

# Reading Hot Stovers



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## Hot Stover Banquet 2024

**Billy Wagner and Leah Amico will be the key speakers at the 62nd Hot Stover Banquet**



The 62nd annual banquet will be held at the Double Tree Hilton in Reading January 18th 2024. The two speakers mentioned above are dynamic speakers that will be uplifting to both the baseball and softball world.

The doors will open at 5:00 , chance auction 5:15-6:15, cocktails 5:15-6:15, silent auction 5:30-7:30 and banquet dinner 6:30.

The banquet will be filled with great speakers and excellent banquet food served by the Double Tree Hilton staff.

Remember, that our main goal at the banquet is to honor the high school baseball and softball scholarship recipients and award winners. To see our

scholarship and award winners see page 3 and 4 of our special edition of this newsletter.

To watch past speakers at the banquet go to

<https://www.youtube.com/@readinghotstovers2731>

**The 11th annual golf tournament is in the books**



*If there is such a thing as a perfect day with deep blue sky and perfect fall temperatures it would have to be the day of the golf tournament. Great food on the grill, super golfing, and time for friends on the golf course to enjoy the day. We again had Mickey Morandini golfing with us and lots of time to share stories*

with him. If you missed this year's tournament stay tuned for the 2024 golf tournament date. Check out the website [readinghotstoversbaseball.com](http://readinghotstoversbaseball.com)

Also, you can check out the pictures from this year's tournament and hole sponsors on our website.



Green Acres Golf Course



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## Mark Your Calendars

- Trivia Night (TBA)
- Reading Phillies Picnic Friday June 7th, 2024
- Cornhole Tournament at Governor Mifflin Community Days June 28th—July 6th, 2024. For more information go to community days.com or [readinghotstoversbaseball.com](http://readinghotstoversbaseball.com)
- 12th Annual Golf Tournament September 28th 2024
- 63rd Hot Stover Banquet January 17th, 2025

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## New Membership Program 2024 is Here!

The Reading Hot Stovers will begin a new program starting January 2024. We will be offering a yearly membership for anyone that wants to join. You may be asking, "So what do I get for my \$20 yearly membership?" Well, first you will

receive a card that will be good for one year starting on January 1, 2024.

Second, you will receive our new quarterly newsletter that you are reading now with updates and current news of the Reading Hot Stovers. Also, you will get

\$10 off each event that you participate in with the Hot Stovers over the year. The night of the banquet you will be able to sign up, pay your dues and receive a card that will be good for one year. Tell your friends and bring them as well.



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If you have an interest in supporting our youth, community, and baseball and softball please contact us at:

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WE ARE ON THE WEB:

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**We meet the 2nd Monday of each month  
at 7 PM.  
Come join us!**

**33 West Lancaster Avenue  
Shillington, PA 19607**

In 1961 a group of local baseball enthusiasts came together to help support Berks County youth baseball leagues. Over the years it has grown to include softball. And now as we celebrate 60 plus years we proudly recognize Berks County high school baseball and softball champions as well as American Legion champs.

The Reading Hot Stovers, is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization. Over the decades, with the help of generous donors and sponsors we have been able to award close to \$200K in scholarships to Berks County student athletes who excel on the field, in the classroom, and in the community. We are proud of our legacy. We are proud of our youth.

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## Reading Hot Stovers Scholarship Legacy Fund

Hello baseball and softball fans,

Bill Ripken here, you may know me from my 12 year MLB career, being part of the Orioles' first family, and my time on MLB Network. I am writing to ask for your support of the Reading Hot Stovers Scholarship Legacy Fund. The Scholarship Legacy Fund was created to help fund college scholarships for Berks County high school baseball and softball players. This year I am pleased to be the Honorary Chairperson of this fund and am inviting you to help make the 2023 campaign a success.

