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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER:

We need to review and take a vote on SOM new "shift rule". We have not come up with a date yet for the vote. I'm thinking maybe March 6th so we all have had enough time to have the game and have tried the new rule out a few times. The season starts on March 16th, giving us enough time to get familiar with the rule. I'll get back to everyone as soon as a date has been decided on. Thank you.

NEXT IMPORTANT DUE DATE IS WEDNESDAY THE 15TH.

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.

Opening Day Trip – By Bill Nieman

Got up at 5:30 am to shovel out the town's snowplow attack on my driveway entrance.

My normal 65 minute drive from Waterford to Surf Ave commuter lot took an hour and a half today.

Bob and Roland suffered a similar southward trek and arrived @ 8:15 at the lot....@ 1/2 hour later than normal.

With Bob at the wheel skillfully dealing with snow traffic, we arrived in stratoland at 10:20, an hour later than usual....

but it didn't make much difference in line position as everyone else was dealing with the snowy travel conditions.

Sunny and no wind made the temps very bearable for the wait till the 12 noon door opening.

Two donut sorties from strato management went smoothly as Roland actually waited his turn and didn't resort to rolling blocks to clear a path to the goodies. Two little kids followed the donut procession handing out napkins and as usually Roland went without, preferring the use of his jacket sleeve.

The doors opened promptly at noon and by 12:15 we were on the road again with our cards, 5 sets into the trunk and Roland's set opened up and in his lap....and as he perused his wishful thinking began.

Bob navigated the way back to Surf Ave. flawlessly, sans input from his mentally AWOL "shotgun" rider.

With clear roads now, my trip to Waterford was a normal 65 min. and at 3 pm I was walking in the door.

After a short rest and an in and out visit from Rob B, picking up his cards... we got to work.

With Harry and Karen enlisted, short work was made of the card set. First **The US Jarheads** were assembled, then Pitchers and Hitters were separated and alphabetized by 6:30 pm and ready for team placement first thing tomorrow AM.

2017 –CALENDAR of EVENTS.

Feb 22 - 1. The seasonal package is already on our website.

February 26th. DRAFT DAY 2017

Quality Inn. 48 Whitehall Ave. Mystic, CT 06355.

Phone number 860-572-8531. It's the same place, they just changed the name.

1. The draft will start at 11am EST. We will be on line but just in case 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.

Transactions:

1. Louisville trade's it #31 overall pick LV's 2nd Round DP to the Silver Bullets for BR's #1 2018 and Mike Pelfrey

Minus Bonus Points:

-BP's for this Report: none

YTD -BP's: none