

Annual Softball Game
Board of Reps Team vs. the Mayor's Team
September 15, 2011
Gabe DeLuca Report

Despite the cold weather, we were able to play 7 innings. Unfortunately the BOR lost 11-3.

Mary Fedeli's training in Bermuda the past week was helpful-she pitched a great game. Unfortunately, our infield left much to be desired, committing numerous errors enabling the Mayor's team to score 6 runs in the first 2 innings. One of the errors was responsible for the Mayor to reach 1st base on his first at bat, after that he didn't do much, fortunately he had a good team, their fielders were making circus catches, which was depressing for our side.

Having Ernie Orgera as the umpire at 1st base didn't help the BOR; a few plays were called safe for the Mayor and outs for the BOR. This will be changed next year.

Mark T. of the Yankees has nothing on our first baseman-Nicole Vartuli-she was super at the position, catching pop flies and scooping up the throws from shortstop and 2nd baseman.

Surprised that my counterpart Laurie Albano kept a low profile, unlike me out there cheering my players on for a potential victory that wasn't meant to be.

The Mayor was determined to win this year. Bobby V was his 3rd base coach and advisor. Since I was on the 3rd base line cheering for the BOR, Bobby V and I did some ad-libbing which added to the fun and excitement of the game.

Bobby V badgered me, saying I was trying to bribe one of their players. Crystal Mitchell of Engineering was at the plate with 2 strikes-I ran to the plate, embraced her and told her she could make history by striking out. She would be the 3rd player in our 28 years of having the ballgame to strike out. All 3 would be attributed to Mary Fedeli. Crystal didn't want to make history in that fashion. On the next pitch she hit the ball to the infield.

The hot pizza arrived just as the game ended. It was super and helped to warm us up.

It was a great evening, and as in past years, served the main purpose of having the game, which is to bring both sides together for a relaxing fun time.

Gabe