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## Trophy Chair's Report

**To All Associations and Executive.**

**We at the OASA over the last 2 years have moved to the use of the new Optic ball from Worth.**

**This ball is the same as the old white ball. The only difference that in night games it can be seen well.**

**The white ball other than left over stock in your local sports store is no longer available.**

**This year we also learned a fact that we never knew. In a call with the Worth representative we learned that our Bantam and Peewee**

**Teams going to a Canadian would be using a 12" ball but not the K Master. They will be using a 12" Red Dot. So after learning this we**

**Moved to use this ball in our Provincial and Elimination Tournaments so our teams and their pitching would be better equipped to compete. Now I know that at**

**Our Bantam Elimination both the Red Dot and the K Master were supplied, that was my fault for not checking the whole case and both where**

**In it. This will be brought to Worth's attention and our contracts for hosting the Eliminations will be corrected. Thank you for your understanding.**

**Larry Sherwin**

## Squirt Qualifiers - Port Perry (Seagrave)

***A Great Tournament – good weather, gracious host, great officiating, lovely facilities and 9 teams who came to play ball and play ball they did, providing some tense moments with close games, unbelievable catches, great pitching and close plays.***

***Norwood and Springbrook played it out for 11 innings with Norwood coming out victorious. Norwood went ahead 5 runs in the first inning and then Springbrook replied with 5 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. Norwood went ahead again by three and in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning Spingbrook came back with three tying the game. The game remained tied until the bottom of 11 innings when Norwood brought home a run to win this marathon game.***

***Campbellford went through the tournament undefeated and in game 13 against Stouffville pitcher Ben Broek had a no hitter winning the game 2 to 0.***

***The teams finished (1) Campbellford (2) Port Perry (3) Stouffville (4) Norwood (5) Belleville (6) Napanee (7) Springbrook (8) Cobourg (9) Ennismore***

***I would also like to thank my fellow Conveners, Dave Northern, Randy Bridge, Keith Fleming and Cliff Dunkeld who all played a part in making this a very successful tournament.***

***Respectfully Mary Myers***

#### ***Brantford Squirt Qualifier***

***The Brantford Squirt Qualifier was played at the Steve Brown Lions Diamonds on the July 17/18 weekend. Eight teams: Wellesley Wildcats, Brantford Heat, Chepstow Fitz Construction, Georgian Bay (Toanche) Rattlers, Kitchener Waterloo Twins, New Hamburg Heat, Elmira Lasers, and Niagara-on-the- Lake Lakers. On the original draw nine games had been scheduled for Saturday. However Mother Nature had other ideas and at 2:52 p.m. we commenced two and a half hours of constant torrential rains and electrical storms. The Brantford City grounds keepers deemed the fields would be unfit until Sunday morning. We kept our fingers crossed and were able to recommence at 8:00 a.m. Sunday. The final game wrapped up at 6:30 that evening. The umpires, under UIC Joel Albertan, coaches, parents and ball players were very understanding, assisting the host and convernor to keep the revised scheduled game times tight and workable.***

***The eventual winners, Wellesley Wildcats were consistent throughout. Undefeated with 39 runs for and only 5 against. They also had dominant power at the bat. The other finalist, Brantford Heat, also played much disciplined ball, the difference being they could not bring the runs in off the bases. Chepstow Fritz Construction was an extremely resilient team and proved to be very strong competitors throughout the qualifier. The Georgian Bay (Toanche) Rattlers displayed great discipline in every***

***game. All their competitors really had to dig deep to keep them at bay. The majority of the remaining teams which did not qualify in the A are, notwithstanding, still able to provide strong competition and should not be taken lightly.***

***Given the unprecedented torrential rain and electrical storm, the host Gary Lockey and his team, the umpires, coaches, parents and players and those assisting with the convening of the qualifier, made this weekend work. A big thank you to all.***

***Jeff Geddes***

### ***Bantam Elimination***

**The Bantam Eliminations were held July 2 – 4, 2010 in Mitchell. The games were played under bright sunny and very warm conditions. There was no complaining about the weather on this weekend.**

**The facilities in Mitchell are next to none with 4 diamonds available all in 1 location. We would like to thank Jeff Pauli and his committee for hosting this tournament and being so obliging with everything we asked for.**

**We had 17 teams competing with a total of 33 games being played on the weekend.**

**There were many exciting games played with 10 games being won by 1 run.**

**The final was a 2 game affair with Kitchener Waterloo Kolts defeating the undefeated Napanee Metro Express by a 10 to 9 score. The second game was also very entertaining with the Napanee Metro Express being able to defeat the Kolts by an 8 to 7 score.**

**Both the Napanee Metro Express and the Kitchener Waterloo Kolts both earned the right to go to the Eastern Canadian Championship in Saint-Leonard-d'Aston Quebec.**

**The winner of the Gil Read Pitching Award was awarded to Cole Bolton of the Napanee Metro Express. His pitching record was 4 wins 1 loss 26 innings pitched 8 runs against allowing 19 hits with 33 strikeouts and 2 walks. Well done Cole.**

**We would like to thank the players, coaches and umpires for a great weekend of fastball.**

Respectfully Submitted

Garry Waugh, Leanne Ashbridge, Mike Axford, Richard Martin, Bill and Betty DeHaan.