Since 1961 the Reading Hot Stovers, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has been committed to supporting, recognizing, and celebrating Berks County high school baseball players, softball players, and teams. On January 18, 2024, at our 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Banquet, at the DoubleTree

by Hilton Hotel Reading, we will, once again, award multiple college scholarships to Berks County baseball and softball players who excel on the field, in the classroom, and in the community.

As we celebrate our legacy, we would like to invite you to partner with us to create your own legacy. The Reading Hot Stovers is offering the opportunity for you to support Berk County high school baseball and softball student athletes through our Legacy Fund.

Your support of the Reading Hot Stovers Scholarship Legacy Fund will assist the Reading Hot Stovers in providing college scholarships to graduating Berks County high school seniors to help them further their education. You can help create a legacy by donating to the fund. Suggested donations are \$100, \$250 or \$500. In addition, a limited number of Named Scholarship Legacy Fund opportunities are available at the \$1500 level.

All Scholarship Legacy Fund donors will receive special recognition for their generous donation at our Annual Awards Banquet. Named Scholarship Legacy Fund donors will be invited to a private pre-banquet reception with our guest speakers.

As we enter our 62<sup>nd</sup> year as a Berks County based non-profit, we would like to thank our supporters who have made it possible for us to award more than \$200,000 in scholarships. We are proud to support student athletes as they pursue their dreams. We appreciate your consideration of this opportunity to make a difference in the life of a Berks County student athlete.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.readinghotstoversbaseball.com](http://www.readinghotstoversbaseball.com) or

email us at [readinghotstovers@gmail.com](mailto:readinghotstovers@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Bill Ripken

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## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS & COLLEGE

JANUARY 18, 2024

**Marisa Berger** – Kutztown – Duquesne University,  
Reading Hot Stovers Scholarship

**Katie Behler** – Hamburg – Reading Hospital School of Health  
Sciences, Reading Hot Stovers, Jake Ryan Scholarship

**Nick Crocona**, Wilson, Ursinus College,  
Reading Hot Stovers, Bert Moore Scholarship

**Morgan Herb** – Exeter – Kutztown University,  
Reading Hot Stovers, Randy Gumpert Scholarship

**Jaydon Goebel** – Twin Valley, Pa. College of Technology,  
American Legion --- Reading Hot Stovers,  
Charles Flannery Scholarship

**Jacob Karnish** – Fleetwood – Kings College,  
Reading Hot Stovers, Legacy Fund Scholarship

**Fernando Rodriguez** – Reading High – Central Penn College,  
Reading High, MVP, -- Paul “Cooter” Jones Scholarship

**Sophia Schmehl** – Governor Mifflin, Mount St. Mary’s University,  
Reading Hot Stovers, Gabelsville Athletic Association Scholarship



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## AWARD WINNERS

<b>Tyler Minick</b>	Governor Mifflin High School
Berks County High School PIAA Baseball MVP	
<b>Kylah Reading</b>	Hamburg High School
Berks County High School PIAA Softball MVP	
<b>Governor Mifflin</b>	PIAA Baseball
Berks County High School Champion =	<b>Coach, Chris Hole</b>
<b>Berks Catholic</b>	PIAA Softball
Berks County High School Champion =	<b>Coach, Michael Smith</b>
<b>District 3 Champion</b>	PIAA Baseball 2A
Kutztown High	<b>Coach, Tim Mertz</b>
<b>Berks Legion Champion</b>	Baseball
West Lawn Owls	<b>Coach, Scott Spatz</b>
<b>Schuylkill-Berks League</b>	Baseball
Pine Grove Grovers	<b>Coach, Jim Duckenmiller</b>
<b>Berks County Second Place</b>	PIAA Baseball
Wilson	<b>Coach,</b>
<b>Berks County Second Place</b>	PIAA Softball
Kutztown	<b>Coach, Kevin Conrad</b>
<b>Berks County Coach of Year</b>	PIAA Baseball
Governor Mifflin	<b>Coach, Chris Hole</b>
<b>Berks County Coach of Year</b>	PIAA Softball
Kutztown	<b>Coach, Kevin Conrad</b>



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