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Pre-Opening Day Newsletter

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Welcome to the Pre-Season Jitters Tea Dance

Thanks and welcome to everyone for being at this "Pre-Season Jitters Tea Dance". I hope you all enjoy yourselves today and that you start getting to know other members in WESA. A special thank you to all of those who have volunteered to help put on this event including the generous support of Ghiradelli's and Little Sister's who have donated prizes to be given away. Let the season begin!

Sydney, Special Events Chair



Daryl as we near opening day!

Opening Day — May 7th

As most are aware, opening day is just one week away — Sunday, May 7th. Official opening day ceremonies are set for 1:15. We hope to see everyone there.

All teams will be playing on Sunday and here is the schedule.

	Home	Visitor
9:30 am	Lava Lounge	Global Beat
10:45 am	Doll & Penny's	Brockton
12:00 pm	Little Sister's	F212
1:15 pm	***OPENING CEREMONIES***	
1:30 pm	Royal Hotel	Fountainhead
2:45 pm	Xtra West	Dufferin Hotel
4:00 pm	Numbers	D,f,C,

Enjoy the day....

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WANTED - SCOREKEEPERS

W.E.S.A. is looking for enthusiastic individuals who would like to scorekeep for our league games.

The pay is really low (actually it's non-existent), but we guarantee you'll have the best seat at the field!

Experience isn't necessary as training can be provided. If this **EXCITING** opportunity interests you please contact Paul at 681-1677.

League Sponsors



Team Sponsors

Team Captain



Rick Vandebeld



Gil Lerat



Charlie Becker

...in the village...



Scott Schoffer



Luc Descrochers



Murray MacGregor

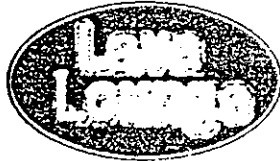
The rest of your team sponsors

Team Sponsors

Team Captain



Barry Gee



Art Gullett



Paul Birks



Daryl Quick



Jason Raphael

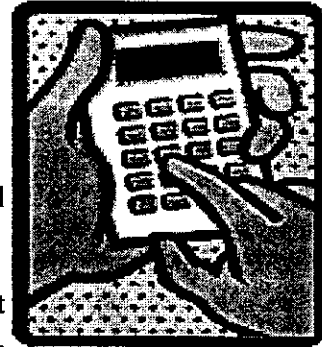


Kenn Spiegelberg

TREASURER'S REPORT

Previous Fiscal Year Carry-over

At the Spring General Meeting, I was asked to report on the financial carry-over from previous fiscal years in the next newsletter.



The Commission passed a resolution to set the League's fiscal year at October 1 – September 30, to coincide with the term of the Commission. While there has been some uncertainty about the possibility of an accounting error which may have been perpetuated for several preceding fiscal years, the fact remains that what's in the bank is what's in the bank. Consequently, we reconciled the books at September 30, including writing off one receivable as a bad debt, leaving a balance of \$1,824.39 as our carry-over.

Recently, we received notice from the Vancouver Park Board that we have an outstanding invoice of \$80 from September, 1998 for additional sanitation charges from the 1998 Pacific Cup tournament at Gordon Park. I am trying to ascertain whether this payment was ever made; if not, this will reduce the carry-over to \$1,744.39.

The carry-over is retained as a separate cash reserve, and is not part of the 1999/2000 operating budget. We anticipate a balanced budget for this fiscal year, based on estimated League revenues of \$22,635. A separate budget will be developed for Pacific Cup, based on full recovery of all tournament costs.

League Incorporation

At the Spring General Meeting, the membership voted to proceed with incorporation under the provincial *Society Act*. This is a two step process beginning with registration of the society name, which is required to ensure that our legal name does not duplicate one already in use. This step was completed, and we received confirmation from the Registrar of Companies that we could proceed to incorporate under the name *West End Slo-Pitch Association*.

The Constitution and By-laws have been amended, as approved by the membership, and submitted to the Registrar of Companies. We anticipate having notice of incorporation by June. The total cost, including the name search fee, will be \$105.



And now, on a lighter note.... Birthday Greetings!!

