

Alumni



Chatter

March 2018

Alumni and Friends,

87 years ago our founder, Mr. Robert Buehler, had a vision to address a void in the community. Families were desperate to have an organization where their children would evolve into productive citizens. In 1931, The Neighborhood Boys Club was established to foster an environment of teambuilding and leadership.

NEED * **WANT** * **DREAM**

Boys **NEEDED** to feel safe and be a part of a team. Parents **NEEDED** to know their children were in a healthy environment that enhanced their well-being. Key stakeholders from the community **NEEDED** to know that children were not roaming the streets and were learning vital skills to help them succeed in life. Mr. Buehler **NEEDED** to create the Club for these reasons.

NEED * **WANT** * **DREAM**

Girls **WANTED** to be a part of The Neighborhood Boys Club. In 1991, programs were created for girls to experience all the Club had to offer and in 1997, The Neighborhood Boys Club officially changed its name to: The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club. Both boys & girls **WANTED** a home away from home and Mr. Buehler created that environment for them. At the end of the day, these boys & girls **WANTED** a better life...and the Club was that outlet for them.

NEED * **WANT** * **DREAM**

Members of the Club **DREAM** of a post-secondary education. They **DREAM** of succeeding in life and obtaining a college degree. They **DREAM** of a better life than their parents had.



NEED * **WANT** * **DREAM**

Today, the NBGC has an average daily attendance of approximately 400 boys and girls during the most vulnerable time of the day... the out-of-school time. Children **WANT** to be engaged in athletics afterschool. Teenagers **NEED** to be in the Leadership Program. All NBGC members **DREAM** of being successful.

To continue our rich history of changing the lives of youth and teenagers, we **NEED** your help. Members **WANT** to be enrolled in programs and services offered by the Club. Your gift today will provide a child with hope and opportunity. Because of you, Mr. Buehler's **DREAM** of molding "better men and women" that positively contribute to society will continue to be a reality. Please invest in a child today by making a life-changing donation. I promise it will pay high dividends!

Thank you,

Jeffrey Sadowski

Executive Director

THANKSGIVING DAY - A CLUBHOUSE TRADITION!

NBGC is very thankful for the continued support of **NBC/NBGC Alums: Ernie Chowanec, Pat Geraghty, Rich Schuster, Phil Haley, Joe Traubenik, Jim Fuller, Ernie Toth, Dennis Sharkey, Bill Sharkey, Terry Sharkey and Jack Sharkey** for the amazing refreshments and help serving. This group played at NBC in the 1950's and 60's and love being a part of the Thanksgiving Tradition! Also a big THANK YOU to **Kuppie's Bakery** in Villa Park, home of the best doughnuts in northern Illinois!

This year our Alums are coming together in memory of their teammate **Ernie Sardilli** who passed away this last August.

We also thank **Wayne and Virginia Duckmann** for co-sponsoring the event. Wayne and Virginia coached in the 1990's when their children, **Wayne and Christine**, were active members. They also own a local silk screening company, **Ultimate Sports Apparel**, and have been printing NBGC clothing for over 30 years.

Turkey Bowl Volunteers Make a Difference

One great aspect of our traditional Thanksgiving celebration is the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club alumni participation. Many former Leaders and Staff come out to help officiate games, serve refreshments and announce the games. Many others come out as spectators to watch the games and relive their childhood glory. Those listed below have volunteered to maintain the tradition of this great event.

We could not do this without them. Thank you to: **Jim Kartheiser, Arp Horvath, Laura Simonson, Liam Hudson and Mitch Annis.**



NBGC Leaders & Staff



NBGC Cheerleaders



50's & 60's Alums



Tribe Cougars vs. Locusts



Senior Girls Soccer: Wildcats



NBGC Alums



NBGC Alums taking a trip down the hall of fame



Junior Girls Soccer



Prep Boys Flag Football

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Leader of the Month is Back!



