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A Newsletter for Copperhead Baseball Fans

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Buy Now & Save Big On Reserved & GA Season Tickets

Asheboro Copperheads 2010 reserved season tickets would make a terrific present for that baseball fan on your Christmas shopping list, especially when you can get them for almost **25% OFF** between now and the end of December.

“Copperhead Club” reserved tickets, regularly priced at \$130, can now be purchased for **JUST \$99**. That’s less than \$3.20 per game for the 28 regular season CPL games plus three exhibitions.

Also, a general admission season pass for all 28 regular season Coastal Plain League home games, plus the three exhibition games, can be purchased for **ONLY \$79** – that’s just \$2.55 per game and \$20 off the regular price of \$99. Both of these offers are good **only through Dec. 31**.

All Copperhead Club reserved seats are under the covered grandstand behind home plate, while general admission seats are located in the bleacher sections along both the third and first base lines. Also, general admission ticket holders can bring their own chairs and sit in the “Snake Pit” section atop the hill down the right field line. It’s the best seat in the house!

And remember, you can still buy a five-game general admission **Rally Pass for \$20**, or our new 10-game general admission **“Super Rally” Pass for only \$35**.

If you would like to purchase reserved season tickets or any of the general admission multi-game packages, please call Copperheads GM David Camp at 460-7018.

Copperheads Will Host 2010 State American Legion Tourney

Eight-Team Event At McCrary Park July 24-28

The Asheboro Copperheads will serve as the host for the 2010 North Carolina State American Legion baseball tournament July 24-28 at McCrary Park.

Bringing the five-day, eight-team event to Asheboro adds another chapter to Randolph County’s rich American Legion baseball tradition. Through the years, Post 45 has established the reputation as one of the most consistent winning American Legion programs in the Tar Heel state, claiming three state championships and a long list of Area III and divisional crowns.

Prior to winning the 2008 state tournament in Gastonia, Post 45 had won state championships under the old playoff series format in 1966 and 1978 and lost in the championship series in 1962, 1967 and 1975. Post 45’s very first American Legion team in 1935 also advanced to the state championship series where it lost to eventual national champion Gastonia.

Randolph County Post 45 will receive an automatic bid to the 2010 tournament as the Area III host team. The Area III champion (or runner-up if Post 45 should win the Area III



Asheboro’s McCrary Park

title) will also qualify along with the top two teams from each of the state’s other three areas. Post 45 won the state title in 2008 in Gastonia and Rowan County, also from Area III, won the 2009 tournament in Greenville and went on to win the Southeast Regional title in Sumter, S.C, then finished third in the American Legion World Series in Fargo, N.D.

The tournament bid was submitted by the Copperheads to North Carolina American Legion officials in June on behalf of Post 45 and the Asheboro Kiwanis Club, the longtime sponsor of the Post 45 team. The bid was formally approved and awarded to Asheboro by State American Legion Baseball Commissioner Roy Waters and a committee made up of the commissioners from all four state American Legion areas.

To accommodate the tournament dates at

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2010 Season Opens At Home May 26 vs. Sharks

The Asheboro Copperheads will open the 2010 Coastal Plain League season at home on Wednesday, May 26 against the Wilmington Sharks.

The Copperheads will be entering their 12th season as a member of the CPL, which has expanded again and will be fielding 15 teams in 2010. The newest member of the league is the Morehead City Marlins, who will play host to the Copperheads on the very first Saturday night of the season, May 29. It

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is the only meeting of the season between the two teams. Morehead City will play in the South Division, while the Wilson Tobs have been shifted to the North Division. The CPL will now have three five-team divisions.

The Copperheads, who will be coached next summer by Donnie Wilson, an assistant under former head coach Tim Murray in 2009, will step out of the CPL for two early-season

home exhibition games against teams from the Carolinas-Virginia Colleague League – Catawba Valley on Sunday, May 30 and Kernersville on Tuesday, June 1. While the CPL opener is May 26, Copperhead fans can get a sneak preview of the team on Tuesday night, May 25 when they take on Randolph County Post 45 in an exhibition game at McCrary Park.

