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2018 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 25

At the Acclaimed Ocean Course
(dubbed the "Pebble Beach of the East")
The Country Club at New Seabury
95 Shore Drive West, Mashpee, MA 02649

12pm Registration
1pm Shotgun Start / Scramble Format
5:30pm Dinner (cash bar) / Golf Prizes / Raffle /
Silent Auction

Cost: \$195/player or \$700/foursome
(Register a foursome and save \$80)

Hole Sponsor: \$150

Includes: Dinner Reception, Greens Fees
and Golf Carts, Prizes for Top 3 Teams.
Dinner-Only Option: \$50 per person

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COMMODORES CONNECTION

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COMMODORES DRAFTED BY MLB IN 2017

KEVIN MERRELL
Oakland Athletics

CORBIN MARTIN
Houston Astros

JJ MATIJEVIC
Houston Astros

MICHAEL GIGLIOTTI
Kansas City

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Seattle Mariners

EVAN SKOUG
Chicago White Sox

STEPHEN VILLINES
New York Mets

MATT MCLAUGHLIN
Colorado Rockies

TATE BLACKMAN
Chicago White Sox

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Pittsburgh Pirates

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New York Mets

BRADY PUCKETT
Miami Marlins

BRYCE MONTES DE OCA
Washington Nationals

BRAC WARREN
San Francisco Giants

BRENDAN KING
Chicago Cubs

TURNER LARKINS
Toronto Blue Jays

JUSTIN HOYT
Los Angeles Dodgers

PAUL BALESTRIERI
St. Louis Cardinals

COBI JOHNSON
Los Angeles Angels

DEACON LIPUT
Los Angeles Dodgers

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Miami Marlins

JOSHUA BREAUX
Houston Astros

JARED PRICE
Miami Marlins

JEFFREY PASSANTINO
Chicago Cubs

FALMOUTH COMMODORES 2017 SEASON IN REVIEW

By Conner Peters,
Nick Perito,
& Mike Murray



The Falmouth Commodores' 2017 season was truly a spectacular sight to behold for all the fans who attended games at Guv Fuller Field. The story actually began in 2016 when the beloved hometown team fell to the Y-D Red Sox two games to one in the Cape Cod Baseball League Championship Series.

The Commodores were saddened to see assistant coaches Brad Stoll and Jack Marder depart after years of hard work and dedication to the organization. With two positions open, General Manager Eric Zmuda and Manager Jeff Trundy hired Kansas native Brett Becker as third base coach and 2009 Falmouth Commodore Hunter Morris to coach first base. Mike Landry the long-standing pitching coach did return for the 2017 season.

The 2017 season began slowly as the team started 0-3, and were playing only .500 baseball by the end of the first month. But as June turned into July, the team ripped off six straight wins to position themselves for a chance at winning the Western Division Regular Season Crown at the all-star break. Speaking of the All-Star game, the Western Division All-Stars were managed by Falmouth's own Jeff Trundy! Accompanying him were five of his players, chosen to represent the Commodores and showcase their talent. Those players were second baseman Clayton Daniel from Jacksonville State, shortstop

George Jancha from Texas A&M, first baseman Alec Bohm from Wichita State, starting pitcher Kyle Bradish from New Mexico State, and relief pitcher Mitch Miller from Clemson.

Throughout the 2017 season, the Commodores routinely showcased their ability to hit both for average and for power. In a collective effort, by the end of the season, the Dores ranked second in the league for overall batting average, batting .267 as an entire club. Leading the way were the bats of Alec Bohm, Clayton Daniel, George Jancha, and Josh Breaux, to name just a few. Alec Bohm ranked second in the league for batting average, logging 154 at-bats with an average of .351. Meanwhile, Marty Bechina finished second among Cape League home run leaders with 8 long balls. The Commodores' success at the plate translated into great offensive production, as the team scored a total of 224 runs on the season, tying the Brewster Whitecaps to lead the league. Combined with solid pitching from both the starters and the bullpen, the team quickly became a serious contender to win the Western Division.

As hoped, the Commodores did just that, finishing the season with a 24-19-1 record, and winning the Western Division Regular Season Title for the second consecutive year! Along the way, Jeff Trundy accomplished a milestone

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Visit our new website for all the latest news on the Commodores!
www.falmouthcommodores.com

GEORGE CREIGHTON SCHOLARSHIP

The Falmouth Commodores award scholarships to high school seniors who are residents of Falmouth. This scholarship is awarded each year in memory of George Creighton, a long-time volunteer and past president of the Falmouth Commodores.

2017 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



CHLOE LEOEUF
Chloe is attending Lewis & Clark College.



CONNER PETERS
Conner is a freshman at Lasell College.



SABRINA GILLIS
Sabrina is attending Westfield State University.



JARED MARTINO
Jared is attending Florida Gulf Coast University.



JACOB HARTZLER
Jacob is attending Roger Williams University.



ARTHUR ROBICHAUD
Artie is attending Westfield State University.

CROW'S NEST

NOW AVAILABLE ...

WATCH THE COMMODORES PLAY FROM THE BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE!

VIP deck seating right behind home base



\$200 for 5 people (each additional person \$25 – maximum number of occupants: 10)

Includes:

- Seating for 6 people (standing room for additional 4)
- Complimentary hot dog or hamburger and drink
- Free program book
- Game stat sheet

To check availability and reserve your VIP seating for a 2018 Falmouth Commodores home game, contact Linda Peters at info@falmouthcommodores.com

BASEBALL CLINICS

Sharpen your baseball skills ... learn from the 'Pros of the Future!' America's finest players from the best college programs will be on hand to help you work on your hitting, base running, infield/outfield play, pitching, catching and more.

