

Alumni



Chatter

October 2016

WELCOME TO A NEW PROGRAM YEAR!

The Fall at NBGC is always an exciting time. Members who were not with us in the summer return to the Clubhouse for Fall sports and afterschool programs. The Clubhouse has a different vibe than the 590 hours of summer camp. We have finally returned back to normal! Time is reset and it is Groundhog Day all over again. For me, this is my 38th Fall Season and just as exciting as the first. The NBGC has raised 4 generations of youth without changing the mission of a Club run by the kids for the kids.

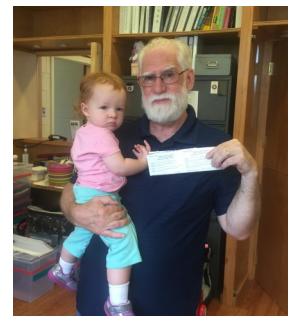
The best part of the day is when our Alumni pop in for a visit. This month they are dropping by to deliver their **Lucky Date Raffle Tickets and reservations for the 85th Anniversary.**

Need Raffle Tickets? Call us!

Pictured from left to right:

Bonnie Werstein & Dick Schroeder
Candice Werstein & Mary Sue Fahey
Ray Sugrue & beautiful granddaughter

Bonnie Werstein
Director of Operations



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85th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET AND HALL OF FAME INDUCTION SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 2016

NBGC is digging out the archives to find new photos and films for the 85th Anniversary Banquet. If you have not sent us your reservation yet, please contact us today!

The event will be held at the White Eagle Banquet Hall at 6839 N. Milwaukee in Niles. Doors open at 6:00 PM, dinner will be at 7:00 PM followed by the Hall of Fame induction at 8:30 PM. Tickets will be \$60. There will be a family style dinner, cash bar, raffles and silent auctions available throughout the evening.

We will also have an area to check out the Cubs game that night. Being northsiders, NBGC carries the hope of a Cubs Team going all the way this year!

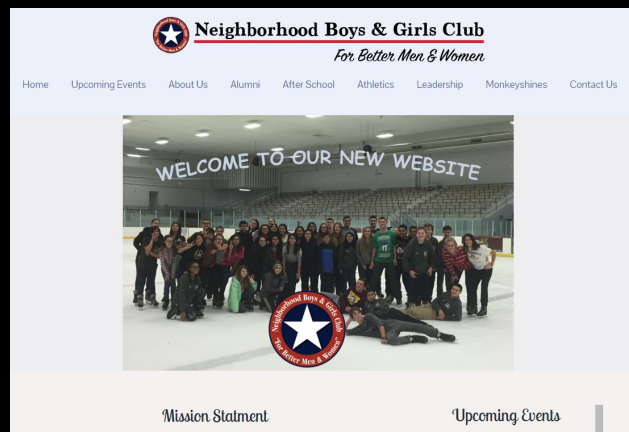
Please contact Candice Werstein at Candice@nbgc.org or by phone 773-463-4161x110 to make your reservations.

New Website!

After years of false starts, the NBGC finally started building a new website last Spring. The project started with an intern, Collin Krueger, a Senior at St. Benedict College Prep, participating in the Protégé Program that places students in real work experiences in the field they are interested in studying in college. Sergio Arroyo, NBGC's Discovery League Director, was Collin's direct supervisor and together they began the framework for the website. Once Collin's internship was complete, Sergio continued to work on the website on his own. During the summer, a young woman came to the Clubhouse looking to volunteer. Tatiana Bozovic just happened to have the knowledge and resources to help Sergio take the Website live. Like everything that we do at NBGC, it involves the young people taking charge and making it happen! It is still a work in progress and Sergio is always looking for ways to make it better. Suggestions are great but action is better! So if you have an idea on how to make it better and you can actually help make that happen, contact Sergio@nbgc.org.

