

- SPRING 2006 -



MERRITT ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE, INC.

bittle beaque ID No. 03090221

March 4, 2006

Dear Merritt Island bittle beague Players, Parents and Coaches,

Deadure, I would like to welcome you to the 2000 Merritt Lyland bittle beadure (MIbb) bareball reason. I am certain you know about the leadure merging but what you may not know is just how much work was involved in making the merger a reality. On the rurface this reems a simple task but merging people is an often underestimated task. This effort required patience and perseverance to develop common operating policies and rules. Those involved were committed to the ideal of a better leadure. I can honestly say that those volunteers conducted themselves in a relfless and Mibb merger could not have been completed. Those people deserve our thanks.

Many of those involved were Board Members but some were not yet, they all deserve our appreciation. I want to thank the managers, coaches, and team moms for helping get us to this point and for the knowledge that with their leadership we are going to have a great season. I also want to thank those from the community that support Merritt Island bittle beague. We cannot do the things we need to do for this league without their support. bastly, I want to thank Brevard County Parks and Recreation for our facilities. Take pride in these facilities and please take care of them.

Por I look forward to a great reason. I am reminded of the many ways a young person benefits from participating in team sports and in baseball. Daseball grants relf confidence to the young player who steps into the batter's box for the first time without Mom or Dad and steps out proud of having experienced and conquered a small but important life challenge. Team sports offer a healthy dose of true-to-life dynamics that can humble and uplift. Hard work and commitment to a common goal is central to team work and team sports. As managers, coaches, parents, and leaders, we must govern but not lose these concepts. I believe this is how we build strength in our children. Sove them but challenge them, and they do make us proud.

Thank you.

Lynn Smith President

Merritt Island Little League

The diamond, polished

The shiny blaze of grass cleaned

Time to play some ball

- Jean-buc Steinmetz

OPENING DAY CEREMONY AGENDA



MARCH 4, 2006 10:00 AM

National Anthem - bynn Smith

Invocation

Partor Corky Calhoun - Georgiana United Methodist Church

bittle beaque Pledge

All Players led by Daniel Bowman & Nicholas Smith

Opening Comments - bynn Smith

Introduction of MIbb Board of Director - bynn Smith

Invited Guests

County Commissioner Ron Pritchard
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2006 MIHS Baseball Team and Coach Goodrich

Dedication of the Park and Field - bynn Smith

Introduction of Teams, Managers, Players, Team Moms - Mike baCourse



I step on the clay With my bat, cap, glove, and soul I love my baseball

- bogan Heer



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RON SMITH PARK DEDICATION



Honoree Information

It is smith's involvement with bittle beague began in 1963 when he coached his oldest son's T-shirt division team at a field at North Merritt Island bittle beague. He started the idea of building a ball field here for the players living on South Merritt Island. With the support of Mr. Ed Mixon, principal at Tropical Elementary, and Mr. Percy Hedgecock, school board member, land was secured and the building could begin. Here's where Mr. Smith really went to work. He assembled a core team of volunteers who took hold of his dream and with him, worked tirelessly on the creation of the field originally here. His shared vision helped to provide the children of South Merritt Island with the best possible facility. Over the years, he was also involved with the S.M.I.b.b. Board of Directors as President (1979-1980), and with officiating games up to 1998.

Dedication

For dreaming the Dream and sharing it with others so that the children of South Merritt Island would have a field to call their own and for his countless hours of service, Merritt Island bittle beague in conjunction with Brevard Parks and Recreation dedicates this new facility as Ron Smith Park this fourth day of March 2006.

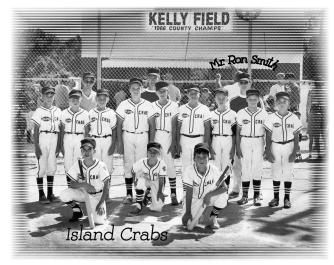
A merrage from the ronr of Mr. Ron Smith

know deep in my heart that my Dad, Ron Smith, was a pioneer at South Merritt Island bittle beague. My father had a vision to provide the best

ball field possible for the children of SMIbb. Some of our best memories of our father were created right here. Not a day goes by that I don't drive past that field and remember what Dad's hard work helped create. Honoring him in this way, with the dedication of Ron Smith Park will forever be with us.

