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KITCHENER-WATERLOO MINOR BOYS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION



*K.W.M.B.S.A. NEWSLETTER*

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YEAR END TOURNAMENT

### *President's Message*

Welcome players, coaches and families to the 2009 KWMBSA Year- End Tournament.

This weekend marks the end of our 2009 season- a season filled with a lot of amazing softball. I hope that each player and parent has enjoyed the excitement that our sport has to offer and that this year has brought new friendships and strengthened old ones. I know that I speak for the entire executive when I say that we take great joy and pride in bringing these programs to you.

2009 was a season full of achievements for KWMBSA. On July 18<sup>th</sup> we celebrated 40 years of providing organized softball to the youth of our communities on the same weekend that the dream of a permanent concession building was officially realized. A day enjoyed by so many with games (dunk take fever put coach Chris Houston in almost 30 times) cake, hot food from the grill, ice cream treats from the freezer and FRENCH FRIES!! KWMBSA has come a long way in 40 years.

We can take pride too in many other accomplishments this year. Our Umpire rebuilding program is in year two of a multi-year agenda and our skills clinics for both younger and older players just keep getting better. Behind the scenes our web site and software updates have set the stage for an even more streamlined registration and team selection process, including the on line payment ability implemented this year. 2010 will bring online coaches and umpire registration too.

I want to thank the many coaches, parents and players for taking the time to speak to me as I toured the diamonds this summer or for sending me your thoughts and suggestion by e-mail. Your ideas are important and many will be discussed at our 2010 Strategy and Recommendation Meeting in September.

I hope that I have sparked in you a desire to get involved. The Association needs your ideas. You can be heard. You can make a difference. There is a spot for you no matter how much time you have. Please read the attached AGM notice which includes a brief description of the various executive member positions. The AGM takes place just prior to our Annual Coaches dinner on September 20th. Come out to find out more about KWMBSA and get involved!

As the year wraps up I must tell you that it has been an especially rewarding year for me to be president. I have been blessed again with a group of executive who have shared my vision for KWMBSA and together, with your help, we have accomplished great things. Thank you, each one of you for your support. To the Coaches, assistant coaches and umpires - a very special thanks. We can not do this without you.

Have a safe fall and winter, See you back next spring.

It's time to "play ball"

*Mark*

**Annual Coaches Dinner and AGM September 20 at 5pm  
Golf's Steakhouse**

**Dinner \$10.00/person - Sign-up at the concession!!**

**(refunded when you attend the dinner and have submitted your player evaluation)**

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**KWMBSA** would like to **Thank** all the sponsors for the 2009 Season and would ask all parents and coaches to support these businesses whenever you can. With their help we are able to concentrate on our projects and keep all our ball players active and busy throughout the summer.

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Parents and coaches!! KWMBSA is always looking for new sponsors. Every year we need support for our teams, events, website and projects. If you know of an individual, association or business that is interested in any form of sponsorship: team, event, web, newsletter or banner, please give them our contact information. Also, many companies such as Bell, Toyota, GM, Loblaws and others offer grants to their employees which go directly to the Association. If you are an employee of one of these companies let us know and we will help you contact and complete the necessary paperwork to access these grants. We thank you for your support and efforts in helping to keep our players playing ball.  
Gilles- gbutcher@sympatico.ca, 519-748-0295

**Chocolate Bar Sales and Retail Sales**

**Thank you to everyone who chose to sell chocolate bars and purchase retail items. This is an area that will be under discussion for next season, give us your thoughts.  
Thanks Denyse.**



**Name the Building**  
Congratulations to Nancy Malinowski she Wins an Ipod Shuffle  
“KWMBSA Home Plate”

**Raffle Tickets**  
**And the Winners Are.....**  
**Debbie Rhoades- \$100.00**  
**Chris Houston - \$200.00**  
**Pam Strnad - \$300.00**  
**Zach Steinman- \$400.00**  
**Congratulations!**  
Thank you to all the players and parents for your support in this our first raffle fundraiser. It has proven hugely successful and the Association would be hard pressed to do all we do without the funds that this event brings in.  
Look to see it back in 2010.  
Special Thanks to Denyse McDonald for all her work on this adventure!!

**KWMBSA YUK YUKS COMEDY NIGHT!!**

October 1, 2009

8pm, Tickets \$20.00/person - A great night of fun

Tickets will be available at the concession or contact Denyse McDonald 519-570-1116

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### 2010 Registration Tips!!

Here are several suggestions that will ensure that you are properly registered for next season.

1. Check the website at [www.kwmba.ca](http://www.kwmba.ca) in the late fall for news on important dates for the 2010 season.
2. Starting in January, check the website often for upcoming skills clinics, pitching clinics, umpire clinics, coaches clinics, registration dates and fees etc. Many events start in February/March and you will need to register online to confirm your participation. Dates for tournaments will also be posted.
3. Register early! You will be able to register online early in January and by registering early you are helping your conveners and coaches better plan for the season ahead. And, you avoid those late fees!
4. If you wish to register in person check the website for dates and locations of City sponsored Registration dates. They normally occur in mid to late February.
5. If you are planning to try out for Rep, it is especially important to register online and pay your base house league fee 1st thing in January! Tryouts and practices often start early in the new year and team selections do not wait for the House League registration cut off date. To register for Rep tryouts go to the website and complete your registration and make sure you tick "Yes, I am interested in trying out for a rep team" in the "Rep Travel League" box
6. If you are planning to try out for Select in 2010 you must indicate your interest on your registration form. Starting in 2010 there will no longer be sign ups for Select at the Friendship Tournaments. This late date simply left too little time for tryouts and practices. To register to tryout for Select go to the website and complete your registration and make sure you tick "Yes, I am interested in trying out for a select team" in the "Select" box.
7. Ask questions - by phone, by email or in person at a Registration date. We want to help you play ball. Your Executive contact information will always be online.

