

Concord Sunset Baseball League (hard Ball) is said to be the oldest after supper or twilight league in the United States. Games are played at the beautiful White Park diamond where the first league game was played on June 21st, 1909.

The four original teams were the Haymakers, Old Timers, White Park and the Sluggers.

Action has been suspended twice-during World Wars I and II. William Ahern, Sr. was the first president and George Dunn, the secretary.

In the early years of the League this was the big sport's attraction of the community, with crowds of 1000 or more people frequently in attendance.

In recent years automobiles make it possible for many of our people to take up summer residences at many of our near-by lakes, or drive to their favorite golf course.

Soft ball and tennis have all brought about more emphasis from spectator sports to sports that allow many more participants. Little League and Babe Ruth League provide an opportunity for young ball players from the ages of nine through fifteen years to participate, and are followed by many parents and friends.

Attendance at Sunset League now averages 150 plus and 300 for championship series.

This year the Sunset League has five teams: Rumford Press, Ford Falcons (John Grappone, sponsor), Ferns Oilers (Ferns Oil Co., sponsor), American Junior Legion (Post 21, sponsor) and the United Life and Accident Insurance Co.

The League has provided a fine opportunity for high school, college and other players to play summer ball and to improve their game. A number of players have been signed to play professional baseball. Robert (Red) Relfe of Penacook has been the player to be the most successful in professional ball - having been the regular third baseman for the New York Yankees during the mid-thirties and forties. Later he managed the Detroit Tigers. He now is Athletic Director of Dartmouth College from which he graduated.

The community takes great pride in this League, now in its 157th year, which has provided fine instruction and game experience for players and fine wholesome entertainment for the countless numbers of fans.

The present officers and directors are: president, Edson (Red) Eastman; vice-president, Winfield J. Phillips; secretary, Andrew Ansaldo; treasurer, William David Dean; directors: Edward Dame, Sr., John P. Callahan, Raymond L. Gagne, William F. Glavin, Harold Fournier, Paul Champagne, Daniel Nyhan, Irving Edelstein, William D. Nerton, Thomas A. Curtis, Albert A. Fey, Jr. and Jeremiah C. Buckley.