Okay, June Cleaver she may not be—but Janine Fuller, Manager of Little Sister's and champion for our rights, celebrates her birthday on Sunday, April 30th.

Happy birthday Janine and best wishes from WESA!

Commitment and the "Four Game Rule"

Earlier this year the League's Commission instituted a new rule (Appendix E : Rule 15) now referred to as the "Four Game Rule". The rule basically states that each member is guaranteed to play in a minimum of four full league games, both offensively and defensively. Our intent is to ensure that all members are given an opportunity to further develop their softball skills through increased participation. As with many new rules, there was some opposition to the inclusion of this rule in our bylaws, most notably from a majority of the team managers. After listening to their concerns, many of which were valid, I agreed to ask the Commission to remove the rule from the league bylaws. At a recent meeting, a majority of Commission members voted to keep the rule on the books, but were open to considering a revision of the rule so as to address some of the concerns that had been raised.

So, what does this rule mean to our membership? In short, it means that you have the right to participate in a minimum of four full league games throughout the season. This right, however, is conditional. Belonging to an organization, such as W.E.S.A., provides each of us with the opportunity to benefit from the camaraderie with other league members while participating in a friendly, yet competitive, team sport. Membership and the benefits derived therein is not, however, a one-way street. You, as a member of W.E.S.A., must be prepared to make a commitment to the league, by upholding it's principles and also make a commitment to your team and manager by regularly attending scheduled practices and games. Any member who does not demonstrate a solid commitment level cannot expect to receive the benefits of the "Four Game Rule". So get out there, support your team and manager and most of all enjoy yourself this season.

See you on the field.....

Paul Birks, Rules & Regulations Chair

Special Events & news from Sydney...

Miss WESA Reunion and Draft of March 26th

Thanks to everyone who attended the draft on Sunday, March 26 at the Dufferin Hotel. The Miss WESA Contestant Show proved that the talents of our members are not limited to the softball field. Special thanks to Miss WESA '99, Miss Edge '99, and Miss Dufferin '97 and everyone else who helped make the show a success. Let's hope this tradition continues next year.

May 14: "The Gong Show" — A Farewell to Liz (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm @ The Dufferin Avenue Lounge)

Bartender Liz and her hubby Mike are off to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and May 14th is her last day. Come and sing a song for Liz. The worse you are, the better as we'll be raising some money for our charities. The Gong Show will be going on rain or shine, so be there and let's give Liz a WESA send-off.

P.S. We are still searching for a gong! If you know where we can get one, please talk with Sydney or call at 662-8565.

More news from your social butterfly, Sydney

May 23rd — Presentation on Gay Games in Sydney

Interested in going to the Gay Games in Sydney? Well, if you are, there will be a video presentation from a contingent of people from Australia (now that's the job to have!) at the Royal Hotel on Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:30 pm. There is no charge for this informative presentation and they will have T-shirts and souvenirs on sale. So, start planning your slo-pitch team now, or for any other sport you would like to be involved in. See you at the Royal on the 23rd!

Sunday, June 4th — Team Photos

June 4th is the day that has been set for team photos this year. Please do everything in your power to be at Brockton Oval as we would like to have as many players as possible in the team pictures.

Saturday, July 15th — Miss WESA Contest

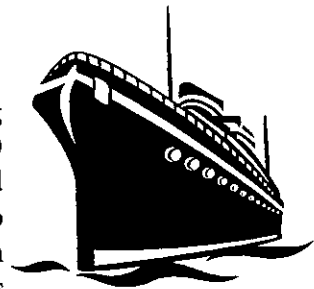
Saturday, July 15th at the lava Lounge is the date for this year's Miss WESA contest. Plan to attend as this event is sure to be another classic. Proceeds will be going to YouthQuest and Boys R Us. Please let Sydney know your team's contestant by July 1. This year's theme will be **Glitz, Glam or Gutter**.

Sunday, August 6th — Pride Parade 2000

The annual Pride Parade will be held on Sunday, August 6 and WESA will once again be an entry. We have a reputation to uphold as we have won the Best Marching Unit the past two years. If you are interested in being a part of our entry, and more importantly, if you are interested in helping to organize our entry, please talk to Sydney (in person) or call him at 662-8565.