Nikki Santos
November Sr. Leader of the month



Brandon West (Left) **Luke McNamara** (Right)
December Sr. Leader of the Month November Jr. Leader of the Month



Adylce Hollis
December Jr. Leader of the month

In past years, the NBGC Staff has selected two Youth Leaders each month who have gone above and beyond what is expected of them. NBGC Leaders play a valuable role within our organization and its because of their dedication, hard work and drive for success we are able to flourish. Twice a year, we invite promising 8th graders to follow in the footsteps of the successful Youth Leaders that came before them to enter a 12 week Leadership Program. Many of our Leaders In Training have either played on an NBGC team, attended our Afterschool Program or had an action packed summer in our camp. Once our Leaders in Training graduate to "Leader" status, each of them is expected to uphold his or her promise to be role-models for the next generation. The NBGC Leadership Program has reached new heights over the past few years. Currently we have 73 Youth Leaders paving the way for those who will follow in their footsteps. Our Youth Leaders care about the future of the Club, their future, family values and what it means to belong to a community.

NBGC Afterschool Programs

NBGC's Afterschool Programs have been going strong for over 10 years and each year we increase the number of youth we serve. This school year we have over 450 kids registered to attend one of our 3 locations. NBGC has been on-site at Coonley Elementary School for over 10 years and we are finishing up our 3rd year at Bateman Elementary School. We also pick up kids from Cleveland Elementary School and walk them over to the Bateman Afterschool Program. NBGC also has an Afterschool Program on-site here at the clubhouse. At 3:00pm, you can hear the pitter-patter of little feet running with excitement through our doors. We have kids coming from 39 different schools from around Chicago! Although our Afterschool Programs are at different locations, our structure is the same across all aspects. All of our kids are offered homework help and review to make sure it's correctly completed. Once homework is finished, the kids are free to choose what they would like to do. Our Leaders and Staff stay fully engaged with our youth, playing teambuilding games, a variety of sports or simply building legos. All our NBGC youth members are on their way to becoming "Better Men & Women".



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Summer Baseball is Back!

Thanks to the help of The Chicago Cubs Diamond Project, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), 47th Ward, Revere Park Advisory Council and The Chicago Park District, our newly renovated baseball diamonds are ready for some action! Last summer, our entire field was under construction and received a much needed "face lift". Over the course of 5 months, every youth member, parent, leader, staff and alum that stepped foot on NBGC soil were overcome with anticipation for the day their beloved "Field of Dreams" would come to life again. Well the wait is finally over and we are bringing the baseball program back this Summer! Our Athletic Director **Tim Jensen** is hard at work searching for the latest equipment and uniforms for our youth. NBGC can now offer 5 seasons of athletics geared towards learning sportsmanship, teamwork and the fundamentals of each sport. We are looking forward to a successful, fun packed summer of playing on our field of dreams!

DRIVE ON FOR FUNDS CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 1958 87

Youth Group Helps Countless Boys

By Roger Yost

George Gobel, once a haughty little slugger who loved to steal bases, says "you can't hardly get them kind no more."

The lonesome comedian was talking of youth organizations in general and the Neighborhood Boys Club, 2509 W. Irving Park, in particular.

George spent much of his Chicago boyhood romping around the NBC, which is located on the northern fringe of Paul Revere Park.

"That was meeny, meeny years ago," as George would say, but he never has lost contact with the club and its personable director, Richard Valentin.

Valentin has been director of the NBC since it was organized more than 27 years ago during the depression.

Some 100 boys trekked off the streets to join the NBC football league then. The program

since has been expanded to 36 different activities—indoors and out.

Erect New Building

Today more than 900 boys annually participate in the club's vast athletic program, which is designed to build "better men."

Time and little boys took their toll on the old NBC clubhouse, a cozy little frame building which once was a recreation area for major leaguers Bill Skowron and Johnny Groth, among others.

So . . . three years ago planning began on a sprightly, modern all-purpose clubhouse, which recently became a reality. Its 10,600-square-foot area is more than four times as large as that of the old building.

Blueprints mapped out a \$75,000 building, fully equipped. But before the project was completed, there were extras and construction expenses climbed. Final cost: \$165,000.

the club members compete, the Neighborhood Boys Club conducts four Little Leagues.

May 25, the Sunday before Memorial Day, is the date of the club's annual Memorial track meet at California Park, Addison and California.

Dramatics Probably, Too

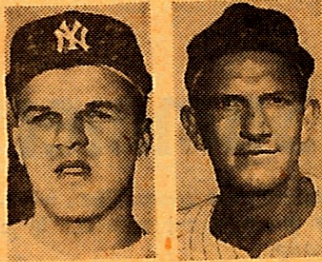
The club's activities are not confined to athletics. Part of the program designed to build better men is more dramatic than a small fry scoring a touchdown—the annual Christmas play, directed by Marie Valentin, sister of Richard.