Thank you Sergio, Collin and Tatiana for the new Website!

www.nbgc.org



In MEMORY of those we recently lost

January

John Victorine - Alum 70's

Steven Chovanec - Alum 00's

Don Wilhelm - Alum 30-40's & NBGC Hall of Fame

March

James Pease - Alum 30's

Jim Caudell - Alum 50's

May

George Cathoun - Alum 40's

Beverly Miceli - Alum Parent

John Gschwind Sr. - Alum Parent

Larry Soderblom - Alum 70's

June

Rev. George Rice - Community Leader

Ray Prendergast - Volunteer & Friend

September

Anna Marie Aguilera - Alum 00's

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1949 Dads Club Picnic



1949 Christmas Caroling



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33rd Annual Bears Bash

Sunday November 13, 2016

BEARS vs Buccaneers

The Piggery: 1625 W. Irving Park Rd

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Kickoff: 12:00pm

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(No tickets will be sold at the door)

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Serving: Pulled Pork Sliders, Pizza, Pork Pot Roast
Mashed Potatoes and Vegetables, Pasta & Salad
Half Time— Dessert Beer & Soft Drinks

Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club Calendar

Oct. 1st-31st	Basketball Registration
Oct. 8th	3rd Annual Step Together Community Walk
Oct. 8th	Fall Athletics Picture Day
Oct. 10th	CPS Day Off—NBGC Afterschool Open 8am-6pm
Oct. 19th	NBGC 85th Birthday! Start of the 86th Year!
Oct. 22nd	NBGC 85th Anniversary Banquet and Hall of Fame
Oct. 23rd	Revere Park Advisory Council Fall Clean Up
Oct. 28th	Pumpkin Decorating Contest
Nov. 4th	CPS Day Off—NBGC Afterschool Open 8am-6pm
Nov. 9th	CPS Day Off—NBGC Afterschool Open 8am-6pm
Nov. 11th	CPS Day Off—NBGC Afterschool Open 8am-6pm
Nov. 13th	NBGC Bears Bash at The Piggery
Nov. 16th	Board of Directors Meeting 7pm
Nov. 23rd	NBGC Programs Closed for Thanksgiving Prep
Nov. 23rd	86th Annual Pep Rally
Nov. 24th	86th Annual Thanksgiving Day Classics
Nov. 25th-27th	NBGC Programs Closed for Thanksgiving Weekend
Dec. 21st	Board of Directors Meeting 7pm
Dec. 23rd-26th	NBGC Programs Closed for Holiday Weekend
Dec. 27th-Jan. 6 th	Winter Break Camp Open 8am-6pm (W & F Trips)
Jan. 2nd	NBGC Programs Closed for Holiday
Jan. 2nd-Feb 3rd	Floor Hockey, Volleyball & Cubbies Registration

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Oh the PLACES we will GO... the adventures of RCB

The new NBGC van (RCB, named after Rich C. Brandon) visited lots of fun places with the NBGC Leaders this summer. We started the trips off with a trip to Devils Lake in July. In August we went to the Boundary Waters and Porcupine Mountains and then finished at the Kettle Moraine State Park. RCB will be taking a trip to the University of Illinois at Urbana on October 10th next. NBGC Alum, Chris Brundidge, Admissions Counselor, is planning a special tour for NBGC when we visit him at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point later in the school year.

On Tuesday, August 9, 2016, **we** got into the NBGC van and headed off to Ely, Minnesota. The long 10 hour car ride was filled with naps, singing and lots and lots of snacks. After arriving at Wilderness Winds our base camp, we got our equipment ready and spent the night there. The next morning we got everything loaded up and headed out into the Boundary Waters. For the next five nights we camped out, canoed, and portaged in the wild and the beauty of nature. Each day we rotated the jobs of navigator, water master, cook, fire master and bear bagger. The navigator's job was to direct the group through the portages and what campsite we were going to be staying at. The water master's job was to make sure the group was hydrated and add iodine to our water. The cook prepared the meals, the fire master provided a cozy spot to sit and discuss the day protected from mosquitoes, and finally the bear bagger hung all our food in a tree away from critters. The youth enjoy saying that we crossed the Canadian border "illegally": it only took three 100 rod portages to get into Canada, have lunch and swim before taking the same three 100 rod portages to escape. During this trip we learned so many different leadership qualities and characteristics. We each went in with a goal and everyday we talked about those goals. Throughout the trip we would have daily meetings and we had to talk about what each youth did well and how can we all improve. Throughout this 6 day trip, we learned many things but what stood out most was "Leadership is a choice not a position".



