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NOMINATIONS and AMENDMENTS

Nominations and Amendments must be in to the Secretary's office by **September 20, 2010**. Forms can be found at www.oasa.ca under Information, then Forms.

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 **September 20, 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.

MINOR COMMITTEE NEWS

Please reserve Sunday, September 12 10am - 3pm at Sports Alliance of the Don Valley in Toronto for fall minor committee meeting.

More info to follow. You will be welcomed/encouraged to bring an interested fastball person from your locale to this meeting.

Amendments to the AGM will be discussed among other topics.

If anyone is interested in attending to contact Bruce young 519-884-6960

Thanks all.

MITE "A" PROVINCIAL

Local lads win 2010 All Ontario Mite A Provincial Championship

The Walkerton Capitals assembled a team of local fastball players earlier in the season and came away with the 2010 Mite "A" Provincial Championship hosted in Palmerston this past weekend on Aug. 14th and 15th. Teams came from Port Perry, Ennismore, Cobourg, Belleville, and Niagara on the Lake, Kitchener-Waterloo, Stouffville, Napanee, Walkerton and Springbrook. Walkerton started the tournament against the Napanee Express and the boys got rid of the nerves early in the contest and cruised to a 16-1 victory. Next opponent was the Stouffville Storm. This game saw some great pitching and defensive plays for both teams. The fans were on the edge of their seats all game and after a see-saw battle, the Walkerton boys won 4-3. This win advanced Walkerton to the undefeated game against the Kitchener-Waterloo Colts on Sunday morning. Kitchener was out for revenge after the Capitals beat the Colts in 2 previous tournaments this season. Kitchener started their ace Kelton Law, and the local lads were up for the challenge. Unfortunately, things did not go Walkerton's way and Kitchener won the game 3-1. Kitchener advanced to the finals and Walkerton was now down to a single life. The boys had a 15 minute rest and then faced off against the Stouffville Storm once again. The Capitals were determined to win and that they did. Final score was Walkerton 18 - Stouffville 6. The win meant that Walkerton would advance to the finals and needed to beat Kitchener twice to win the title. Both teams were hungry from the start, but Walkerton's pitching duo of Curtis Ruetz and Sam Young were untouchable as they struck out 16 Kitchener batters to win the game 5-1. As mentioned earlier, Walkerton needed to beat Kitchener twice, so it came down to a one-game showdown for the All-Ontario title. Things didn't look promising for the Capitals early on as Kitchener scored 5 runs in the top of the first inning. Walkerton replied with 2 runs of their own in the bottom half of the first inning and the fans could sense that this game was far from over. The Walkerton boys were re-assured by the coaching staff that they have come back before and they could do it again. The Capitals did not disappoint as the bats came alive and the runners were hustling every chance they got. Walkerton went on to score 4 runs in the second, 2 in the third, 6 in the 4th and 1 in the 5th to claim the All-Ontario title with a 15-5 victory. The boys played great defence all weekend behind some fantastic pitching and their ability to hit the ball was second to none. Congratulations to the Walkerton Capitals Mite ball team who are 2010 All-Ontario Mite "A" Champs.

Thanks
Ryan Martin

PEE WEE "A" PROVINCIAL

OASA Peewee a Provincial Championship Port Perry – on the waterfront August 13, 14 & 15 2010

Excellent crowds and weather greeted the top eight teams as they played their first round games on Friday evening. The Friday games allowed the Provincial A and Provincial B Championships to be conducted on Saturday and Sunday at the two diamonds on the waterfront. Chepstow, Napanee, Port Perry and New Hamburg moved into the winner's bracket while Elmira, KW, Cobourg and Brantford continued in the loser's bracket.

Saturday weather was superb and spurred Elmira and Brantford to win their second round games, sending KW and Cobourg into the two positions available in the Peewee B Championship (to play Ottawa and Springbrook). Please see Dave Northern's write-up for the Peewee B Championship.

The winner's bracket continued with Chepstow defeating Napanee 3 - 2 in a nail-biter. Napanee had the bases loaded in their last at-bat and with 2 out, the batter hit a line drive – unfortunately for Napanee or fortunately for Chepstow – it was within reach of the outfielder who made the catch ending

the threat. The other mercy shortened game between Port Perry and New Hamburg was not as exciting but resulted in a no-hitter for the Port Perry pitcher, Jeff St. Pierre.

In arguably the best game of the Championship, Chepstow jumped out to an early 4 run lead over Port Perry in the contest of undefeated teams. Chepstow, still leading 5 – 2 going into Port Perry's last at bat had the problem of trying to get that last out. Excited fans cheered the 'Jacks' on resulting in a 5 – 5 tie. Port Perry held Chepstow off the score-sheet in the 7th – off to the tie-breaker. Port Perry scored quickly and had runners at 1st and 2nd bases with no outs. A key strike-out followed by an infield hit loaded the bases. A short outfield fly got the 2nd out – no run could score. The next batter lined out to the 3^d baseman – an excellent play. Needless to say, Chepstow scored a run in their half moving the game into the 9th tied 6 – 6. A 2 out single scored the go-ahead run for Port Perry in the top of the 9th. With the runner on 2nd, Chepstow's Braden Boley hit an inside the park home run – what an ending to a fabulous game – Chepstow 8, Port Perry 7.

