**C.G.L. NEWSLETTER 3-7-17**

 First of all, I’d like to welcome our two new managers to CGL! Rob Skogen has taken over the Canterbury franchise and renamed the team the Margaritaville Wasters. Kevin Farrell is the new GM and Manager of the Mechanicsburg franchise. Kevin has dubbed his team the Toledo Fighting Phillies. Both Rob and Kevin inherited very strong teams thanks to the drafting skills of former Managers Fred and Michael Landucci. We look forward to having Rob and Kevin with us as we enter Season 38 in CGL History!

 Time is really flying by as another CGL Regular Season is behind us and Spring is quickly approaching. The Playoffs are now in full swing as we move toward crowning the 2016-17 CGL Champion. Good luck to all remaining teams chasing the coveted CGL Championship Plaque!

 I have enclosed your Final Team Stats, Final CGL Standings, Final League Leaders, Team Hitting and Pitching and Updated Single Season Records. There are also some observations from your Commissioner on some things that stood out, statistically, from the 2016-17 Season on the back of this Newsletter.

 I have also enclosed the 2016-17 CGL MVP, Cy Young and Reliever of the Year Ballots. Please look them over as soon as you can and get your votes to me no later than Saturday, April 1st. You may send your votes via e mail or US Mail.

 Congratulations to Divisions winners Italian, Westwind, Elyria and Port Orange as well as Wildcard teams Duluth and Ipanema. All six Playoff teams won over 90 games during the Regular Season and any of these teams could win the Title. Good luck to our Final Six!

 **THE 2017 CGL ROOKIE DRAFT is set for SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, at 9:00 AM CENTRAL TIME.** We will be meeting at Doug Van Nispen’s house here in Duluth for the Draft. If you’d like to join Ed, Doug, Rob S. and myself I’m sure we can make arrangements for rides and housing should you decide to make the trip.

 **CGL TRADING SEASON OPENED FEBRUARY 15TH** but there have no trades reported as of the time of this writing**.** I need to hear from both managers involved in a trade to make the deal official.

 If you have any ideas you would to propose **for CGL Amendments** please get those to me by April 1st as well. I will put out an Amendment Ballot at that time so we can get all things CGL wrapped up prior to the Draft. APBA has announced they will no longer designate XB’s after the 2016 Baseball set so we have one more year to play with our current player and pitcher desginations and rules before we adopt other playing rules. I’d appreciate some input/ideas on this important matter.

 Thanks again to all for your doing your best to get your instructions out and games played in a timely fashion year after year. It makes my job as Commissioner so much easier and I really appreciate your efforts.