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Bonedogs agree: Name is a 'curiosity'



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Terry McGrath. and Jim McGrath of the Bonedogs

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Roy Hobbs Baseball

If the Bonedogs don't make history on baseball fields this week, they may make history in the Oxford English Dictionary.

Huh?

Bonedogs may strike some as an unusual name. Bonedogs is more than that. It's also an unusual word. It has fewer than 0.01 occurrences per million words in modern written English, according to the OED website.

"It's a curiosity," Bonedog Bob Werr said Tuesday afternoon before a game at the PDC.

He added that the name is unique.

Other teams sometimes ask about it.

"I always say that the manager doesn't know how to spell," said Werr, who is a financial advisor in his non-baseball life

The manager is Jim McGrath, who sat down at a picnic table just inside the PDC main gate and explained the name.

The name's origins go back to when McGrath, 72, was a young man and playing pickup basketball games of shirrs vs. skins. That was about 45 years ago. He was so skinny he was considered bony. Hence, Bonedogs.

One of the Bonedogs is McGrath's younger brother, Terry, 69. He's become a regular at the Roy Hobbs World Series and believes adult baseball could even be more popular than it is now.

"If more people knew about it," Terry McGrath said.

Most of he Bonedogs have a Chicago connection. Jim McGrath now resides in Nashville but grew up in Chicago and attended St. Laurence High School.

He doesn't have any illusions about the team's talent.

"We're a bunch of crappy ballplayers," he said with a smile as he sat down at that picnic table by the front gate.

But he wasn't complaining about his team.

McGrath was reveling in the camaraderie of his teammates and engaging in the timeless banter of the game.

Like many Roy Hobbs players, his athletic background includes a detour into another sport. While at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama he played rugby.

He recalls having the wind knocked out of him during a

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game against Notre Dame.

But McGrath returned to baseball.

"It's what you grew up with," McGrath said. "It's amazing at 72 years old to be playing out there. What really amazes me is there are so many people our age who want to play."

Werr, 72, is one of those guys who still wants to play, win or lose.

"We have a bunch of guys who want to have a good time," Werr said.

That's not all.

"And then secondly, we'd like to see if we can be competitive," Werr said.

The Bonedogs may have more years ahead of them on ballfields. Before the game, Jim McGrath was told about two men in their 90s playing this week.

"I hope I'm still around when I'm 90," McGrath said.

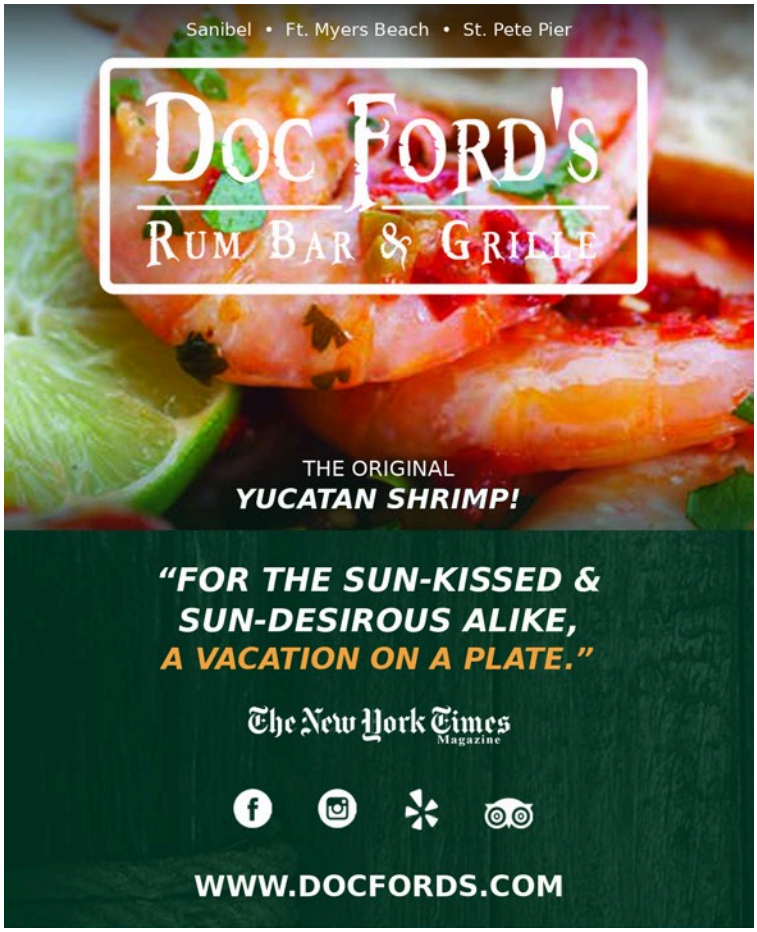
Maybe he will make some more history when he's in 90s and for something other than using a very rare word.

Meanwhile, maybe somebody should email the Oxford English Dictionary and tell the editors about these Bonedogs



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VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG RESULTS

Tuesday Results

Vintage

Akron Brewers 12, Carolina Rockies 7
Akron Brewers 17, Windy City White Sox 2
Americans Baseball 5, Long Island Express 4
Banana Sharks 26, SB Roadsters 3
Bergen Yankees 17, Village Bison 16
Border City Brewers 21, St. Louis Patriots 2
Carolina Rockies 25, Lansing Blue Jays 6
ChicagoBay Warriors 19, Blue Ridge Rangers 1
DC Rifles 21, Minnesota Goats/Twins 11
Fort Myers Cubs 10, ChicagoBay Warriors 6
Greenville Cropdusters 22, Aurora Islanders 6
Lansing Blue Jays 15, Windy City White Sox 10
Midwest Nine 18, JD's Jaguars 8
Mustangs Baseball 14, Cleveland Tribe 0
Mustangs Baseball 21, Rhode Island Rockies 6
NJ Dodgers 11, S. Maryland Blue Crabs 7
Philadelphia Cutters 20, Nova Scotia Monarchs 9
Philadelphia Iron Pigs 10, St. Louis Dodgers 8
Raynham Baseball 15, Richmond Riverdogs 3
Rhode Island Rockies 14, Bonedogs 4
Rhode Island Salty Dogs 6, Minnesota Bandits 5
St. Louis Jets 13, Huntsville Havoc 2
Tampa Stars 14, NJ Dodgers 4
Team Albany 10, Tampa Stars 4
Team Albany 21, S. Maryland Blue Crabs 19
USA Volkers Group 15, Blue Ridge Rangers 8
Washington Titans 8, Puerto Rico Orioles 3

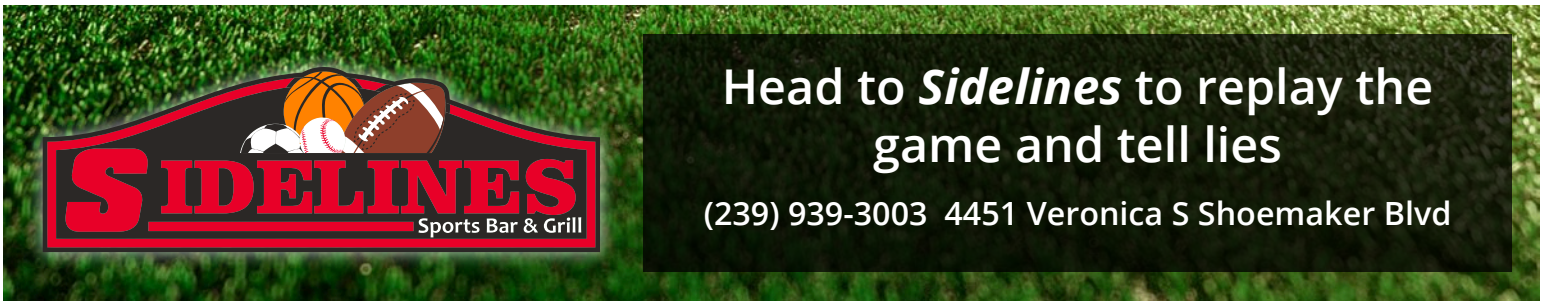


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Forever Young

Detroit 75s 11, Toledo Tigers 10
DuPage Lugnuts 13, Maiden Titans 5
Midwest Nine 16, Maine Woods 1
New Jersey Dodgers 5, Potomac Senators 3
Team America 10, St. Louis Legends 9
Team Cambria 19, Huntsville Havoc 4
White Foxes 11, Fire 7





VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG STANDINGS

Vintage Division
AAAA Playoff Standings

S	Team	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
1	Rhode Island Salty Dogs	4	0	1.000	12	6
2	Border City Brewers	4	0	1.000	14	7
3	Raynham Baseball Club	3	1	.750	15	9
4	Philadelphia Cutters	3	1	.750	24	13
6	Greenville Cropdusters	3	1	.750	29	11
5	Americans Baseball Club	2	1	.667	24	14
7	Puerto Rico Orioles	2	2	.500	26	12
8	Minnesota Bandits	2	2	.500	38	16

Vintage Division
Standings Thru Tuesday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Mustangs Baseball Club	4	0	1.000	17
Akron Brewers	4	0	1.000	19
Bergen Yankees	4	0	1.000	26
Banana Sharks	4	0	1.000	26
Fort Myers Cubs	3	1	.750	35
DC Rifles	3	1	.750	45
Team Albany	3	1	.750	45
Tampa Stars	2	2	.500	29
ChicagoBay Warriors	2	2	.500	29
Washington Titans	2	2	.500	30
St. Louis Jets	2	2	.500	31
Village Bison	2	2	.500	37
Carolina Rockies	2	2	.500	42
Rhode Island Rockies	2	2	.500	42
USA Volkers Group	2	2	.500	46
St. Louis Patriots	2	2	.500	51
Southern Maryland Blue Crabs	2	2	.500	55
Richmond Riverdogs	2	2	.500	59
Nova Scotia Monarchs	2	2	.500	60
Philadelphia Iron Pigs	2	2	.500	68
Midwest Nine	1	3	.250	47
Windy City White Sox	1	3	.250	53
Cleveland Tribe	1	3	.250	54
NJ Dodgers	1	3	.250	56
Blue Ridge Rangers	1	3	.250	63
Aurora Islanders	1	3	.250	63
Bonedogs	1	3	.250	68
Lansing Blue Jays	1	3	.250	69
St. Louis Dodgers	1	3	.250	77
Long Island Express	0	4	.000	44
Huntsville Havoc	0	4	.000	67
SB Roadsters	0	4	.000	77
JD's Jaguars	0	4	.000	80
Minnesota Goats/Twins	0	4	.000	85

Forever Young Division
Standings Thru Tuesday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Team Cambria	3	0	1.000	10
Detroit 75's	3	0	1.000	25
Maine Woods Baseball	2	1	.667	21
Fire	2	1	.667	22
Team America 75s	2	1	.667	22
Dupage Lugnuts	2	1	.667	22
White Foxes	2	1	.667	27
Maiden Titans	2	1	.667	30
St Louis Legends	1	2	.333	17
Potomac Senators	1	2	.333	27
Midwest Nine	1	2	.333	36
New Jersey Dodgers	1	2	.333	38
Kent Mudhens	0	2	.000	30
Toledo Tigers	0	3	.000	31
Huntsville Havoc	0	3	.000	41





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Vintage Division

Wednesday Schedule

FLIP A COIN FOR HOME TEAM

Wednesday is Veterans Day, be prepared for commemoration 15 minutes before game time!

9:30 AM

Aurora Islanders vs. Cleveland Tribe, PDC1
Banana Sharks vs. Mustangs Baseball, PDC3
Bonedogs vs. Windy City White Sox, PDC4
DC Rifles vs. Fort Myers Cubs, JB3
Huntsville Havoc vs. Minnesota Goats/Twins, PDC5
Lansing Blue Jays vs. Midwest Nine, LH6
NJ Dodgers vs. St. Louis Dodgers, TP3
Nova Scotia Monarchs vs. USA Volkers, JB6
Philadelphia Iron Pigs vs. St. Louis Patriots, LH4
Rhode Island Rockies vs. Washington Titans, JB4
Richmond Riverdogs vs. S. Maryland Blue Crabs, PDC2
St. Louis Jets vs. Village Bison, JB5

1:15 PM

Akron Brewers vs. Bergen Yankees, PDC5
Blue Ridge Rangers vs. Long Island Express, TP2
Carolina Rockies vs. Team Albany, PDC3
ChicagoBay Warriors vs. Tampa Stars, PDC4
JD's Jaguars vs. SB Roadsters, TP4

Forever Young

10 AM

Midwest Nine @ White Foxes, JB-S
Fire @ Maine Woods, LH-S
Kent Mudhens @ Toledo Tigers, LH3
Potomac Senators @ St. Louis Legends, TP-S
New Jersey Dodgers @ Huntsville Havoc, TP2



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Maiden Titans @ Team Cambria, TP4

1:45 PM

DuPage Lugnuts @ Team America, JB-S
Detroit 75s @ Kent Mudhens, LH-S

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NOTEBOOK

50/50 raffle

50/50 raffle tickets, to benefit the Roy Hobbs Foundation, are available each day at the Player Development Complex. Tickets are $1 apiece or 6 for $5. The drawing will be held in the patio area at the Player Development Complex at 5 PM Friday.

The Roy Hobbs Foundation was established to raise monies for research on finding a cure for Leukemia and to assist our Challenged Athlete friends.

