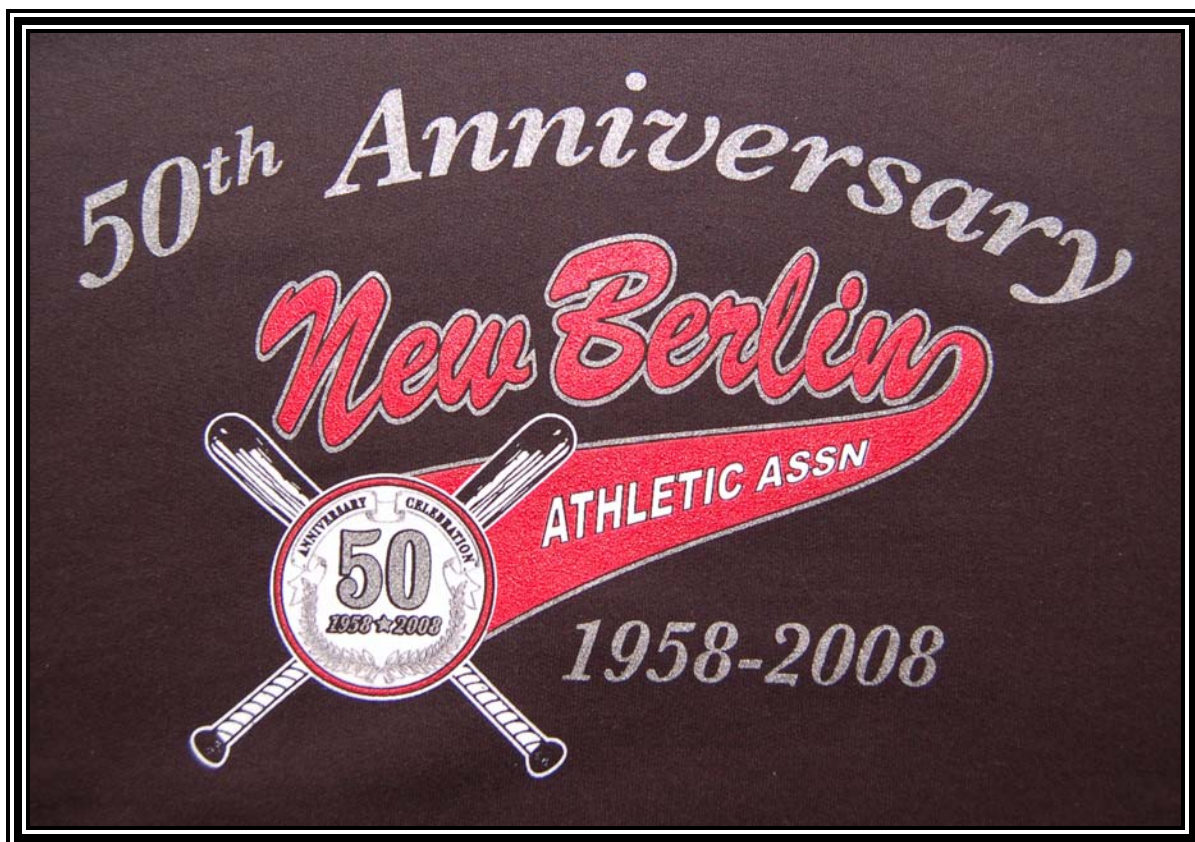


**THE NEW BERLIN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION:
50 YEARS OF QUALITY YOUTH SPORTS**







Introduction

The New Berlin Athletic Association (NBAA) began as the New Berlin Youth Athletic Program (NBYAP) with youth baseball programs that date back to 1958. This is when Lee Lange started a program at Hickory Grove School for boys, and Joe Zuniga started another group for boys at Calhoun School. It was six years later when these two groups became one league. The first commissioner was Lange.

Twenty-two boys started in Lange's group. They participated in the Waukesha County Round-up League and the New Berlin Jaycees League. Insurance costs per player were \$2 and the expenses for the first year were \$119. Jerseys, lettering, baseball equipment and a five dollar entry fee were included in the expenses, paid for by businesses in the Active Shopping Center.

The first games were played at the Arcadian Inn, because there were no baseball diamonds in the city.

In 1961, the New Berlin Jaycees formed a New Berlin Youth league. It was supported by the New Berlin Lions Club, parents, and businessmen. In 1967, Wayne Hamilton started coaching and then served as county coordinator. He said of the program; "It's for all kids to participate, no cutting. If they come out to play, they make the team."

Over the years, the number of sports has grown. Boys' basketball was added in 1966, boys' wrestling in 1967, and girls' softball in 1972. Bowling was added from 1974 to 1984, girls' basketball started in 1975, soccer was added in 1978, select boys' baseball in 2001, and most recently, in 2006, track was added to the NBAA.

The New Berlin Lakes Baseball group was formed in September, 1971 for players who wanted to continue in a league after graduation from high school. On October 25, 1971 the New Berlin Lakes Baseball Inc. officially became a member of the Eastern Division of the Land of Lakes Baseball League. The Land O' Leagues Baseball program had three separate leagues divided by age group. The Raindrops league was for boys thirteen and under, the Puddles for boys fifteen and under and the Brooks for boys eighteen and under.

In 1971, the organization was renamed the NBAA. It combined the New Berlin Youth Athletic Program and New Berlin Lakes Baseball League.





In 1981, when the Eisenhower basketball team was making its first run for the State Title, Coach Steve Gustafson commended on the NBAA program. He wanted the people of New Berlin to realize how much the New Berlin Athletic Association's basketball program had improved his own program. "We feel the school program is a waste of time," said Gustafson. "It's an intramural program, which really doesn't help the players develop their talents. In the NBAA program, the players are exposed to basketball, and they are taught to develop their talents." Teams in the NBAA had twelve players and each player had to play a certain amount of time. This created an opportunity to put focus on improving skills instead of emphasizing winning. "I think it's good that there isn't so much of an emphasis on winning," said Gustafson. "The players gain basketball knowledge, which is what they need at this time." As his final statement Gustafson said, "I just wanted to thank the parents for keeping this program alive since it's helped us so much. We're very happy with the program, and we hope it keeps up." History shows the NBAA has kept up.





TIMELINE

- 1958
 - Lee Lange starts Hickory Grove youth baseball program
 - Joe Zuniga starts Calhoun youth baseball program

- 1959
 - The New Berlin Jaycees form a New Berlin Youth League

- 1965
 - Lee Lange and Joe Zuniga form one youth baseball league

- 1966
 - Boys' basketball programs are started

- 1967
 - Boys' wrestling programs are started
 - Wayne Hamilton started coaching boys' baseball and then served as county coordinator

- 1968
 - Manager Bill Duvall and his team, consisting of Dan Duvall, Shane Mallow, John Puenta, Scott Anderson, Keith Prochnow, Rusty Buchenauer, Mark Cheslak, Bill Patterson, John Zellmer, Jeff Krautkramer, Tim Hall and Dom Leone won the eighth grade boys' basketball championship.

- 1971
 - The New Berlin Lakes Baseball program was formed for outstanding baseball players who wanted to continue in a league after high school graduation.
 - Lou Boudreau Jr. is named as first manager of New Berlin Lakes Baseball team.
 - Mayer Earl Rathke addressed athletes at the New Berlin Youth athletic Program awards night. Nearly 400 awards were given out. Jeff Jahnke received the sportsmanship award.
 - NBYAP elected new officers. President-James Plautz, Vice President-Wayne Mallow, Secretary-Donald McBride, Treasurer-Richard Kolankowski, equipment-Jack Dahlke, public relations-Bob Nelson, and player agent-Robert Wolf.





- 1972 - The organization is renamed the New Berlin Athletic Association (NBAA), combining the New Berlin Youth Athletic Program (NBYAP) and the New Berlin Lakes Baseball of the Land O'Lakes League.
- Girls' softball programs are started.
 - NBAA added Wayne Hamilton to the NBAA Board of Directors as the special activities director.
- 1974 - Bowling programs for all were started.
- Award winners in the NBAA wrestling program for seventh and eighth graders were: Mark Michelic, Bill Martin, Nick Voegeli, Russ Biddle, John Weiley, John Menzia, Mike Menzia, Bob Wegner, John Roberts, Jeff Mashlan, Jeff Everett, Bill Wisialoski, Clayton LeSag, Tom Wisialowski, Bob Doerlfer, Craig Devory, Jeff Van Den Hout, John Freudigmann, Brad Casper, Dave Groh, Bob Raebel, Tom Rockk, Tom Gehl, Jeff Johnson, Chris Spellnan, Terry Schmidbauer, Aaron Horn, Bob Heidemann, Chris Hapka, Clay Pichler, Paul Ozmanski and Scott Behnke.
- 1975 - Girls basketball programs were started.
- Dietscher's Roofing Company sponsored a group of outstanding basketball champions. They were Mike and Mark Mani, Mark Pemper, Mark Schultze, Hay McGee, Glen Bednarek, Bernard Bunjay, Brian Chapman, David Heil, Joel Suputo, Tom Woldanski, and Steve Zajicek.
 - Glen Park cheerleaders were Rosemary Cybell, Judy Jessmayn, Lisa Jacobsen, Mary Lukasik, Tracy Mat her, Judy Ritkowski, Brenda Wysocki, Tami Davis, and Lani Freitas.





- Boys' Minor City Championship went to the National Savings and Loan team. Players were Ken Bunjay, Bill Burback, John Casey, Tom Kruekne, Kevin Hall, Mark Haymond, Greg Lukasik, Bill Manske, Larry Manske, Rob Schultz, and Kurt Switalski. They were coached by Jeff and John Hall.

- 1976 - NBAA Juniors Division winners were the D'Jays. They were coached by George Sirek. The players were Bob Schick, David Kuenstler, Dan Bukowski, Paul Breitenback, Doug Trapp, Steve Arthur, Randy Rolfs, Burt Putney, Brad Puney, Larry Rutzinski, Mike Klumb, Doug Sirek, David Landstrum, and Ken Herenda.
 - Major Division winners were the Mueller Pipeliners. Players were Kevin Havelka, Dave Pacetti, Marty Mackin, Mark Jozmiakowski, Dan Voegeli, Mike Wiese, Mike Alp, Mark Rakowski, Pete Casper, Mark Duvall, and Jim Miller.

- 1977 - The New Berlin Lakes baseball team, managed by Wayne Hamilton, won the Eastern Division and the Land O' Lakes Grand Championship.

- 1978 - Soccer programs for all were started.
 - Before the start of the season, an instructional clinic was held at Eisenhower for those who had never played soccer before.

- 1981 - Eisenhower boys' basketball team took their first trip to the state tournament.
 - Eisenhower High School basketball coach commended the NBAA. "We're very happy with the (NBAA) program," said Coach Steve Gustafson. "It's really helped our program a lot."





- 1984 - Bowling programs end.
 - PR Coordinator-Betty Strege
 - Basketball Coordinator-Bill Johnson
 - County Coordinator-Wayne Hamilton
 - Soccer Coordinator-Ron Pierce & Glen Schopt
 - Wrestling Coordinator-Jim Lehrman
 - Equipment Coordinator-Randy Rolfs
 - Officiating Coordinator-Betty & Bruce Strege
 - Boys' Baseball Coordinator-Greg Jones
 - Girls' Softball Coordinator-Betty Strege

- 1985 - The County Girls' softball program for 9th -12th graders was started.

- 2000 - The New Berlin Heat select baseball program was formed.

- 2001 - Boys' select baseball state league started. 2006-Track programs started.





ATTRIBUTES AND ADVANTAGES OF THE NBAA

- Non-profit organization.
- Independent organization with New Berlin Park and Recreation assistance.
- All officers are non-paid volunteers.
- Funds are raised by sponsorship.
- Having something for young people to do.
- Encouraging young people to have fun while competing.
- No one is left out.
- Every boy and girl is guaranteed to play.
- No try outs.
- Programs start in kindergarten and end in eighth grade.
- Lets players improve skills.





PAST AND PRESENT PRESIDENTS OF THE NBAA

Lee Lange

Tron Horn

Dick Kolanowski

Jim Plautz

Don McBride

Don Jackson

Bill Johnson

Dave Brzakala

Betty Strege

Rick Kocchi

Darrell Standish

Brian Johnson