4-day SUMMER SESSIONS, 9-11:30 am (see website for specific dates and cost/session).

TWO DIFFERENT LEVELS OFFERED:

- Rookie Clinic (ages 5-12, instruction adapted based on age)
- Elite Clinic (ages 11-14 with significant experience)

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION:
falmouthcommodores.com/clinic

KIDS CLUB

The Falmouth Commodores are the first and only team in the League to have a Kids Club! The goal is to provide kids with fun, exclusive activities before and after home games, and facilitate interaction between the kids and the stars of the summer – the baseball players! This year we have even more exclusive activities planned...

THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP IS \$20 PER CHILD FOR THE 2018 SEASON. BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Commodores Kids Club Membership Card
- Falmouth Commodores Sticker & Lanyard
- Star Wars Night – July 1 w/DIY Lightsaber
- Run The Bases at select games
- Stand with the Player for Anthem at select games
- Trick or Treat at the Field – Friday July 13
- One-Time 20% discount in the Commodores Souvenir Shack
- Super Hero Night – July 25

And more...Go to falmouthcommodores.com/kids-club/ to sign up and for the most up-to-date information.

HOST FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

How many host families does it take to field a team? Answer: Enough to provide housing for a roster of 30 Commodores players during the 10 weeks of summer baseball. Our host families play a significant and vital role in the Commodores organization by providing a summer home to our players, and we are grateful to each and every family for their dedication and generosity each season. They open their homes to these young men and make them a part of their families. The



The Lang Family with Cameron O'Neill

Lang family is one such family, now in their third year of hosting. When asked about their experience, here is what host parents Darrin and Kim had to say... "We thoroughly enjoyed our 2 seasons hosting Commodores players. Brac Warren from the University of Oregon, our first player, fit right in with our family. When he wasn't at the baseball field, he was either jumping on the trampoline with [host sister] Abbie or playing basketball or cards with [host brothers] Timmy & Andrew. We were beyond excited when we heard the news last June that he was selected by the San Francisco Giants in the MLB (Major League Baseball) draft!"

"Our second player, Cameron (Cam) O'Neill from Holy Cross, was also an amazing young man who helped make our summer one to remember. The kids learned some mean ping pong strategies from Cam, and we made many trips to our favorite ice cream store together. It will be easy for us to keep in touch, as Cam is from Lynn, MA. He met us in Worcester, MA in the fall for one of Tim's baseball games; has visited Darrin at work in Boston; and we are hoping to get to Holy Cross for a baseball game this spring. We have loved sharing our home with Commodores players the past 2 years and are so glad we were able to do it! It is an amazing experience!" If you would like to become part of the Commodores family by hosting a player, please visit <https://falmouthcommodores.com/volunteer/host-families> and contact Donna Curtis at dkurtis@capecod.net. While you're visiting our website, be sure to watch the FCTV (Falmouth Community Television) video exclusive, "Commodores Host Families." Hosting leads to lifelong bonds and friendships. Today's Falmouth Commodore may be tomorrow's MLB star! Become a part of this amazing journey.

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only few Cape League coaches have reached by winning over 400 games in his 19 seasons at the helm. The organization was also awarded the coveted President's Cup for their professionalism on and off the field.

Unfortunately, the Commodores' season came to an early end when they fell to the Wareham Gateman in the first round of the playoffs. Even though the team stopped just short of their ultimate goal, everyone involved with the Falmouth Commodores can agree that 2017 was a summer for the ages, filled with great players, cool nights at Guv Fuller Field, and the creation of plenty of baseball memories.

CHUCK STURTEVANT AND JEFF TRUNDY RECOGNIZED FOR LIFETIME OF SERVICE



Chuck Sturtevant (left) is former general manager of the Falmouth Commodores, and past president, treasurer, and now a lifetime member of the Commodores Board of Directors. He is

also a former Bourne Braves general manager. Chuck was honored as a member of the 2017 class of inductees into the Cape Cod Baseball League (CCBL) Hall of Fame. He currently serves as President of the CCBL.

Jeff Trundy (right) will be celebrating 20 years as manager of the Falmouth Commodores. His involvement with the CCBL started as assistant manager for the Cotuit Kettleers. In 1997, Jeff became an assistant coach for the Commodores; in 1999, he assumed the position of head coach/field manager in Falmouth. Last season, Jeff reached a milestone of more than 400 wins.

GUV FULLER FIELD RECEIVES MAJOR GRANT TO REVITALIZE FIELD AND FACILITIES

On April 9, 2018, The Town of Falmouth Board of Selectmen approved a \$477,815 Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant at the request of the Falmouth Recreation Department and the Falmouth Commodores to support much-needed improvements at Guv Fuller Field. This is the home field of the Commodores and the Falmouth High School Baseball team. The application process for this grant began last spring, was approved by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) in November, and as a final step, was endorsed by the Town. There are several planned improvements including the installation of an electronic wheelchair lift within the newly renovated press box providing handicap access to the 2nd floor. This will allow participation in the sports media internships offered by the Commodores and viewing of games from the new Crow's Nest observation deck. In addition, safety netting on steel poles will be installed along the home and visitors' sides of the field to protect spectators. The CCBL contributed \$13,000 towards the netting as a league-wide effort to improve safety at games. Other improvements include new state-of-the-art dugouts for both sides, bleachers on the visitors' side, a brick backstop, chain-link fencing, and new walkways will be constructed. All construction will be compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and will add not only significantly improved and safer facilities but will allow spectators with limited mobility to view the field from more areas. The Commodores' "Grant Team" contributed significantly to the design of the project and submission of the grant. Implementation of the improvements will be shared by the Recreation Department and the Commodores with assistance from the Department of Public Works. The estimated completion date will be spring 2019 for all improvements.