

## SWBL New Additions



St. Louis is the Gateway to the West. Known for the Arch, great frozen custard, Budweiser, Nelly, gooey-butter cake & cookies, toasted ravioli, the Blues & Cardinals, and The Blur. Yes, The Blur ladies and gentleman. The historic Wiffleball field, home to the Skibbe Wiffleball League. It is also the soon-to-be awarded National Field of the Year by the National Wiffleball League Association (NWLA). A few off-season updates make The Blur stand out from the rest.

### **New Fence:**



For the past 13 years, zip ties have become the Skibbe's best friends. Guess what? No need for the stop in play to tie the fence back together. We can now celebrate with the new retractable fence. Hip, Hip, Hoo-RED...!!

### **Scorekeeper Deck:**



Look at this beauty. This last minute addition to the field will make stats, scoring, and play calling something everyone wants to do. Stat keepers can sit above the scoreboard to get the best view of the action. Give a thanks to Kevin Skibbe and the Commish on their craftsmen work next time you see them.

**Sponsorships:**

**THE CORNER**  
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So this doesn't have to do with the field, but another exciting addition to the SWBL this year is our new sponsors. Corner Pub & Grill is IN and Krieger's is OUT. To top it off Rubin Brown is also joining our elite list of sponsors, adding a philanthropy to our weekend season entitled, "K's for Buddies".

**Retaining Wall & Sod behind the fence:**



Sod and a retaining wall have been added behind the fence. This is great news for the league. Rushing water and rivets of dirt have been an issue in past seasons. The retaining wall will prevent water from doing any damage to the field throughout the year and it gives teams a great place to sit. Yay!

**Flattened Valley in front of shed:**



Not only will head groundskeeper, Kevin Skibbe, be able to get his Jeep in a parking spot by the shed; but the valley behind home plate has been flattened to add to the visual appearance of the overall look behind the backstop.

**Cleared out woods:**



Part of the woods have been cleared by the first base line. Trees have been cut, stumps have been removed, and sod will be laid for lush green grass in 2017. But this year, there is space for days and sitting along the tree line will provide lots of shade. Our hope with this new project is that people will choose to sit closer to the scoreboard, behind the retaining wall, and away from the field of play.

**Right field and left field same distance:**



As years have passed, the right field fence has steadily been pushed further and further back. Now, the left field/right field are the same length, except lefties still have to deal with the plinko tree rule...oh well...suck it, Chris Meador.

See you all soon on "The Blur"!

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