

BRASSBALL: News and Notes

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Ramada it is!

After a thorough investigation, I have decided that the draft (Feb. 18-19) will be based out of the Ramada Hotel-O'Hare. It is located at 6600 N. Mannheim Road, in Rosemont, Illinois, approximately one and one half miles from O'Hare Airport. I chose the Ramada basically because it is relatively inexpensive while still being a nice place. It is the team hotel for the Chicago Wolves of the International Hockey League as well as some of the hockey teams visiting Chicago. (we better watch out for the groupies!) There is free shuttle service to and from O'hare every 15 minutes. The room we will be drafting out of will fit 15 people fairly comfortably. The sleeping rooms are nice as well.

As far as cost goes, the conference room goes at approximately \$420 for the weekend. That total includes the outside telephone line we will need hooked up so we may call out and receive calls directly. This outside line costs \$150. The room itself is about \$135 per day, or \$270 for the weekend. If 15 people show up for the draft, which is about what I expect, then we are talking \$28 per man. That is not bad at all. Of course, that doesn't include the cost of the hotel rooms, which go for around night.

I have enclosed a 2 page pamphlet which gives a bit more info on the hotel. The phone number is 708-827-5131. I will leave it to you to call and make your reservations. I am going to see if I can get the hotel to hold a block of rooms so we wont be spread all over. When you call, ask whether a block was set up in my name.

Remember, the draft is on Saturday the 18th and Sunday the 19th, but most of you will likely need the rooms on the evenings of the 17th and 18th of February. (I have a keen eye for the obvious). I have reserved the conference room on my credit card. (I would ask that each of you bring your checkbooks to the draft so when we get the final bill for the conference room, you can each cut me a check then and there.)

As for the sharing of travel costs, as I have said before, most people will drive, keeping the cost fairly low. I expect **no more than 5** to fly(as of this mailing). If and when you each reserve your rooms, let me know so I will have an accurate count as to who specifically is definitely coming.

If I have not answered all your questions, feel free to call me. REMINDER: If you are interested in sharing a room, let me know and I'll set you up with another league member.

**TRADE!**

Yes, a deal was struck already. The Blind Lemons (Doug Kehlmeier) dealt away the first pick in the draft, along with its 15th round pick, to the Santa Monica Sharks (Mike O'Connor) for the Shark's first round pick (8th overall) and second round pick. Santa Monica Stadium is rumored to be a left handed hitter's dream. Hmmm. I wonder if Mike is eyeing a left handed hitting outfielder with the initials Ken Griffey Jr. Or will he surprise us all and grab Wade Boggs? Only time will tell.

**DRAFT WORKSHEET ENCLOSED:**


Enclosed you will find a packet which you can fill out during the draft, pick by pick. (Thanks Vaughn!) From pick number one, all the way to pick 1080, you can have your own complete list. If any more changes in the draft order occur, I will announce those in the future newsletters.

**A WORD FORM DOUG KEHLMEIER--LEAGUE DIRECTORY PUBLISHER:**

"Hey Guys--I have volunteered to become the BRASSball League Directory Publisher. As I think most of us are, I'm anxious to get started. If all of you would please send me a one page summary, biography, info sheet of your liking, along with a picture of yourself, I will construct and publish the Directory.

I want to have the directory in your hands before the draft, so maybe we can be a little familiar with each other before we meet in Chicago. I need your timely response to get it done, though. So put your pen in your hand and your modesty on the shelf.

Here's my address and thanks for your cooperation."

Doug Kehlmeier  


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And thank you Doug! For those of you wondering what you should say about yourself, here is a list of possible ideas. Please do not think of this as being comprehensive. You may discuss anything about yourself that you wish:(just try to keep it to one page)

Occupation, Age, Marital status, children, other interests beside baseball, favorite and least favorite teams and players, favorite baseball memory, personal baseball heroics, favorite quote about baseball, and anything else you want to tell us.

**DEADLINES**

A couple of you still have not sent me your 35\$ for league dues. (Crown Point Comets and Poway Posse). Please do so as soon as possible. Also, If you have not sent Vaughn his 10\$ for league start up costs, please do so asap!. I set a deadline for these dues in the last newsletter and a few of you were a bit delinquent in meeting this. Now is a good time to stress the importance of meeting league postmark deadlines. I am not

going to fine anyone this early in our existence. However, once the season starts, fines will be levied for tardiness. There will be no grace period. I know this sounds strict, but it is necessary to run this league the way I think we all want it to be run: **smoothly**. I suggest each of you read, reread, and post pages 28-30 in the BRASSball Constitution in your bedroom. It sets out virtually all the deadlines you will each be responsible for, month by month. Follow these, and you'll have no trouble in the BRASSball league.

**OWNERS/TEAM NAMES ENCLOSED**

I have included each owners team name on the address sheet. Also, a couple phone numbers and addresses changed, so throw out the sheet I sent last month and replace it with this one.

That's all for now.

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# RAMADA® HOTEL O'HARE

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**AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION** - Courtesy airport transportation is provided from the Hotel to O'Hare International Airport. The airport shuttle leaves every 15 minutes from the Main Lobby between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 12:00 Midnight. Between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., transportation to the airport is available on a call basis.

**AUTO RENTAL** - Ace Rent-A-Car, 297-3350

**BANQUET FACILITIES** - The Ramada Hotel O'Hare has extensive facilities for meetings, private luncheons, dinners, and weddings. Please contact our Catering Department for more details. After office hours, call the Manager on Duty through the Hotel Operator.

