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Cactus Classic events ready to go

Plenty of baseball, locker room services, first class hotels part of packages

Welcome to baseball, Hobbs-Henderson-Tucson style ...

The 2010 Cactus Classic lineup of events at the spring training home of the Arizona Diamondbacks and the former home of the Chicago White Sox is complete and ready for action.

H2Baseball is your host for 3 adult amateur events in Tucson in February 2010, all to be held at the Kino Sports Complex.

The events are:

❖ Wood Bat Cactus Classic, January 31 through February 6.

❖ Presidents Day Cactus Classic, February 11-15.

❖ Father-Son Cactus Classic, February 25-28.

H2Baseball is a partnership between Roy Hobbs Baseball and Dave Henderson Baseball Adventures and was created to develop specialized baseball events for adults.

H2B events in Tucson will combine the best of conditions on the field and in a Major League quality locker room at prices affordable to the adult amateur athlete.

The events are unique in that each of them utilizes locker room accommodations for all players, with additional amenities.

All players will have a locker in a MLB spring training locker room with access to trainer services, daily laundry, continental breakfast, and post-game icing as well as refreshments.

Additionally, the pricing is all-inclusive, including 4-6 nights in the respective event host hotel.

Each of the events will be unique unto itself.

Wood Bat Cactus Classic

The Wood Bat Cactus Classic will have all the amenities of a top-notch

fantasy camp at one-quarter of the price. Additionally, the host hotel will be the Desert Diamond Casino Hotel.

The event will be an individual event, with pool teams, and groups are welcome, up to full teams.

Rosters, however, must have at least 3 players 60+ and may have up to 5 players 30-45. Pitchers must be 45 or older. The official rules of the event will be available on the cactusclassich2baseball.com website this weekend.

In addition to all the locker room services, the event will guarantee every player seven 9-inning games, an opening reception and Steak-out at the end of the week.

Then there will be 3 ex-professionals on hand to enhance everyone's game.

Keith Comestock, Bob Didier and Mark Parent, who have a combined 25 years active major league experience as well as coaching and managing following their active playing years, will be involved in the Wood Bat Cactus Classic in a multitude of ways.

They will be involved as instructors in the scheduled training and clinic sessions; they will be available for baseball bull sessions before and after daily sessions, during games and in the evenings at the host hotel; and they will be the prosecution and judges in the Kangaroo Court.

The fees for the Wood Bat Cactus Classic will be \$1169 per person, double-occupancy at the Desert Diamond Casino Hotel, with an early payment discount: \$995 by January 4. Single room options are available, along with extra days before or after the event.

Presidents Day Cactus Classic

The Presidents Day Cactus Classic will be a competitive event with teams in the 38+ and 55+ age brackets.

In the 38s division, teams may roster 3 players 35-37 but underage

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Photo by Greg Wagner

Steve Eddy, Maine-Boston Braves, slides under the throw for a double.

Game 5 schedules ready Wednesday p.m.

Legends AAAA, G5 pool matchups to be set

Double elimination playoff pairings for the Legends AAAA division will be announced at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the World Series Headquarters at Lee County Complex.

The timing of the announcement on Legends and on the Game 5 pool-play matchups for Thursday in both Legends and Classics divisions is based on all Wednesday afternoon games being completed before 5 p.m.

Matchups and field assignments for all of Thursday's games will be posted at the World Series Headquarters at Lee County Complex at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The information on Thursday's pairings will be available as follows:

1) Recorded telephone lines: 239.553-7495 & 239.533.7496,

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players may not pitch.

In the 55s division, teams may roster 5 players 48-54 but underage players may not pitch.

Teams are guaranteed five 9-inning games; single- or double-elimination playoffs in each division will be dictated by the number of teams participating and associated field availability.

All players will have a locker in the former spring training clubhouse of the Chicago White Sox, with trainer services, daily laundry, continental breakfast and post-game icing as well as adult refreshments.

A cookout is planned for Saturday night along with the final Kangaroo Court.

