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What is Buddy Ball?

*Buddy Ball provides individuals with a mental or physical disability the opportunity to play sports, regardless of their abilities. Buddy Ball helps individuals learn teamwork and promote self-esteem, one of the tools needed to help overcome the stigma often associated with a disability. The Buddy Ball league is aware of the extra expenses on the families of individuals with disabilities. Because of this, **Buddy Ball does not charge any fees to participate.** We rely entirely on private donations to operate. **Buddy Ball is a 501(c)3 Organization under the umbrella of Progressive Directions, Inc.** By attending one game you will realize that Buddy Ball is a special kind of league and has made a huge difference in many lives. Buddy Ball moves beyond a sport and becomes an affair of the heart.*

Our Mission: *To provide sports services to persons with mental and physical disabilities, creating a support network for individuals, families, and the community.*

Who is Eligible? *Individuals with special needs who are age 3 through Senior Adults.*

Our Motto: *The Game's the Same...Just Different!*

May 2011



Annual Family Picnic

The Annual Family Picnic will be **Sunday, June 12th**. You do not need to register for this event.

DETAILS

When: Sunday, June 12th
Where: Rotary Park (Large Pavilion)
Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

This event is a potluck. Please see below for information:

Ages 3-10: Chips or sides
Ages 11-18: Dessert
Ages 19 and up: Canned Drinks or water

Charter Communications will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs. PDI will provide the buns, condiments, and ice.

Bowling Season

Buddy Ball will have another Bowling Season at the Pinnacle Bowling Alley starting August 2nd through August 30th. We will bowl on Tuesday Nights starting at 5:30PM, 6:30PM, and 7:30PM. Please register to reserve your spot on a lane. Registration ends July 19th. Contact Margaret at 931-647-6333.

Baseball Season

Baseball Season will begin Friday, September 23rd at 6:30PM with our Opening Ceremonies. This year Buddy Ball will turn 10 years old. With this in mind, we will have a Birthday Party for Buddy Ball during Opening Ceremonies. Please register for baseball by August 19th at 931-647-6333.

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Upcoming Events

Family Picnic:
6/12 (Rotary Park)
Bowling Season:
8/2—8/30 (Pinnacle)
Baseball Season:
9/23—11/18
(Heritage Park)

2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

It may have been cool outside but Buddy Ball Athletes had fun at the 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Gateway Medical Center. The Easter Bunny was on hand for pictures, donated by Betty Miller at Charter Communications. We believe all the eggs were found! All the Athletes enjoyed exchanging their eggs for treats and prizes. We hope we see you at next year's Hunt! Look for information about the 2012 Hunt in January's newsletter.



3rd Annual Prom

The Buddy Ball Community celebrated its 3rd Annual Prom on May 14, 2011 at the Emmanuel Family Life Center. Everyone had a great time dressed in their 1950's best! Lee Erwin from Five Star Radio Group provided the tunes. Betty Miller from Charter Communications donated her time and printer for photos and John Mosley donated his time to take pictures. The following Businesses and Individuals sponsored the Prom: Nashville Predators, Sporty's Awards, Adams Gas, Clarksville Civitan, Cumberland Bank, and Margaret Crosslin. Thank you for sponsoring the Prom! We look forward to next year's prom!



News In A Flash!!!

Buddy Ball will no longer mail out quarterly newsletters. They will be available on our website, emailed to the e-news listing, at the PDI Main Office and at events. If you would like to receive the newsletter through e-news, please send in your email address to info@buddyball.net. Please indicate in the comment section you would like to receive e-news. You will receive an email back to confirm the email address. This service will also cover field conditions and cancellations due to weather.



Athlete's Corner

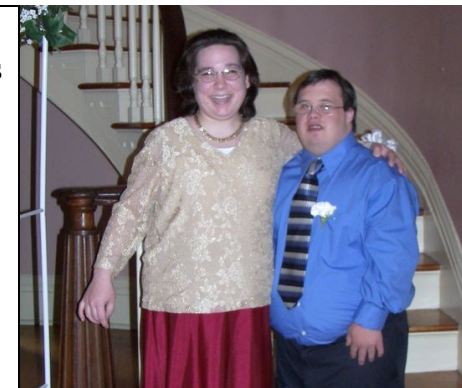
The Athlete's Corner will be a section for Athletes and Parents to submit news about the Athletes to be printed in the newsletter. Please send news that you wish to be included to Margaret at:

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Michele and Nathan
at the Prom!

May's Athlete

May's Athletes are Michele and Nathan. Both have been apart of Buddy Ball for many years. This June both will travel to Athens, Greece for the World Special Olympics Games representing the USA. Congratulations to Michele and Nathan! We will be cheering for you!

Great Job!

The Perfect Gift

Is there someone you have a difficult time finding the perfect gift for? If so, we have the answer! Make a donation to Buddy Ball of \$25.00 and receive a card with the following insert to present to that special someone:

In your honor, a donation has been made to Buddy Ball Special Needs Athletic League. The donation will sponsor one Athlete during our Bowling Season. The Athlete will receive all their bowling FREE and a trophy at the end of the season.

To take part in the unique gift giving program contact:

Margaret Davis

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Contact Information

Volunteers Needed!

Buddy Ball has opportunities for volunteers to assist in many ways. The following is a small list of ways you could help:

- stuff and mail newsletters
- Coach or Buddy
- help with team roasters
- help with registration
- run errands

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Margaret at 647-6333.

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You can reach Margaret at the above number from 8 AM— 4 PM Monday through Friday. Margaret's cell number is

931-624-7253.