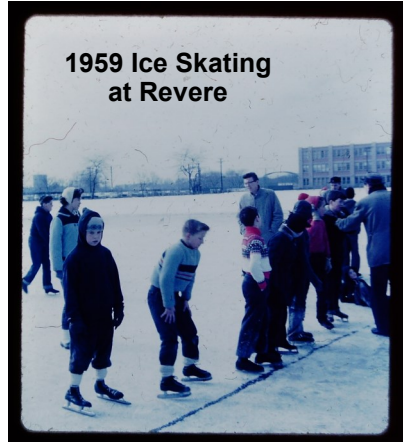
This past August, NBGC went on a **backpacking trip** to the **Porcupine Mountains** in the **Upper Peninsula of Michigan**. This was a great experience and it was filled with many laughs, tears, and great stories that will stay with us forever. On our first night we had a great time setting up our tents and everyone was excited once we started to pack our hiking bags. The first day we were hiking through the woods and ended up at a campground right off of Lake Superior. The view from the rocky beach was amazing, especially at sunset. The trip was very challenging because it was raining most of the time making our packs heavier and the hike very slippery. A favorite part of the trip was the waterfall, despite being in the rain and soaking wet gear, we all played in the water together. It was a great team-bonding experience. One thing we all took away from this trip is that you can turn any situation from bad to good, just by having a positive attitude and staying open minded.

Another group of NBGC Leaders hit the road for a **camping/mountain biking** expedition in the middle of September at **Kettle Moraine State Park in Wisconsin**. The group hit the road on a Saturday morning to pick up all of their gear on their way to Wisconsin. After a 3 hour ride, a nice and shady picnic table was perfect to set up for lunch before a few team building activities prior to jumping on the biking trails. The first run through the brown trail, an intermediate trail about 1.5 miles long, was challenging and led to quite a few wipe outs amidst the tree covered trail. Everyone stuck it out and finished the trail with minor scrapes and bruises, and decided to give it another go finishing the 2nd time around at a very fast pace with no injuries. The night consisted of setting up camp at a nearby campsite and eating s'mores around the campfire after dinner. Everyone was up bright and early on day 2 to cook breakfast, pack up the tents, and head for the trails one last time. This time, a more challenging trail with steeper, rockier hills was attempted to finish off the outing and was successfully completed as the group had a blast enjoying the breeze coming down the hills, despite how hard it was to get up them in the first place.





1959 Tobogganing Trip



1959 Ice Skating at Revere



1950-1960 Thanksgiving Day



1960 Cheerleaders



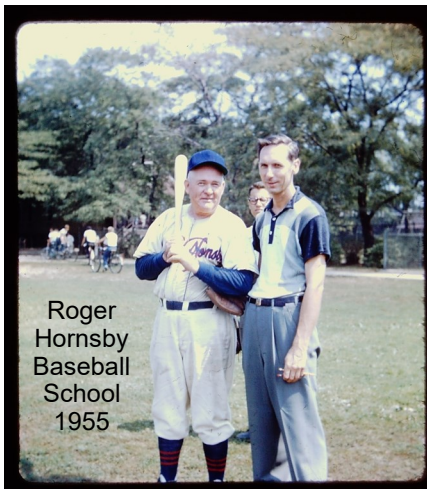
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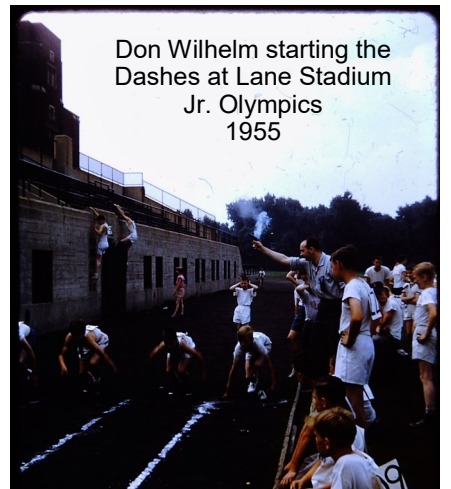
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Roger Hornsby Baseball School 1955



Leader Christmas Party 1969



Don Wilhelm starting the Dashes at Lane Stadium Jr. Olympics 1955

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