did not screw up to badly. Congratulations to those individuals who went to the State Sectional Finals, State Finals and Carpenter Cup. Well earned. Also, congratulations to those umpires who did the first 3 rounds of the playoffs.

My report is as follows:

Games assigned to date: 1473

Games we could not fill: 3 (Middle School)

Our busiest days had us fill 30, 29, 27 and 24 games. We used every available umpire that day (30 games) on our roster.

Games affected by weather: Over 110

Zebraweb will be changing its interface for the fall season. So be prepared.

I will apologize now for making some of you guys work alone for sub-varsity ball. My goal was to have two guys on every high school game. With the numbers we have, and the fact other associations were also busy, that did not happen. The job dictates that we fill games and that was the primary goal; which was accomplished.

The number of turnback games due to officials not keeping availability up to date: 86. This represents the assignor doing twice the work. This is about 6% of the total games assigned. Please, for next year, do a better job of keeping your calendar up to date. This includes non-scholastic ball and evening hours. The assignor only gets paid once for assigning games. Try to make his job easier.

Amount of turnback due to other factors: 34 (Injury, medical, work emergency, family matters, etc.)

Having John Wajda take 10 middle schools helped us out immensely. By estimate, we could not have filled about 20 games plus at the middle school level if John had not stepped in. He also stepped in on our busy days to supply umpires that were siphoned off to do high school games.

We helped out UUASJ 4 times. They could not help us once for scholastic ball. Our busy days coincide with theirs. I fear this may get worse.

We had 3 middle schools contact us during the season to contract for their games. Unfortunately, we could not help them as we were already spread thin enough. As a side note they went elsewhere and paid a higher rate. Something we may wish to consider next year for middle school to entice some of our guys to do those games.

Overall, we had only one complaint from the schools this season. We also had one complaint from our independent ball.

GVAA and the Killer B were very happy with our services. They complemented everyone involved.

I would be remiss in not thanking you all for helping to make this year a success for the SJUA. There are people who went above and beyond. Doc, who helped to make sure things went smoothly. Who was also my ear when things got a bit overwhelming. Noel Allison, who, no matter what time of day, what assignment was, took the game. In my mind he earned Umpire of the Year.

For the off season, your homework is to stay in the rule. There is no excuse for not knowing the rules. Plan your calendar. You know the dates and times of family things, block them. You know the hours you work; you know the important dates in your family, you know when you are going on vacation.

You can also add a mileage range to your profile, do so. I have had turn backs after the game was accepted by the individual because "It was too far." This does not fly. If you set your mileage limit, you would not get assigned the game to begin with. Also, be considerate of the association as a whole. The day of your assignment, if you are hurt, or not feeling well contact the assignor early so he can help you. Calling an hour before the game is not cool. How can the assignor trust you in the future if you do that. You will lose games and you may find that you will be fined. The assignor then must try to fill the slot and may not be successful. If he cannot find a replacement on the fly, the call goes to the league saying we don't have anyone to do the game. Remember the assignor is the face of the organization, he gets the guff from the league for this and must listen to it. Not to mention the association gets the black eye. Not just that, the league may go elsewhere for umpires depriving you of added income. Do not be that umpire.

All in all, make it easy for Doc. The job is difficult enough.

-Joe Rosenberg



Membership Meeting Dates Announced:

Membership Meetings will be held on the following dates. Meetings will be Wednesday evenings starting at 7:15 p.m.

Location - 50 Springside Rd, Westampton, NJ 08060 (Continued on page 6)

2/28 - [All Sports Officials](#) will be on-site for your umpiring equipment needs!!!!

3/13 - General Membership Meeting

3/27 - Mandatory Rules Interpretation Meeting
4/10 - Nominations of Officers for 2025
4/24 - Nominations of Officers for 2025
5/8 - General Membership Meeting
5/22 - General Membership Meeting
6/12 - Candidates Night-Food and Drink served
6/26 - General Membership Meeting-Canceled
8/7- End of year party and Election Results 7pm

(More information to come on specific meeting topics)

SJUA Gear:

NEW SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!!!

The SJUA executive board has created new performance wear shirts and they are available to be ordered. The cost is \$20 per shirt. Add \$2 for XXL and \$3 for XXXL. We have blue and black shirts. Money will be due to the Treasurer upon completion of the transaction. If you have any questions, please refer them to SJUA President.

*******Unfortunately, after gauging interest from the SJUA, the Executive Boards has decided to not pursue a SJUA hat at this time due to cost and interest.***

Donations:

If you have a donation or have lightly used equipment that you would like to sell to a Cadet, please contact the SJUA president to set up a time and date for the connection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS :

Recruitment/Retention Committee: (Committee Head George Sanders)
The Recruitment/Retention Committee is in search of new members. If anyone has any ideas or would like to join the committee please reach out to George Sanders.

Grievance Committee: (Committee Head Ken Shugars)
No updates at this time. If you need to get in contact with the Judicial Grievance Committee, please contact Ken Shugars.

Social Media Committee: (Committee Head Matt Korang)
The Social Media Committee is in possession of a bunch of new pictures for the website. Keep an eye out for the new picture going up to the website soon. If you need to get in contact with the Social Media Committee, please contact Matt Korang.

Election Committee: (Committee Head Tom Wajda)
The voting emails will be going out. You will be able to vote for the candidate of your choosing and the election results will be read at the final year end meeting on 8/7/2024. If you need to get in contact with the Election Committee, please contact Tom Wajda.

Bylaws Committee: (Committee Head Curt Weller)
No updates at this time. If you'd like to get in contact with the Bylaws Committee, please contact Curt Weller.