The host hotel will be the Desert Diamond Casino Hotel, which is located approximately 10 minutes from the Kino Sports Complex.

The fees for the Presidents Day Cactus Classic will be \$625 per person, double-occupancy at the Desert

Diamond Casino Hotel, with an early payment discount: \$525 by January 15. Single room options are available, along with extra days before or after the event. Players who participated in the 2009 event pay 09 pricing (\$495 including hotel) until Jan.15.

Father-Son Cactus Classic

The Father-Son Cactus Classic will be a competitive event with teams of players with family relationships.

Most family relationships are included, but focus on father-son relationships.

H2Baseball has adopted the Roy Hobbs Family Ties rules, and those are available upon request. They will be posted on the Family Ties Cactus Classic web page this weekend.

Teams are guaranteed five 9-inning games, pool play and playoffs.

All players will have a locker in the former spring training clubhouse of the Chicago White Sox, with trainer services, daily laundry, continental breakfast and post-game icing as well as adult refreshments.

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Cactus Classic events at a glance

All Cactus Classic event games will be played at the Kino Sports Complex, home of the spring training sites of the Arizona Diamondbacks and formerly the Chicago White Sox.

Here is a synopsis of the events:

Wood Bat Cactus Classic

January 31-February 6, 2010

- 7 games guaranteed
- Individual players and team event
- All ages welcome, with modified roster guidelines: Must have 3 players 60+, maximum 5 players under 45, all pitchers must be at least 45
- All players will have locker room and trainer privileges
- 3 ex-professionals will conduct clinics on hitting, defense and pitching over 4 days and do individual instruction during games they observe; manage daily Kangaroo Court sessions and host evening bull sessions at the host hotel
- Opening Locker Room reception and late week Steak-Out for all participants
- Host hotel is the Desert Diamond Casino Hotel – 6 nights (double occupancy) at the hotel is included in the cost
- Limited van transportation between Desert Diamond and Kino Sports Complex scheduled each day
- Cost: \$995 per player (double occupancy for 6 nights) if paid by January 4. After January 4, cost is \$1169.
- Single rooms (kings) and extra nights are available.

Presidents Day Cactus Classic

February 11-15, 2010

- 38+ and 55+ team event; 4 teams per age division required
- Free agent list will be posted for pool players.
- 5 games guaranteed
- All players will have locker room and trainer privileges

- Opening Locker Room reception and late week Steak-Out for all participants
- Kangaroo Court scheduled
- Host hotel is the Desert Diamond Casino Hotel – 4 nights (double occupancy) at the hotel is included in the cost
- Limited van transportation between Desert Diamond and Kino Sports Complex scheduled each day
- Cost: \$525 per player (double occupancy for 4 nights) if paid by January 15. After January 15, cost is \$625. (2009 participants get 09 pricing, adjusted with hotel, of \$495 until Jan. 15.)
- 30 double rooms available at Desert Diamond, so first-come, first serve on doubles. Overflow hotel is Holiday Inn Palo Verde; limited van service to Desert Diamond Casino from Holiday Inn will be available
- Single rooms (kings) and extra nights are available.

Father Son Cactus Classic

February 25-28, 2010

- 5 games guaranteed; 4 teams needed to complete division
- Minimum age is 16
- Use H2Baseball/Roy Hobbs Baseball game rules
- All players will have locker room and trainer privileges
- Kangaroo Court scheduled
- Opening Locker Room reception and late week Steak-Out for all participants
- Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Palo Verde – 4 nights (double occupancy) at the hotel is included in the cost
- Limited van transportation between the Holiday Inn Palo Verde and the Desert Diamond Casino
- Cost: \$495 per player (double occupancy for 4 nights) if paid by January 29. After January 29, cost is \$595.
- Single rooms (kings) and extra nights are available.

For more information, go to www.cactusclassich2baseball.com/ website will be active on Friday, Nov. 20, 2009.

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A cookout is planned for Saturday night along with the final Kangaroo Court.

The host hotel will be the Holiday Inn Palo Verde, which is located less than 1 mile from the Kino Sports Complex.

