

Did You Know?

- > The South Shore Sharks entered seven teams in the various age brackets for the 3rd annual P.O. Brian Moore Memorial Tournament?
- > The South Shore Sharks recently obtained not-for-profit tax status?
- > The South Shore Sharks are a completely separate entity from Oceanside Little League?

# The Shark Report

## From The President's Desk...

Hello everyone and welcome to our first issue of The Shark Report. The purpose of the newsletter will be to keep everyone updated on the happenings with the Sharks Family, the various teams, provide insight and certainly to highlight the accomplishments of our players & teams.

When I revived the Sharks

a few years ago, I never imagined how quickly our family of teams would grow. Although I had every intention of adding different age levels along the way, I never suspected that we would have so many teams and players in our fold by 2017.

Recently, the Sharks have incorporated and established a non-profit tax status. Not only will this provide the Sharks with certain legal protections, it will also provide us with greater latitude in our pursuit of providing a high-level of baseball competi-

tion on the field at a relatively low-cost to our players.

I hope you enjoy our first issue of The Shark Report. We aim to publish the newsletter quarterly, with an occasional "special edition" when needed or appropriate.

From my family to yours, please have a Happy Thanksgiving and we'll see you at our Winter Workouts!

*Tom Collins*



## The Skinny on the 9u-Collins Squad

Sharks 9u ran its win streak to three games! All three games were complete games for pitchers Sean Collins, Jack Regan (two straight shut outs) and Ronan Austin! Finn Rummenie continues to play strong behind plate and rake at the plate with four hits in a double-header win! Great defense

by Brian Relusco and Jack Albenda plus caught stealing by Seany Mahoney led the charge in the sweep!

Karley Handleman dropped a clutch bunt single and Mikey Scotto turned two double plays to help the Shark 9u play crisp sound baseball.



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### 11u – Demmerle

“Improvement” may be the best word to describe this year’s 11u Blue Team. They finished in 3rd place in their spring season and chalked up a 6-7-2 record over the summer season where manager Frank Demmerle expanded his pitching staff to develop more arms for the future. Sawyer & Frank Thomas were named to their division’s All Star team.

11u participated in the Brian Moore Tournament and received runner-up honors and then fol-

lowed that up and came back and won the Hot Stove Labor Day Tournament.

Luke Brosokas and Michael Reagan led the way on the pitching mound with Bennet Breger and Sawyer Schectman jump starting the offense.

Michael Furst came over on loan from the 11u Gold team and contributed to the success of the team for the Labor Day Tourney.

Manager Frank Demmerle said,

“We started the year very well and many of our players were selected to the Williamsport team. so they played a lot of baseball in July. The thinner schedule now is really helping us. I am very much looking forward to 2018 and playing at the 12u level.” Demmerle added, “The future is very bright for us. These boys have bought into our team philosophy and we’re all pulling in the same direction. Their enthusiasm to play is infectious”.

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**- Kevin Maloney  
7u Manager**

### 7u Sharks - Great Beginnings

The 7u Sharks made their travel baseball debut this year. For many of these new Sharks, this was the first year of seeing opposing players pitch to them.

The 7u club didn’t win every game they played, nor did they lose every game either, Danny Apple made sure of that with a clutch hit to produce a walk off

win for the ballclub earlier this year. Logan Salute and Christian Fitzgerald led the 7u team from the pitchers mound and were supported with excellent defense by Anthony Trotta and Brad Albenda.

Manager Kevin Mahoney said, “We have a good bunch of players in the age group. Players

like Noah DiGiovanni and Frankie Castro keep leading by example with their great effort all the time. We work a lot on fundamental baseball and in doing so, one day we’ll walk off the field with a win against Plainview”.

The sky is the limit for our 7uSharks!

### 8u Sharks—They’re Comin’ In Hot!!!

The 8u club posted a very impressive 20-3 regular season record across two separate leagues (Hot Stove and East Coast). They finished as runners-up in each championship game dropping the final contests by a score of 3-2 and 2-0.

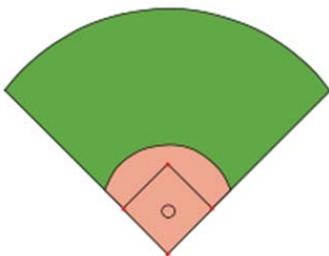
In the spring season, they went undefeated with a 5-0 record and took home the championship

hardware. Coach Dan Solomon said, “These boys had stretches where they played games six straight days and a few times they played eight games in seven days and never complained once”.

