

**Barrington Band**

For Barrington Band and all of nature, Winter is a time to pause, and Spring a time for rebuilding.

After opening the year at the community Re-Org meeting, many of our family members are off to a variety of winter activities, just like most of yours. Some of us take some time off in the sunny south while others head off for snow country. As some of us are old enough to know better, the annual pause of winter is a great time to get joints replaced.

Some pursue new interests or sign up for courses and workshops or teach others

everything from simple, home-spun crafts to advanced university level classes both here at home and abroad. Others seek Master Classes in Musicianship to enhance and improve their skill and with it, the musical presentation quality of all of Barrington Band.

Now that we're seeing the end of the Winter of the Great Polar Vortex, read-through rehearsals allow us to consider both newly published music and old favorites we may not have played for many years. The music we play spans a wide range from stuff that was popular at the time of our formation that New Year's night in 1912, all the way up through the Jazz, Big Band, and Swing eras that formed the seed-bed for the age of Rock 'n' Roll. We round it out with show tunes, patriotic, and classic American march music that swells the hearts of spectators of every Independence Day parade across this great country.

Our concert season usually begins with the warmer

weather of late April. We perform mainly for community events and we're constantly being asked back, and particularly to a number of senior living centers around the area. We play for the official Barrington Memorial Day program, the fireworks program at Woodland School on July 3rd, and we might even do a band festival or two. We serve those who served us at the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home, usually twice each year. Oh, and we've had a date at the Gazebo in Cape May



for the last 40 or so years and the following goes with it.

A community band like ours is very much like an extended family. Ours has a "play date" every Tuesday evening at the Barrington Municipal Building. Like most friendly families, we love to welcome newcomers into the fun we have just about every week of the year. All rehearsals and most concerts and events take place on Tuesday evenings. There are the exceptional Saturday or two, so it's easy to schedule on your family calendar: Tuesday nights are Barrington Band nights. The doors at the Senior Center (at the back of the municipal building at 229 Trenton Avenue) are open at 700pm unless we're playing somewhere else, and that's listed on our website at [www.BarringtonBand.org](http://www.BarringtonBand.org). The fun (i.e., "rehearsal") begins fairly promptly at 730pm and goes until about 930pm.

See ya Tuesday night. (for Penny Teter, Director)  
Rick Webber, Tuba,  
The Barrington Band

On the Web: [Barrington-Band.org](http://Barrington-Band.org)



**Double Eagle**

Troop 96 produced two more future leaders in January. Peter Ferari of Audubon and Joe Blake of Haddon Heights were formally awarded Eagle Scout rank at Barrington Borough Hall. Only 4 of every 100 Boy Scouts makes Eagle. Only one President, Gerald Ford has made it. The all-time home run king (without steroid assistance) Hank Aaron made it. Shane Victorino made it. What will Joe and John achieve in the future? They are the 65<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> Scouts who have made it from Troop 96 since Andy Wager's son Richard achieved it in 1973. What a standard Andy set!

Both Peter and Joe had to complete projects for the benefit of the community. Each had to plan a project, raise the funds to construct it and manage other Scouts to complete it. Peter's project created a gorgeous trophy cabinet for his alma mater, St. Rose School. Joe's project created 2 mobile gardens for the Vineland Veteran's Home that allowed wheel chair-bound veterans to plant and maintain a garden. Do you have a project for one of our boys?

We are so proud of both Peter and Joe, but we are also very proud of the outstanding young men in the Troop who are progressing to Eagle status. We need more young boys to mold into future leaders and outstanding neighbors. You can help by calling Brett Moonen at 546-0165.

**Pre-K Enrollment**

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**Girls' Softball**

We are looking forward to another great season of softball, starting with Opening Day Ceremonies kicking it off on Saturday, April 12th. Our goal is to promote good sportsmanship, team spirit and a sense of fair play for Barrington girls; to develop them physically through outdoor softball play, and through positive attitude and training in the fundamentals of softball.

Please follow us on our Facebook page, Barrington Girls' Softball League or at our website <http://barringtongirlssoftball.org/> for important league information. We are always looking for new parents to get involved with our league. If interested or have questions, email us at [clubhouse@barringtongirlssoftball.org](mailto:clubhouse@barringtongirlssoftball.org)

Let's play ball!!!  
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**Little League**

As the season approaches, what improvements have been made to the little league facility?