Thank you.

Tommy Smith Kevin Smith



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DOVG KELLY FIELD DEDICATION

Honoree Information

The interesting thing about Mr. Kelly's involvement with South Merritt Island is the fact he and his family lived in the East Merritt Island area. Since East had no field of their own, he became very interested in the construction of a new field at South. The Smith family reports that he was at every work party for the construction of the field. His special contribution was his ability to wrangle up and gather donated supplies to be used for the facility. "What have you given us lately" became his frequent reply to

June 1964 - Robert Kelly (left) and Doug Kelly (right) as team managers for a team playing at North Merritt Island Little League.

who donated to cause! Mr. Kelly was involved in coaching Unfortunately, in managing. 1966, Mr. Kelly was killed in an automobile accident. following Opening Day ceremonies, the original ball field was dedicated to him. above the conce....ion stand was unveiled that read "Kelly Field Home of the 1966 County Champ.".

Rededication

For charing the dream of a ball field for the children of South Merritt I land and for his countless hours of service procuring donated materials for the construction of that field, Merritt Island bittle beague in conjunction with Brevard Parks and Recreation, rededicates this new ball field as Doug Kelly Field this fourth day of March 2006.

A message from Mrs. Kelly

This has been a very exciting time anticipating the rededication of Doug Kelly Field named for my husband back in 1966. It has rekindled fond memories of our time spent at South Merritt Island bittle beague. Thank you for taking the time to remember those who worked so hard for the children of South Merritt Island.



April 1967 - Mrs. Kelly, widow of Mr. Doug Kelly, receives a dedication plaque of the original field.

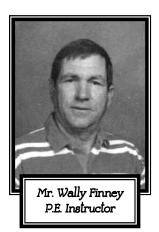
WALLY FINNEY FIELD DEDICATION

<u>Honoree Information</u>

If ally Finney graduated from Merritt Island High School in 1900, a member of the first graduating class. After college, he taught Physical Education at Audubon Elementary School from 1970-1981. With his own children beginning school at Tropical Elementary, he transferred there to teach Physical Education from 1981 until 2005 when he retired. For the 25 years he was at Tropical, he was able to help maintain and upgrade the baseball facilities located here behind the school.

Although he umpired some at North Merritt Island bittle beague, he has always taken a special interest in South Merritt Island bittle beague. He shared the vision along with Mr. Ron Smith and Mr. Doug Kelly to provide the children of South Merritt Island with the best possible facilities. He has been involved on the S.M.I.b.b. board as Player Agent, has officiated games, led clinics, managed, and coached. He also served on the Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department's Referendum Projects Committee for Baseball and Softball from 2001-2002 to help guide the development of the new facilities we dedicate today.

Gurrently, his love for the game (and his desire to give back to an organization that helped him) is demonstrated by his willingness to officiate games and share coaching/teaching experiences with our youth to help them become better individuals who are prepared to conquer life's challenges.

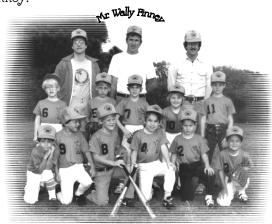


Dedication

For his inspirational ability to lead and nurture children and for his countless hours of service to the bittle beagues of Merritt Island, Merritt Island bittle beague in conjunction with

Brevard Parks and Recreation dedicates the Majors field at Ron Smith Park as Wally Finney field this fourth day of March 2006.

In addition, the Merritt Island bittle beague Board of Directors wishes to extend the title of Honorary Board Member to Mr. Wally Finney.



A Merrage from Mr. Finney

Back in the beginning, it was never Parks and Recreation, but the league officials (volunteers and parents) who built, maintained, purchased, and made sure that baseball was available to the youth on Merritt Island. Truly, the facilities you have today make it a "Field of Dreams". I hope that everyone appreciates and will take care of the facility as if it belonged to them personally. Please be thankful for the opportunities and the experiences that these facilities will allow you to partake.

