

SPORTS SCENE

Baseball Begins at Eisenhower's New Accessible Field



Among those who turned out to celebrate the opening of the new accessible sports field at Eisenhower Park with a ribbon cutting ceremony, left to right, are Rob Walker, deputy Nassau County executive; Kristine Fitzpatrick, executive director of League of YES; Nassau County

Executive Ed Mangano; County Legislator Dennis Dunne (R-Dist. 15); Norma Gonsalves (R-Dist. 13), Nassau County legislator and presiding officer; Nassau County Legislator Rose Walker (R-Dist. 17); and Matthew Dwyer, director of the Nassau County Office for the Physically Challenged.

Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano, Executive Director of League of YES (LOY) Kristine Fitzpatrick and other county leaders recently joined players from the Nassau and Suffolk LOY divisions to celebrate opening day of the 2016 baseball season and the completion of the new accessible sports field at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow.

"We were thrilled to be a part of such a special day for the special needs community," said Robert Budd, CEO of Family Resi-

dences and Essential Enterprises (FREE) in Old Bethpage. "Events like this provide a great opportunity for our men and women to get out into the community, give back to the community, interact with the community and get some real world experience, all while supporting an event for special-needs children."

The day kicked off with a performance from The FREE Players Drum Corp, one of the first special-needs drum corps to exist in the world. Then Mangano threw out the first pitch.

Amputee Golf Event Planned

The 27th annual Long Island Amputee Golf Classic Tournament and the Eastern Amputee Golf Association (EAGA) classic scramble tournament will be played at Mill Pond Golf Course in Medford June 26 to 27.

A set of Taylor made golf clubs will be raffled off, with only 250

chances to be sold at \$20 each. Overnight accommodations are available at the Hampton Inn in Farmingville, less than six miles from the golf course, at a rate of \$99 per night if booked through EAGA.

To register contact John Devine, 516 698-0588.

Powerlifters Invited to Compete

The United States Association of Blind Athletes (USABA) is inviting all powerlifters who are blind to join them for the 2016 Rocky Mountain State Games in Colorado July 30 to 31.

The sanctioned meet will hold separate competitions in powerlifting, such as bench press, deadlift and squat.

To compete contact Mark Sampson, msampson56@hotmail.com.

Refreshments for the event were provided by FREE's Terry's Café, a catering outfit operated at FREE that employs individuals with disabilities who are in-

terested in a career in the food service industry. They are trained on how a commercial kitchen operates so participants can learn about all aspects of the business.

1st Place Marathoner Congratulated



Nassau County Leg. Rose Marie Walker (R-Dist. 17), left, and County Exec. Edward Mangano, right, congratulate First Place Winner of the Long Island Marathon, Wheelchair Division, Peter Hawkins of Malverne at the finish in Eisenhower Park, East Meadow.