Revenues from past RHWS have led to greater than $15,000 in contributions to MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, St. Jude Hospital in Memphis and to Southern Florida Challenger Athletes.

The ticket number will be posted on our website. You do not have to collect in person, just proof of the ticket.

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Results corrections

Please check the posted results and standings each day.

Managers should contact Tom at the Tournament Headquarters with corrections to scores: tg@royhobbs.com.

That's the best way to make sure that playoff seedings and pairings are as accurate as we can make them.

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No alcohol at sites

Roy Hobbs Baseball prohibits alcohol at all playing sites ... dugouts, inside fences and in the parking lots. Violators are subject to dismissal from the World Series, period.

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Parking

Please abide by parking guidelines, avoid no parking signs, fire lanes and curbs, and handicap spaces without a permit. Lee County Rangers are patrolling sites and will issue tickets to violators. They are not cheap.

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Water, Water Water

The heat in SW Florida can be debilitating, and overheating issues will sneak up on players. Get water every inning in the dugout!

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Playoff pitching guidelines

Roy Hobbs requirement is that all pitchers who will be starters or closers in save situations (3-run or less difference in the 8th and 9th innings) qualify for the playoffs by pitching at least 2 innings – 6 outs or 10 hitters – during pool play, if they are in the dugout starting Sunday. If they check-in after Monday's games, they must pitch 5 innings (15 outs or 25 hitters).

AAAA qualifier teams may not add pitchers to their lineup after Pool Play concludes; however, AAAA teams may bring in 2 position players after Tuesday's games, but they must play the entire first game of the playoffs with no shared lineup options.

Finally, in the playoffs, those "non-qualified" middle-inning pitchers will come to the mound from their normal defensive positions where they started the game. That is as important as the "spirit of the rule" that these *non-qualified* pitchers who are used as "inning-eaters" are players who ordinarily are playing other positions.

And, please remember that any players leaving the RHWS today (Monday) to return on Thursday MUST turn in their player ID Card and re-register upon their return. They must return before the quarterfinals of the playoffs, regardless of division.

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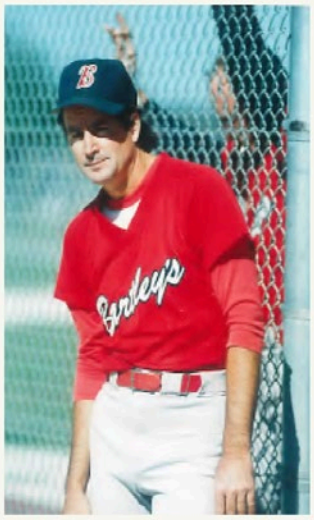
Run-rule games

Run rule is 10 runs at 7 complete innings or if home team is ahead in a scheduled 9-inning game. Scheduled 7-inning games are 15 at 5 innings.

NOTE, in the 70s & 75s divisions, if the score difference is 15 at 5 innings, umpires have been instructed to call both managers together and to offer the team on the short end of the score if they want 6 outs to bat.

As far as RH is concerned the team ahead has won, but any runs scored will count in RA, so that is an incentive to not just put anyone out there to pitch.

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Both teams must agree if the game is not continued.

If you believe a game has been ended prematurely, don't leave and ask for a field manager; he will get in touch with headquarters for adjudication.

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Please help with dugouts

Roy Hobbs Baseball and the grounds crews need your help in the dugouts.

When your games are over and you are leaving the dugout, please police it for trash and cups, etc. Your assistance in cleaning up the dugouts each day will be greatly appreciated.

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First Aid

Two key First Aid items: Drink plenty of fluids while playing; don't just wait until the game is over. Water will be available at the fields.

Second, be sure to stretch and loosen up before playing, or even re-entering a game.

In case of an emergency, contact the field manager at your site. He has the First Aid supplies and will contact 911 services as needed.

Ice is available for injuries ... check with the field manager on duty or go to the nearest concession stand to have the appropriate personnel paged. Roy Hobbs requests that managers plan for pitchers needing ice for their arms and to supply it.

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Admission, $2 a game

Admission continues at the Roy Hobbs World Series.

Admission is $2 per game or $8 for a tournament pass. The player ID card grants players access to all games in which they are not playing. Spectators will pay $2 for entrance into each complex and are good for one day at all complexes.

The $8 tournament pass is available at RH Headquarters or from the Site Concierges at each security table; there is no family pass. The tournament pass is a plastic card that guarantees admission for that person for the duration of the RHWS. A loop comes with the tournament pass card for easy attachment to purses, beltloops, etc.

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