Thank for recognizing me as I am very proud to have a field named for me. I want to thank those people who I surrounded myself with for their assistance, and thank the bord for the opportunity to work with these children and adults, as I needed to give back for those who gave me a good baseball experience. I have always tried to be positive in each and every situation on the field - remembering that we teach by example. bet's have a great 2000 season!

MAJORS



Daniel Bowman
Ryan Crabbs
Matt Dahmer
Matt Erdman
Jared Kaufman
Dylon Lyons
Daniel McGrath
Daniel Penovich
CJ Redwine
Chris Redwine
Nicholas Smith
Nick Zeak

Manager: Mike Erdman Coach: Dave Bowman Coach: Bob Kaufman Team Mom: Joni Smith



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PIRATES

Joey Batch
Johnny Batch
Carson Hiner
Gavin LaCourse
Daniel Lester
Danny Makowski
Alex Molton
Jesse Negri
Alex Robertson
Tyler Rochester
Vinny Smith
Eric Steel

Manager: Bruce Batch Coach: Kent Hiner Coach: Mike LaCourse Team Mom: Angie Batch



He swings at a pitch
Hoping he'd hit the ball far
He hit a home run!

- Nick Zeak



YANKEES

Kenny Bruder
Kyle Davis
Greg Debolt
Mickey DeMorat
Dominick DiPasquale
Jimmie Dixon
Shelton McLean
Keelen Murphy
Mikey Owens
Travis Parrish
Kavan Thompson
Ryan Zacrep

Manager: Pat Thompson Coach: Chris Davis Coach: Jeff McLean Team Mom: Missi DeMorat

MINOR 1



CARDINALS

Lavanson Coffey
A.J. Haggard
Shane Hartnett
Andrew Jevitt
Jansen Ketcham
Devin Lubor
Joseph Mangione
Garrett Moatts
Chandler Price
Alec Smith
Nick Sotherlund
Tommy Williams

Manager: Kevin Smith

Coach: Garry Moatts Coach: Dale Ketcham Team Mom: Jude Sotherlund



Austin Betty
Garrett Betty
Scott Caron
Jose Cartagena
Carter Kunz
Ryan Lang
Joey Maldonado
Cole Markey
Robart Tyler
Jean-Luc Steinmetz
Travis Stewart
Ronald Urssing

Manager: Mel Lang

Coach: Kevin Markey Coach: Dean Kunz

Team Mom: Carla Steinmetz







Christian Carlson
Tucker Carlson
Devon Chandler
Logan Heer
Michael Howell
Ross Lotspeich
Matthew Maestre
Michael Maestre
Joseph Mocerino
Janson Pearre
Victor Rahner
Jack Worden

Manager: Brad Carlson

Coach: Christine Carlson Team Mom: Kate Chandler



MINOR 1



Jimmy Batch Samuel Crocker Kyle Dempsey Travis DeZurik Max Erdman William Erdman John Jensen Brady McConnell Garret Miner Cameron Nappi Austin Parrish Austin Perlman



Manager: Steve McConnell

Coach: Garret Miner Coach: Mark Nappi Coach: John Crocker

Team Mom: Wendy McConnell



Josh Beaugrand Tim Blair Dylon Dam Jeff McCormack Devin Mead Connor Molton Luke Ordonez Collin Pratt Dane Sonnenberg Steven Hamric Ryan Vetsch Jacob Zimmerman

Manager: Al Ordonez

Coach: Dennis Beaugrand Coach: Leon Vetsch Coach: Matt Charmbury Team Mom: Jamie Mead

MINOR 2



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Jonathan Carver Jason Childers Matthew Cunningham Chriss Gifford Aaron Jevitt Brooks McConnell Jake Medbery Margo Merritt Stephen Merritt Bradley Partlow William Shepard Nate Silvea

Manager: Steve Merritt Coach: Paul Partlow Coach: Danny Silvea Team Mom: Dawn Partlow

MINOR 2



Matthew Beardall
Ethan Bennett
Austin Cartier
Greg Darnell
Carly Grimison
Thomas Grimison
Thomas Howes
Billy Olson
Blake Russell
Clay Tezel
Kevin Tezel
Mathew Winston



Manager: David Russell Coach: Rich Winston Coach: Kohn Bennett Team Mom: Joy Bennett



Pitch, hit, run, run, run

Strike, you're out, go team go... rafe

We won the game. Yeah!

