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Provincial Champions Banquet

Reminder Reminder Reminder

To all Provincial Champions and Executive to please get your replies in for the Champions Banquet on **Sept. 11, 2011.**

The banquet is being held at the Stanley Park Centre, 505 Franklin St. N., Kitchener, ON

Please **RSVP Garry Waugh by Sept. 1,** at e-mail gwaugh@execulink.com

Peewee "A" Provincial

The Peewee A provincial tournament was held on the weekend of August 13th & 14th in Ponsonby's "Fields of Dreams." The New Hamburg Heat went undefeated in the tournament riding the arm of Tyler Randerson.

In their first game New Hamburg Heat beat the Brantford Heat by a score of 18 – 6.

In their second game they squeezed by the Cobourg Clippers by a score of 5 – 4. In their semi-final game they defeated the Napanee Express by a score of 13 – 1. In the final they defeated the K-W Kolts by a score of 8 – 3.

The K-W Kolts went to the finals by defeating the Chepstow Lightning by a score of 3 – 1. In their second game they were defeated by the Napanee Express by a score of 10 – 3. They then defeated the Shakespeare

TLC 6 – 1. In their next game they defeated the Cobourg Clippers by a score of 8 – 4. In the semi-final they defeated the Napanee Express by a score of 5 – 2.

The bronze medalists were the Napanee Express who defeated the Port Perry Power by a score of 12 – 5 in their first game and defeating the K – W Kolts by a score of 10 – 3 before being defeated by the New Hamburg Heat by a score of 13 – 1

Bantam “A” Provincial

On Aug. 6th and 7th at Legion Fields in Cobourg, the Cobourg Bantam Clippers won the O.A.S.A. Bantam A Provincial

The team will travel to Kitchener/Waterloo on Sept. 11 for the OASA 'A' championship banquet, where they will get to celebrate a little bit more.

5 out 13 games went extra innings including the “if” game.

Congratulations to Provincial Champs Cobourg Clippers, Silver winners Teeswater, Bronze Pickering

Thank you to our O.A.S.A. convenors Larry Sherwin and Leeanne Ashbridge

Bantam “B” Provincial

On the weekend of August 6th & 7th at the Packham Park complex in Stratford the Bantam B Provincial Championships was held. The Highgate Rock rode the arm of Stephen Mallot and defeated the Domville Aces by a score of 8 to 3 in the extra game.

Domville got to the finals by defeating Oshawa by a score of 5 to 0. In their second game they defeated Napanee 4 – 0. In the undefeated game they beat the eventual winners the Highgate Rock by 1 – 0. The Highgate Rock got to the finals by defeating Micksburg Twins in the first game by a 7 – 1 score. In their second game they lost to Domville. In their third game they defeated the Micksburg twins 6 – 2. They then played the Domville Aces and defeated them by a score of 6 – 2 forcing the if necessary game. Micksburg Twins received the bronze medal defeating Stratford Memorials by 12 – 5. They were then defeated by Highgate putting them in the losers bracket they then beat Oshawa 16 – 0 then moving on to defeat the Napanee Express by a score of 5 - 3 before losing to Highgate in the semi-finals.

Midget Canadian's

As Ontario's # 1 seeded Midget Fastball Team in the province, the Wiarton Red Devils defeated the Stratford Memorials (Ontario # 2) in the Championship final at the Midget National Fast pitch Tournament held in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The Red Devils went 6-1 in round robin play, with wins over British Columbia # 2, Ontario # 3 (Napanee), Saskatoon # 2, Nova Scotia # 1, Quebec, and New Brunswick # 1. Wiarton's only loss in round robin play was to Alberta # 1, by a score of 9-7. The Red Devils faced Newfoundland in their first playoff game, with team Newfoundland going undefeated in round robin play with a perfect 7-0 record. Newfoundland led 9-3 at one point, before Wiarton chipped away with 2 runs in the 4th, 5th, and 6th, before adding 3 in the top half of the 7th en route to a 12-9 victory. The Red Devils then faced the very scrappy Alberta # 2 team (Calahoo Chiefs) in their second game of the playoffs and came up with a convincing 7-1 win, advancing them to Sunday's final at 1pm. It was a matter of the waiting game on Sunday as the Red Devils would face the winner of the 10am game versus the Calahoo Chiefs and the Stratford Memorials, and when all said and done it turned out to be an all Ontario battle between Wiarton and Stratford.

The Red Devils came out with some big bats in the bottom half of the first inning as Nick Gannon hit a solo shot over the fence in left field, followed by Travis Jones who delivered a 3 run blast to deep right centre field to open up a 4 run lead. The Memorials would cut that lead by 2 with Brett Hall delivering a 2 run shot of his own. But Travis Jones would once again deliver in the 5th with a 2 run blast to left and pretty much seal the deal for the Red Devils, who would go on to win by a 8-2 score. The Red Devils finished the tournament with a 9-1 record. Last year's Red Devils squad participated in the Eastern Canadian Midget Boys Fast pitch Championships in Placentia, Newfoundland and won gold as well.

Players from this year's 2011 Canadian Midget Championship Team include:

Austin Brown	Tyler Hewton,	Ty Sebastian	Travis Jones	Drew Davidson	Trent Hooley
Jordan Turcotte	Bobby Sullivan	Nick Gannon	Andy Barber	Mark Hopkins	Tyler Craig
Brayden Berberich	Ben Davis	Aaron McCaw			

Thanks
Kim Hooley

Junior Men's "B" Provincial

The Provincial Jr. B championships were held at the Doug Fisher Memorial Ball Park in New Dundee the weekend of July 16th & 17th.