**Field Improvements**

The board made a conscious effort to invest money in all three fields at the Shreve Ave Complex. The t-ball field was overgrown with grass from the



late summer/fall season and the dirt was turned over and should be easy for us to get it ready for the spring season. The minor and majors

fields needed some grading work so those two fields were stripped down to the core and built back up essentially raising them a bit and providing some grading work where necessary to help with water drain off. In addition, fields received new infield SOD, the base paths were widened and all of the infield dirt was replaced. Last but not least, the minor and majors fields also had a special water line run to a quick connect behind the mound on each field. This quick connect allows us to spray down the field before a game!

In 2013 Barrington Little League applied for the Camden County Open space grant with the support of our Barrington Borough. We were awarded \$15,000 to help improve our concession stand and bring it back up to code. We are re-wiring the kitchen with brand new outlets, a new breaker panel and motion lights in the bathrooms.

Our Borough has been a tremendous help in securing donations of insulation, drywall, new flooring and performing the

work. The project is still in progress as we're targeting to have it ready by opening day!

**Scoreboard**

During fall ball we noticed that our scoreboard in the major's field was not working correctly. The prior fall ball season, we needed to fix some electrical components on it to get it working. Clearly, the scoreboard was in bad



shape. We created a scoreboard committee headed by Evan Levine consisting of J.C. Sykes and Rob Klopp to procure sponsor funding for a new scoreboard. Thanks to the following sponsors, we have raised enough money to purchase the new scoreboard for the major's field and are look-



ing to have it installed by opening day!

Sponsors: PJ Whelihans, Shop Rite of Lawnside, Amerihealth of New Jersey, Hardenbergh Insurance Group, Elmer's Autobody and Dunkin Donuts of Lawnside.

This new scoreboard is 18 feet long and has LED lighting!

**Indoor Batting Facility Improvements**

The door to the indoor batting facility was falling apart due to the years of service that it has put in. The door has been replaced and is brand new.

What are the short term and long term goals of the

**Program?**

It would be easy to say our primary objective is to win a District and/or Sectional title. However, if you look at our mission statement, it reads: Our objective is to provide and promote supervised, competitive baseball with the

and the attainment of exceptional athletic skills or the winning of games secondary.

That mission statement outlines core values that we build into short and long term plans. The board, coaches and auxiliary all believe in it as well which is why I believe that we've made so much progress in the short term. I think one of our most successful programs is our clinic program. It's clearly defined with drills, goals and objectives and each year our clinic coaches are trained on that program.

Long term, we are striving to outline programs just like our clinic program that have clear objectives, drills and defined outcomes for each division so that by the time our kids get into the majors program they have all the foundational skills they need to win that District, Sectional or beyond title!

**Are there any plans to merge with smaller towns, or continue inter-league play?**

Over the past two years our boundary has grown to include two additional towns. In 2013 our bound-

ary expanded to include Lawnside, NJ and in 2014 our boundary expanded to include over 50% of Bellmawr. A lot of hard work goes into expanding boundary maps, which also has to be approved by our District as well as our Sectional Presidents.

Currently we are continuing inter-league play with towns such as Haddon Heights, Runnemede and Glendora. I suspect, however, that as other spring sports come into play such as Spring Soccer and/or Lacrosse that you may start to see smaller town programs start to fade away. This trend has already started to happen and you may see some smaller towns merge with some larger towns organically just because of this.

**How is registration this year compared to past years?**

Last year we had 187 players in our entire system. This year, overall registration is up about 5.5% bringing our program to 197 kids. Within our program some divisions to highlight are the Juniors program with 22 players and two teams, our B Minor (coach



pitch) with four teams and our clinic program with six teams. This is a testament to the hard work of our recruiting Player Agent, Mike Sidelsky, who has put in hard work despite Little League changing some boundary rules on us in late 2013. Other towns cannot report the same progress as Magnolia, Mt. Ephraim and Glendora systems are down this year and are affected by the school choice boundary rule changes.

## Growing Up, Not Growing Old

By Maresa Malcolm

For most freshmen, they get to relax until early September, hanging on to those last few weeks of summer. However, in my case, summer was cut short – and would be for the next four years- by field hockey preseason.

