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VOTE VOTE VOTE

Please take a moment to vote for softball at <http://www.sportspromedia.com/news/poll/> in a poll of which sport will, in 2013, be voted into the 2020 Olympics.

Feel free to pass this on!

Provincial Champions Banquet

Don't forget that if you are a Provincial Champion this year your team is invited to attend the first annual O.A.S.A. Provincial Champions Banquet, Sept. 11, 2011.

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

The cost is \$ 15.00 per player, coach, fans & parents.

This is the first year that the O.A.S.A. has honoured our Provincial Champions. Please support this endeavour as it is being put on for your benefit.

Previously your team was given your plaque and pennants at the completion of your tournament and the only people that acknowledged the fact that you were Provincial Champions were the people left at your tournament when the awards were handed out. We the O.A.S.A. felt that we should acknowledge the Provincial Champions with a banquet where all the Provincial Champions could be honoured and more people acknowledge your accomplishment. Each team member will be given a certificate acknowledging the accomplishment of becoming a Provincial Champion.

Pee Wee Elimination

Tiny Township and the Toanche Park welcomed fourteen Pee Wee fastball teams from across the province under blue skies and hot temperatures last weekend in the Midland area. All players entered received a souvenir program and a pin from Tiny Township.

The tournament began Friday afternoon on three diamonds in Lafontaine and Toanche, all in excellent condition, with many thanks going to the hard working grounds crew under the supervision of Larry and Roy Patenaude. A tournament in Toanche would not be complete without a super host and organizer in Christine Patenaude.

For Opening Ceremonies, Saturday morning, the teams were led onto the diamond by a local bagpiper, each team carrying a signboard identifying the centre they represented. Master of Ceremonies, Roy, welcomed local, Provincial, Federal, and OASA dignitaries, who all brought greetings and well wishes from their respective offices.

The tournament was convened by six qualified personnel under the direction of Bob Abbot and Bill DeHaan.

The nine man umpiring crew was supervised by Softball Ontario's Tony Dickson. A job well done.

On the diamond a game between Napanee and Port Perry went into the ninth inning before Port Perry was declared the winner with an 11-9 score.

Tavistock's, Jacob Wiffen, cranked an 'out of the park' homerun in a 9-6 victory over Shakespeare. It was the only homerun of the tournament, which scaled the outfield fence.

The Sunday finale saw the Kitchener-Waterloo Colts versus the New Hamburg Heat, who were literally hot, taking the first encounter 11-5. The Colts took down the Heat in the 'if necessary' game by an 8-4 score.

The Colts and the Heat will represent the OASA and the Province of Ontario later this summer in Fredericton at the Eastern Canadian Championships. I'm sure they will do our organization proud.

The OASA *Ron Taylor* Pitching Award went to Tyler Randerson of New Hamburg. Tyler had 4 wins in 36 innings, striking out 49 batters and walking only 5. Congratulations Tyler!

The great co-operation of the teams and all the organizers and convenors made this tournament a huge success.

Bill DeHaan

Bantam Elimination

On the holiday weekend of July 1st to 3rd the Bantam elimination took place at Packham Park in Stratford. Despite a storm on Saturday it was a great weekend...

Congratulations to the Tavistock Athletics for combining pitching, defense and offence to go undefeated and win the tournament. Enroute to their victory they had to defeat Port Perry LSL Jacks, Innerkip, K-W Kolts, and the Teeswater Otters. The final game saw Tavistock facing the K-W Kolts again and coming out with a 3 – 0 win in an “excellent ball game” by both teams.

In order to get to the finals the K-W Kolts had to defeat the Napanee Allan Insurance express, Domville Aces, and Fullarton A's, Cobourg Clippers & the Teeswater Otters.

The winner of the Gil Read Memorial Pitching Award was Johnny Baker of the K-W Kolts.

I would like to thank everyone that contributed to make this tournament a success.

Midget Elimination

Midget Elimination was the first tournament of the season held in Napanee on June 24th ~ 26th. With 19 teams ready to play a double knock out. These players made it a very interesting weekend of ball.

The weatherman kept the rain north of us all day Saturday as we played under dark heavy clouds. Early Sunday morning we had two short delays as we were showered upon for only minutes. The Napanee ground keepers keep their diamonds in perfect shape the whole weekend.

I would like to thank all the teams that were ready to play early due to threatening rain, and to the umpires who were there waiting.

