

# Chalfont Sports Connection

John and Jessica Calvecchio ~ Proprietors

Chalfont Sports Connection owners, John and Jessica Calvecchio, have lived in Chalfont since 2013, and are avid sports lovers. They both collected cards as kids with their fathers. What was once a childhood hobby has evolved into a passion as John continued his collection into adulthood. He frequently attended card shows and auctions, purchasing assortments of cards which helped fuel his inventory, and led him to open an online business.

After a few years of “flipping cards” on eBay, John noticed a fundamental shift in the card business, and adapted to that shift. With a laptop and camera on their kitchen table in 2014, John started Sports Card Investors, an online group “breaking” business which now boasts over 4,000 followers. Group “breaking” is a live streamed event that consists of categorized cases of cards listed for sale. After each purchase, there is a live feed broadcast to Facebook and YouTube as John opens the sealed case, one box and one pack at a time. Viewers watch in anticipation of the discovery of an exciting or valuable card. They are also able to chat online with other collectors and sports fans live, which foster a sense of community among the collectors.

In the evenings, Jess helped with sorting and shipping cards. As many “breaks” would occur in the evening, when families were typically together, the banter between John and Jess would make its way into the live stream. Memories were made not just between them, but also with people who watched from home. John and Jess witnessed how this lively banter created a fun atmosphere for their followers, and as the momentum grew, so did their business. Today, Sports Card Investors is

an exciting community that continues to grow. It’s a safe and trusted forum to participate in. They also set up at card shows all over the country including annually at the National Sports Card Convention!

John and Jess felt as though 2020 was the perfect time to open a retail location. While Chalfont Sports Connection continues hosting group breaks, they will also have individual cards and packs for sale. All the card manufacturers including Topps, Panini, Upper Deck, and gaming are readily available in the new retail store location. The biggest differentiator with the new retail space is the ability to offer an extensive selection of collectibles and authenticated memorabilia not available online. The retail location also includes licensed apparel for men, women, and children. Popular manufacturers including Mitchell & Ness, 47 Brand, NewEra and Nike are immediately available. Other items include unique novelties, vintage man cave signs, and rare bobbleheads. As always, they are looking to buy, sell, and trade. If you have an old, dusty collection in your attic, bring it in, and they will give you a quote for it, but you may want to look through it first, just in case!

For COVID-19, Proper safety precautions and procedures are in place at Chalfont Sports Connection, such as wearing a mask, maintaining social distancing, and disinfecting the store consistently. You can call them with any questions at: 267-247-5936. Their Facebook page can be found at [www.facebook.com/Chalfont-Sports-Connection-106201774418714](http://www.facebook.com/Chalfont-Sports-Connection-106201774418714)



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