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# Friday, April 17th, 2015

OTHG Opening Night

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Richie D'Amico's uniform will hang in the Zwanger Pesiri dugout for the 2015 season...



Richie's Family attends the game...



Bobby Shubert throws out the first pitch to honor Richie D'Amico...



Zwanger Pesiri Team joins with the OTHG...

#### #OTHG40

Farmingdale's Over the Hill Gang (OTHG) softball league began its 40th year of play with a full slate of games on Friday, April 17th. For the past four decades, OTHG players have relived their youth for a few hours every Friday at Allen Park while raising ten of thousands of dollars for local charities.

# 7:00pm - Sal's Place versus Bar-Boy - 60ft field

Bar-Boy opened the season with an impressive 13-10 win over Sal's Place. BB set the pace in the 1st inning with 5 runs and also plated another big 5 runs in the 8th. Ken Kuzma went 2 for 2 with a Grand-Slam, Frank Badalamenti went 3 for 4 with 2 RBIs, Jayson Cinnelli went 2 for 4 including 1 HR and 3RBIs, Lino Raspanti went 3 for 4, John Czarnecki went 1 for 4 w/ 1 RBI, Darrin Simons went 1 for 3, Joe Badalamenti went 2 for 4, and Ken Kohlmann and Tom Gemma both went 2 for 3, Mike Frain went 1 for 3. Bar-Boy welcomes Giuseppe (JOE) Badalamenti to the team and looks forward to having him around for many years to come.

## 8:20pm - Changing Times versus Legends on Broadway - 60ft field

Opening night was very good to the team with a new sponsor, Legends on Broadway. Legends remained steady throughout the game scoring at least three runs in every inning winning 29-6 in a run-rule shortened 7 innings against Changing Times Pub. Steve Fanelli was 5 for 5 with a HR and 5 RBIs whil John Compitello went 3 for 5 and 5 RBIs. And making his debut in the OTHG, Josh Malone went 2 for 3 with 3 RBIs. Multi-hit games from almost every player created a nice start for Legends on Broadway for the 2015 season.

### 9:40pm - McCourt & Trudden vs Zwanger Pesiri - 90ft field

The final game on the 90-foot diamond was very emotional for both teams. Zwanger-Pesiri Radiology recently lost beloved teammate Richie D'Amico. Richie's sudden death is an excruciating blow to the Farmingdale Community where he lived his entire life. Before the game, dozens of players from all teams gathered across the infield to pay tribute to a great man. He will be remembered for many things, but especially for his love of life. Richie's post game cigar and weekly rundown of the best area restaurants will be etched in our memories forever. The game was secondary, but featured two pitchers who loved Richie dearly, his brother-in-law Bobby Schubert and long-time friend Jack Brosnan. Special thanks to the D'Amico family and their friends for coming down to watch. Thanks also to the ZP alumni who came down and to all the guys on McCourt & Trudden for their compassion and comforting words during a very tough night. ZP will play the 2015 season in memory of Richie.

If you don't see your team in the article, then no write up was provided.

Submit your write up to "articles@othgny.com" by 8pm on the Sunday after the game to ensure submittal in the upcoming Friday's "Farmingdale Observer".

If you miss the Sunday deadline, your article will still be posted to the website.