Thank you to my co convenor Bob Whitfield, convers Dave Reynolds, Larry Sherwin, Denise Quigley and Karen Nolan.

To the UIC Sal Gara, DUIC George Findlay and Chris Lamer, and to the umpires who were professional on and off the diamonds, I thank you all.

Barry Ellerbeck pitching award went to Travis Jones from the Warton Red Devils.

Representing Ontario at the Canadians in New Brunswick August 8th ~ 14th. 1st place Warton Red Devils, 2nd place Stratford Memorials, 3rd place team Napanee Express, 4th place Oshawa B's.

REMINDER ~ Scholarship forms are due by August 1st, 2011 to our secretary Christine Patenaude, 6 Leawood Lane, Penetanguishere L9M 1R2

Junior Men's A Provincial's

Beautiful blue skies and hot temperatures met the 14 junior age clubs in Owen Sound July 1 - 3 and provided an excellent stage for these clubs to compete for a Provincial A Title and a right to represent Ontario at the 2011 Junior Men's Canadian Fastpitch Championship in Napanee, Ontario. Friday night provide Canada Day Fireworks both on the diamond and the lakefront. With some very well played close ball games, we took a step back in time when a 1-0 game was a not uncommon. We saw two 1-0 ball games that would be both considered upsets. The Tavistock Athletics upset the Waterloo Cardinals and the New Dundee Dodgers one upped the Newmarket Stingers in a nail biter Friday night. In other upsets the Owen Sound Bluewater Selects defeated the Defending Canadian Champions by a score of 5-2 riding the big right arm of Caleb Keeshing. Throughout the weekend there were many close ball games and great competition. When the sun came up on Sunday as per usual the Napanee North Key Express had grinded out 3 games on Saturday and were starting to roll. Napanee won back to back games Sunday at 10 and 12 against Owen Sound Bluewater Selects and the Linwood Chiefs to meet Owen Sound Volkeswagon Selects in a rematch of the 2010 Jr. Provincial A Championship. In the Championship Owen Sound looked to Dustin Veenhof to guide them to gold medal. Owen Sound won 6-1.

The balanced attack of the Owen Sound Volkeswagon Selects was too much for the rest of the junior circuit to handle this weekend. The Selects went 4-0 outscoring their opponents 39-2. The Bob Domik Pitching Award was presented to Luke Leahy the gentle giant that dominated all weekend in the pitching circle.

As tournament director I would like to thank Al Harrison for his assistance and expertise he provided all weekend. I would also like to thank Paul White and Barb Downey of Owen Sound and Vern Johnson of Williamsford for getting the games started in such a professional manner. The Umpire Crew led by Dave Mills and Mitch Zuk demonstrated professionalism, hustle and respect. These men worked in 3 and 4 man systems all weekend to provide the very best umpiring for this tournament. My last big thank you goes to our host led by Bill Simpson and his Owen Sound Select Organizing Committee. They truly put on a great event from the preparation of the diamonds, scorekeeping and announcing and hearing the legendary voice of Fred Wallace on diamond 1 made the games so much more enjoyable.

Best of luck to our four teams (Owen Sound, Napanee (Defending Canadian Champions, Linwood, Napanee (HOST) that will be participating in Napanee August.

2011 TOURNAMENT DATES AND LOCATIONS

Senior Elimination	July 29th, 30th, 31st	New Dundee	Roy and Christine Patenaude	Jim Herbert Tim Whitelaw
Great Lake's	July 29th, 30th, 31st	New Dundee	Roy and Christine Patenaude	Jim Herbert Tim Whitelaw
Junior Mites	August 6th, 7th	Stouffville	Mary Meyers	
Mite	August 13th, 14th	Port Perry	Randy Bridge	Mike Crowder
Squirt	August 6th, 7th	Niagara On The Lake	Mike Goodridge	Krawchuk
Pee Wee	August 13th, 14th	Ponsonby	Garry Waugh	Mike Nalysnyk
Pee Wee	August 13th, 14th	Ottawa	Bob Abbot	
Bantam	August 6th, 7th	Cobourg	Paddy Fitzgerald-Nolan	Matt Allen
Bantam	August 6th, 7th	Stratford	Bill DeHaan	Andrew Clark
Midget A	July 23rd, 24th	Warton	Bill DeHaan Roy Patenaude	Rock Nolet
Midget B/C	August 20th, 21st	Milverton		
Men's B/C	August 19th, 20th, 21st	Toanche	Christine Patenaude Stephen Hall	PaulTanti