My freshman season was nothing to bask over, but it was our banquet that left me with an inspiration strong enough to wake up at 6:45 A.M. every morning in order to attend the morning weight room hours: the Most Promising Player Award. Then, I didn't really understand what I was doing. But now I realize that I was really figuring out that my heart did lean towards field hockey. This beloved summer between freshman and sophomore year not only helped me achieve the position as varsity goalie, but also helped me make friends with Rachel Strow, who would eventually join me every morning in the weight room. A year later, Rachel and I would serve as co-captains of the Haddon Heights Field Hockey team, (she as a senior, I as a junior). She loved the game just as much as I did, which made it no difficulty in taking our team to the top level. In this same season, we achieved something Rachel had dreamt of since her freshman year: beating the bombastic rival Haddonfield in overtime.

Throughout my career, the recognition came: Unsung Hero and 2nd Team All Conference 2011, Captain and Defensive Player of the Year, 1st Team All Conference 2012, Captain, Garnet Award Recipient, 1st Team All Conference, 2nd Team All South Jersey, Senior All Star Selection



2013. The value dwindled- I loved the pat on the back, but I realized that I play for one thing when Coach Sarah DaGrosa made it clear when stating, "She loves the game, and it's written all over her face." to a teammate of mine while watching me during practice. My goalie coach, Callie Darroch, joined the coaching staff for my senior season. I wish we could have had more time together, as I do with all my coaches, but she left me with great confidence saying, "Maresa not only demonstrates skill beyond

her age group but also a strong mentality. She is a natural born leader with great values

and a great heart."

"Maresa will leave a legacy of leadership, love, and loyalty. She has been an impressive force for four years for Heights hockey and represented the Colonial Conference in sportsmanship and play.

She consumed successfully the largest radius inside the defensive twenty-five. Her performance at the sectional final will never be forgotten. She is the epitome of a Garnet," said head coach Melissa DeCollo. "She's not only a tremendous goalie, but she is one of those players with a never-say-die mentality. She's the girl you want on your team because you know she's giving 100% even if you're losing 0-5. Her optimism is contagious for anyone around her. Whether she is on or off the field, she always projects such a strong positive energy; even in practice. She's aggressive and willing to take risks, which is essential for a goalie. I know Maresa will succeed

with whatever she does and I hope she carries that maturity and attitude with her," assistant coach Leah Geissler states. All of my coaches have made such a positive impact on my life, I could not thank them enough.

Aside from field hockey, softball and basketball offered great memories and friendships. My junior year, the my softball teammates and I traveled to Myrtle Beach for a tournament. The hotel was right on the beach and beautiful- but there was plenty of work to be done. We knew we had a stacked line up, not losing any senior starters from the prior season. But, still, we knew things like a state championship didn't come easy...and, so, we made a commitment to every single second at practice. Every slide, every dive, every hit, every catch- everything was drenched with effort and competitiveness... Especially on those faithful days during which we had a pickle ball or dodge ball "tournament" as our practice. Winning the 2013 Group I State Championship was something we had all dreamed of, and yet it was one of the saddest days in our lives because we couldn't play together anymore. It just goes to show that the trophy will collect dust, but it is the bonds and memories you make that last forever.

In college, I plan to study Journalism and Secondary Education. I love to write, but also I love coaching sports, and being a teacher as well as a coach would be the perfect place for me. I will either be continuing my education at Regis College (MA), Richard Stockton College (NJ), William Paterson University (NJ), TCNJ or Muhlenberg College (PA). After college, I am looking to join the Peace Corps for a few years in order to fulfill my two true loves- traveling, and most of all, helping others.

## Heights Hockey

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positions. "Team work is vital to any team's success, and Heights Hockey demonstrates team work on and off the field."

"I knew it would be tough filling Rachel's shoes, and more than that, my older sister's," Jacqui Rosati referenced her older sister Frankie, who remains one of Height's best alumni, while discussing stepping up as center mid as a junior. "For the longest time, I didn't believe, and then the senior class helped me to see that it was our decision to be made. Not the referees, not the coaches, but ours...and thinking of it now, I know we, as a team, made the right choice: to step up." The senior class did an excellent job with this, putting 110% into practice everyday. "I loved watching this group of girls grow as players," said assistant coach Leah Geissler about the senior class. "They all brought a different set of skills to the table which made for a well rounded senior class and great group of role models for the underclassmen to look up to. I wish them all the best with their futures." By adding a "never-say-die" attitude to the fun, the senior class left a positive fossil that may collect dust,

but will never stop pushing the limit.

