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# COMMODORES CONNECTION

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## FALMOUTH COMMODORES AND CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE (CCBL) DOMINATE 2020 MLB DRAFT

The 2020 Major League Baseball (MLB) draft was unusual in many aspects mainly due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The usual June event was delayed to July and the number of rounds for selecting players was dramatically reduced from 40 to 5. That meant instead of drafting 1268 players in 40 rounds, it was reduced to 160 players chosen from colleges and high schools in the U.S. and abroad. This represented a sharp reduction in amateur players making it into the MLB system. Not surprisingly, the CCBL and the Commodores fared very well. Of the 160 players selected who played in the Cape Cod Baseball 73 or 46% of the players picked with 9 being former Falmouth Commodores being drafted and 3 highly qualified players signing as free agents.

### CARON MIODZINSK

Round 1, #31st pick overall – Pittsburgh Pirates

### ZACH DELOACH

Round 2, #43rd – Seattle Mariners

### TREI CRUZ

Round 3, #73 – Detroit Tigers

### SAM WEATHERLY

Round 3, # 81st – Colorado Rockies

### SPENCER STRIDER

Round 4, #126th – Atlanta Braves

### LOGAN HOFFMAN

Round 5, #138th – Pittsburgh Pirates

### BARON RADCLIFF

Round 5, #146th – Philadelphia Phillies

### SHANE DROHAN

Round 5 #148th – Boston Red Sox

### HAYDEN CANTRELLE

Round 5, #151st – Milwaukee Brewers

### THOMAS GIRARD

Free Agent – Baltimore Orioles

### JACKSON COUTTS

Free Agent – Washington Nationals

### AUSTIN LANGWORTHY

Free Agent – Detroit Tigers

## CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE AND THE FALMOUTH COMMODORES ARE BACK FOR 2021



### PLAY BALL!

We in June expect to hear this at the first home game of the Falmouth Commodores at Guv Fuller Field to open the 2021 Cape Cod Baseball League season. It has been a troubling year with the Covid-19 pandemic, which among many other things caused the cancellation of the 2020 CCBL season: the first time a season has been cancelled since 1945! Now with the availability of various high-efficacy vaccines and a community that is anxious to return to some level of normalcy, the Falmouth Commodores will be playing 40 games this season.

While many concerns regarding the Covid-19 virus linger, optimism is prevailing as the arrival of players from colleges across the county is expected in early-mid June. It is unclear what, if any, restrictions will remain in regards to occupancy limits, masking, and social distancing when attending Commodores games. However, we are hopeful that the outdoor venue as well as the vaccine availability will provide for a full and eventful season. So come see the Commodores this summer at Guv Fuller Field and see America's favorite pastime played by some of the best amateur players in the country.

## GUV FULLER FIELD IMPROVEMENTS 2021

The planned Guv Fuller Field renovation project scheduled for construction in 2020 got sidetracked due to the Covid-19 pandemic; however it is on track for construction in September of 2021. The original approvals of the funds from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) (approved in December 2019) and the Falmouth Town Meeting (delayed until September 2020) was for an amount thought to be more than sufficient to cover the entire project. However, construction and material costs dramatically increased during the pandemic resulting in insufficient funding following the bidding process. Tremendous flexibility shown by the CPC and the Town were exhibited as an urgent funding request was approved by the CPC for an additional \$314,045 bringing the total funding of the project to \$1,055,336. Final approval is anticipated at the Falmouth Town Meeting scheduled for June. The major renovation will include new safety fencing, dugouts and visitor bleachers. All new walkways and dugouts will meet the guidelines for the American Disability Act, a feature that did not previously exist.

Visit our website for all the latest news on the Commodores! [www.falmouthcommodores.com](http://www.falmouthcommodores.com)

## IN MEMORIAL AL IRISH



As a 6-year-old boy Al Irish attended his first Falmouth Commodore baseball game of the Cape Cod Baseball League at the "original" field in Falmouth Heights in 1925. He was an extraordinarily dedicated supporter

who volunteered with the team throughout the years. He was a lifetime member of the Commodore's Board of Directors and team historian. In 2019 Al attended his last Falmouth Commodore game by throwing out the first pitch. Al Irish passed away on February 20, 2021 at the age of 101.



## 2021 SUMMER 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.

Clinics are offered Tuesday-Friday from 9am -11:30am,  
June 22nd (Session 1) through July 30 (end of Session 6).

