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RAPIDS

BASEBALL INCORPORATED

Come play golf on November 5 – register at www.RBIbaseballonline.com or sponsor a hole with your name or your company! We appreciate your support!

Our Annual Christmas tree sale has garland and wreaths, too! December 1st & 2nd.

A word from our President, Jordan Berryhill.....

This year began with a broken pipe on January 9th, after likely 4 days of water gushing from the top floor down through concession and you can see from the pictures, freezing mid-air like stalactites. School was out for the cold freeze and a person walking their dog called the school to let them know the situation. This was a tough way to begin pre-baseball season. It was a tough way to learn what insurance covers, and does not cover. RBI was responsible in every way for this clean up and we are lucky that our adjuster worked with us and we were able to clean out the water and moisture in 4 days. It was an expensive way to start the year. But, we were able to get the players and coaches in the building by the first game day and concession struggled to get to a normal schedule because most of the damage was down below and as you can see by the picture, through the overhang in front of concession. We ended the fiscal year with rained out tournaments due to hurricanes and strange weather, so your donations this year will help us regain ground lost from higher expenses and under-budget revenue. We appreciate all you can do and please know we use your donations judiciously. Best wishes to you and your family this coming holiday season –

Jordan P. Berryhill



From Coach Hannum.....

The 2017-2018 James River Rapids baseball team certainly had a great year. The Rapids finished 17-4 and only lost one game in the state of Virginia. The team was invited and traveled to the HIT tournament in Charleston South Carolina during spring break. Even though the team went 1-3 in the tournament, the players gained a lot of respect for each other and the team chemistry could not have been better. As the season continued we were constantly tested playing a very high level. Unfortunately, the Rapids came up a game short against Thomas Dale in the Regional semifinal, but we could not have asked for a better group of 21 young men. This team was led by eight phenomenal seniors who all contributed in a positive way. There will be a lot of innings, at bats, and leadership to replace. They set such a good example of what it means to be a family. The James River Rapids baseball community is very excited about the upcoming season. We look forward to making another push to the state tournament!

Byron Hannum



Summer Camp

What a week of summer Virginia weather! This camp was met by rain, rain, and more rain, but we made it work. Hitting, fielding, base running, rundowns, competitions and games. This camp had it all! The campers and counselors were great all week too. No amount of rain could stop these campers from having fun. The James River baseball players who came out to help coach these campers were great! We had seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshman all join in on the fun. We thoroughly enjoys teaching the game and having fun with younger and eager baseball players – and they in turn look up to these bigger baseball players. Who knows, we may be grooming future Rapids someday!



Summer Showcase Event

Rapids Baseball Incorporated hosted a summer showcase event partnering with NOVA baseball academies. Some of Virginia's best DIII schools showed (Randolph Macon, Lynchburg, Hampden Sydney, and Bridgewater) to take a look at five teams consisting of a wide range of talent. James River High School was able to put a team in to compete as well. This team was comprised of a lot of younger local talent from the Midlothian area. From a pro style workout, to on the field batting practice, to live games; this showcase had it all. Rapids Baseball Incorporated truly embraces bringing the college experience to local players. The James River High School program takes pride in helping their players make it to the next level and appreciates the support RBI provides to make this possible. Whether you are a Division III player to a Division I scholarship player, we will do our best to provide as many next level opportunities as possible.



Spotlight on.... Jack Cleary

Jack Cleary joined RBI as a vice president for events and what a welcome addition he is to our team. Jack played at James River as well as the University of Maryland and is eager to coach kids who want to be better catchers. Jack is a loan officer at C&F Mortgage.



Benefit Game

Rapids Baseball Incorporated and James River Baseball partnered with Douglas Freeman High School in RBI's seventh annual Benefit Game. This year almost \$1300 was raised for the Virginia State Police Associating and the families of First Responders. We had beautiful weather and the game was an awesome one! James River came out victorious 10-3. We would really like to thank Toast for their sample menu items served out of concession and Mission Barbeque for donating sandwiches to the players and fans after the game. **A SPECIAL thank you to Trooper Andrew Dunivan for providing everyone with a K-9 bomb demonstration and a shout out to Vietnam Veteran Rusty and his Purple Heart truck.**

100-Inning Game

This year, the 100-inning game had to be played on multiple dates because the original date was rained out and we were then up against our state championship run. The players were great sports and divided up with a draft and made this event – our major fundraiser for the year – a great event for family and fans.

Casino Night

Once again, baseball moms came together and sold donated items raising close to \$5,000 for the needs for the baseball program. A special thank you to the following individuals and businesses for their donations:

Allure	Mosaic
Boathouse Short Pump	Paint n Play RVA
Brusters	Party wagon
Capital Ale	Peak Experience's
Cottage Care	Qdoba
Dave's auto spa	Rituals
Dave's Auto Spa	Ruth Chris
Diane Fanning Virginia Author	Rva Trolley Tours
Dicks	Sassy Bee
Disney	Ski Center Westchester
Flowers Make Scents	Sneeds Nursery
Flying Squirrels	Southern Railway Tap House
Fox & Hound	Spirited Art
Front Porch Bakery	Stonehenge
Good Foods Grocery	Sweet Frog - Westchester
Great Big Greenhouse	Tazza
James River Transportation	The Glass Spot
King Pin Bowling	The Jefferson Hotel
La Cucina	Thirty One
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