### Midget "A" Provincial

***The teams arrived at the Sydenham Keeley Road site on Saturday morning to a park with excellent diamonds, great food at reasonable prices and bright sunny weather. The games started on time with Oshawa and Napanee winning their first round games. All teams participated in the Opening Ceremonies which were highlighted by the presentation of the Elimination medals to Oshawa (Gold) and Sydenham (Silver) as well as the plaque to Oshawa. The Elerbeck MV Pitcher award was presented to Tyler Kuntz of Walkerton. The weather had prevented the presentation of these awards at the Elimination tournament in Owen Sound. Blake Orr whose pitching career began in Sydenham and continued in Scarborough made the opening pitch.***

***Sydenham won its first game 5 - 2 – it took 9 innings over Wiarton – with great plays made by both teams, especially in the extra innings. Also of note were three games that had excellent pitching and great defensive plays: Sydenham 1 KW 0, Oshawa 1 Owen Sound 0 (undefeated game) and Owen Sound 2 Sydenham 1 (Silver game - Sydenham had the tying run thrown out at the plate to end the game – wow!).***

***In the Gold game, Owen Sound led Oshawa 5 – 1 until Oshawa scored 4 in the fifth to knot the game at 5 – 5. Oshawa scored the go-ahead run in the sixth. Owen Sound threatened to tie but couldn't push the run across.***

***Congratulations to Oshawa BB (Gold and also Ontario 1 at the Midget Canadians), Owen Sound Selects (Silver and also Midget Eastern Canadian representative), Sydenham Cyclones (Bronze and also Ontario 2 at the Midget Canadians). Oshawa has gone undefeated through both the Elimination and Provincial tournaments which augers well for them at the Canadians.***

***The teams unanimously endorsed this year's timing for the Midget Provincials. Sydenham, led by Norm Irwin who also coached the Cyclones, did a great job as host for this OASA Midget Provincial Championship. The officials UIC'd by Matt Allen were on time, made the calls and had a great tournament.***

***Congratulations to the host, all teams, fans, officials and the weather man.***

**Dave Reynolds & Karen Mills**

**Convenors**

**Junior Men's Provincial "A"**

**What started out to be rainy threatening day on Friday in Cobourg turned into a hot and clear weekend that provided an excellent stage for 15 junior age clubs to compete for a Provincial A Title, and the right to represent Ontario at the 2010 Junior Men's Canadian Fast pitch Championship in St. Croix, Nova Scotia. Friday night proved that no one team could be taken lightly as the O.R.S.A representative from Freelon was able to upset the high ranked Waterloo Hallman Junior Twins. Throughout the weekend there were many close ball games and great competition. When the sun came up on Sunday, four teams were looking at only two spots that were left to qualify. A win and they would qualify for the National Championship. Oshawa's Kyle Arsenault took the ball and faced off against Scott Marshall of Selkirk. In a back and forth affair the Selkirk Steelers were able to come out on top winning 4-2. Scott Marshall picked up the win pitching 7 innings, giving up 1 run on 2 hits, walking 1 and striking out 10. The other 8:00 am game pitted Napanee vs. Fingal. Joran Graham took the ball for Napanee while Chad Hargrove threw for Fingal. The Express rolled in this game to a score of 7-3. Joran Graham was the winning pitcher tossing 7 complete innings, scattering 2 runs on 6 hits, walking 4 and striking out 13 Fingal batters. The winners of this game met in the quarterfinals with Napanee picking up where they left off with Fingal, by defeating Selkirk by a score of 9-3. Napanee then continued their pursuit by defeating Linwood 4-2 to pick up their 3<sup>d</sup> win of the day and to set up a championship date with the undefeated Owen Sound Selects. A tired Napanee team gave everything they had but came up short against a rested Owen Sound squad losing by a score of 6-1. Andy Skelton took the ball for Owen Sound tossing a 4 hitter for the win.**

**The balanced attack of the Owen Sound Selects was too much for the rest of the junior circuit to handle this weekend. The Selects went 4-0 led by the pitching of Andy Skelton, Luke Leahy and Dustin Veenhof who did not give up a single run (earned or unearned) until the final inning of the championship game. George Ryder presented the Bob Domik Pitching Award to Joran Graham who threw 23 2/3 innings gave up 11ER and had 40 Strikeouts**