See you in 2010 .....Your Executive

### Friendship Tournament Re-cap

Congratulations everyone on fun filled weekends. There were some close games and great plays. Special thumbs up to the Golden Glove and Home Run Derby Winners.



**Division Champs**  
**Novice:** no Championship  
**Mite:** no Championship  
**Squirt:** Cardinals  
**Peewee:** Pirates  
**Bantam:** Bisons

**Home Run Derby Winners**  
Jondan DeBruyn & Arron Brush  
Eric Martin – red Sox  
Shakeel Rao-Giants  
Ryan Worboys -Yankees  
Shawn Lovell-Bisons

**Golden Glove**  
TJ Ellis & Breckin McIver  
Will Basket- Mariners  
Jake Miller- Phillies  
Nathan Ball- Yankees  
Tyler Hofstetter- Orioles

### KWMBSA Umpire News

- The addition of Carson White to the KWMBSA Executive in the previously vacant role of Umpire in Chief. As a level 3 fastpitch umpire, Carson brought with him knowledge and experience that will be an asset to the umpire program going forward.
- KWMBSA, in partnership with the Kitchener Waterloo Umpires' Association and the local girls' softball associations, followed a successful recruiting drive with a number of learning sessions where developing blue learned important mechanics and knowledge first hand. This even included a balls & strikes clinic where the umpires were able to stand in with live pitching to hone their strike zones under the watchful eye of the KWUA.
- The association continued to provide financial support for umpires advancing their abilities by attending Softball Ontario clinics as well as extending this support to the provision of safety equipment to those in need for only a minimal donation.

Umpiring develops important life skills such as confidence and responsibility while providing an opportunity to obtain an understanding of the game of softball beyond that of the average player/fan. If you know anyone of any age who would like to give umpiring a try next season, please have them contact Carson White to discuss development opportunities that begin early next season and to join the team that never loses. Join Team Blue for 2010!

### 2009 Rep Report

Our five Rep Fastball teams have enjoyed a challenging and successful season of league and tournament play. The teams have completed their 18 game league schedules and their North Waterloo Rural year-end tournament in Stratford, results:

**Mite Twins**- Gold **Mite Kolts**- middle of the pack **Squirt Kolts**- Silver **Peewee Kolts**- Silver  
**Midget Twins**- still in playoffs

All five teams will be completing in their OASA Provincial tournaments the next 2 weekends. Among the numerous successes our rep teams have enjoyed are invitational tournament wins in Cobourg, Mitchell and Stratford.

**The Peewee Kolts** won the OASA Eliminations tournament and the **Midget Twins** produced a strong finish at the OASA Midget Elims. The results mean that our Peewee Kolts will represent Ontario at the Eastern Canadians in St. John's Nfld, while our Midget Twins will be travelling to St. Gervais PQ to represent us in their Easterns the last week of August.

Our association also hosted three weekend rep tournaments at Hillside Park: the Midget Invitational, OASA Midget Eliminations and OASA Mite West Qualifier. Thanks to all who helped to organize and run each of those events.

Two of our Midget players, **Corey Way** and **Brandan Roach** earned spots on Team Ontario. They travelled to PEI where the team won The North American Fastball Championship in Charlottetown, way to go boys!!

The players, coaches and family supporters have enjoyed the opportunities afforded them from playing this level of ball. Thanks to KWMBSA for their support of these rep teams.

#### **Peewee Kolts need your Help!!**

**We are going to St. John's Nfld for the Eastern Canadians, Aug. 27-30-09**

At the year-end tournament we will have a "Fish Pond". Come out, buy a ticket and see what prize you win. All proceeds will be shared by the team to help offset our costs to travel and stay in St. John's.

See how lucky you are!!

#### **Midget Twins Fundraising Event**

**Giant Garage Sale, Car Wash and Barbeque  
Saturday August 8, 2009 8:00am-2:00pm  
Fitzgerald Motors at Weber and Ottawa**

Everyone loves the new **Concession** but for it to truly be effective we need **volunteers** to help run it Sunday- Thursday evenings 5:30-8:30. We will train and make a schedule to share the load. Please consider volunteering next season so that no one or two people have to take on all the work!!!!

#### **Treasurer Wanted for KWMBSA**

Accounting or Bookkeeping would be an asset.  
System is on Quickbooks.  
Speak to Kathy Wilkinson for more details.

#### **KWMBSA Select Teams**

We were able to put together three select teams for 2009, Bantam, Squirt and Peewee. Two of these teams have participated and will still be participating in tournaments with both entering three tournaments this season. These teams have done very well with the Bantams being successful in two tournaments always placing in the top two. With experienced coaching and a will to play they have played some very long games. All the players enjoy the extra ball that Select play has given them.

For our Squirt teams first tournament (which we hosted) they finished in the top of the consolation championship. With still two more tournaments to go they are looking forward to some more great ball. Our Peewee team is just getting started and will entering a tournament in a few weeks. We wish all the players and coaches good luck!

**It is important that we create our Select teams early so that they can enter selected tournaments. Please indicate on your annual registration form (on-line or hard copy) if you are interested in playing Select. Gilles**

**Bingo- Friday evenings at KW Gaming Centre- we need volunteers to help us run our sessions make the \$ that help cover our costs.**