In the loser's bracket, New Hamburg eliminated Elmira 6 – 0, while Napanee defeated Brantford 13 – 3 in a mercy shortened affair. This set the stage for New Hamburg and Napanee to meet Saturday evening. Napanee bats were really popping while their pitching did the job in eliminating New Hamburg 7 to 1. On Sunday morning in game 13, Napanee's bats were still smokin' hot and Port Perry pitching could not put out the fire losing in a mercy game 15 – 4.

Napanee met a rested Chepstow in the first final and gave the Lightning a real run for the Gold eventually losing by the close score of 7 – 6.

Congratulations to Chepstow (Gold) and Napanee (Silver) on their accomplishments.

The venue (downtown waterfront parks) is a fantastic location for a minor event like this. The fan support was great – many who were out for a stroll dropped in to see what's happening! The food and refreshments were good and fairly priced.

Congratulations to the host Port Perry led by Leanne and Ian Ashbridge, all teams, fans, scorekeepers (including Wayne Venning), umpires (led by Norm Lyons) and the weather man.

Dave Reynolds and Dave Northern

Convenors

PEEWEE "B" PROVINCIAL

OASA Peewee B Provincial Championship

Port Perry - August 14 & 15 2010

Port Perry played host to the combined OASA Peewee A & B Provincial Championships. With Springbrook and Ottawa slotted into the B division, the 8 teams in the A division played Friday and Saturday to see who would join them. Kitchener Waterloo and Cobourg were the 2 teams that joined them.

First round action saw Kitchener Waterloo and Cobourg advance on the winner's side with high scoring victories. This pitted Springbrook and Ottawa to face off in an elimination game. Springbrook came out victorious 7 to 1 over the small but gutsy team from Ottawa to stay alive. In the Kitchener Waterloo vs.

Cobourg game good defense and pitching on both sides kept the score close with Cobourg coming out on top by a 5 to 1 margin, advancing them to the championship game.

In the bronze medal game Kitchener Waterloo took an early lead in a very well played game by both teams. Trailing 2 to 1 going into the bottom of the 7th Springbrook had their backs against the wall one more time. With some clutch hitting Springbrook came through with back to back hits to drive home 2 runs and claim the 3 to 2 win to advance to the championship.

In the championship game Cobourg took the lead early over Springbrook and continued to add runs in multiple innings to claim the Peewee B Provincial Championship for the second consecutive year with a 7 to 1 victory. Congratulations Cobourg Clippers!

Congratulations to all teams for their on and off field performance as well as to Port Perry for being a very good host for the weekend. Hats off to all those involved in putting on these championships – players, coaches, umpires, parents, hosts, volunteers, and organizers – the weekend was a great success.

Gold – Cobourg Clippers

Silver – Springbrook Royals

Bronze – Kitchener Waterloo Kolts

Dave Northern and Dave Reynolds

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BANTAM “A” PROVINCIAL

Bantam “A” Provincials

Waterloo

August 7 – 8, 2010

The weather was perfect for the Bantam A Provincials in Waterloo.

The Napanee Metro Express Bantams went undefeated to win the Provincial “A” championship. Congratulations to the Napanee team in winning the Bantam Eliminations and the Provincial “A” championship this year.

To win the championship Napanee defeated the Pickering Heat in their first game 12 – 1. In their second game they defeated the Cobourg Clippers by a score of 14 – 3. In their third game which was for the undefeated they beat New Hamburg Heat by a score of 3 – 0. In the championship game they defeated the New Hamburg Heat again this time by a score of 7 – 0.

New Hamburg Heat earned the right to be in the finals by defeating the Stratford Memorials by a score of 3 – 2 in their first game. They defeated the Kitchener Waterloo Kolts by a score of 5 -2 in their second game. In their 3rd game they were defeated by the Napanee Metro Express by a score of 3 – 0. They then faced the Stratford Memorials in the Semi – finals and defeated them by a score of 9 – 3.

The Bronze medal winners were the Stratford Memorials. They lost their first game by a score of 3 -2 to New Hamburg Heat. In their second game they defeated the Micksburg Twins by a score of 15 – 13.

They then defeated the Cobourg Clippers by a score of 9 – 5. They met the Kitchener Waterloo Kolts in the quarter final and defeated them by a score of 9 – 4.

The Caledonia Haldimand Royals went 1 and 2.

The Cobourg Clippers were 1 and 2

The K-W Kolts were 2 & 2

The Pickering Heat went 0 -2

The Micksburg Twins went 0 – 2.

Respectfully submitted by Garry Waugh, Richard Martin & Mike Axeford.

