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AWARDS

We are still looking for nominations of Coaches for the Gil Read Coaches Honour Roll and Associations for the Association Merit Awards. Please have your nomination in to Christine Patenaude no later than **OCTOBER 10Th, 2010**. Forms can be found online at www.oasa.ca under Information, then Forms or you can send an email to lat@love-a-tree.com.

Notice of Motions to the OASA Annual General Meeting

Come out and make your voice heard. Each OASA Affiliated Centre is entitled to 3 votes at our Annual General Meeting to be held at the Holiday Inn 7095 Woodbine Avenue, Markham Ontario November 20, 2010 at 1 p.m. Come early and help us celebrate our successes this past year. Hope to see you there

Page references are from the 2010 Rulebook. Changes are in bold when required to identify them. Articles, By-Laws and Sections may require renumbering after changes have been adopted. Unless otherwise indicated, all successful amendments and resolutions take effect immediately.

	<i>Mover</i>	<i>Description</i>
1.	C & B Committee	Constitution Article V.3 Page 44, 45 Revision

111.3 - Order of Business

A. Ceremonial Section

President's welcome

Introduction of guests, Executive, Head Table

Presentation of the Deceased Scroll

Moments of silence in memory of deceased members

President recaps past season

President honours medal winning teams at Canadian and Eastern Canadian Championships

President recognizes Perfect Game, No-hitter and Pitching award winners

Scholarship winners are announced

B. Business Section

Introduction of the Presiding Officer

**Registrar distributes ballots to properly credentialed delegates
Business from the past season**

- I. Adoption of Annual General Meeting Minutes**
- II. Financial reports**
- III. Committee Chairs' reports**
- IV. Tournament reports**

Appointment of a Returning Officer (Chief Scrutlneer)

Conduct the election of Officers and six (6) Executive positions

Conduct voting on the amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, Operating Rules and Variations from Playing Rules

Interspersed with the voting procedure, the presentation of the following honours when applicable: Coaches Honour Roll, Association Award, President's award(s), Feaver Award and Life Membership

Motion to destroy ballots

Members' Business

New business: conducted by the President elect

- a) President Elect's message**
- b) Appointment of Honourary President and Vice President when applicable**
- c) Motion to appoint auditors**
- d) Next Annual General Meeting date and location**
- e) Other**
- f) Motion to adjourn**

Rationale: Allows the OASA to officially and legally use the new business agenda for the 2010 AGM.

2. C & B Com. Pursuant to the revision of the OASA Constitution and By-Laws that the following items be approved:

(i) All by-laws, previously listed as "Articles" to require a 2/3 vote for amendment approval. Articles that remain also require 2/3 vote for amendment approval.

(ii) All operating rules, previously listed as by-laws, to require a simple majority (50%plus 1) for amendment approval.

(iii) a) Policies not included under operating rules may be amended as required at any executive meeting at which a quorum is present. The membership is to be informed by appropriate means, forthwith or at the next AGM

b) All current policies to be made available on the OASA website and in the hard copy OASA policy book.

Rationale - the final steps in the revision of the C&BL should be reported to and approved by the membership.

3. C & B Pursuant to the revision of the C&BL that the following Committee adjustments be approved

(i) Changes in tense and text to clarify and simplify as well as reflect the current style of similar documents without changing the meaning or intent of anything printed in the 2010 document.

(ii) Various housekeeping matters including adjustment in the placement of certain items for convenience and clarity.

Rationale - these proposed general changes in the 2011 C&BL book should be reported to and approved by the members.

NOTE - the delegates are reminded that the 2011 C&BL book will contain all the mentioned revisions for examination and, if necessary, correction or adjustment.

4. C & B Constitution Article IV 1. Page 40
Committee Addition and Revision for President's Duties

b) Is responsible for and has the authority to act on all matters of the Association at all times. Decisions made under this clause must be presented to and voted upon by the Executive at the first opportunity.

0) Appoints chairs of the standing committees.

Rationale – clarifies and expands on current duty lists.

5. C & B Constitution Article IV Page 41
Committee New

The Executive Vice President

- (a) Performs the duties as designated by the President and in instances of non attendance by the President, performs the duties of the President. If the President is unable to complete his term, the Executive VP becomes the President.**
(b) Is Chair of the Executive Committee.
(c) Performs such duties as may be assigned by the President.

Rationale – new position – duties should be outlined.

6. C & B Constitution Article VII Page 47
Committee New

*Add **Sponsor** to list of Coordinators.*

Rationale: Previously unlisted.

7. C& B Constitution Article X Page 47
Committee New

At the request of fifteen (15) affiliated members the President must call a Special General Meeting of the Association. At all Special General Meetings thirty (30) voting delegates constitute a quorum. The meeting location and agenda with the reasons for the meeting must be communicated to affiliated members at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the Special general Meeting.

Rationale – provides a method to cover a possible situation.

8. C&B By-Law 1(a) (i) Page 51
Committee Add

In the province of Ontario after associations.

Rationale: clarifies a condition of membership

9. C&B By-Law 4A Classification Birthdates and Years
Committee Change

i) Players are assigned to categories by their ages prior to January 1st of the season of play:

	Senior, Intermediate, Orthodox	Open
Masters	see i) below	
Junior	(2012 under 21) under 23	
Juvenile	under 21	
Midget	(2012 under 18) under 19	
Bantam	under 16	
Pee Wee	under 14	
Squirt	under 12	
Mite	under 10	
Junior Mite	under 8	

i) The age for eligible Master position players is determined by the following schedule:

- 40 years of age in the year of the event
- Pitchers must be at least 40 years of age in the year of the event
- Each team is allowed 3 players 35 to 39 years of age who are not on a Senior or ISC roster and who will not pitch.

Rationale: rule as presently worded is confusing, this is a simplification and clarification.

10. *Minor* *By-Law 4 B 3(v) Page 56*
Committee *New*

A maximum of two (2) additions or changes to the Official Minor Team Certificates will be allowed through the Registrar up until 7 days prior to the team's first OASA tournament date. Additions will only be allowed for players who reside in their home centre. Additions or changes will only be allowed to certificates that had originally been submitted by the required due date.

Rationale: Allows for change.

11. *Men's* *Bylaw 4 C 2i Page 57*
Committee *Delete*

"Pitchers on an ISC 1 Roster in the current year and previous year are not eligible to pitch for a team in the Master's Classification".

Rationale: Many Intermediate Men's teams are now considered ISC 1.

12. *Executive* *By-Law 4 D 2 (iv) Page 59*
New

If more than 1 team affiliates per centre they are treated equally. If a player wants to play in another centre, he/she must get a release from all teams in their centre.

Rationale: clearly states release rules for centres with more than 1 team.

13. C & B Committee By-Law 4 E I) ii) iii) Page 59
Change section to read:

Approved transfer permits are required by players who have changed their place of residence before playing in any sanctioned or championship tournament or series. Transfer permit applications are available from the Secretary or online.

Rationale: removed deadline date.

14. C & B Committee By-Law 5 B.i) Page 61
Add

Junior Mite, Mite & Squirt **Technical 1**

Rationale: addition of Mites to certification chart.

15. C & B Committee By-Law 7 A 3 a) General Page 65
Change

Currently:

i) The Host Association shall appoint a Tournament Director. He or she shall be responsible on behalf of the Host Association for the following:

i) The Host Association appoints a Tournament Director who is responsible on behalf of the Host Association for implementing tournament guidelines and working with the Convenor (guidelines available from the Secretary)

Rationale: Simplifies

16. C&B Committee By-Law 7 A 3 b) Page 66
Revision

- i) **All tournament costs are the responsibility of the Hosting Association (except those specified in the hosting guidelines).**
- ii) **Provincial Tournaments shall receive two dozen official balls (pro-rated for 8 teams) at the cost for delivery assigned as specified in the current fee schedule.**
- iii) **The Host pays a fee based on the number and classification of teams, as specified in the current fee schedule, to the OASA.**
- iv) **All amounts due to the OASA from the host are deducted from the tournament fee sent to the host.**
- v) **Any amounts raised by the host from the tournament are retained by the host.**
- vi) **No team is required to pay additional fees or amounts to the host at the time of the tournament.**

Rationale: reflects current procedures

17. C & B Committee By-Law 7 A 5.i) Page 67
Revision to Personnel

A Protest Committee comprised of the OASA Tournament Convenor, the UIC or designate and one appointee (not to include a host representative) shall resolve any protests.

Rationale: reflects what is actually being done.

18. C & B Committee By-Law 7 A 5 Page 67
Add Note after iv)

Note: the convenor has the authority to rule on player eligibility for the tournament. The ruling may be appealed following the event.

Rationale: clarifies

19. C & B Committee By-Law 7 B 4i) ii) iii) Page 68
Remove and Replace with

i) Any team withdrawing from an Elimination Tournament without OASA approval after the schedule has been drawn and prior to the start of the Tournament shall be subject to disciplinary action.

ii) Any team withdrawing from an Elimination Tournament without OASA approval before completing their schedule is subject to disciplinary action.

Rationale: Simplifies

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Rationale: amplified and updates.

21. Men's Committee Resolution #1 Page 73

In all sanctioned OASA tournaments bats must be checked and an OASA approved sticker be placed on the bat to be used in tournament play. Result: A player found using an illegal bat will result in the ejection of the player for the rest of the OASA event. Bats that become illegal throughout the course of the tournament will result in the removal of the sticker.

Rationale: Safety, insurance issues, promote sportsmanship and to put emphasis back on players.

22. Executive Committee Resolution #2 Page 73

The OASA will pay the Registered umpires by cheque upon receipt of the Tournament Umpire Report by the Treasurer.

Rationale: to relieve the hosts of this duty.

23. Men's Bylaw Resolution #3 Page 73
Committee

When team numbers warrant a Masters "B" Division will be created that will follow all current Masters rules except the following:

- 1. No current ISC players**
- 2. No underage players (35-39)**

Rationale: Interest from non affiliate teams

24. Men's Bylaw Resolution #4 Page 73
Committee

The Intermediate and Senior classification criteria will be determined after the results of the Softball Canada Competition Committee Review.

Rationale: Due to competition committee proposal at Softball Canada meeting.

25. Men's Bylaw 2.3 Page 77
Committee Addition

Gorilla Gold pitching substance be allowed in all Men's categories to be used by pitchers.

Rationale: Men's teams want to be able to use this.

26. *Men's* *Bylaw 2 4 Page 77*
Committee *Addition*

When a ball becomes too dark because of illegal use of a foreign substance that the umpire has the right to remove the ball from play.

27. *Minor* *Operating Rules Rule 2 Section 4 Page 77*
Committee *New*

In a minor OASA tournament the Catcher's mask must be worn by anyone warming up Pitchers anywhere on or near the playing field. Umpire in charge will issue 1 warning to one team coach or manager of the team not following the safety rule and thereafter anyone found in violation of above rule shall result in the removal of the coach/manager from the game.

Rationale: Safety

28. *Minor* *Operating Rules Rule 9 Section 7 Page 79*
Committee

When an OASA tournament game is suspended it shall be resumed at the exact point where the game was suspended, if completed on the scheduled tournament weekend. If scheduled at another date the game should be replayed in its entirety from the beginning. This rescheduled game does not result in a new flip and new line-up cards will be submitted.

Rationale: Clearly outlines what will happen if there is a delay or cancellation due to weather.

Peewee Eliminations 2011

Peewee Eliminations on the Move

Softball is built upon tradition. Being consistent with tournament dates has long been a mainstay for the OASA. When assigning dates care was taken that teams would if necessary be able to pull up players from their association's lower division to help bolster a depleted line up. The Peewee Elimination tournament has been held on the final weekend in June for many years. Beginning in 2011 this Peewee tournament date will move to the second weekend in July. It will now follow the OASA Bantam Elimination tournament instead of preceding it. In recent years it has been noted that the elementary students have been continuing at school right to the last days of June. Grade 8 graduation ceremonies, overnight school trips and final school day activities have come into direct conflict of the Friday start to the Elimination opening games. The new date will end this conflict. There will still be ample time for winning Elim teams to plan for the ECSC at the end of August. And for the OA to organize the Provincials in mid-August. Owing to their successful bid Toanche Minor Softball Association will host the 2011 Peewee Eliminations July 8-10.