The fees for the Father-Son Cactus Classic will be \$595 per person, double-occupancy at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde, with an early payment discount: \$495 by January 29. Single room options are available, along with extra days before or after the event.

H2Baseball

H2Baseball is the union of Roy Hobbs Baseball and Dave Henderson Baseball Adventures in a partnership that will redefine the expectations of the adult amateur baseball player when it comes to quality of experience in baseball tournaments and camps.

The partnership includes operational principals Mike Murphey of Henderson Baseball and Tom Giffen of Roy Hobbs Baseball.

"H2Baseball is the union of two premier amateur baseball organizations in a partnership that will redefine the expectations of the adult amateur baseball player when it comes to quality of experience in baseball tournaments and camps," Mike Murphey said.

"Roy Hobbs and DHBA share an unmatched commitment to excellence in their presentations of baseball events, as well as an absolute passion for game in its purest form," Murphey said. "They join together in H2Baseball, guided mutually for a love of this wonderful game and a desire to share it with our many friends who have supported our individual companies over the years."

"H2Baseball offers the best of both our companies," said Hobbs President Tom Giffen. "We promise all our current and future friends and clients that our Cactus Classics events will provide a new plateau of quality in the amateur baseball world."

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approximately 6:45 p.m.

2) At www.royhobbs.com, approximately 6:45 p.m.

3) Posted at Lee County Headquarters, at 6:30 p.m.

Please do not call the World Series Headquarters numbers as there will be no one available to answer the phone.

The Legends AAAA seeding and matchup process will include evaluation of team records and strength of schedule Wednesday afternoon as the Roy Hobbs Competition committee meets mid-day to evaluate teams and determine the 8 teams going forward in AAAA play.

Pairings for the balance of the field for Thursday's pool games will be set up essentially to match teams with similar records, but the tournament guidelines that mandate that teams will not see other teams from their home areas or teams they have already played will have an impact on that scheduling.

Tom Giffen will be available to discuss the pairings late Wednesday afternoon at tournament headquarters or again Thursday morning.



DC Dodgers batter lays down a bunt

Photo by Lester Kuhn

RESULTS

Legends

Tuesday, November 17

Akron Blues 12, Atlanta Chiefs 11
 Baltimore Baseball Club 7, Maine Boston Braves 6
 DuPage Lugnuts 7, Rhode Island Rockies 5
 ES3 Stone Age 14, Snowbirds 0
 Minnesota Bees 13, DC Dodgers 9
 New England Red Sox 12, Cincinnati Colts 4
 NorCal Giants 17, Wilmington Old Salts 1
 Orioles Legends 9, Cleveland Pirates 8
 Philadelphia Cutters 11, Houston Colt .45s 7
 SilverHawks 8, Comox Valley Cubs 4
 South Florida Suns 5, Tavern Legends 1
 Tallahassee Classics 9, DHBA Athletics 8
 Twin Cities Crosstown Traffic 9, Asheville Sox 1
 Washington Titans 10, Youngstown Astros 0
 Windy City 10, Tampa Bay Rebels 1

Classics

Tuesday, November 17

Asheville Tourists 15, Kent MudHens 6
 Chicago National Wind 10, New Jersey Wonderboys 5
 Detroit 60s 15, Livingston Dodgers 7
 Huntsville 60s 9, Washington Nationals 5
 Kansas City Cubs 17, Lehigh Baseball 4
 NorCal Antiques 11, Toledo MudDogs 6
 Ohio Classics 12, Shields ATM Guards 2
 Springfield Classics 13, New England Red Sox 11
 Tallahassee Classics 12, Silver Foxes Baseball of R.I. 4

Timeless

Tuesday, November 17

New England Red Sox 9, New Jersey Cardinals 5
 Western Silver Foxes 10, New England Red Sox 9