***As tournament director I would like to thank my experienced staff of Larry Sherwin, Paddy Nolan and Denise Quigley for getting the games started in such a professional manner. I would also like to thank George Ryder for giving up his time to be the professional photographer for the weekend, taking hundreds of action shots on the diamond. Some of these shots can be found on the OASA website [www.oasa.ca](http://www.oasa.ca) . The Umpire Crew led by Peter Kluszczynski demonstrated professionalism, hustle and respect, and in my mind the aspect that truly shined and showed how good this group is, was that they were heard but not seen, meaning they controlled the game but allowed the players to play. My last big thank you goes to our host led by Rory and Denise Quigley and the many volunteers from Cobourg Minor Softball. They truly put on a great event from the preparation of the diamonds, scorekeeping and announcing and hearing the voice of "Fever Award" winner Layton Dodge, the girls in the canteen and gentleman in the beer gardens. This was truly an excellent event.***

***Best of luck to our four teams (Owen Sound, Napanee, Linwood, and Selkirk) that will be representing Ontario in St. Croix, Nova Scotia August 2-8, 2010***

### *Junior B Provincial*

#### **Junior B Information**

**The Junior B Provincial Tournament was held in Ponsonby on July 24 and 25. Teams participating were Orillia, Newmarket, Freelton, Tavistock and Maryhill. Saturday dawned with grey skies but all teams headed to the park to start the tournament. Teams competed in a Full Round Robin with the top 3 teams vying for medals. We managed to get 4 games in on Saturday morning before the skies literally opened up and the diamonds were less than 6" of water in a matter of 10 minutes. The games were rescheduled to Sunday morning at 8 am**

**Sunday dawned grey but with the promise of sunshine. There were 6 out of 8 games played on Sunday (2 were forfeited). It came down to Freelton, Tavistock and Maryhill for the finals. Each of the last 2 games were very close with Freelton winning the Bronze, Tavistock the Silver and Maryhill capturing the Junior B Championship title. Congratulations to all teams.**

**Thank you very much to Shirley and her Ponsonby crew. You have a great facility and were a terrific host.**

**Thank you to Mike and the blue crew. The games were on time and you all adapted to the new scheduling.**

**Thank you to the fans who cheered in the pouring rain.**

A big thank you to the coaches and players for adapting to the new scheduling twice and demonstrating great sportsmanship. It was a well played weekend and we were honoured to be there.

Respectfully submitted  
Roy and Christine Patenaude

### *Master's Provincial*

#### ***Masters Provincial Championships***

***July 16, 17, 18 2010 Ker Park Niagara Falls***

***For the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Year in a row the Masters Tournament was hosted by the Niagara Fury and once again was a very successful Tournament. Six teams entered the event, Niagara Fury, Niagara Hooligans, Waterdown Hammer, Bracebridge Farm, Aurora Shoeless Joes & Waterloo Classics. The event was a two Division round robin Tournament. The playoffs began Saturday night following the preliminary round. The Quarter Final results were as follows Aurora 11- Hooligans 3, Waterdown 4- Bracebridge 0. The Semi Finals began Sunday AM with Fury 3-Aurora 2, Waterdown 3- Waterloo 2.***

***In the B Championship Bracebridge won over the Hooligans by the score of 10-3. Bracebridge erupted for 7 runs in the 6<sup>th</sup>. Inning on 8 hits. Ted Conway was the winning pitcher with 9 strikeouts giving up 3 hits and only 1 walk.***

***The A Championship was without a doubt the best Masters Championship game ever played. It was a classic pitching duel between Tom Berube of Fury and Jim Hurst of Waterdown. The game was scoreless until the 10<sup>th</sup> inning when the tie breaking rule began.***

***Fury scored 2 runs in the top of the 10<sup>th</sup> and in the bottom of the 10<sup>th</sup> with one out and the bases loaded Steve Gillis hit a pitch to the right field fence that cleared the bases and gave Waterdown the Championship with a 3-2 win.***

***Jim Hurst received the Cliff Belch pitching award as the top pitcher in the tournament. He had 2 wins and 1 save and in 18 innings pitched had 20 strikeouts giving up 13 hits & 2 walks.***

***The Jack Cook Sportsmanship Award was presented to Rob Greatrix of the Niagara Fury.***

***In 2011 the Tournament will move to Bracebridge and is already receiving a great deal of interest.***

***Tournament Directors***

***Bob Abbot & Paddy-Fitzgerald Nolan***

### ***Minor Chair's Report***

#### **Oshawa BB's Claim Midget Elimination Crown**

The Oshawa BB's went undefeated in a rain shortened weekend in Owen Sound to claim the OASA Midget Elimination gold and the top Ontario seed in the upcoming Canadian Midget Nationals. The BB's won all four of the games they played including a convincing 5-1 victory over Sydenham Cyclones in the undefeated game. Rain and fog wreaked havoc on the Saturday schedule and then more rain late Sunday afternoon put an end to games played. Sydenham was awarded silver and the Walkerton Wild bronze. Napanee finished fourth losing out to Walkerton 4-2 in the final game that was played on Sunday. Stratford, Owen Sound, Wiarton and Kitchener-Waterloo rounded out the top 8.