**BARS** - The Quest has it all. The best sports and all around entertainment. Located off the Main Lobby and open Monday through Thursday, 4:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.; Friday and Saturday until 4:00 a.m. As an alternative, The Lobby Bar is the perfect place to meet with friends or associates for a relaxing cocktail or just to watch the world go by. Located opposite the Front Desk and open daily, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; open Sunday 12 Noon.

**BUSINESS SERVICES** - The Business Center, located on the lower level of the hotel, is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Services include:

- Computer Workstations
- Word Processing Service
- Copy Center
- Media Management Services
- Computer Rentals
- Secretarial Services
- Meeting Room Supplies
- Recording Services

Also available is Sound and Stagecraft, 699-9080.

**CHECK-OUT TIME** - Check-out time is 1:00 p.m. If you wish to arrange a later check-out, please contact the Front Desk.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE** - Major international currencies and travelers checks may be exchanged at our Front Desk where exchange rates are on display. Your account may be settled in foreign currency; however, any change given will be in U.S. dollars.

Also contact O'Hare Currency Exchange, 824-1211/678-5277.

**RESERVATIONS** - Future reservations at the Ramada Hotel O'Hare can be made direct with our Reservations Department through the Hotel Operator or the Front Desk. For Reservations at any other Ramada worldwide, please dial toll-free 1-800-2-RAMADA.

**RESTAURANTS** - The Portico Restaurant, Superb Italian cuisine in a comfortable, relaxing atmosphere. Located off the Main Lobby, open for dinner Tuesday through Saturday, 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The Copper Trellis is an American Brasserie. Located off the Main Lobby and open Sunday through Thursday, 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 6:30 a.m. to Midnight.

**ROOM SERVICE** - Room Service is available seven days a week.

Breakfast: Mon.-Fri. 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & Sat.-Sun. 6:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

All Day Dining: Sun.-Thurs. 11:00 am-2:00 pm; 5:00-11:00 pm & till Midnight Fri.-Sat.

Dinner: Sun.-Thurs. 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 pm and till Midnight Fri.-Sat.

A breakfast doorknob menu is also to be found on top of your desk for your convenience.

**SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES** - Safety deposit boxes are available free of charge at the Front Desk. We regret that the Hotel cannot be responsible for valuables left in guest rooms.

**SECURITY** - The Hotel has 24-hour security surveillance. A chain lock and peephole are provided for your safety and convenience. Please ensure that your guest room door is securely closed when you leave your room. In the event of an emergency, call extension 22 for immediate attention.

**TELEPHONE** - A direct dial telephone to enable you to make your own calls is available in your room. Instructions on the use of the phone are located on the faceplate. A local telephone directory is located inside your bedside drawer. For International calls, please dial '9' and then '0'. For Directory Information within the Area Code 708, dial 9-1-555-1212; Outside Area Code 708, dial 9-Area Code-555-1212.

Please note that the method of charging for all calls including long distance calls is as follows: Local Calls - Based on distance, duration of call, plus service charge. Long Distance - Based on day rate and tax. Public telephones are located in the Main Lobby. Telegrams can be sent through the Hotel Operator. For further information, please refer to the telephone charge card located beside your phone or call the Hotel Operator.

**TENNIS** - The Hotel offers outdoor tennis courts for the use of our guests. Tennis rackets can be rented from the Golf Clubhouse. The courts are open from 7:00 a.m. to sunset daily, depending on weather conditions and the season.

**TRAVEL** - Details of the major airline departures available via a television monitor in the Main Lobby. Courtesy airport transportation is provided from the Hotel to O'Hare International Airport. The airport shuttle leaves every 15 minutes from the Main Lobby between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and Midnight. Between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., transportation to the airport is available on a call basis.

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Mark Lentz  
TAMPA BAY THUNDER

Keith Koszut  
CROWN POINT COMETS

Tom Manna  
SECUCUS TRAVELERS

Doug Campbell  
NASHVILLE ASSASSINS

Jim Klugh  
TOLAR RIFTLERS  
Draft Conductor

David Caddell  
MADHATTERS

Bob Gale  
WALWALLOSA WIZARDS  
NL Reporter

Kevin Kolb  
COOK COUNTY MAULDERS  
Commissioner

Charles Kirkwood  
ST. LUCIE SNOOK

Allen Nelson  
EMERALD CITY CYCLONES

Tom Taormina  
LONG ISLAND TIGERS  
NL Statistician

Doug Kehlmeier  
BLIND LEMONS  
League Directory Publisher

Allen Telgenhof  
CHARLEVOIX CUTTERS

Vaughn Nuezt  
BLOOMINGTON BEES  
League Historian

Brian Budzyn  
SANTA BARBARA OUTLAWS

Mike O'Connor  
SANTA MONICA SHARKS  
AL Reporter

Fred Leimbrecht  
RACINE HEAT

Scott Ellis  
FLORIDA ACES

Lenny Luchtefeld  
BOK CITY PARCELMEN  
Free Agency Conductor

Tom Johnson  
NOME GNOMES

Jim Liesenfelt  
HESSVILLE EMERREADYS

Colby Wright  
ARLINGTON THOROUGHERS

Scott Campbell  
SOCAL GOLDEN KNIGHTS

Bruce Julin  
POWAY FOSSE  
AL Statistician