MINOR COMMITTEE NEWS

With the 2010 minor tournament season now complete it is now time to reflect upon what took place both on and off the field. Tournament results are posted on our web site. The aim is to have game scores posted by nightfall for each day games are played and a final official complete posting within 24 h of the gold medal game. In many cases this was achieved in 2010. The OA was pleased to welcome Palmerston back as a tournament host after too long an absence. The OA appreciated all the hosts that stepped forward to host minor tournaments this year. It remains a tricky proposition when assigning host for "A" and "B" Provincials as hosts are often not sure if their own team will be in a particular series until the results of the Qualifiers/Eliminations are known.

This summer the OA was able to host five Select Invitational Provincial Championships. Fifty-six Select teams entered these competitions. The host associations continue to work closely with the OA to recognize the growth of Select at the provincial level.

As well as enjoying successful Provincial tournaments our OA minor clubs also fared exceptionally well in out of province competitions. The Walkerton Wild earned gold at the Softball Canada's Midget Nationals while the Stratford memorials took silver and the Oshawa Double B's finished with the bronze. The Warton Red Devils won gold at the ECSC Midget Championships in Placentia, NL. St. Leonard-d'Aston, PQ hosted the ECSC Bantam and Peewee championships. Napanee Express took the Bantam gold while the Kitchener-Waterloo Kolts earned bronze. The Chepstow Colts won gold and the Pt. Perry Lumberjacks silver in the Peewee division. Nine OA teams competing;

eight OA teams coming away with medals. Sydenham Cyclones finished fifth at the Midget Canadians and deserve to be include in the success of our minor clubs.

The minor committee meets twice formally throughout the year to plan and organize fastball activities for our affiliated centers. If you might be interested in joining this group please contact us via our web site.

NAPANEE EXPRESS BRING HOME THE GOLD

BANTAM BOYS EASTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's championship was held in St. Leonard D'Aston Quebec and featured 8 teams including 2 Ontario, 2 New Brunswick, 2 Nova Scotia, 1 Newfoundland, and 1 Quebec.

The Napanee Express competed as Ontario 1 and brought home GOLD with an impressive 5 – 0 record allowing only 2 runs on 8 hits while scoring 22 runs of their own.

The 1st game matched Napanee with North River Nova Scotia both teams battled through 5 innings with the Express leading 1-0. Napanee would score 2 in the 6th and 7th innings to eventually winning 5-0. Cole Bolton tossed a NO-HITTER PERFECT game for the win.

Up next was Nelson New Brunswick the Express gave up a run in the first and found themselves down 1-0 after 5 innings completed. Things broke open in the 6th with Napanee scoring 4 times and adding 2 in the 7th to win 6-1.

The Newfoundland selects (A Provincial All Star Team) played Napanee in a battle for 1st place in the division. The Express scored the eventual winning run in the 6th inning on a caught foul ball in deep left field. The Express runner tags up from 2nd base and continue home on a "Lolly Pop" thrown from the left fielder to the short stop. Napanee surrurderd a run in the bottom of 7th but held on for a 2-1 victory.

Napanee claimed 1st in their division and would play East Hants Nova Scotia who also has impressive 3-0 record in the other division. 3rd baseman Cody Brooks led off the 2nd inning with a homerun that was all pitcher Eric Morgan would need as we field a 1 hit shutout in a very close 2-0 win. East Hants battled back to get another crack at Napanee in the tournament final. The Express pounced on a tired Nova Scotia pounding out 6 runs through 3 innings of play. Barry Hogaboom hit a 3 run double in the 2nd to start things off. Eventually the Express would add 1 more in the 6th creating a mercy shortened 7-0 1 hit shutout.

Tournament notes ~ Napanee pitches struck out 58 batters while only issuing 2 walks. The Express defense played flawless committing only 3 errors the entire weekend. This was the 2nd Gold Medal for many of the boys (Pee Wee 2008 @ Fredericton New Brunswick). The combination of good pitching, great defense and timely hitting is what this team is built on. 11 of 13 players will move up to the midget ranks in 2011. Cole Bolton set an Eastern Canadian record in the homerun derby hitting 19 homers before recording 3 outs. He was also named tournament MVP. St. Leonard D`Aston should be extremely proud of the tournament that featured both Pee Wee and Bantam Championships. They were well organized and had exceptional ball facilities. Obviously this is a true "Ball Community" as the bleachers were filled with many local fans.