Six teams participated and were put into pools, whereby the teams were guaranteed three games.

Pool A consisted of the New Dundee Dodgers, Newmarket Stingers and the Freelon Jrs.

Pool B consisted of the Walkerton Jays, Jarvis Jrs. And the Sydenham Cyclones.

In the quarter final Pool A the New Dundee Dodgers were defeated by the Sydenham Cyclones.

In the pool B quarter final the Jarvis Jr.'s defeated the Freelon Jr.'s 1 - 0

In the pool A semi-finals the Walkerton Jays defeated the Jarvis Jr.'s by 6 - 0.

In the pool B semi-final Sydenham Cyclones defeated the Newmarket Stingers 7 - 0.

In the final Walkerton Jays put out the Sydenham Cyclones by a score of 8 - 4.

Congratulations to the Walkerton Jays for going undefeated and winning the Jr. B Provincial Championship.

Great Lakes and Senior Men's

On July 29, 30 and 31 New Dundee played host to the OASA Great Lakes and the Senior Elimination Tournaments. The fields were prepped and ready for the opening game on Friday at 7 p.m. The weather was still hot at that time of night.

The Great Lakes tournament had some great games played with most being won by 1 run. The Kitchener Waterloo Cubs won 3 games to go straight to the final on Sunday. The Wellington Sox came up the losing side beating out the Toronto Gators and the Cobourg Force to face KW. Kitchener Waterloo Cubs went undefeated for the weekend. The Bill Martin Intermediate Pitching Award was presented to Scott Wagar of the KW Cubs.

The Senior Eliminations was set up as a Round Robin with the top 2 facing off for the Championship. Game 1 saw Port Elgin beat Owen Sound. Owen Sound then went on to beat the Kitchener Twins. The Kitchener Twins beat Port Elgin for a 3 way tie. The tie was broken and Owen Sound faced Kitchener for the final with Owen Sound earning the Championship banner and Kitchener as Finalists. The Len Henderson Pitching Award was presented to Matt Leahy of the Owen Sound Selects.

The weekend saw some great ball games. The blue crew, under the direction of Jim Herbert and Tim Whitelaw were very professional and always at the diamond 15 minutes before game time. The food was awesome (beef on a bun anyone?) and the volunteers were great. Thanks to convenors Christine Patenaude, Mike Goodridge and Dave Northern. Was a great weekend.

Respectfully submitted
Roy Patenaude

Coaches

NORTH, YORK, ON-Softball Ontario is pleased to share information about Softball Canada's "U14 Coaches Guide: Tools for Coaching Success"! The new U14 Guide, along with the recently launched "U12 Coaches Guide: Tools for Coaching Success", have been created by Softball Canada to increase the knowledge of coaches and improve the development of players. The information in each guide is based on Softball Canada's Long Term Player Development (LTPD) model ensuring that it both age and stage appropriate. Additional Coaches Guides for other age categories are currently being developed.

Softball Canada created the Coaches Guide series to increase the knowledge of coaches and improve the development of players. The information in each guide is based on Softball Canada's Long Term Player Development (LTPD) model ensuring that it both age and stage appropriate.

Each guide contains a season's worth of practice plans divided into 4 training phases with each phase having its own objectives and outcomes and will assist softball coaches with the critical skill developing and conducting sequential, well organized practices. The practice plans are laid out in a manner that is very easy to follow and to work with. Each drill is described in detail including a list of equipment that is required and a time limit to ensure that the practice is kept on track.

The coach can use the information in the Key Teaching Points section of the guide to ensure that players are not simply doing the drills but are instead “learning the skills and the game”. Each drill also contains a clearly illustrated diagram to allow for easy understanding of the drills. Beyond these valuable practice plans, this guide contains a section on practice planning, dynamic warm-up routines, cool-down routines, and key teaching points for each skill. This fantastic new resource means that age-appropriate practices and information are now at the fingertips of each softball coach in Canada.

Beginner coaches can simply follow the practice plans as they are laid out, and rest assured, the players and the team will improve the skills prioritized for their age category and LTPD stage over the course of the season. Experienced coaches can use these practice plans as a guideline and modify them to meet the individual needs of their players and team.

Each guide is contained in a binder which allows the coach to remove the appropriate practice plan from the binder and take it with them to the field.

For more information on how to purchase the U14 Coaches Guide: Tools for Coaching Success! please complete the order form under the following link and send it to Nancy Huang at Softball Ontario:

<http://www.softballontario.ca/content/view/145/101/>

Softball Ontario delivers the National Coaching Certification Program and Coach Education on behalf of Softball Canada and the Coaching Association of Canada in the Province of Ontario. If you have any questions regarding the Softball Ontario Coaches Program or the National Coaching Certification Program, please contact Steph Sutton via email at ssutton@softballontario.ca

Select Team's

Rattlers Win OA Bantam Select Gold

The Georgian Bay Rattlers scored 3 runs in the top of the 7th with two out and then hung on to eek out a hard fought 6-5 victory over the Stittsville 56ers to capture the OASA Select Bantam Gold championship at Goulding Park, Toronto, Saturday, August 13. Topham Park captured the Bronze medallions in the 9 team field with a hard fought victory over Unionville Spartans.