



Robert E. Kunkle
April 14, 1908 - August 17, 1984

KUNKLE FIELD REDEDICATION May 28, 1990

On May 30, 1970 at the dedication ceremonies for its new baseball field in Boro Park the newly formed Mount Joy Athletic Association announced that the new facility would be named Kunkle Field in honor of Robert K. Kunkle who had been a long time sponsor of youth baseball in Mount Joy.

Today, twenty years later, the Athletic Association again wishes to pay tribute to the late Mr. Kunkle by rededicating Kunkle Field as Kunkle Memorial Field in his memory.

Mr. Kunkle was a local businessman who loved the game of baseball and wanted to provide an opportunity for the youth of Mount Joy to learn and play the game.

He was the sole organizer, sponsor and manager of midget-midget and junior-midget baseball in Mount Joy for 28 years, 1941-1969, until the Mount Joy Athletic Association was formed and took over responsibility for the youth program.

Even after the formation of the M.J.A.A. he stayed involved by serving as one of the original Directors of the Association and also contributed monetarily to the Association until his death in August 1984.

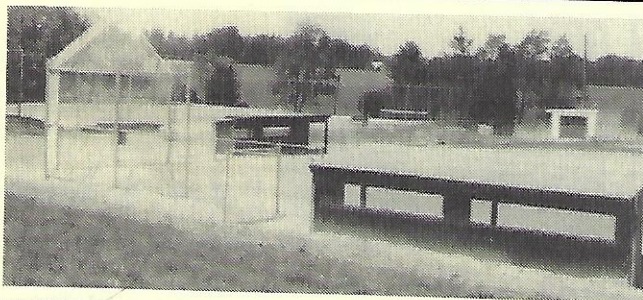
Mr. Kunkle also helped organize the Susquehanna Midge-Midget and Junior-Midget Baseball Leagues and served as their President for many years. Mount Joy still has six teams playing in these leagues which are over twenty-five years old.

So today on behalf of the many hundreds of Mount Joy boys that benefited from Mr. Kunkle's generosity and countless hours of volunteer involvement, the Mount Joy Athletic Association, many of whose members played for Mr. Kunkle, wishes to honor his memory by rededicating Kunkle Field, Kunkle Memorial Field.

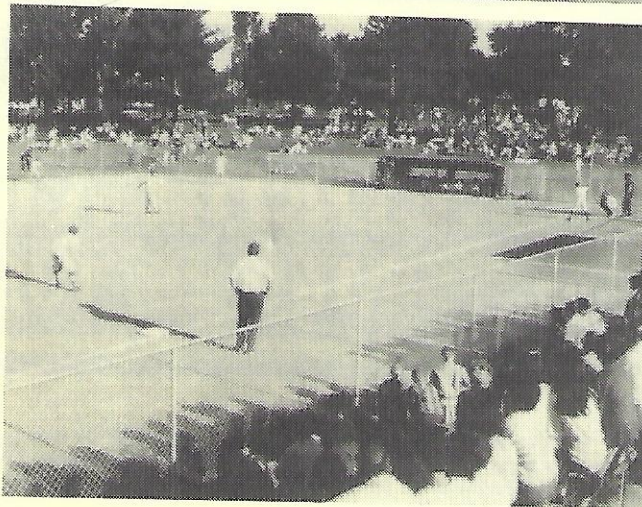


MOUNT JOY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Kunkle Field upon completion. Photo taken on May 30, 1970.



Action during first game played on the New Kunkle Field, May 30, 1970. Mount Joy versus Florin Jr. Midgets. Florin won 3-0 on a one hitter by Rick Hilt.



Dedication ceremony of the New Kunkle Field on May 30, 1970. Included were (l to r) Maude Kunkle, Robert Kunkle, Henry Becker, Barry Etsell.



20 years of providing athletics for

The Mount Joy Athletic Association was formed in 1969 for the youth of Mount Joy and who wished to participate in athletics.

The first meeting was held August 19, 1969 at the Mount Joy Community Center. Prospective members in attendance elected the following officers for the first year; George McCue - president, Barry Weber - secretary, and Henry Becker - treasurer.

Serving as Directors in that first year were; Robert Kunkle, John Day, Jim Madara, and Miles Robinson.

1970 was the first season that Mount Joy teams competed in the Association banner and the Association fielded five traveling teams (midget-15 yr. olds, midget-midget 11-12, and junior-midget). Mount Joy name and wore red uniforms while the other two (midget and junior-midget) wore blue uniforms.

In addition to the traveling teams the Association sponsored a midget program that numbered about 150 boys and competed in the Florin logo and competed in blue uniforms.

All home games that first year were played at the new Kunkle Field. Approximately 30 games were played at Kunkle that season with the Mount Joy and Florin Junior Midgets. Rick Hilt led Florin to a 3-0 victory over Mount Joy.

The Association operated that first year with a budget of \$737.35, the initial chicken BBQ (\$817.00) fee per child being the biggest additions to the Association.

Throughout the early seventies the Association at various times sponsored baseball, soccer, tennis, and bowling in addition to baseball and softball. The Association even flooded the lower tennis courts to make an ice skating rink.

In the late seventies the Association gradually consolidated its programs to the Association of today sponsoring only baseball and softball.

The 1990 edition of the Association has grown considerably since 1970.

This year the Association is led by Howard "Butch" McConville as vice-president, Dave Bernet as treasurer, and Diane McConville as secretary.

Serving as Directors in 1990 are Gary Vogel, Gene McCone, Robert Myers, and Clair Ginder.

The Association has an active membership of between 350 and 400 members.

The Association has approximately 400 boys and girls squads. Fifteen teams (eight boys, seven girls) are traveling squads. The sign-up fee for boys teams that compete in a town league. The sign-up fee has increased from the first fee of \$3.00 to the \$15.00 of 1990.

Kunkle Field is still the Association's home field and is used for all games played within its confines this year including the entire Junior and Junior Midget Tournaments.

The Mount Joy Athletic Association operates in 1990 with a budget of \$24,000.00 and raises its monies by a variety of methods. The Association is the largest contributor to the general fund with a profit of over a thousand dollars a year. The Association also has a chicken BBQ and two years ago the Association decided to accept business from local businesses. This year there are twelve businesses taking part in this program.

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