Napanee Express Bantam Coach Mike Bolton

NAPANEE JUNIOR'S WIN THE GOLD

Following the successful (second overall) and always tough job of qualifying for the Nationals in Ontario that is referred to appropriately as the eliminations. The Northkey Expressmen got together to make a plan. First up was pickups and second was how many. The summary of this discussion was a pitcher (Corey Alkerton from Fingal) Second baseman (Joel Langford also from Fingal) and a backup catcher (Dan Burnham from Oshawa). The second question presented a tough problem the team only had two available spots on the line up card!

Cale Millen a final year player teamed up and volunteered to go as a coach freeing up the third spot. This was big as will be explained later. The stars were all aligned and the Expressmen were able to get all of their picks.

Game 1 Napanee Northkey 2 Saskatchewan Diamondbacks 1, Joran Graham gets the win allowing 1 run on 2 hits, striking out 10 and issuing 3 walks. Top of the third inning with one out Joel Langford single's up the middle, Craig McGarvey safe on first with a drag bunt, Dylan Cunningham singles up the middle to drive in Langford, McGarvey scores on a dropped third strike to a hustling Lucas McNeill. Sask threatened in the 6 scoring once but the Napanee shortstop Kyle Lloyd supported his pitcher with as 6/3, 6/4, and a 4/3/6 squeeze play to end the threat.

Game 2 Owen Sound 2 Napanee 1 Ian Wallwork took the loss for the Northkey Expressmen giving up 2 unearned runs allowing 3 hits, striking out 4 and walking 1. Joel Langford lead off the third with a triple and was driven in by Dylan Cunningham one out later. Wally deserved a better fate as he pitched a gem. The Northkey Expressmen took this one to heart!

Game 3 Napanee Northkey 8 Newfoundland 1 Joran Graham gets the win giving up 1 run on 4 hits, striking out 6 and allowing 3 walks. Napanee countered with 10 hits capped off in the 6th with a solo shot by Joran Graham and a two run walk-off shot by Luke McDonald. Joel Langford led off with a walk, Cal McGarvey sacrificed him to second and Joran Graham drove him in with a single up the middle. The score does not indicate how close the game was as the Kelly's pubmen threatened in every inning.

Game 4 Napanee Northkey 2 Linwood Chiefs 1 winning pitcher Josh Lockridge allowed 1 run on 3 hits striking out 12! Napanee scored 2 in the bottom of the 6th when Joran Graham and McDonald scored

Game 5 Napanee Northkey 9 Selkirk 2 Winning pitcher Corey Alkerton allowed 2 runs on 2 hits striking out 4 and walking 2 in a 5 inning mercy. The Northkey bats knocked out 7 hits including home

runs to Joram Graham and Ian Wallwork. The Expressmen scored 3 in the fourth and four in the bottom of the fifth. Defensive play of the game happened in the top of the first with none out and Selkirk runners on the corners following an error and a walk the infielders worked their magic tagging the runner between first and second and getting the runner at the plate. Kyle Lloyd fired a strike to first base to get the third out and no damage done.

Game 6 Napanee Northkey 2 FSIN Chiefs 0 What a pitching masterpiece. Team Canada battery mates Joran Graham and Dustin Keshane put on a pitching clinic. The Northkey Express scored two in the top of the first. Langford singled a chief allowed for two aboard and Joran Graham doubled to cash them in. Good thing as Dustin Keshane bore down and gave his team a chance striking out 17 Expressmen allowing just one more hit along the way to Joran Graham in the fourth. Graham not to be bested through the complete game shutout allowing only one hit, striking out 12 and walking 2.

Game 7 Napanee 6 Quebec 1 Josh Lockridge picked up his second win allowing one run on two hits, striking out 11 and walking 2. He was supported by 11 Northkey Express hits including 5 Bombs by Joran Graham, Kyle Lloyd, Dylan Cunningham and Lucas McNeill doing it twice!

Game 8 Napanee Northkey 7 Sooke BC 1 Joran Graham gave up 1 run on 2 hits while striking out 9 and allowing 5 walks. His offence plated 7 men on 12 hits. Lucas McNeil stayed hot with another Bomb going 2/4; Newburgh buddy Kyle Lloyd started to heat up going 3/3 also with a Bomb and two singles and another Stone Mills lad Chris Brown went 2/4.

Game 9 Napanee Northkey 6 Nova Scotia 0 Ian Wallwork pitched a gem! He was 1 out away from a no hit bid when Blake Hunter doubled down the left field line with two out in the top of the seventh. Wally struck out 7 along the way with no walks and on hit batter. This clinched first place in the round Robin for the Northkey Expressmen with an 8 and 1 record.

Infielders Joel Langford and Kyle Lloyd were named to the all star team as well as Joran Graham being named the top pitcher and round robin MVP.

The Championship round begins right where we started with the Saskatchewan Diamond Backs. After a week of ball the bats were alive on both teams and while the result was the same a one run margin of victory for the Northkey Expressmen the score was quite different. Napanee Northkey 9 Saskatchewan 8. Napanee used three pitchers to wrap this one up. Joran Graham started and gave way to Ian Wallwork after 2 1/3 who gave way to Josh Lockridge after 4 2/3 who shut the door and allowed the Northkey offence to go to work. The Northkey Express scored 1 in the first, 4 in the second and 2 more in the third and were up by a 5 - 0 margin at one point. Not to be run over the Dbacks answered back with 3 in the third 2 in the fourth and 3 more in the fifth to lead the game 8 to 7. Joran Graham showed that he can hit as well as pitch when he crushed a 2 run over the left field fence that they are still looking for in the bottom of the 6th with one out and Dylan Cunningham aboard. Loco sealed the deal with two strikeouts and a fly ball to right field. Dylan Cunningham also had a two run shot in the second inning and Kyle Lloyd had a two run shot in the third.

Game two of the championship round was a rematch against the Nova Scotia team the pitching matchup was Barkman vs. Graham. The outcome was a real turnaround from the evening before with the final being a 9 to 1 mercy shortened game. Lucas McNeill supplied the only run with another solo shot to center field.

No event is without its controversial moments and the Northkey Expressmen had depth experience and poise to deal with the setback. Following a nights rest they hit the field on Sunday morning with a Golden focus!

Owen Sound was the first opponent of the day. Luke Leahy and Joran Graham had the ball for their respective teams. The Northkey Expressmen would win this game 5 to 1 but the game was much closer than that score indicates. Graham would go the distance allowing one run on 5 hits, striking out 7 and walking 4. Leahy would allow 2 runs on 4 hits and had 9 strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings. Skelton on in relief

with two runners on and two out was met with a blast from the bat of Dan Burnham who was in to pinch hit in the bottom of the sixth. Kyle Lloyd also had another homerun in the second a two run shot to left field. Burnham's blast blew a hole in the Owen Sound sails and Joran would close the door in the top of the seventh.

The Gold Medal game was a rematch of the night before and was going to be the tiebreaker for the tournament. Barkman for Nova Scotia and Joran Graham for Napanee. Our horse was hot with something to prove so we left the saddle on him!

Jorans offence wanted to take him to an early lead and that's what they did. Joel Langford led off with a double and was cashed in on a Dylan Cunningham moon shot to centerfield and seven batters went to the dish. Quiet in the second but in the third Wallwork and Dan Burnham aboard on a fielder's choice and a walk would score on a Kyle Lloyd double to go up 4 to 0. We weren't done yet as Ryan Mills launched a shot to cash Lloyd and himself to make it 6 to 0 and chase Barkman after 2 2/3. Joran Graham gave up the one run on 7 hits striking out 7 and walking 4.

Kyle Lloyd had a masterful game at short stop and made a terrific diving catch to end the 6th inning. Ryan Mills likewise made a diving catch in left field to end the third inning and snuff a rally where they had scored one and had the bases loaded.

Kyle Lloyd was named the MVP for the playoffs. In case it got lost in the details Joran Graham threw all 14 innings on this Golden Sunday allowed 2 runs on 12 hits and struck out 14! What a performance! He was supported by his team with 11 runs on 13 hits 4 of them being Bombs.

The 2010 Northkey Express Gold medalist are; Corey Alkerton, Luke McDonald, Kyle Lloyd, Joran Graham, Lucas McNeill, Joel Langford, Chris Brown, Jordan Hulton, Dylan Cunningham, Dan Burnham, Ryan Mills, Brent Mills, Cal McGarvey, Craig McGarvey, Jack Ryan, Josh Lockridge, Ian Wallwork coached by Cale Millen, Dave Kerr and Joe Lewis

Ontario was represented well by all entries. A tip of the hat to Owen Sound who took home the bronze medal. Linwood was a young team and battled hard in every game. Selkirk lost some key players that had an impact on their finish. They were a group of friends who finally made it to the Nationals well done.