SCHEDULE

Legends

Wednesday, November 18

10:00 AM

NorCal Giants @ New England Red Sox, CPP

Windy City @ Atlanta Chiefs, CPS

1:45 PM

South Florida Suns @ Baltimore Baseball Club, 5P3

Youngstown Astros @ Snowbirds, 5P4

Philadelphia Cutters @ Tavern Legends, 5P5

Cleveland Pirates @ Wilmington Old Salts, CPP

Tampa Bay Rebels @ Akron Blues, CPS

Minnesota Bees @ Rhode Island Rockies, LC2

Comox Valley Cubs @ DC Dodgers, LC3

Cincinnati Colts @ DHBA Athletics, LC5

Classics

Wednesday, November 18

10:00 AM

New Jersey Wonderboys @ Huntsville 60s, 5P1

Washington Nationals @ NorCal Antiques, 5P2

Toledo MudDogs @ Chicago National Wind, 5P3

Lehigh Baseball @ Silver Foxes Baseball of R.I., 5P4

Shields ATM Guards @ Kansas City Cubs, 5P5

Livingston Dodgers @ Asheville Tourists, LC1

Kent MudHens @ New England Red Sox, LC2

Tallahassee Classics @ Ohio Classics, LC3

Springfield Classics @ Detroit 60s, LC5

Timeless

Wednesday, November 18

10:00 AM

New Jersey Cardinals @ New England Red Sox, LCS - 7

1:45 PM

Western Silver Foxes @ New Jersey Cardinals, LCS - 7



Photo by Greg Wagner

Here comes the throw, there goes the glove. Akron Blues runner stealing 2nd.

STANDINGS

Legends

	W	L	PCT	RA
Washington Titans	4	0	1.000	8
NorCal Giants	3	0	1.000	6
New England Red Sox	3	0	1.000	8
Akron Blues	3	0	1.000	18
ES3 Stone Age	3	1	0.750	16
TC Crosstown Traffic	3	1	0.750	23
DuPage Lugnuts	3	1	0.750	26
Orioles Legends	3	1	0.750	29
Windy City	2	1	0.667	9
Philadelphia Cutters	2	1	0.667	14
Youngstown AstroFalcons	2	1	0.667	16
Rhode Island Rockies	2	1	0.667	17
Minnesota Bees	2	1	0.667	25
Maine-Boston Braves	2	2	0.500	29
SilverHawks	2	2	0.500	32
Tallahassee Classics	2	2	0.500	38
South Florida Suns	1	2	0.333	13
Tavern Legends	1	2	0.333	14
DHBA Athletics	1	2	0.333	23
Cincinnati Colts	1	2	0.333	26
Atlanta Chiefs	1	2	0.333	29
Tampa Bay Rebels	1	2	0.333	32
Baltimore Baseball Club	1	2	0.333	36
Asheville Sox	1	3	0.250	35
Houston Colt .45s	1	3	0.250	39
Comox Valley Cubs	0	3	0.000	21
Wilmington Old Salts	0	3	0.000	32
Cleveland Pirates	0	3	0.000	32
DC Dodgers	0	3	0.000	39
Snowbirds	0	3	0.000	51

Classics

	W	L	PCT	RA
Ohio Classics	3	0	1.000	6
Detroit 60s	3	0	1.000	24
Chicago National Wind	3	0	1.000	26
Kansas City Cubs	2	1	0.667	16
New Jersey Wonderboys	2	1	0.667	19
Shields ATM Guards	2	1	0.667	22
Asheville Tourists	2	1	0.667	22
NorCal Antiques	2	1	0.667	23
Springfield Classics	2	1	0.667	32
Toledo MudDogs	1	2	0.333	22
Tallahassee Classics	1	2	0.333	24
Huntsville 60s	1	2	0.333	26
Lehigh Baseball	1	2	0.333	31
New England Red Sox	1	2	0.333	37
Livingston Dodgers	1	2	0.333	40
Washington Nationals	0	3	0.000	29
Kent MudHens	0	3	0.000	40
Silver Foxes BBC of R.I.	0	3	0.000	52

Timeless

	W	L	PCT	RA
Western Silver Foxes	3	0	1.000	15
New England Red Sox	1	2	0.333	27
New Jersey Cardinals	0	2	0.000	32