Grace Patter on



Jay Boucher
Kenny DeZurik
Brennan Harrison
Griffin Kindred
Winn Knight
Chris Mocerino
Macie Monborne
Tristin Monborne
Jake Parker
Evan Pierce
Max Seberger
Noah Valletutti
Christopher Walker

Manager: Charles Parker Coach: Nick Kindred Coach: Brian Monborne Team Mom: Renee Valletutti



Kelby Canada
Brandon Crowell
Jared DelBene
Nolan Farley
Rajinder Gonzalez
Kody Johnson
Matt Maffei
Kavin Murphy
Noah Van Epp
Carson Walker
Wyatt Walker
Konor West

Manager: Joe Maffei Coach: Steve Walker Coach: Richard LaMacchia Team Mom: Angie Delbene



RED SOH

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Daniel Caron
Peter Dahmer
William Dickgraber
Thomas Guyton
Bill Karika
Jake Mansfield
Alicia Maldonado
Derrick Opitz
Clayton Patterson
Adam Silvers
Cody Sumner

Manager: Don Burns

Coach: Bret Burns Coach: Brian Burns Coach: William Dickgraber Team Mom: Barbara Storer

MINOR 2



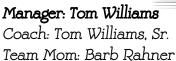




Manager: Bill Howe Coach: Jim Kinney Coach Kevin Frost Coach: Isam Yunis Team Mom: Carla Steinmetz



Quentin Ashley
David Brindamour
Matthew Bryant
Tyler Dixon
Spenser Dubin
Max Powell
Jake Mathews
Hunter Price
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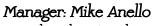


TEE BALL





Nicholas Avdellas James Christoffel Suzanne Diana Dylan Adame Marco Anello Sebastian English Egan Holt Connor Kaplan Maxwell Theobald



Coach: John Vandergriff Coach: Neil Avdellas

Team Mom: Gwendolyn Anello



Kieron Crowder
Luke Faulkner
Eddie Kitta
Lincoln Mathews
Zachary McKenzie
Chase Price
Chase Rigdon
Scott Sims
PJ Tibbets

Manager: Randy Rigdon Coach: Butch Faulkner Coach: Ed Kitta Team Mom: Stacy Rigdon

Paus DEVIL RAYS

Asher Hartnett
Matthew Mohr
Jacob Osbrach
Hannah Perala
Patrick Perala
Michael Rutenberg
Brent Dixon
Brent Dansbury
Zachary McCormack
Jackson Wyse
Cameron Parker

Manager: Mike Hartnett Coach: Gary McCormack Coach: Michael Mohr Team Mom: Amy Parker





TEE BALL





Jarid Brown
Danny Curtner
Jacob Kreiner
Cameron Johnston
Jayce Silvea
Garrett Zeak
Sophia DiPasquale
Kaelin Lopez
Mia Haralson
Julius Luchs
Nicholas Neace

Manager: Carl Zeak

Coach: Rachael Redwine Coach: Craig Redwine Coach: Jack Luchs Coach: Dominick DiPasquale

Team Mom: Robin Silvea Team Mom: Tami Curtner

Team Mom: Leslie Johnston



Joseph Johnson
Mason Kamphaus
Zachary Robbins
Wyatt Ashley
Andrew Beardall
Jacob DelBene
Jacob Ingle
Matthew Ryan
Aaron Williams
AJ Hubert
Tyler Truong

Manager: Jay Beardall Coach: Robbie Ashley Team Mom: Lisa Johnson



Chandler Beaugrand
James McLean
Ryan Crowell
Adrianna Gonzalez
Travis LaMacchia
Caleb McLellan
Greyson Sullivan
Noah Walters
Noah Feldman
Bryan Darnell

Manager: Keith Sullivan Coach: John Walters Team Mom: Michele Beaugrand



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> The pitch screams toward me I love being the catcher They depend on me - Jeff McCormack



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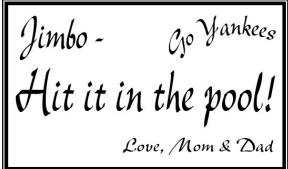
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NEW RON SMITH PARK DEDICATION PLAQUE

In 1964, the vision and dreams of one man and a small circle of friends were focused on these very grounds. Knowing what was most important to children, these men and women gathered in an empty field to create a place where boys and girls could thrive. They dreamed, just as thousands of children before and since, of a place to call their own.

