



- Renegades are named '2012 Beast of the East'...

LIONS HOST BEAST OF THE EAST TOURNAMENT - Woburn Host Lions Club members join in the opening ceremonies as hosts of the 2012 Beast of the East Tournament for blind softball players from throughout the area including a team from Long Island. The Boston-area Renegades won the tournament, held at the Joyce Middle School earlier this month. Below, a blind pitcher from the New York Long Island Bombers throws one to blindfolded Woburn Lion. For more on the event, See P. A9.



Lions Host Club...

Boston Renegades Blind Softball Team wins tournament

WOBURN - In front of a large and enthusiastic crowd on Saturday, August 11th, the Renegades, a blind softball team from the Boston area, won two exciting games against the New York Long Island Bombers to claim the championship of the 2012 Beast of the East tournament. The event, held at the Joyce Middle School field, was hosted by the Woburn Host Lions Club.

The two games represented the finals of a tournament which previously also included teams from Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The game is played using a ball and bases which beep and all players, including the batters and fielders are blind or sight impaired wearing blindfolds.

The Renegades won the first game by a score of 7 to 2. After jumping out to an early 6 run lead, the Renegades held off a late charge by the Bombers to complete the victory setting up the dramatic final game. Joe McCormick lead the offense for the Renegades scoring three runs while Joe Quintanillo and Guy Zuccarello anchored the defense with five put outs each.

Before the start of the second game, the teams were treated to a cookout by the Lions members and a special donation was presented by Lions President Paul McElheney. Two players were also recognized for

their special accomplishments at the Blind Softball World Series which were held in Ames, Iowa in July. Matt Puvogel from the Bombers was named to the World Series all-defensive team and Guy Zuccarello of the Renegades was named the series most valuable defensive player. Mayor Scott Galvin made a special appearance and welcomed the Bombers and thanked them for making the long trip to Woburn. He also tried his hand at batting blindfolded and quickly learned how difficult the game is for the players.

The second game followed a similar script as the first with the Renegades taking a five run lead. Back to back runs scored by the Dejesus brothers, Chris and Joe, brought the Bombers within striking distance, but the Renegades held off the rally with some fine defensive plays to complete the sweep by a score of 5 to 2. Leading the offense for the Renegades was Larry Haile with three runs and Joe McCormick with two.

Following the trophy presentation, players from both teams socialized, took photos and promised to renew the rivalry next year.

For more information about these incredible athletes, visit the Boston Renegades web site at <http://www.blindcitizens.org/renegades.html>



THE BEASTS OF THE EAST - Woburn Host Lions Club President Paul McElhiney (r) presents the "Beast of the East" tournament cup to the Boston Renegades after they defeated a team from Long Island.



PREGAME GATHERING - The Woburn Host Lions Club held a "Beep-Ball" Tournament recently. The game is designed so that blind persons can play baseball. The game was between two big names in the game, the Boston Renegades and the Long Island Bombers and was held at the Joyce Middle School. On hand for a preview of the game were (l-r) King Lion Paul McElhiney Boston Renegade players Darren Black, Dutch the guide dog, JJ Ward, Lions member Jack Mosko, and Frank DiMauro. (joebrownphotos.com)