

## Dry Tournaments on the Horizon!!!

All members,

We need to modify the TFONT culture to preserve the social meeting place better known as the “BEER TENT “. The number of dry tournaments will increase if we continue as a group to bring our own beer to the fields and consume alcohol in non designated areas.

Quite simply!!! We risk losing our fields by bringing alcohol to the games for sideline or parking lot consumption. Tournament organizers have got to the point that where they believe that Zero tolerance is unenforceable, and therefore refuse to have the permit issued in their name. (Yes, someone at every function takes responsibility by signing a formal liquor license so we can have a beer tent). Unfortunately, they become responsible for everyone who shows up with their own alcohol on site.

Now it is my turn to sign for Unionville tournament and I need your help. I do not make one cent from the Beer tent as Steve Morrell and his many volunteers use the funds to off-set the costs of running the tournament. At \$ 2.50 per beer it is not a huge money maker (when compared to the risks) and most organizer realize they can save staff and worry by holding a dry tourney and financially end up in the same place.

Call me Old School if you wish, but the Beer tent is an institution worth fighting for or at least changing our habits to protect. The future of the Beer tent will be decided by all of us at this tournament. If you are going to drink do it in the designated areas. Is paying .50 cents extra for a beer worth losing the Beer tent? Is Zero tolerance unenforceable? If so we can expect Dry tournaments from now on. I’m staking my reputation as license holder that we can police ourselves. I need your help! Times have changed we either change with them on our terms or accept that all future tournaments will be DRY. Help me save the beer tent be my eyes and encourage offenders to go to drink at the good old Beer Tent.

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Men’s Chairman.