With shovels in one hand and rakes in the other, they started a journey on which we are still traveling today. Every time a pitch is thrown or a child plays in these fields, it is because of the sacrifice and dedication of many. Bon Smith, Doug Kelly, and Wally Finney are just a few of those dreamers and together for over 35 years, gave their hearts and souls to the children of Merritt Island. As pioneers and fans of South Merritt Island sports. Bon, Doug, and Wally sought to give any child who wanted to play a safe place to do so. Now, because of Bon Smith and his "Circle of Friends", the dream continues.

Dedicated in the memory of Ronald J. "Pop" Smith March 4th, 2006

Umpire, player
Outfielder, infielder, coache,
Friend, hip, teamwork, team

- Megan Win√ton







ODDS AND ENDS

2005 SMILL 9-10 YEAR OLD ALL-STARS

2005 Sports Year in Review

By MATT O'HERN Sports writer

July 22

South Merritt Island All-Stars complete storybook summer

Expectations weren't very high for the South Merritt Island 9-10 year-olds all-star baseball team, but by the end of the season, they proved to be the little team that could.

South Merritt Island coach Dom Dipasquale was proud of his team after their heartbreaking 5-4 loss in the District 22 championship game against Rockledge.

This is the best team I've ever worked with," he said. "They're like my own version of the dream team. We had the most extraordi-nary season and nobody counted on us going this

South Merritt Island's team was composed of the top players from the South Merritt Island Little League, which represents players who live south of State Road 520 in Merritt Island.

The team's roster included coach Dipasquale's son, Dominick, along with Daniel Bowman, Mickey Demorat, Nick Smith, Chris Redwine, Gavin Lacourse, Nick Zeak, Alex Robertson, Mike Owens, Victor Rahne, Jimmy Dixon and Garrett Betty. South Merritt Island fin-

ished the season with two

In the semifinal, they played rival North Merritt Island and entered the final inning trailing by eight runs. In dramatic fashion, they produced nine runs in one inning for the 11-10 win and advanced to the champi-

advanced to the champi-onship game.

The final game was just as intense. Six innings weren't enough to decide the game, and both teams entered the seventh inning

tied at 4.

Rockledge won on a base hit in the bottom of the seventh and Merritt Island's season was over.

Coach Dipasquale reas-sured his team of their suc-cess before they left the field for the final time.

"You guys had a great game out there tonight," he said. "Just think of how great next year will be."





TEAMS OF YESTERYEAR - 1960S





MAPS

EAST FIELDS: Behind Audubon Elementary

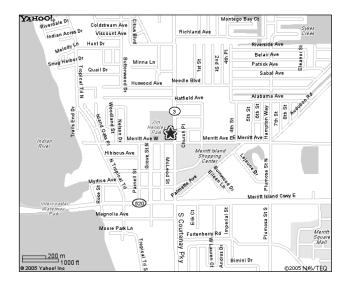


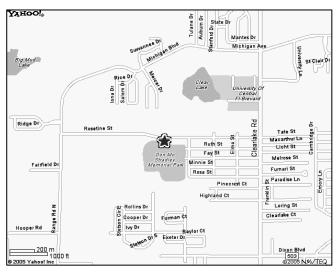




NORTH FIELDS: Across
from Home Depot

COCOAFIELDS: Back of Don Stradley Park





LITTLE LEAGUE PLEDGE

I trust in God
I love my Country
And will respect its laws
I will play fair
And strive to win
But win or lose
I will always do my best

PARENT/VOLUNTEER PLEDGE

I will teach all children to play fair and do their best.

I will positively support all manager, coaches, and players.

I will respect the decisions of the umpires

I will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the game.



From the ranks of youngsters who stand now On the morning side of the hill Will come the leaders, the future strength And character of the nation."

MERRITT ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE