

## **FREDERICK COUNTY DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **ADMINISTRATOR – JIM STOCKMAN -**

We would like to nominate James "Jim" William Stockman, Jr. for the Good Sports Administrator/Board Member/Coach of the Year Award. Jim was an integral member of the Frederick County and local youth sports communities, serving in an array of leadership positions including coach, treasurer, athletic director, and commissioner in many organizations, including the Frederick County Girls Softball League (FCGSL), Northeast Baseball (NE), and as a founding member of the Libertytown Recreation Council (LRC).

In performing these roles for over 25 years, Jim embodied all of the attributes that a leader strives for: honesty, dedication, preparation, mentoring, respect, ethics, integrity, teamwork, communication, and above all, trust. We could always count on Jim to be there for us, whether coaching softball to establishing practice schedules and rosters for sports teams to helping organize field cleanup days; for over 25 years, he had been. Unfortunately, Jim passed away unexpectedly on October 16th, 2013, but his legacy in positively influencing the lives of those he coached and worked with will live on forever.

### **ATHLETE – ATTICUS LEIBMAN -**

TJ exemplifies everything that is good about youth sports. TJ has played baseball in Western Howard County for many years, the last 2 on travel teams coach by Billy Smith. During his first year on Coach Smith's team, TJ unexpectedly lost his father to a battle with cancer. Since that tragic event, TJ has always shown great courage, strength and tenacity. He has proven himself to be a leader both on and off the field and is well respected and liked by his fellow teammates and his coaches. TJ always gives maximum effort and is supportive of his teammates. When asked to describe TJ, Coach Smith said, "I have never heard TJ utter a negative word about others or get down on himself. TJ is a true inspiration for all of us and a pleasure to coach." We are proud to have TJ as part of the WHC family! TJ lives with his mom, Susie, and his sister, Sam. TJ is in 8th grade at St. Louis. He also plays football.

### **COACH – ALANDUS "DOC" HILLIARD -**

exemplifies sportsmanship, patient, and a good teacher with an infectious personality ... top that off with a healthy dose of knowledge for the game ... and that's our "Coach Doc"! Not only is Doc at the top of my list for being one of our best coaches, but he is unanimously requested for by all of his former players AND parents! Doc inspires the kids and has been instrumental in the success of the team and in the enjoyment that all the kids experience in the sport as well.

Another example of Doc's commitment to community involvement is his participation in our annual league sponsored charity event. Due to the tough economic times that we are in, the league hosts a fundraiser to benefit a local community charity. We asked interested BCRC coaches to participate in a basketball game against the coaches from a sister league with 100% of the proceeds going to charity. Again, Doc stepped up to volunteer his time (injuries and all!) to help out. Doc has also been of great assistance with new coaches to the league, giving them a brief orientation, attending their 1st practice, and giving pointers to help get the team off and running. He is respected by his fellow coaches and is always available to exchange ideas and offer support.

## OFFICIAL – JOHN O’CONNELL -

Known by many now as “Big John” he has been highly involved with our youth flag football program here in Frederick County. John is passionate about the game of football and making sure league details are handled efficiently. He played in college at Towson University. We have benefited from that knowledge and passion he has for the game by his desire to be involved at every level.

John has become the head official for our NFL Flag League group and also very well known and admired by many of the coaches and players participating in our league. The reason for this is because John is always very organized and professional. He is a great communicator and understands how coaches, spectators and children need to be spoken to in a variety of situations. A key aspect of officiating youth football is the ability to greet players, parents and coaches and explain rules and calls made on the field; which of course Big John excels at. He shows great respect to coaches and players while always ensuring an environment of sportsmanship. He acknowledges players for doing the right thing on game-days.

In his 3 years involved as an official here with us he has never missed a game-day. He arrives early at the park to ensure the field is in safe playing condition and that his co-workers are prepared. Even though John is a part-time employee with us he spends countless extra hours each season helping to plan and prepare for referee trainings, field prep and game prep.

In addition to his work as a youth official John also is a lead instructor for our rec flag football clinics.