Other highlights of the NBC year include the annual Thanksgiving Day football festival—during which league championships are at stake; the tournament of table tennis champions (some of the best players in town compete), and the forthcoming track and field meet.

Incidentally, outfielder Groth still holds one of the NBC track records . . . the 50-yard backward dash.

It has been a constant joke with Johnny, who like Gobel keeps in touch with Director Valentin.

"Is that all they remember me for—being the best backward kid the club ever had?," chides Johnny.



SKOWRON GROTH
They were there

Since the Neighborhood Boys Club is a nonprofit organization, maintained by contributions—its members pay no fee—wiping out the remaining \$70,000 debt poses a Herculean task.


Drive For Funds

Robert O. Buehler, wealthy Chicago businessman whose capital helped launch and maintain the club, and the Victor Adding Machine Co.—located next to Paul Revere Park—have contributed heavily toward the new clubhouse.

A drive for neighborhood contributions currently is in progress, and has met with some success—but not quite enough.

The NBC draws its members from the area surrounded by Roscoe, Montrose, Kimball and Ravenswood.

In addition to the six divisions—classified by ages—in which

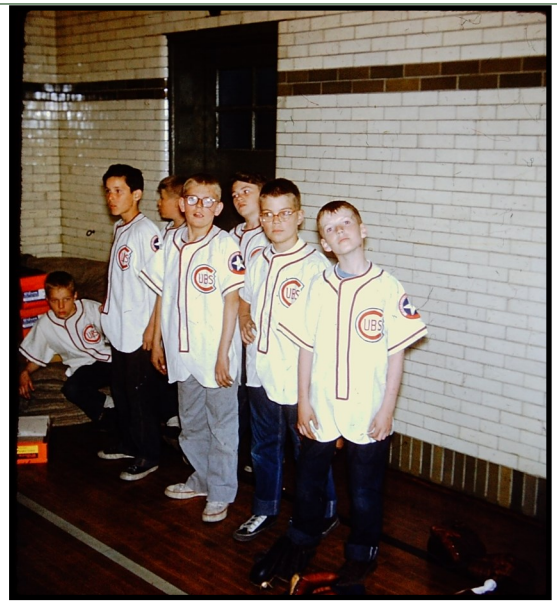


NBC Baseball Circa 1955

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1935



Uniform Pick Up



Roger Hornsby Baseball School: 1955



1980's



1960's



Girls 1990's

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- If you are 70 1/2, you can donate up to \$100,000 per year direct to a qualified charity (The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club, for example!). Donations made directly from your IRA to charity have several advantages over just giving cash.
- Giving long-term, appreciated publicly-traded stock is another tax-efficient way for alumni and friends to make gifts to the NBGC.

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Friday, May 11, 2018

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Dinner: 7:30pm | Awards Program: 8:30pm

Tickets: \$75.00
Buffet Dinner
Open Bar

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- One Foursome (Includes Lunch & Dinner)
- Name & Logo on Banner in Dining Area
- Name & Logo on Tents at Each Table
- One Hole Sponsorship with Signage
- Social Media Communications
- Website Link

DINNER SPONSOR—\$2,500

- One Foursome (Includes Lunch & Dinner)
- Name & Logo on Banner in Dining Area
- Name & Logo on Tents at Each Table
- One Hole Sponsorship with Signage
- Website Link

BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR—\$1,500

- One Foursome (Includes Lunch & Dinner)
- Name & Logo on All Beverage Carts
- One Hole Sponsorship with Signage
- Website Link



For More Information Contact

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HOLE SPONSOR + FOURSOME—\$700

- One Foursome (Includes Lunch & Dinner)
- One Hole Sponsorship with Signage

HOLE SPONSOR—\$250

- One Hole Sponsorship with Signage

FOURSOME—\$500

- One Foursome (Includes Lunch & Dinner)

INDIVIDUAL GOLFER—\$125

- Includes Lunch & Dinner

DINNER ONLY—\$40

The Links at Carillon
21200 S. Carillon Dr.
Plainfield, IL 60544

Registration & Lunch: 12:00pm
Shotgun Start: 1:00pm
Dinner, Awards & Raffle: 6:30pm

Register online at:
<https://nbgcgolf2018.eventbrite.com>

In Memory of those we recently lost

January

Peter Kattner Jr - Alum 1970's

February

Melissa Cabrera - Parent of Alum

*Beatrice Coppola - Hall of Fame Member 2017,
Mothers Club Member & Parent of Alum*

