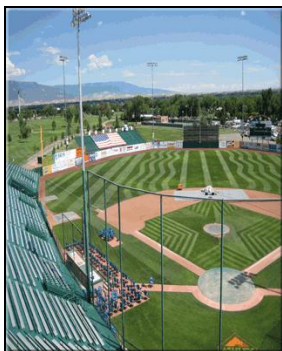


Alpine Bank JUCO World Series – Jamie Hamilton & Bruce Hill



This weekend marks the beginning of the 53rd Annual Alpine Bank JUCO World Series at Suplizio Field here in Grand Junction.

The best Junior College baseball teams have qualified to play in this prestigious tournament. They will travel here from all parts of the country to compete for the right to call themselves World Series Champions.

The quality of play has never disappointed the fans and many major league players have appeared in past JUCO World Series including stars like Kirby Puckett and Kal Daniels.

Dave Dravecky, who played for the San Diego Padres (1982-87) and San Francisco Giants (1987-89) will give the keynote address at the JUCO Banquet to open the week of events on Friday night. He is well remembered for his battle against cancer, which ended his career as his team was reaching the World Series.

Bruce Hill and JUCO Chairman Janie Hamilton are here today to give us a rundown of this year's tournament and its surrounding events. Jamie served 16 years as director of tournament play for JUCO prior to taking over as chairman three years ago.

The Spokesman's Spokesman

By Reed (So Handsome) Mitchell

After a barely audible bell the faithful gathered to bring purpose to our disheveled universe under the marginal leadership of "His (soon to expire) Coolness". Our extreme Cool President had the stage hands at Dos Rios put up the BIG SCREEN so he'd be larger than life in his slide presentation of his trip to Birmingham England. The excitement was electric as we waited breathlessly for Joe's presentation to begin, snoring could be clearly heard in the audience. It was a once in a lifetime chance to see genuine vacation slides of His Warner-ness. Joe even had a couple slides of; trains, sidewalks, Rotarians and stuff.

David (thinks he can sing) Durham chastised old Joe for singing off key behind him during the songfest but from where the rest of us sit they were in perfect harmony. Everyone knows Joe has a brilliant stage career waiting for him singing lead with the King and Trio when his tenure as the Club's fearless leader is over. He could sing "Feelings" with back up banjo from Chris (Impending Doom) Unfug; just think of the wonder and musical beauty of it all.

Happy Bucks

- **Herb Bacon** had \$10 Biggies for a successful golf "For Hope" tournament; Frank Wagner won as usual.
- **Mike Kercheval** had \$100.00 for turning 86 years old; amazing, he don't look a day over 85 - does he?
- **Laurie Frasier** had \$5 Bucks G.V. Senior Daybreak merged with Hilltop, sounds like a good move
- **Peg Foster** celebrated three family graduations with \$10 bucks, those Fosters are sure educational ...
- **Kathy O'Shea celebrated Dean Massey's retirement**, now maybe we can borrow some money from him.
- **Gene (everyone's pal) Taylor** had \$100 bucks that Tommy Hunn cut up a tree and hauled it away for him.
- **The Czar** was \$5 bucks happy that 56 % of the Club is participating in PHF this year
- **Jeanie Thomas** chastised this reporter for reporting on her errant accordion fingers, we hid under the table!
- **Gwen (cutie pie) DeCino** had \$2 measlys for her daughters being smart.
- **Lynn Liquors** had \$2 bucks for a graduate of Fruita Monument, lots of caps and gowns rented this year

Announcements:

- **Gwen (Mysterious) DeCino** announced the "Luau for Latimer House" and passed out flyers touting the Blue Thong Society's appearance there. That got Larry Wild's attention in a big way. So go to Varaison Vineyards in Palisade on June 5th at 6:00 PM to see those Blue Thongs in person, Larry will be there!