BANTAM “B” PROVINCIAL

On August 7th and 8th, 8 teams travel across the province to meet up with the host team in Springbrook. The second diamond was found in downtown Stirling.

Saturday turned out to be a perfect day for all games played. However Sunday was another story. Shortly after the semi final game started so did the down pours. Springbrook was sitting and waiting as they were the undefeated team at this point.

Patently everyone waited while the diamond crew, Springbrook executive and parents try to repair the diamonds. Finally the UIC and the OASA tournament convenors had to make the decision as the fields were unplayable.

On Thursday August 12th Highgate and Milverton met up in Glanworth to play the semi final game. Highgate won 8 to 5 over Milverton. Milverton was awarded the bronze medals.

Sunday August 15th in Stouffville, Highgate and Springbrook met up to play the final game. Highgate won over Springbrook 7 to 6; this is Springbrook’s first lost. In the if necessary game Springbrook comes out on top 8 over 2 to Highgate. Springbrook is awarded the gold medals, and Highgate the silver medals.

Thanks to everyone on the OASA executive who made this possible in arranging the diamonds, umpires and convenors.

MIDGET B/C PROVINCIAL

Colborne Rutherflo Midgets capture the Bronze title in the OASA Provincial B & C Championships.

Last weekend the Colborne Rutherflo Midgets hosted the OASA Provincial B & C Midget Championships at the Twin Diamonds in Colborne.

The weather co-operated for this 10 team tournament which started on Friday night and finished with the Gold and Silver Championships in both the “B” and “C” categories on Sunday.

The event was kicked off Friday night with the opening ceremonies being held on Saturday with Councillor, Timothy Gilligan, in the absence of the Mayor, welcoming all to our township.

Oshawa beat Wingham 6~2 in the final of the "B" division which gave Oshawa's the gold medal and Wingham the silver. Earlier in the day Colborne fell to Wingham which garnered them the bronze medal.

In the "C" division, Sebringville beat McNab 12~10 to achieve the gold medal thereby giving McNab the silver medal and bronze medal went to Greenbush.

The tournament concluded on Sunday, with the help of Councillor Gilligan once again, handing out awards in the closing ceremonies along with the OASA Executives and tournament organizers.

The weekend was full of great ball, fun was had by all, and tournament organizers got overwhelming comments on how beautiful our area was, how nice our town was, how great our facilities were, and how well organized the tournament was.

Fastball truly is the game in Colborne, as the Colborne Rutherford Intermediate Men now host the OASA Intermediate Men's Provincial B & C Championships this weekend, 20~22 August on the Memorial Park and Twin Diamonds. Play begins on Friday night at 7:00 pm with Colborne pitted against Penetang and continues all weekend until the championships on Sunday.

Mary Ainsworth Tournament Host

MEN'S B/C PROVINCIAL

COLBORNE -- As satisfied as they are with earning the bronze medal while hosting the Ontario Amateur Softball Association's Intermediate Men's B and C provincial championships this past weekend, the players for Colborne Rutherford wanted one more game.

A game for the gold medal. A game which would have been played against Wiarton.

Colborne lost the OASA 'B' title to Wiarton last year. Then on Saturday in the 2010 edition of the tournament, the Rutherford crew dropped a 4-3 decision to Wiarton in extra innings (the game went nine innings rather than the usual seven).

While Wiarton advanced directly to the final with the win, the loss put Colborne in the position of needing a victory over Saugeen Shores on Sunday morning to face Wiarton one more time.

As it turned out, Saugeen Shores edged Colborne 5-4 to advance to the championship game where they lost 7-5 to the defending champs from Wiarton.

"It was really disappointing," said Alex Rutherford. "We wanted another shot at Wiarton and I think Wiarton wanted another shot at us."

When asked what makes Colborne and Wiarton teams such close (friendly) rivals, Rutherford said both teams have "good fastball players who like to win."

Colborne opened the tournament with wins of 3-1 over Toanche and 7-4 (in eight innings) against Wellington before suffering the consecutive losses.

Wiarton was undefeated in four games in capturing the provincial title, beating Dundalk in addition to two wins over Saugeen Shores and the one against Colborne.

Losing teams early in the tournament filtered down to play for the OASA provincial 'C' championship. Wellington prevailed with the gold while Dundalk claimed silver and Frankford the bronze.

With essentially two tournaments blended in to one, Rutherford credits the volunteers, including Colborne's team manager and tournament committee member Mary Ainsworth and convener Paddy Fitzgerald-Nolan who is also the OASA's treasurer, for making the weekend a success. He once again also gave kudos to Cramahe Township's park staff for the work at the ball fields; both at the Twin Diamonds and Memorial Park. That should play a big factor in OASA tournaments returning to town in the coming years.

Mary Ainsworth Manger of Colborne Rutherford

CONVENTION

2010 O.A.S.A.

Annual General Meeting

Saturday November 20th

12:30 p.m. Meet and Greet

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

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Toronto Markham

7095 Woodbine Avenue

For more information, visit our website www.oasa.ca

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