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LOTS OF EVENTS COMING UP THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

READING HOT STOVERS 3RD ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT:

The next big event sponsored by the Reading Hot Stovers is the cornhole tournament held at the Greater Governor Mifflin Community Days. The event will be at the Governor Mifflin Intermediate School as part of the week of Community Days. Community Days will run from June 27 to July 5th 2025. For any interested teams that want to sign up for the event you will

be able to do so in person at the fair from June 27th through July 2nd, 2025 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Look for the Hot Stovers tent and friendly faces of the Hot Stovers board members at Community Days. You can also sign your teams up online on the Hot Stovers website. The tournament is scheduled for July 3rd with warmups at 5:45 and start time 6:00 p.m. The rain date will be July 5th, 2025.



A special congratulations to all the softball and baseball teams in Berks County that excelled and traveled through the next level of district and state tournaments. Stay tuned for more to come.



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Scholarship Applications open to July 1st

All scholarships are awarded to student athletes who not only excel on the baseball or softball field, but who also excel in the classroom & in extracurricular activities.

[The Charles Flannery Legion Baseball Scholarship.](#)

This scholarship will be awarded to a student athlete who not only excels on the legion baseball field, but who also excels in the classroom and extracurricular activities. The winner will be selected by the Flannery family in his memory.

Application and link to download the application is below

[https://readinghotstoversbaseball.com/](https://readinghotstoversbaseball.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/scholarship-application-2025.docx)

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Mark Your Calendars

Save The Date:

***Cornhole Tournament – Thursday, July 3rd at Community Days/ Governor Mifflin Intermediate School grounds**

***Saturday, September 20th, 2025– 14th annual Golf Tournament / Green Acres**

Thursday, January 15th, 2026 –Hot Stovers Banquet–/Double Tree Reading



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WE ARE ON THE WEB:

WWW.READINGHOTSTOVERSBASEBALL.COM

**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

The Legacy Fund is an important part of the Reading Hot Stovers organization that was started a few years ago. This year we are extremely fortunate to have not only one but two professional baseball players that are willing to be our honorary chairpersons of the fund.

You might be asking why this fund was started or needed. The board members felt that this was another way for people within our communities of Berks County and beyond to help us give scholarships out to baseball and softball players that are going to continue to

excel on and off the field after high school.

Over the past few years we have had several donors that gave anywhere from \$100 to \$1500.

Each year at the banquet we as a board ask a guest speaker if they will be the honorary chairperson. What was really special is that we had two speakers that didn't hesitate in saying they would be the chairperson for next year. When asked they said yes and commented that we as a small organization do so much for the good of high school kids that they really wanted to be a part of this.

So this time instead of copying the Legacy letter here I am attaching the letters of both Gary "Sarge" Mathews and Buck Showalter.

Please consider being our next donor to help our cause in supporting kids to go to post high school institution to further their academic dreams as well as their baseball or softball talents.

You can go on our website to read more and donate to this worthy cause.

Thank you again for the support you all give us whether it is a general donation, supporting our events through the year or being there to hear what we are doing next.

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Hello baseball and softball fans,

Gary Mathews here, you may know me by the nickname "Sarge" or by playing my 16-year MLB career for Philadelphia Phillies, San Francisco Giants, Atlanta Braves, Chicago Cubs, and Seattle Mariners. I am writing to ask for your support of the Reading Hot Stover's 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 2025 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 15th, 2026, at our 64th 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 65th 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 \$225,000 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 or email us at readinghotstovers@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Gary "Sarge" Mathews

Honorary Chairperson, Reading Hot Stovers Scholarship Legacy Fund, 2025

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Hello baseball and softball fans,

Buck Showalter here, you may know me for managing in the Major Leagues for 22 years with the Yankees, Diamondbacks, Rangers, Orioles and Mets. 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 2025 campaign a success.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Buck Showalter". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "B" and "S".

Buck Showalter

Honorary Chairperson, Reading Hot Stovers Scholarship Legacy Fund, 2025

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