Napanee Junior Coach Joe Lewis

O CATS GO!

The Cold Springs Cats won the World Senior Men's Fastball Tournament in North Bay, Ontario on the Labour Day weekend.

If that sounds familiar, it should.

The tournament team, made up of athletes from points across Ontario, including Northumberland County, became champions for the sixth time - and for the third year in a row - at this year's tournament.

The run to the championship began on Friday, Sept. 3 with a 7-0 win over North Bay Boston Pizza. Todd Uhrig pitched a shutout as the Cats got off to a rousing start at the tournament.

They had the night to relax before meeting up with Don Cherry's from Sudbury on Saturday, Sept. 4. In a tougher game, Cold Springs still managed to come out on top by a score of 5-3, with Don Stebbings earning the win on the mound. Up next for the Cats was a date with the Ingersoll Masters, and they rolled to another easy victory 10-0 with Peter Spitzic working his magic on the hill.

On Sunday, Sept. 5 at 10 a.m., the Cats battled North Bay and won 3-0 with Stebbings earning another win. Then it was on to the semi final against Oshawa and a 7-4 win, thanks in large part to more of Uhrig's heroics on the mound.

Up against Mississauga, the Cats engaged in a defensive minded game that reached the end of regulation time as a scoreless tie, with Uhrig tossing a one hitter. In extra time, Terry Eyton knocked in the winning run to seal the victory.

The last two games of the tournament were genuine nail biters for team coach Ewart Timlin.

"Those games were the most dramatic and exciting I've seen in five years," he said. "It's sad to see (anyone) lose, but somebody's got to win; preferably us."

The championship team includes Lynn Warner, Peter Spitsic, Kevin Brown, Sammy Forbes, Don Stebbings, Terry Eyton, Ric Ash, Todd Uhrig, Jason Hoch, Jodi Schnarr, Rob Ellis, Shawn Rock, and Timlin

COBOURG FORCE

Cobourg FORCE Familiar with OASA Titles

The Cobourg FORCE fastball club is crowned the Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) Men's Champion for 2010. On their way to the championship pennant the Cobourg FORCE were undefeated in this weekend's tournament. The tournament at Hillside Park in Waterloo consisted of all ISC teams who have qualified or have been provided at large berths for the upcoming 2010 ISC WORLD Championship tournament.

The scores of the games are as follows;

Cobourg Force 6 (ranked 24th) Elmira Expos 1 (ranked 18th)

Cobourg Force 7 Kitchener Outlaws 4 (ranked 38th)

Cobourg Force 7 Toronto Gators 0 (ranked 32nd)

Cobourg Force 7 Kitchener-Waterloo Cubs 6 (ranked 23rd)

The players and management staff of the FORCE who was present and contributed to this past weekend's title is as follows;

*Jamie Baker Dave Brownhill Craig Buttar Mike Crawford Terry Eaton Bill Fairney
Sammy Forbes Scott Leblanc Brian McGuire Jeff Murphy Todd Idenouye Tony Palmieri*

Sylvia 'Sparky' Ryan Jodie Schnarr Jake Taylor Wayne Wells

The Cobourg FORCE previously won the 2008 OASA Men's championship title and thus has now won the OASA Men's Elimination title 2 of the last 3 years. In addition, the FORCE has also captured OASA Masters Championship titles in 2009 and 2007 for the only 2 years they participated and an OASA B championship title in 2007.

On behalf of Cobourg FORCE fastball team I would like to thank the OASA - George Ryder, Patty Nolan, etc., the ISC, all the tournament organizers along with the Cubs fastball team for supporting the event and the staff at the concessions for a job well done.

Wayne Wells

Sylvia Ryan

GREAT SEASON FOR COBOURG FORCE

Cobourg FORCE Legends Fastball Club Crowned ISC World - Legends Champion

The Cobourg FORCE Legends fastball club captured the inaugural International Softball Congress (ISC) World - Legends tournament this past week in Midland, Michigan. On their way to the championship title the Cobourg FORCE went 6-0, an undefeated record against formidable teams from the United States. The Cobourg FORCE was the only team from Canada who participated in the ISC event and is founded from Cobourg, Ontario - Canada.

