

# NECBL

## **Dear Friends in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, & Washington D.C.**

Last year in April, I organized the Inaugural NorthEast Chinese Basketball Tournament in Aston Pennsylvania and received an enthusiastic response and huge support. It was an exciting and memorable event for many people. Sadly and shockingly, just one month afterwards on May 12th - China experienced one of the most devastating earthquakes in history. Many, like my wife, had friends or family there. Within the first week, there were Chinese organizations across the United States raising donations - and their efforts are certainly commendable.

Today I am writing to invite you to participate - whether as a player, a coach, or as a fan - in the 2nd Annual North-East Chinese Basketball Tournament held **April 11, 2009 in Newark, Delaware**. Last year there were six teams, and this year all eight participating teams have decided to give a donation in remembrance of Sichuan. The groups included are China Club's Delaware Dragons, George Washington University, Johns Hopkins CSSA, Lehigh University CSSA, South New Jersey, Temple University CSSA, Towson University, & University of Pennsylvania. I'd like to express here my thanks to all the players, captains, and supportive family members. As you know - no team can be great without their fans and supporters.

In America, there is a famous "[www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org)," where teams of people take turns just walking/running around to raise donations and remember loved ones lost to cancer. So it gave me the idea to use this year's NECBL Tournament to remember those affected in Sichuan and also create a four-state community event. Additionally, basketball is becoming a 'power' sport: just as ping pong helped strengthen the U.S. and China during the Nixon years - perhaps basketball is 'that' sport now - thanks to figures like Yao Ming, Yi Jianlian, and Sun Yue Americans of any race or color knows that "They are from CHINA."

Friends, this is an amazing game to play and to watch. Let's enjoy, together, a great tournament on April 11th. I hope you can come participate, make new friends around this region, and donate to remember those in Sichuan.

Sincerely yours,

*Peter Ran (NECBL Organizer), Peter Du (Assistant Organizer | UPenn Captain), Shao Qiushi (Assistant Organizer | Delaware Dragons Co-Captain), & David Zhang (Assistant Organizer).*

# China Club of Delaware 欢迎你！

春天已经来临，万物复苏. 这不正是一个舒展胫骨的好季节！

在即将来临的4月11日, 我们将迎来盛大的NorthEast Chinese Basketball League. 此次篮球比赛，共得到University of Delaware, George Washington University, Johns Hopkins University, Lehigh University, South New Jersey , Temple University, Towson University& University of Pennsylvania 七所大学的大力支持！有朋自远方来，不亦乐乎。在此，请允许我们China Club of Delaware向远道而来的参赛选手们表示热烈的欢迎。希望此次比赛能够给中国大学生和教职员工一个交流学习的平台，能让我们共同进步，增进彼此的感情。

最值得一提的是去年的四川大地震, 它让我们看到了残酷的自然灾害带给我们身心上的巨大创伤。同时我们也感受到了，当中国人团结在一起，什么困难和挫折都能战胜。此次篮球比赛为四川的募捐活动，也非常感谢所有学校的支持配合，希望这些微薄之力能够帮助一些灾区的学校。

最后，我们以本次比赛东道主的身份再次欢迎大家，希望在场各位发挥出自己实力，为这次比赛增彩。

预祝此次比赛圆满成功！

China Club of Delaware | Co-Captains李雯泉, 林慕辰, 邵秋实

比赛时间：10am April 11,2009

Parking地址：17 West Main St Newark, DE 19713

比赛地址：Bob Carpenter Sports Center