

# READING HOT STOVERS

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### Quote of the month:

"I played my best every day. You never know when someone may be seeing you play for the first time." – **Joe DiMaggio**

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## Reading Hot Stovers

Welcome to all that will be reading this –e-newsletter. The newsletter is to be mailed out by email to all that ask for it including those that have been involved with our programs and events over the years. The e-newsletter will go out 3-4 times over the year.

### 13th Annual Golf Tournament

What a beautiful fall day to enjoy a round of golf, food, drinks, and friends on the course. Most importantly ALL of the golfers and board members helped raise money to go back in to the Hot Stovers scholarship fund account.



What a sight to see while waiting for the tournament to start

### 2025 Scholarship Winners

**Branson Adams**, Governor Mifflin, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology

**Sadie Berger**, Kutztown , Kings College

**Lily Caldwell**, Wyomissing, Wellesly College

**Pearl Caldwell**, Wyomissing, Boston College

**Eduardo Felipe-Torres**, Reading High, Penn State Hazelton Reading Hot Stovers Paul "Cooter" Jones Scholarship

**Derek Macrina** , Wyomissing, Dickinson College

**Emily Miller**, Fleetwood, Neuman University

**Alex Trevena**, Conrad Weiser, Kent State, Reading Hot Stovers Scholarship

**Ethan Weiler**, Muhlenberg, Wiedner University

**Cole Lavin**, Wilson, Charles Flannery American Legion Scholarship

**Bryce Detwiler**, Governor Mifflin, Berks Co. HS Baseball MVP

**Brianna Bausher**, Kutztown , Berks Co. HS Softball MVP

**Alex Trevena**, PA State Player of the Year, Softball 5A ,

**Governor Mifflin**, PIAA Baseball, District 3 6A Champions

**Berks Catholic**, PIAA Baseball, District 3 3A Champions

**West Lawn Owls** , Berks Legion Baseball Champions

**Muhlenberg**, United Baseball League Champions

Berks County PIAA Baseball Coach of the Year Chris Hole Governor Mifflin

Berks County PIAA Softball Coach of the Year Jim Campbell, Wyomissing



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## History of the Hot Stovers and the men and women behind the scenes of making things happen.

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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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.

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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 65<sup>th</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 \$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](http://www.readinghotstoversbaseball.com) or email us at [readinghotstovers@gmail.com](mailto:readinghotstovers@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Buck Showalter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Buck Showalter

Honorary Chairperson, Reading Hot Stovers Scholarship Legacy Fund, 2025

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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.

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Sincerely,

Gary "Sarge" Mathews

Honorary Chairperson, Reading Hot Stovers Scholarship Legacy Fund, 2025



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Thursday, January 15, 2026 at the DoubleTree Hotel, in Reading, Pa.

Doors open at 5:00 P.M. Cocktail Hour 5:15 to 6:15 PM

Chance Auction: 5:15 to 6:30 PM

Silent Auction: 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Banquet Starts: 6:30 P.M.

## **BANQUET ORDER FORM**

If you plan to attend, this will serve as your order form for tickets. Conformation will be mailed to you at the address you provide below.

**TICKET PRICE: \$85.00, if ordered & paid before December 22, 2025.**

**TICKET PRICE: \$95.00 after December 23, 2025.**

Go to [readinghotstovers@gmail.com](mailto:readinghotstovers@gmail.com) to pay online

**IF YOU ARE A READING HOT STOVERS MEMBER \$10 DISCOUNT ON YOUR TICKET**

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## 64th READING HOT STOVERS BANQUET

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual dues **\$20.00**

Your Membership Card can be picked up banquet night  
Mail the application form & check made to;

Reading Hot Stovers  
P. O. Box 6371  
Reading, Pa. 19610

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up your membership card, at the membership table at the banquet.  
Questions call – 610-777-8049 or 610-780-6786

If you look at all of the great memories on this page and were at last year's banquet you will want to sign up again for this year's banquet.

If you missed last year go online at <https://form.jotform.com/213026404909148> to sign up for the 2026 banquet. It will be held at the Double Tree Reading on January 15th, 2026.



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Banquet tickets are now available for purchase. Go to the Banquet Page to buy your tickets

The Individual and Team Award winners and the Scholarship winners have been announced. Go to the Banquet Page to see the winners

Thank you to all that attended our 63rd banquet on January 16, 2025. Go to the Banquet to see pictures of the speakers and the scholarship and team and individual award winners.

There is a new newsletter that has been released. Go to the newsletter page to check them out. Also available are the Hot Stover Legacy letters from Gary Matthews and Buck Showalter.