After opening the CPL season at home

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HOME AWAY

ALL HOME GAMES AT 7:05 P.M. • MONDAY - SUNDAY

ASHEBORO *COPPERHEADS* 2010 SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY / JUNE		25 Legion Exhibition Game	26 Wilmington	27 @ Gastonia	28 Thomasville	29 @ Morehead City
30 Exh. vs. Catawba Valley	31 @ Martinsville	1 Exh. vs. Kernersville	2	3 Florence	4 @ Wilson	5 Gastonia
6 Martinsville	7 @ Forest City	8 Forest City	9 @ Thomasville	10 @ Gastonia	11 Gastonia	12 @ Thomasville
13 @ Forest City	14	15 Forest City	16 @ Thomasville	17 @ Forest City	18 @ Martinsville	19 Thomasville
20 Gastonia	21 @ Gastonia	22 Martinsville	23 @ Martinsville	24 Thomasville	25	26 Forest City
27	28 Martinsville	29 Gastonia	30 @ Gastonia			
JULY				1 Forest City	2 @ Forest City	3 Wilson
4	5 Martinsville	6 @ Thomasville	7 Thomasville	8 @ Forest City	9 Thomasville	10
11 Forest City	12 @ Martinsville	13 Martinsville	14 @ Thomasville	15 Gastonia	16 @ Martinsville	17 Forest City
18	★★★★ July 19-20 CPL Fan Fest & All-Star Game @ TBA		21 Thomasville	22 Martinsville	23 @ Outer Banks	24 @ Petersburg
25 @ Gastonia	26	27 @ Thomasville	28 @ Forest City	29 @ Gastonia	30 Gastonia	31 @ Martinsville
AUGUST						
1 Fayetteville	2	3	AUGUST 4-14 Petitt Cup Playoffs			

Copperheads To Host State Legion Tourney

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McCrary Park, the Coastal Plain League worked with the Copperheads with regard to scheduling. The Copperheads will play on the road July 23-29, but will play 11 of their first 17 games in July at home.

“We’re excited and honored to have been selected to host the 2010 state American Legion tournament,” said Ronnie Pugh, a member of the Copperheads’ ownership group and also the head coach for Post 45. “It’s going to be a huge undertaking that will take support from the entire community to make it successful, but we believe the Copperheads, Post 45, the Kiwanis Club and the Asheboro/Randolph County community will rise to the occasion.”

“This is a huge feather in Asheboro’s cap,” said Tammy O’Kelley, executive director of the Randolph County Tourism Development Authority. “It’s really an honor for Asheboro. This will have huge implications for our area hotels, restaurants and attractions. It’s going to bring a lot of people into Asheboro and Randolph County.”

The 2010 tournament will mark the 11th year under the current format. Prior to that, the state champion was determined by a playoff series format from start to finish. But in 2000 the switch was made to an eight-team tournament after all four state areas had determined their champion and runner-up in the traditional series format.

Caldwell County (Lenoir) was the host of the first state tournament and it has been held in subsequent years in Garner (twice), Cherryville, Fayetteville, Salisbury, Shelby, Thomasville, Gastonia, and in Greenville last summer. Shelby has also hosted the Southeast Regional and the American Legion World Series in recent years.

Copperhead Classic At McCrary Park April 5-9

The 2010 Copperhead Classic will be played at McCrary Park April 5-9 and will feature six Randolph County High School teams.

Asheboro, Southwestern Randolph, Randleman, Eastern Randolph, Providence Grove and Trinity will all be taking part. The complete schedule will be announced in our next newsletter in January.

2010 Schedule

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on May 26, the Copperheads will travel to Gastonia on May 27 and then return to McCrary Park on Friday, May 28 to face Thomasville in the first of 12 meetings between the league’s closest rivals. The Copperheads’ final regular season game will be at home on Sunday night, Aug. 1 vs. Fayetteville.

The league’s all-star festivities will be held July 19-20 at a location to be announced soon.

Eight teams will qualify for the CPL playoffs that are scheduled to begin Aug. 4. Each round will be best-of-three series with the higher seeded team hosting two of three games if necessary.