Memorial Notices can be sent to
Bonnie@nbgc.org

Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club 2018 Calendar

Jan. 2 nd -Apr. 7 th	Co-ed Soccer Registration
Jan. 2 nd -Jun. 2 nd	Baseball Registration
Mar. 10 th	Summer Camp Registration 8am
Mar. 13 th	Dining for Dollars @ The Piggery - 11am-10pm
Mar. 17 th	Spring Parents Night Out 5:30pm - 11:30pm
Mar. 22 nd	Northcenter Luncheon at NBGC 11:30am
Mar. 26 th	NBGC Poker Night @ Double Tree in Skokie 2pm-12am
Mar. 26 th -30 th	CPS Spring Break Camp 8am-6pm
Mar. 29 th	Dining for Dollars @ Tuscan Hen Market 5-8pm
Mar. 31 st	Easter Egg Hunt 10am
Apr. 2 nd -6 th	Private School Spring Break Camp 8am-6pm
Apr. 13 th	Day Off School - NBGC Open 8am-6pm
Apr. 14 th	Dining for Dollars @ Dos Ricco's 3pm-6pm
Apr. 22 nd	Revere Park Clean Up 9am-12pm
Apr. 25 th	Dining for Dollars @ Portillo's 5pm-8pm
May. 11th	Leaders of the Future Scholarship Dinner
May. 20 th	Revere Park Rummage Sale 9am
May. 27 th	Bike the Drive with The Piggery 7am
Jun. 8 th -10 th	Volunteers Needed for Ribfest
Jun. 4 th -15 th	Summer Pre-Camp
Jun. 18 th -27 th	Summer Core Camp
Jul. 7 th	NBGC Mattress Sale 10am-5pm
Jul. 16th	49th Annual Golf Outing
Aug. 6 th	NBGC Beer Social @ Lagunitas 5:30pm-8:30pm
Aug. 27 th	NBGC Cubs Night @ Wrigley Field



87th Anniversary Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Criteria to be selected as a candidate for the NBGC Hall of Fame will be based on the principles of the Club:

- Nominee must epitomize the Club’s mantra: “For Better Men and Women”.
- Nominee must demonstrate Leadership, Sportsmanship, Scholarship and Volunteer Services.
 - Nominee should show a NBGC history of volunteer, support and/or a contributor.
- Candidate must be nominated via an essay about why the candidate should receive “Hall of Fame” status.

NOMINATIONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE FOLLOWING ERAS:

1930-1949 | 1950-1969 | 1970-1989 | 1990-2010

Other (Volunteer, Community Business, Community Leader)

Submitted by: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

INDIVIDUAL NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____ Applicable Era: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please submit an essay describing the reasons why this nominee should be inducted into the NBGC Hall of Fame:

All information must be completed. **This is a nomination only. It does not guarantee that the nominee will be inducted.** Please keep the nomination confidential to avoid embarrassment.

Nominations should be submitted to the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club, Attn: Hall of Fame Committee, 2501 W. Irving Park Rd, Chicago, IL 60618. All nominations are due by **June 18th, 2018**. The Hall of Fame Inductees will be honored on Friday, October 19, 2018 at the Des Plaines Elks Club.



Twice a month a local restaurant will host a fundraising "Dining for Dollars" night with NBGC. Come on out with your friends or family and mention NBGC at the time of checkout and a percentage will be donated back to NBGC Youth Programs!

Dining for Dollars Calendar

Tuesday, March 13th

The Piggery: 1625 W Irving Park Rd
11am-10pm

Thursday, March 29th

Tuscan Hen Market: 4019 N. Damen
5pm-8pm

Saturday, April 14th

Dos Ricco's: 4064 N. Lincoln
3pm-6pm

Wednesday, April 25th

Portillo's: 100 W. Ontario
5pm-8pm



Come Bike the Drive with NBGC and The Piggery!

Save the Date!

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Buffet Brunch at 10:00am

Contact Candice @ 773-463-4161 x110

Or Candice@nbgc.org

For Ticketing Information



THE PIGGERY



Save the Date!

NBGC Cubs Night at Wrigley!

Monday, August 27, 2018

Cubs vs. Mets

Game Time: 7:05pm

Look for ticket prices in the July Chatter

Founded By Robert Buehler and Richard Valentin in 1931 for Carl Buehler