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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER:

As we start to prepare for our 2017 season I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Last year we had five teams win 100 or more games. We had only three teams lose 100 or more games. Each league had 6 teams with winning records and 6 teams with losing records. 2016 was one of our most competitive seasons. In the American League the five playoff bound teams was settled early but the rankings changed from newsletter to newsletter. And yes, even with Norwich taking the NL by 22 games, the NL was very competitive too. Second place was not decided until the final block and from third to seven place those teams fought all year for the last three playoff slots. What will 2017 be like? I'm not sure, but that's why we play the games, too find out. (Plus, Ed will try and tell us in February!)

DRAFT DAY 2017 – **February 26th**. Quality Inn. 48 Whitehall Ave. Mystic, CT. 06355. Phone number 860-572-8531. It's the same place as before they just changed the name. The meeting room has been paid for and we are all set for 2017!!

2017 –CALENDAR of EVENTS.

- Feb 1 - 1. Winter Meetings close at 6PM EST. All trades from this point are not valid until draft day.
2. GM's e-mail protected rosters & draft picks owned to the commissioner and cc to all members. Include the ML team that is on the player's card. List batters and pitchers separately and each in alphabetical order.
- Feb 15 - 1. Protected rosters and final draft order will be on the website and emailed to the GM's.
2. GM's mail draft instructions and the phone number that they will be at on draft day to the commissioner. Mark on the outside of the envelope "DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS". This envelope will only be opened at the draft if for some reason we cannot reach you. Mail or mail instructions even if you plan on being at the draft in person.
- Feb 17 - 1. Opening Day at SOM.
- Feb 22 - 1. Commissioner emails seasonal package to be put on the website. GM's will find the Manager's Directory, Team Schedules, and Constitution on the website. **(The seasonal package is already on our website.)**
- Feb 26 - 1. Draft Day 2017 1. The draft will start at 11am EST. We will be on line and if we are not we will use the old buddy system. You will get updated phone calls to give the players taken in front of you. When you get the call for your draft pick you will have one minute to make your selection.
2. Preseason Trading Period begins.
3. After the draft non-drafted players become available in the Waiver Wire. For each player selected a player must be cut. Newly cut players carded or non-carded are available for selection.

Bob Figella has the draft order and the countdown clock on our website all set for February 26th.

2017 Opening Day Schedule:

American League:

Alpharetta at Milford
Arsenal at California
Baton Rouge at Hotlanta
Lake Wobegon at Louisville
Urpaigh at Yorktown
Nashville at New Hampshire*

National League:

Connecticut at Allyn Street
Burlington at US Jarheads
Hazardville at Norwich
Wall Street at Illinois
Taxachusetts at Klee's
New England at Maine

*If the New Hampshire new stadium is not competed by the start of the season the Hog's will play their "home" games on the road. Yes, like the Hartford Yardgoats. ☺

Transactions:

1. Taxachusetts trades Carlos Sanchez CHA to Louisville for Logan Morrison TB.

Minus Bonus Points have been reset back to zero. Let's see if we can keep them that way. ;-)

Minus Bonus Points:

-BP's for this Report: none

YTD -BP's: none