Warner's Corner



As the month of May draws to a close, it can only mean one thing ... it's time for JUCO baseball! The 2010 Alpine Bank/National Junior College Athletic Association JUCO World Series takes to the diamond in Grand Junction on Saturday, May 29, and runs through June 5. It is always a special time for our club and for the school we sponsor in the 10-team tournament at Suplizio Field.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our own Norm Franke, as president of Alpine Bank, for his leadership and support of this GJ gem. Norm always steps up to the plate for this, and many other causes in our community.

I also have to give a tip of my ball cap to our club's outstanding JUCO committee. They are first-rate! At the top of our lineup stand Barbara Traylor Smith and Michael McCormick. They receive super support from their committee of the following heavy hitters: Cliff Anson, Dale Beede, Mari Garland, Kim Giannone and Chris West.

Barbara and Michael do our club proud each season as they coordinate activities for "our team" by providing direction and support to the coaches, players, families and fans. Their commitment - and caring competence - are second to none.

I urge everyone to come out to our annual barbecue for the team and its fans on Sunday, May 30. The gathering will be in the Grand Pavilion at Canyon View Park at 6 p.m. There's always plenty of fun, food and fellowship -- See you then!

The Weird

His Fid-ness told a "gay in the military" story that went on and on. Fid's more fun to watch telling the stories than the stories are. He laughs all the way through them and we usually miss the point anyway.

Gifts

- **Rod Christ** brought Joe a genuine Pope's Hat and pasta bib from Rome. How cool is that?
- **Charlie Sours** brought our leader some interesting keys to the front and back doors to city hall.
- **Kim Giannone** brought our tea totaling pres. some beer and cheese from Wisconsin.... dibs on the beer!
- **Dan of Salvation Army fame** gave Joe a nifty little beanie hat. He looked darling in it!
- **Dennis Pretti** brought his Coolness a petrified Dinosaur turd and recited a poem about it. (Only Dennis...)

New Members

Michael Lowenstein and Sharon Dixon have been approved by the board, to comment contact Reed.

Ask Mr. Wizard

On Marriage – I love being married; I was single for a while but got tired of finishing my own sentences.

– Marriage is an adventure; kinda like going to war.

- I was married by a judge, I should have asked for a jury.

To ask Mr. Wizard a question on the mysteries of life

email him at: Mrwizardgj@aol.com

May Birthdays By Jan Pomrenke

*May the 2nd we have Rod Christ
Old enough to have been kissed
Then on May 6th there's Charlie Sours
To Europe he's been but he brought me no flowers
May the 7th we have Nancy Hill
Beautiful red hair but she's not a pill
May the 9th Paul Petersen comes
He's still at the Mall watching for bums
Then on May 10th, Attorney Mike Burke
Stay on his good side and you won't get in a lurch
May 13th...Marion Kercheval
Let's get him to direct a Rotary musical
May 16th...Reed Mitchell, our scribe
Let's do something nice.....he's easy to bribe
Now on May 17th...Gary Nagy
That tall blonde guy who's very leggy
Then May 19th, where's Tyler Riehl?
He must be gone making a big deal
May the 20th, big hearted George Wheeler
Next time we do Casino...he can be the dealer
May 22nd... Nathan Wallace
Wanna stand beside him and see who's the tallest
wow.....May 26th we have John Duffly
When I am late he never gets huffy
May 26th that Dennis Morris
He files our taxes and keeps us poorest
now May 27th sweet Jane Foster
Last year, you know, she won a nursing Oscar
Almost the end, May 28th, Greg Walcher
What can I say, has he been to the altar?
Lastly, May 30th, quiet Andy Walters
He sells insurance and never falters.*

Upcoming Dates

Meeting Programs
Barb Bowman and Gwen DeCino
Program Committee Co-Chairpersons

June 2 **GJ Rescue Mission**
Mike Moran

June 16 **Staycation**
Jennifer Grossheim Harris

Upcoming Meetings

June 4 **Past President's Meeting**
Noon, Bookcliff CC

June 16 **Rotary Exchange Committee**
11:15 a.m., Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.

June 16 **Rotary Board Meeting**
5:00 p.m, Hospice Ctr, Room 101

May 26, 2010



Herb Bacon leads the charge of happy Rotarians lining up to express their good cheer through their wallets.