It’s obvious where the players work ethic comes from...their coaches. The 8u coaching staff took it upon themselves to fix up

the field at Oceanside School #6 in a effort to give their team a “home”. They spent countless hours dragging and weeding the skin field - even going so far as to mend the backstop themselves to make the field playable.

With an example like that, it’s no wonder the 8u Sharks are the hardest working team in their leagues.



## 15u / Junior Varsity

The 15u club underwent extensive changes from 2016 and the results were immediate. The ball club added superior talent in the likes of Andrew Rivas, Nick Cowan, Jimmy Ferko, Shane Benven, Noah Simpson, Josh Calderon and Chris Benson and their impact helped the 15u club to a .500 10-10 record for the summer Hot Stove Season in addition to a 3rd place finish in the Hot Stove Memorial Day Tournament

Team captain Joe Sena said, "We

have a number of starting pitchers that we didn't have last year. Any one of our starters can go out there and throw a seven inning complete game for us at any time".

Unlike last year, the 15u squad will be participating in the LSW Fall Bonanza league this autumn. "I tend to avoid spring seasons", manager Mike Sena said. "13 players on our roster made their school teams this year and I didn't want to tax their arms so a

fall league was certainly a viable option that I looked into and made the decision to play".

One of the season's highlights was a nine inning come-from-behind victory over local rival Freeport at MCU Park in Brooklyn. "To be given the tremendous opportunity to play in a professional ballpark and then to win the game the way we did made the experience even more special", said Sharks winning pitcher Jimmy Ferko.

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*- Joe Sena*

*15u Captain*

## New Sharks Team Formed—11u Varon

Manager Rich Varon has formed another 2017 11u Sharks team. They've started play in the fall of 2017 and are looking to be competitive right out of the gate.

"All I'm trying to do is play baseball with these kids", said Varon via an e-mail.

The ball club consists of seven

players from Oceanside and the remainder are from outside of Oceanside. Sharks President Tom Collins said, "We welcome another team to our family", and he continued, "The Sharks are for kids in our Oceanside Little League program and others looking to join a new program that is looking to develop base-

ball players".



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*- Rich Varon*

*New Sharks Manager*

## Drills Equal Skills

The Sharks proudly endorse The Steve Scafa Baseball Clinic.

"Coach Steve" is currently on the 12u Sharks coaching staff and he is a former New York Yankee minor leaguer.

The clinics are normally held at the Long Island Sports Complex in Freeport and are designed with the 6-12 year old in mind.

Coach Steve's philosophy is quite simple...Drills Equal Skills. The clinics will improve every aspect of the player's game—fielding, hitting, base running—all while making it fun.

What you learn in practice is what you will do in the game.

The baseball clinics are held year round and options include a

single daily fee or for a group of sessions at a discounted price.

If anyone is interested in attending and would like further information such as dates & times, please contact your Sharks manager who'll get you in touch with Coach Steve.



# WINTER WORKOUTS

The Sharks are currently exploring all options for our 2018 winter workout sessions. For the past two seasons, we have held our winter workouts at Turf Island in Oceanside.

As with all venues, Turf Island has its "pros" and its "cons". While we are NOT unhappy with Turf Island, we continue to explore all possibilities in terms of location, facilities and available amenities, field size, available dates and pricing. We may return to Turf Island for 2018 if it is the best choice for us.

The Sharks organization has the best interests of our players, coaches and parents in mind as we start to gear up for a successful and competitive 2018 baseball season.

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### 2017 Sharks Family of Teams

16u - Dean Condoleo  
15u - Mike Sena  
13u - Glenn Fustanio  
12u - Tom Collins  
11u - Frank Demmerle  
11u - Ken Noe  
11u - Rich Perez  
11u - Rich Varon  
9u - Mike Cowan  
9u - Tom Collins  
8u - Rich Conti  
7u - Kevin Mahoney

## Cooperstown Dreams Park



The 12u Sharks made their highly anticipated trip to Cooperstown Dreams Park for the very competitive week #12 tournament that started on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The fourteen players had the experience of a lifetime and came home with memories that will last just as long. "This place is nirvana", manager Tom Col-

lins said regarding the sprawling complex in upstate New York which hosted teams from as far away as Canada and California during the Sharks week at Cooperstown. The Sharks had a 4-2 record at the conclusion of pool play which included a hard fought victory over

the #6 ranked team. Their pool play record earned them the #34 ranking out of 104 teams and a double bye for the championship round. Although the Sharks were defeated in their first game of the championship bracket play, Manager Tom Collins noted, "During our week's stay at Cooperstown, we tied one Cooperstown record by turning a triple play and set another... Most Home Runs by a player with the first name of Yorky".

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12U Manager