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Baseball Players of Yesteryear and Today Celebrate Brooklyn's Field of Dreams: the Prospect Park Parade Ground

Brooklyn, NY - To celebrate the publication of **Andrew Mele's book "The Boys of Brooklyn"** (Author House), which chronicles the exciting history of baseball at the Parade Ground, the Prospect Park Alliance hosted a "Field of Dreams" day at the Parade Ground on August 6th, 2008.

Mele and members of the **The Old Boys of Summer**, a group of former minor league baseball players (ages 50s - 70s) who get together regularly to practice and play ball, enjoyed a game against the front office staff of the **Brooklyn Cyclones**. It was a friendly but serious rematch, with the Cyclones staff – who the Old Boys beat last time they met for a game – out to avenge their previous loss. The Cyclones staff won today's game, but the Old Boys are already calling for a new rematch!

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz came to the baseball diamond to greet the players and present them with a proclamation honoring all the generations of great Brooklyn Baseball players.

The "Field of Dreams" day at the Parade Ground comes in advance of the Cyclones' special "Salute to Sandlot Baseball" night at Keyspan Stadium on August 17th, when Carl Erskine and other great Brooklyn ballplayers will be honored.

2008 is also the 125th anniversary of the only professional game ever played at the Parade Ground: on May 9, 1883 the Brooklyn team then known as the Grays took on the team from Harrisburg, Pa. in an official league contest. Brooklyn came away with the victory, 7-1.

In 2004 the Parade Ground reopened after an extensive \$15 million renovation undertaken by the Prospect Park Alliance. There are a total of eleven state-of-the-art athletic fields used not only for baseball and softball, but also for soccer and other turf sports. The Parade Ground is also home to the Prospect Park Tennis Center, a playground, basketball courts, and the Park's Youth Resource Center at Bowling Green Cottage.

Photo Captions:

“MM and Group 4.jpg” = Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz (green shirt) with members of the Old Boys of Summer team and the office staff team from the Brooklyn Cyclones.

“MM and group 3.jpg” = Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz (green shirt) with members of the Old Boys of Summer team (including book author Andrew Mele, center with poster) and members of the Parade Ground Umpire Association.

“Play Ball.jpg” = Cyclones at bat.

“Poster Board.jpg” = Commemorative poster signed by members of the Old Boys of Summer team, their friends, and the office staff from the Brooklyn Cyclones.



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A recent article written by Mele on the glory day of the Parade Ground, which appeared in the Daily News, can be found online at :

http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/brooklyn/2008/07/28/2008-07-28_remembering_the_parade_ground_a_field_of.html

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