

*April 1, 2010*

## **11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ALBANY ATHLETICS BASEBALL FEST PARTICIPANTS AND DATES ANNOUNCED**

*Longest running Stan Musial invitational tournament returns to Schenectady's Central Park*

The Albany Athletics have announced it will host its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Baseball Fest at Central Park A, B and C diamonds in Schenectady on June 25-27, 2010—approximately two weeks earlier than it is traditionally conducted.

This year the event, which is the largest and longest running Stan Musial invitational tournament in the northeast, will invite 10 teams from across the northeast. Thanks to the City of Schenectady, major renovations to all three baseball diamonds at Central Park have made it possible to conduct the tournament on high quality fields for the three-day event.

Each team pays a tournament entry fee by May 1<sup>st</sup> to ensure its spot in the tournament. Teams are also required to bring to the tournament three baseballs as their contribution for the entire weekend. Each team will play a minimum of three games plus have the opportunity to qualify for the semifinals on Sunday morning, then the championship game on Sunday afternoon. (First round games will begin around 2 pm Friday). Perennial powers from all over the northeast and locally compete in the tournament each year. The following notables have come to the region to compete in this event in the last several years: Pelham Mets, Milford FPA (CT), Brothers Oven Pizza (RI), ABCO Phillies/ Bandits (PA), Ottawa Nepeans (ONT), Sherman Park Phillies, New Jersey Connexion (NJ), Clinton Knights (NJ), Sherrill Silversmiths and Utica Brewers.

The 2010 field of teams is:

Albany Athletics – host  
All Stars Academy – Albany, NY  
Brothers Oven Pizza – Warwick, RI  
Latin Flavor – New York City  
Philly Bandits – Philadelphia, PA  
Rockland Cavaliers – Rockland, NY  
Sherrill Silversmiths – Sherrill, NY  
Syracuse Mets – Syracuse, NY  
Utica Brewers – Utica, NY

Special discounted rates of \$99 have been secured at the host hotel Holiday Inn Schenectady for visiting teams. Please contact the Sales office at the Holiday Inn at 518.393.4141. Ask for Crystal Esposito.

Trophies and t-shirts will be presented to the champions and runner up along with a tournament MVP trophy after Sunday's championship game. American League rules will apply in all games of the tournament and wood or composite bats are required.

Please contact Tournament Director Joe Altieri at [albanyathletics@hotmail.com](mailto:albanyathletics@hotmail.com) or 518.229.0440 for more information on the tournament.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FEST CHAMPIONS</u>	<u>RUNNER UP</u>
2009	Sherrill Silversmiths	Albany Athletics
2008	Albany Athletics	All Stars Academy
2007	Albany Athletics	ABCO Phillies
2006	ABCO Phillies	Sullivan Spartans
2005	Waterford Fordians	Mama's/All Stars
2004	Albany Athletics	Troy Haymakers

2003	Clifton Park Reds	Syracuse Merchants
2002	Albany Athletics	Schenectady Bombers
2001	Albany Athletics	Davies AC
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**YEAR**

**TOURNAMENT MVP**

2009	Josh Fyffe, Sherrill Silversmiths
2008	Nick Paniccia, Albany Athletics
2007	Tom Praisner, Albany Athletics
2006	Stan Orzechowski, ABCO Phillies
2005	Adam Lasek, Waterford Fordians
2004	John Kelly, Albany Athletics
2003	Rufus Wilson, Clifton Park Reds
2002	Mark Teson, Albany Athletics
2001	Max Miller, Albany Athletics
2000	Curtis Nobles, Davies AC