The final game was a pitching duel between Darren Zack of the FORCE and Lee Noel of the Berkenpass Development team from Byron Center, Michigan. The key blow of the game with the FORCE down 1-0 in the bottom of the 6th inning was the RBI single by Sammy Forbes to tie the game. In the bottom of the 7th with the score tied at 1-1 the FORCE's leadoff hitter Peter McCormack hit a triple over the left fielder's head as the fielder was playing slightly in for the slap hitter McCormack. Now with McCormack on third with none out, Doug Willoughby hit a sharp single up the middle for the championship win and the celebration began.

The pitching records for the FORCE;

Darren Zack 3-0 record (Darren Zack selected as the Most Valuable Pitcher)

Wayne Wells 2-0 record

Don Stebbings 1-0 record

All of the players and management staff played a vital role for this past weekend's title and played as a team throughout the week. They are as follows;

Paul Clemons - Cambridge, Ontario

Peter McCormack - Pickering, Ontario (selected as the Most Valuable Player of the tournament)

Les Ellchuk - Erickson, Manitoba

Bill Fairney - Toronto, Ontario

Sammy Forbes - Waterloo, Ontario

Steve Mitts - Oshawa, Ontario

Dana Seiling - Waterloo, Ontario

Don Stebbings - Waterloo, Ontario

Al Taylor - Waterloo, Ontario

Tim Thorne - Brampton, Ontario

Wayne Wells - Peterborough, Ontario

Randy Wicke - Rostock, Ontario

Doug Willoughby - Cavan, Ontario

Darren Zack - Garden River, Ontario

Sylvia 'Sparky' Ryan - Little Britain, Ontario

The FORCE family and friends who travelled to this tournament to cheer on the team to victory.

The Cobourg FORCE Masters team previously captured 2 OASA Masters Championship titles in 2009 and 2007 for the only 2 years they participated.

On behalf of Cobourg FORCE Legends fastball team I would like to thank the ISC - Larry Fisher, the departing Executive Director Ken Hackmiester, all of the teams that participated in the tournament and the organizers along with the grounds crew who did a fabulous job on the diamonds - a job well done.

Wayne Wells

Sylvia Ryan

CONGRATUALIONS Bill and Betty DeHaan

Commitment Award:

Over the years, the NHTA has had numerous people that have given up countless hours to grow and support our association. This year, our executive, has decided to recognize an individual or individuals that have shown commitment and dedication for the betterment of our players, our sport and our association.

This new annual award, has been donated by the Rudy Penner family, whose family has been involved in the NHTA since the early 70's and is now in the third generation of involvement.

Rudy Penner was one of the first coaches in town, originally coaching Squirt Boys and continuing until Midget. He also was an active umpire for many years, OASA Convener, and along with wife Theresa, coordinated numerous tournaments and volunteered in the booth. Son, Ed Penner, played all his minor fastball in NH, is a past president of our association, umpired many years and is a current coach and member of our executive. Ed's wife Jackie, who has coached in NH for a number of years, also played women's fastball in NH, graduating to teams like the K-W Kieswetters, Waterloo Ghosts, and the Junior K-W Civitans, which won a Canadian Championship. Two of their children, Stephanie and Nick, both play for teams in NH, and Nick is also a junior umpire, making him a third generation umpire in New Hamburg.

We would like to ask that Rudy and Theresa come forward to present this year's award.

This year's recipients are without question, the cornerstone of softball in New Hamburg. Combined, this couple has held every position on our executive. They have been players, coaches and more importantly, mentors to hundreds of children in NH and the surrounding area. Many of you have learned to "love the game" through the T-ball program. They continue to hold various positions on the OASA, WOAA and North Waterloo executives, and more

Often than not, are seen umpiring either together or individually most nights of the week. I'm sure everyone in this room has developed into better players and people, because of this year's recipients, Bill and Betty DeHaan.

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2010 O.A.S.A.

Annual General Meeting

Saturday November 20th

12:00 p.m. Meet and Greet

1:00 p.m. ~ 4:00 p.m. AGM

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7095 Woodbine Avenue

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