These eight teams will move on to Sydenham to compete in the OA Provincial "A" tournament in mid July. Sydenham, Walkerton and the host team Stratford Memorials will join the BB's in representing Ontario at the Softball Canada's Midget Nationals to be held in Stratford the first week of August. Walkerton's Tyler Kuntz was awarded the Barry Ellerbeck Trophy as the tournament's top pitcher. Tyler won three games in the tournament with an E.R.A. under two. Two of his wins came in tough matches on Sunday as Walkerton worked their way up through the losing bracket. The other eleven teams competing at the Eliminations will compete at the OASA B/C Provincial tournament in Corborne in mid August.

#### **Oshawa Wins Midget Provincial "A"**

Oshawa BB's proved to be the class of the tournament as they went a perfect 4-0 in winning the OASA Provincial "A" Division gold. Owen Sound Selects finished a worthy second to Oshawa as they lost by narrowest of margins, 1-0 to Oshawa in the undefeated game and 6-5 in the championship game. Owen Sound defeated the host Sydenham squad 2-1 and thus forced the Cyclones to settle for third. Wiarton Red Devils defeated Napanee 9-6 to earn fourth spot at the two day 8 team tournament. KW Twins gained a single victory while Stratford and Walkerton went 0-2 over the weekend.



**This tournament included all our OASA players that will be participating in the Nationals. Added to the four Ontario team rosters will be David Pratt, Napanee , Adam Stuck, Owen Sound and Riley Capalbo, Oshawa Pops to the Oshawa roster. Travis Jones and Tyler Craig, Wiarton and Brett Irwin will join Sydenham. Walkerton Wild asked Brendan Roach and Corey Way to join them from the KW Twins. The Stratford Memorials added Caleb Keeshig from Owen Sound, Curtis Leonard from Napanee and George Armstrong from the Wingham Falcons . The OASA wish these four clubs the best of luck as they do battle for Midget national top honours.**

### **Ontario Teams Head to the ECSC**

**The OASA will send 6 teams to the Eastern Canadian Softball Championships next month. Competing in St. Leonard D'Aston, PQ will be our Peewee reps, Pt. Perry and Chepstow. Our Bantam reps from Napanee and Kitchener- Waterloo will also travel to St. Leonard-D'Aston. Our midget reps, the Owen Sound Selects and the Wiarton Red Devils, will travel to Placentia, NL. Good luck to all!**

## *News*

### **SOFTBALL ONTARIO OFFERS NEW SOFTBALL RESOURCES**

**Softball Ontario is please to introduce TWO excellent coaching tools available for sale!! The new CANpitch Program DVD and the Play Softball Sportfolio are both excellent resources offered to all coaches!**

**Softball Canada's CANpitch Program DVD is a standardized training program for pitchers, ideally aged 6-12 across Ontario. This program aims to teach fundamental pitching skills while reinforcing proper mechanics through the use of key drills and progressions, and is open to all athletes wishing to learn or improve their pitching skills.**

**The CANpitch DVD is available for purchase through the Softball Ontario office for \$19.95 plus applicable taxes.**

**Softball Ontario also has a "Sportfolio" available to ALL coaches! The "Sportfolio" is a padded portfolio that features the FUN Play Softball logo as well as the "Play Softball" website information on the front. Additionally, on the inside of the Sportfolio you will find a softball diamond dry-erase board featuring all Softball Ontario's program information and lastly it has a full note pad to write on. This is a GREAT resource tool for coaches to use at a practice or during a game where you can post up your line-up or make any notes.**

**The Sportfolio is available for purchase through the Softball Ontario office for \$19.95 plus applicable taxes.**

**To purchase either the CANpitch DVD or the Sportfolio, please contact Nancy Huang by phone at 416-426-7150 or by email [nhuang@softballontario.ca](mailto:nhuang@softballontario.ca).**

## **CONVENTION**

**2010 O.A.S.A.**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**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](http://www.oasa.ca)**

**Convention Chair Paddy Fitzgerald-Nolan**

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