

Howard Blackwell



Howard Blackwell is the MR. UMPIRE of youth baseball in the Wilton–Ridgefield area.

Although he was born in Bridgeport in 1921, Howard grew up in the Cranbury section of Norwalk. He played softball in the Norwalk Recreation League with teams sponsored by the American Legion, South Norwalk Trust, C & K, and the Norwalk Hospital. He umpired his first ball game in Norwalk Playground League (1937) and has been umpiring ever since. He has umpired 100 games per year for the past 10 years in the Little Leagues including district and state games. For the past two years, Howard has umpired New England Regional Tournament games as well as the Norwalk Kinlock Tourney. Leagues that he has been connected with are the Norwalk Pony League, Norwalk Little League, Ridgefield and Wilton Little Leagues, and as Director of Umpires for the Ridgefield Little League.

While in the U.S. Army Air Force, Howard umpired in the Southern Florida Military League and the Mediterranean Theater Military League.

Mr. Blackwell, who is retired from sales work with Hocon Gas, lives in Wilton with his spouse, Hester. They have two sons, Houston and Lee.