THREE DIFFERENT LEVELS OFFERED:

ROOKIE (ages 5-7: drills, games, pitching and 'fun')  
ADVANCED (ages 8-10: more advanced than Rookie)  
ELITE (ages 11-14 with significant experience)

Registration & Information: [falmouthcommodores.com/clinic](http://falmouthcommodores.com/clinic)

ALL FALMOUTH COMMODORES CLINICS ARE HELD AT  
GUV FULLER FIELD, 790 MAIN STREET, FALMOUTH

# 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. Mr. Creighton was very active in youth sports and baseball in particular. The scholarships are awarded in recognition of student sports participation, academic achievement, volunteerism and financial need. If you have any questions or need more information, contact Sean Gallagher at [ssgdc@aol.com](mailto:ssgdc@aol.com).

## 2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**LIADAN GALLAGHER** – Liadan is a graduate of Falmouth Academy. She has enjoyed attending Falmouth Commodores games over the years, and for the past 2 years she has had the honor of singing the National Anthem during the opening ceremonies of several games. Attending Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

**SOPHIA GILLIS** – Sophia has been involved with the Falmouth Commodores for a number of years and has helped organize the annual Commodores golf tournament. A graduate of Sturgis Charter Public School, Sophia is attending Bridgewater State College.

**LUCAS JOHNSEN** – Lucas is a graduate of Falmouth High School. Since 2012, Lucas and his family have been a host family to over 20 Commodores players. Attending Framingham State University.

**JAKE MCKENZIE** – For several years, Jake and his family have been involved with the Falmouth Commodores as a host family to Commodores players. Jake is a graduate of Falmouth High School attending Bryant University.

**CALISTA SHANK** – A graduate of Falmouth High School, Calista has enjoyed working in the concessions stand at Falmouth Commodores games over the past several years. Attending University of Delaware.

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# 2020 COMMODORE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



## KEVIN NEWMAN

Kevin Newman is currently a short-stop with the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was drafted in 2015 by Pittsburgh in the first round as the 19th overall pick. Kevin is originally from Poway, CA and attended the University of Arizona. Kevin was a Falmouth Commodore in 2013 & 2014 with a batting average of .375 and .380, respectively. He is the only CCBL player ever to have won the Batting Title 2 years in a row. Since joining the major leagues in 2018 Kevin has an overall batting average of .293 in 584 at bat appearances with 12 HRs.



## CLIFF PENNINGTON

Cliff is an 11-year Major League Baseball veteran, playing from 2008-2018. He played for 5 different teams while making his debut with the Oakland Athletics, the same team that drafted him in the first round, 21st overall. Cliff was born and raised in Corpus Christi, TX, and attended Texas A&M University as a baseball player, where he is currently an assistant coach. As a Falmouth Commodore in 2004, Cliff helped lead the team to the divisional championship. Cliff impacted the team with both his advanced defensive prowess at SS and solid contributions with the bat, hitting .277 with 3 HRs, 21 RBIs, and 21 stolen bases.

## SAVE THE DATE

CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE  
HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY  
NOVEMBER 21, 2021, 9AM  
Wequassett Resort and Golf Club, Harwich, Mass.

## FOR A SUMMER TO REMEMBER... HOST A PLAYER!

CREATE A LIFELONG BOND AND GREAT FAMILY MEMORIES FOR A LIFETIME.



The Ahern family with Matt Trehub.

Host families are vital to the Commodores organization. With a roster of 30 players, it takes a number of dedicated and generous individuals to provide a loving summer

home environment for these young men. The experience is one-of-a-kind, and lifelong relationships often are built.

The Commodores greatly appreciate all that their host families do for their players and the team. We could not field a team without the generosity and contributions of each and every host family.

If you are interested in hosting a Falmouth Commodores player, please visit [falmouthcommodores.com](http://falmouthcommodores.com) and click on "Become a Host Family." For more information about hosting, contact Lisa Zmuda at [lisatz143@comcast.net](mailto:lisatz143@comcast.net).

## CROW'S NEST

NOW AVAILABLE ...

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

VIP deck seating right behind home base



### FAMILY PACKAGE:

\$100 for up to 4 people (each add'l person \$25 – maximum: 10)  
**INCLUDES:**  
Seating for 6 people (standing room for additional 4)  
• Complimentary Program Book (up to 4)  
• \$10 in 50/50 raffle tickets  
• \$10 Shack Cash (for apparel and hats)  
• Game Stat Sheet

### CORPORATE PACKAGE:

\$300 for up to 10 people  
**INCLUDES:**  
Seating for 6 people (standing room for add'l 4)  
• 5 Complimentary Program Books  
• \$25 in 50/50 raffle tickets  
• Food Servers (cost of food not included)  
• Game Stat Sheet  
• Group picture  
• Call-out from Announcer

To check availability and reserve your VIP seating for a Falmouth Commodores home game, contact us at [info@falmouthcommodores.com](mailto:info@falmouthcommodores.com)