

# The Fly-By-Night BA

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The draft is six days away on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>. The location is again at the Comfort Inn at 48 Whitehall Ave., Mystic, CT 06355. The phone number is 860-572-8531. The room will be ready for us first thing in the morning. I plan on getting there by 9am.

Glen will have the draft on line again. A test run is scheduled for tomorrow. We will break after round one for Roland's Awards. Also, after each of the first five rounds we will break to play "Let it ride." After each of the first five rounds a member's team name will be drawn out of the hat. That team owner has to make a choice, He can walk away with \$10 or he can let it ride. If he will let it ride I'll put \$20 into the pot. If all five team owners do the same there will be \$100 in the pot. The team owners that said let it ride will have their names only put into a hat and one of those team owners will win what is in the pot.

See you Sunday.

## **A brief recap of Opening Day...**

It was @#\$%^ cold! Bud and Bob arrived in Southport, CT around 8:00 AM, picking up Ed and I. Approximately 1.5 hours later we found ourselves in Glen Head, NY (a.k.a. Mecca). Smooth sailing from CT to NY, Bud ensuring our safety with his skillful driving. Bruce also made the pilgrimage arriving separately.

We were roughly ten back from the front of the line. As customary, the game company distributed coffee and donuts to frost bitten geeks. In Klee's absence, there was more than enough to go around. Regarding Klee's truancy (apparently locked away in some Florida jail cell), Mr. Richman and family made several appearances throughout the morning, feeling safe enough to greet those in line without fear of being accosted - Markakis' 3, would have undoubtedly set off a crazed confrontation.

While in line our group was briefly interviewed by the folks at "Ultimate Strat Baseball Newsletter", which can be found on YouTube. Talked to a few guys from RI, MA, there was one dude from Cali, and of course a bunch of NYers.

Doors opened at 12:00. By that time, the line was perhaps 50 or so deep. Observing the crowd, standing in line for 2.5 hours in below freezing temps, provides time for reflection.

Cards were quickly procured shortly after 12:00, smooth sailing back to Southport, from there Bud & Bob departed back to northern CT in order to meet up with Joe. Ed and I went out for a beer & burger, afterwards. Always a fun trip down to Opening Day, and catching up with everyone. Hopefully, not my last.

Ed, Bruce, Bob, Bud...

## 2016 –CALENDAR of EVENTS.

Feb 17 Commissioner emails seasonal package to be put on the website. GM's will find the Manager's Directory, Team Schedules, and Constitution on the website.

### **Feb 21 Draft Day 2016**

1. The draft will start at 11am EST. We will be on line and if we are not we will use the old buddy system. You will get updated phone calls to give the players taken in front of you. When you get the call for your draft pick you will have one minute to make your selection.
2. Preseason Trading Period begins.
3. After the draft non-drafted players become available in the Waiver Wire. For each player selected a player must be cut. Newly cut players carded or non-carded are available for selection.

Feb 22 Draft results will be on the website for the GM's.

Feb 24 WW ends Wednesday at 6pm EST. Commissioner emails player cut and player picked up to the GM's.

Feb 26 GM's email their ballpark ratings to the commissioner by 6pm EST.

Feb 28 Commissioner emails ballpark ratings to entire league.

Mar 6 Preseason Trading Period ends at 6pm EST. All trades not reported by 6pm will become effective with the first game of series #7.

Mar 8 League officials will post/update rosters on the website.

Mar 9 1. GM's email in their 500AB's and 1325IP to their league president by 6pm EST. List batters by position with the ML team on the card, carded AB's, and FBN max. AB's for each batter for the FBN season. Next, list pitchers with the ML team on the card, carded IP and the FBN max IP for the FBN season.

2. GM's email confirmation or corrections to their rosters as listed on the website to the commissioner and League Presidents by 6pm.

Mar 11 GM's email opening day active rosters and probable pitching rotation for block one to the Commissioner **and Cc all your first block opponents**. This is required for the first two blocks.

### **Mar 16 The 43rd Season of The FBNBA.**

July 1 Dues Month. League fee of \$20.00 is due by July 31<sup>st</sup> to keep active member active.

July 15 Managers send in All-Star candidates from their team plus the position to be listed on the All-Star ballot.

Aug 1 The date that 2017 Draft picks can be included in a trade.

Oct 1 1. Send in voting items for review.

2. Send in Rookie of Year candidates from your team.

Oc. 15 Playoffs start.

Nov 1 Voting Month. League items plus Presidents and Commissioner this year.

## **Transactions:**

## **Minus Bonus Points:**

**-BP's:** none

**2016 YTD - BP's:** none