## **Newsletter**

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## PART 2: THE PEOPLE BEHIND JEEC 2014

### The ABUA-A

The Amateur Baseball Umpires' Association Austria was founded in 2010. It is an affiliated member of the ABUA mother and member of the



Austrian Baseball Federation (ABF). Our task is to support officials and to create a professional standard amongst our members, who are not only from Austria but from Germany and Switzerland too.

We are convinced by the way Jim is teaching and by his philosophy of umpiring. Therefore we try to teach

our students the same way and encourage our members to take part at least in one of Jim's clinics. As a result eight ABUA-A members have already graduated from an European Classic and two of them graduated from the 5 weeks pro course in Florida.

### **Chief Instructor Jim Evans**

Jim has has developed a distinguished and enviable career as a Major League Umpire,

> internationally acclaimed instructor, and prolific author of educational materials. It takes much too long to number all his achievments. Myself, I met Jim the first time at JEEC 2008 in Rouen/FRA. I was so impressed by the way he is teaching that I finally attended all JEEC events which

happened so far and the 5 weeks pro school too. I did a lot of other clinics and I can say that I

During the JEEC 2014 you will find out that I did not promise to much and that the 6 days will pass by very fast.

never had one that came just even close to Jim's courses.

### **Chief of Staff Dick Nelson**

Dick - or "Sarge" - as his friends call him, was a former PBUC supervisor for 19 years, serving as senior field supervisor for Major League Baseball's Umpire Developement Program. Dick has umpired and supervised every level of professional baseball.

In the 6 days of JEEC tution he will teach you the 2-Umpire-System in detail and you will be surprised how much new things you will

hear about a system you thought already to know.

### Assistant Instructor Sascha Pammesberger (AUT #44)

Myself, I am umpiring for more than 20 years, but as I always say I

first became a real umpire after attending the first JEEC in 2008. I graduated from JEAPU pro school in 2012, 3 times from JEEC (2008, 2010, 2012), graduated from IBAF umpire camp 2012, I am licenced CEB umpire since 2006 (15 CEB tournaments) and ABUA-A umpire instructor. I also hold the top umpire license of Germany.

I am working about 70 to 80 games a year, usually more than a half outside Austria and the rest in the Austrian leagues.



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Bruno started his career by attending the 2 weeks Wendelstedt school in Florida. In 2010 he took part in the JEEC 2010 like me and

finally he went to the 5 weeks pro course in Florida in 2012, where he was my room mate. Since 2006 he is CEB umpire (the same year I was starting in CEB - looks like we have a lot in common) and was appointed to an A-pool tournament for the first time in 2013.

Bruno serves as an umpire instructor in Switzerland. Together with myself he will assist Jim and Sarge in the field an

in the batting cages.

### Attnang Athletics **Baseball Club**

The A's will support us by proving us their beautiful field and the facility

around it. They also help us in the organization of certain things. Some players of them will

Assistant Instructor Bruno Hubler (SUI serve as infielders for some of the drills during one or two afternoons.

### **Amateur Baseball Umpires' Association**

The ABUA mother always has supported us since the foundation of ABUA Austria in 2010. Without their help we would not have an independant umpire

federation in

Austria, who has raised the level of umpiring in our country throughout the last few years. For the upcoming JEEC the

ABUA will support us by producing the clinic shirts and caps.

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### Honig's Europe

Honig's is the premium supplier of ABUA-A and will be there at the JEEC with some cool umpiring stuff. You have the possibility to order previously via internet (http://www.honigseurope.com) and your ordered things will be ready to pick up at the beginning of the clinic. As a JEEC participant you will get same great discounts!



### IMPORTANT!

Please note that the deadline for paying the participation fee ends on February 1st. If the fee is not payed until this date your registration is incomplete and we cannot guarantee your spot for the JEEC 2014.

If someone wants to pay later or at the beginning of the clinic he must get in contact with us. Later payment is a subject to approval by the ABUA-A. Please understand that we can only make an exception in reasonable cases.

For details please email secretary@umpire.at.