As a team, we had to overcome quite a few things this season. First was the rebuilding of our line up. Then, in a tough play during our first battle with Collingswood on October 1st, Jordan Paradise's tooth went through her lip, leaving us without a center back for a West Deptford night game. Perhaps the most difficult was Collingswood and Haddonfield, two of our rivals from the Colonial Conference, would be dropping out of South Jersey Group II and into Central Group I. "I heard girls on the team say things like 'Great, thanks to Haddonfield and Collingswood we don't stand a chance.'

It fueled a fire in me," said senior captain Domenica DiSalvatore. "Haddonfield and Collingswood coming into our group was just another obstacle we had to overcome, because to be the best, you have to beat the best. I'm so proud of my girls for giving everything they had to this team. We ended with no regrets, and that's a lot more than most senior athletes can say. We put Haddon Heights field hockey back on the map, and now other teams are looking at us (Continued on Page 22)

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(Continued from Page 21) more seriously, and might even say, 'Great, thanks to Haddon Heights, we don't stand a chance.'"

I believe there is a moment every senior athlete has where they realize that this could be their last, and, instead of being swallowed by panic: they become dominant. Now, imagine eight of these dominant people on a field of eleven. Entering the sectional final, we knew that Collingswood wasn't afraid- but it wasn't about them: it was about us. Tying up the score two minutes after their goal in the first half, and then, tying it up again on a corner with no time left in the second half. Over time without our center mid, Jacqui Rosati, due to a gruesome shoulder accident on that final play of regulation. Defending corner after corner, one on one's with the goalie, strokes- it was everything we had ever practiced.

"Heights hockey displayed the most powerful testimony of unity and friendship. They were just plain tough," Head coach Melissa DelCollo speaks of the last game of the 2013 season. "Any one of these girls would have run through a brick wall for their teammate. Every moment of that game was like watching the movie 'Miracle' in real life."

"After a very long, very cold game, my girls were not dragging up and down that field- but still sprinting, still tackling, still giving, when it seemed like they should have nothing left." Assistant coach Heather Logan reflects on the sectional final. "Those are the moments that really count, those are the moments that change you as a person. Those are the moments that cause you to love field hockey forever."

People still might think we're this crazy bunch of kids with nothing but a love for the game- and truthfully, we are- but we are leav-

ing high school with so much more than that. Twenty years from now, I know I could call anyone from this team and talk about all the amazing things we did. High school is just a speck on the map, and maybe it won't matter who was captain, or who scored in this or that game, but I know for a fact that I'll remember. I'll remember the sunny mornings in July during captain's practice. The awful times at a team camp where no one knew "Haddon Heights" even existed. The pre game talks, the post game talks, the pre practice talks.



The hilarious skits we put on for our coaches as an annual competition, and losing three years in a row to the four time champ, Jordan Paradise. The huddles after great wins, such as overtime 1-0 against Audubon. Beating Haddonfield three times, the first a night game on their new turf. The halftime chats with coaches- some funny, some terrifying. Most of all, I'll remember being eighteen and loved by the

greatest family apart from my own that I have yet to know: my teammates and coaches of Haddon Heights field hockey.



### Barrington Girls Win National Title!

We would like to congratulate three of our Barrington residents Julianna Ruff (4th grade), Gianna Iuvara (4th grade) & Morgan Karley (3rd grade). On February 22nd these girls and their Cheerleading team the Oaklyn Cats Divas competed in the 2014 Reach the Beach Nationals in Ocean City Maryland. Their team went on to win the 1st place trophy and the title of "National Champions" for their division and they each received national champion jackets. A national title is a great honor for them and they have worked hard for this. They have been practicing 3 to 5 times a week since last September. This wasn't their first time they had also won 1st place last year as well. Keep up the good work, we are very proud of you, and we want to wish you good luck in your upcoming season. The girls, pictured left to right, are Gianna Iuvara, Julianna Ruff, and Morgan Karley



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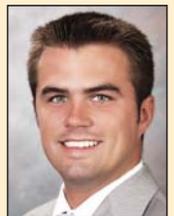
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