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2nd Annual High School All-Star Game

We are pleased to announce that the 2016 Garb Athletic/OC Sports Southern Arizona High School All-Star games presented by the Kino Baseball League will be played once again upon completion of the high school year.

May 31 and June 1 games will be played at the Kino Veterans Memorial Stadium. On May 31 the Divisions 3, 4 and 5 Graduating Seniors will open the week long event, followed by on June 1 the Division 2 Graduating Seniors.

The Future High School all-star games will be played June 2 and June 3 at Catalina Foothills High School.

The Division 2 Future all-stars will play in June 2 followed by the Divisions 3,4 and 5 Futures on June 3.

Game times for all four nights will be 7:00 PM.

FRESHMAN SPRING LEAGUE

The 2016 Spring Freshman Club League is in full swing. Total of 12 teams competing. Season started on March 12 and continues through to the post-season May 1st championship game.

You can catch the game schedule that is posted on the league website.

Participating Teams Include

Pusch Ridge Lions
Mt. View
Catalina Trojans
Hills Baseball
Tucson Lynx
Angels

Mesa Westwood Warriors
Gilbert Grinders
Stealth Baseball
Vail Wranglers
Zona
Sierra Vista Aztecs

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The shift in baseball power and talent is shifting from Phoenix to Tucson

2016 SUMMER LINE UP

2016 Summer Leagues will start June 4



13U Babe Ruth Division - time for the 13 year olds to graduate and begin developing their skills in making the transition to the regulation size field while playing in a highly competitive league that also offers summer national tournament opportunities.

Tournament entry fee's paid by the league.

14U Babe Ruth Division- Includes summer national tournament play at state, regional and World Series levels

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15U AABC Ken Griffey World Series Qualifying League - winner of this league receives berth in the Griffey World Series held in Surprise, Arizona July 22-27. League pays the entry fee for the league winner to play in the World Series. The Tucson Qualifying and World Series are wood bat

JAYVEE DIVISION - includes post-season league tournament with the winner receiving paid entry fee by the league to the 2016 Desert Fall Classic 16U Division tournament at Las Vegas, Nevada, October 28-30.



VARSITY DIVISION- includes post-season league tournament with the winner receiving paid entry by the league to the 2016 Desert Fall Classic 18U Division tournament at Las Vegas, Nevada, October 28-30.



AMERICAN LEGION --50 year plus long standing Tucson tradition continues Highly competitive league that has won 23 out of the last 25 state championships Post 7 Tucson High is the defending State Champions.

SUN BELT COLLEGIATE LEAGUE --Tucson and the Kino Sports Complex the summer destination for the committed and serious college baseball player--now entering its 6th season.

The summer league will once again include games with Hamilton High School 14U Babe Ruth team, along with 15U and 18U teams that have committed from Coronado High School, El Paso, El Paso Dodgers, El Paso Aersnal and Las Cruces that will come to Tucson on weekends in June to be part of the league schedule

League games will once again be played at the home of the Kino Baseball League, the Kino Sports Complex, Reid Park Annex Fields, Nogales War Memorial Stadium, along with school and county fields.

To secure spot in a summer league deadline for entry is **April 20, 2016**. After this date game schedule development will begin.

SUMMER TOURNAMENT

Along with the league play, Kino Baseball going to offer the following National tournament qualifiers.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA WOOD BAT TOURNAMENT

16U Division June 10-12 16 teams max

18U Division June 24-26 16 teams max

All games at the Kino Sports Complex

The winners will receive berth to the Southwest Wood

Bat Classic Nationals July 14-17 to be played at

Papago Park, Phoenix

League pays the entry fee to these National tournaments for the winning teams

Deadline to secure spot in these tournaments is April 20, 2016

BOOK CORNER---"THE ARM"--MUST READ

Excellent book just came out on April 5th entitled "The Arm" authored by Jeff Passan who spent a couple of years researching the reasons why pitcher arms are breaking down, the causes and the Tommy John surgery procedure.

In one part he details the behind-the-scenes insanity that goes on with youth baseball, much of which is dictated by Perfect Game, the organization that holds tournaments and showcase events around the country as young as 9-10 year olds and the strong arm organizers that push the top talent to attend.

Another section the author sits in on an actual Tommy John surgery and gives an up close look at the precision that is involved.

The book received high rating from Hall of Fame pitcher John Smoltz, who himself had Tommy John surgery. Smoltz calls "The Arm" the most important baseball book of the year--must read.

ALUMNI CORNER



As the Kino Baseball League enters its 6th season, we would like to hear about former players, now Kino alumni, who have gone on to play in college or possibly at the professional level.

We will be establishing an "Alumni" page on the league web site that will list information about our former players and their achievements

We would like to ask if you have information on a player alumnus of the Kino Baseball League if you could email to kinobbl@comcast.net with information about the player we can begin to post and recognize such accomplishments.

We will need the name of the player, college attending or professional team playing for and any other pertinent information and we will post on the web site and make part of this newsletter.

THANK YOU

Appreciation and thanks to the following that make the Kino Baseball League happen

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TIDBITS

League starts 2010 with 7 teams
780 teams and over 10,200 players.
5,484 games have been played
28,000 people have attended summer league games at the Kino Sports Complex the home of Kino Baseball League

STATE CHAMPIONS

PONY 13U	2011,2012, 2014
Babe Ruth 14U	2011, 2012
Babe Ruth 15U	2011, 2012, 2013
Babe Ruth 18U	2015
American Legion	2014, 2015

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REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Babe Ruth 14u	2011 - CDO
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WORLD SERIES

Babe Ruth 14U	2011- CDO
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