Friday, May 5th - the Cutting Edges Hockey Team season wind-up boat cruise

Following another successful season, the Cutting Edges hockey team is having their annual year-end boat cruise. They have a few extra tickets at \$25.00 which includes a 4 hour boat cruise, dinner, show, and some very rugged hockey players! Boarding is at 7:00 pm with the cruise lasting from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the Pre-Season Jitters Tea Dance from James Mulvaney. He can also be reached at 488-8853 or 307-1038. Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, May 2. Bon Voyage!



Triple Play Slo-Pitch Clinic - Saturday, May 6th

Want to awe your team captain and fellow players on Sunday, May 7th? Then why not attend this clinic on Saturday, May 6th (the eve of opening day). For your convenience we have attached a registration form to the back of this Newsletter.

For more information, speak to Sydney at the T-Dance (trust me, you'll find him), or call him at 662-8565.

Welcome back Charlie....

Welcome back Charlie Becker. You were missed after your short absence from WESA.

If you're not around, how are the new members supposed to know what the first rule of softball is?

For anyone not aware, it involves a beer and the captain.

Enjoy the season Charlie!!



We are still looking for a few good women and men, i.e new members!

Although we have twelve full teams, we are still looking for anyone interested in registering and being placed on the waiting list.

If interested, speak to Paul Butler. He can be contacted at 669-9309.

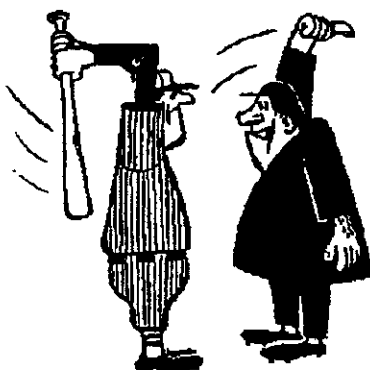
WESA's 20th Anniversary Yearbooks still available

Have you purchased a 20th Anniversary Yearbook yet? The yearbook was prepared a couple of years ago thanks to the hard work of Art Gullett and others. Well, you can now share in the memories for only \$8.00.

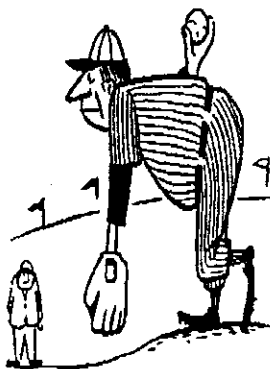
Daryl still has some available and will be selling them at the T-Dance on April 30th as well as opening day on May 7th.

Go back in time—hey check out some of those clothes and hair styles back in the '80s!!

Behaviour unbecoming



*What you will look like
by the playoffs*



The voice of reason....



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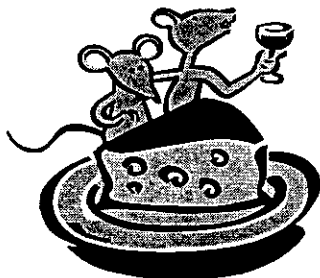
As a welcome to the 22nd season of the West-End Slo-Pitch Association here are a few historical / trivia items that may interest you.

1. WESA began in 1979 under the name of The West-End Community Baseball League.
2. Prior to 1979 the Dogwood Monarchist Society, drag queens et al informally began playing softball every Sunday at Lord Roberts school.
3. WESA played at Lord Roberts, nicknamed "the gravel pit" from 1979 to 1983.
4. The first 6 sponsors of WESA teams were: The Gandydancer, Shaggy Horse, Playpen Central, Neighbours, Luv Affair and the Castle Hotel.
5. WESA is the oldest Gay & Lesbian sports organization in Vancouver.
6. The initial name of the Miss WESA Pageant was Jocks in Heels.
7. The first Pacific Cup Tournament was held in 1980.
8. The 2000 Pacific Cup will be played at Whistler B.C.
9. All 12 league teams are eligible for the play-offs.
10. The WESA league trophies are displayed at the Royal Hotel.
11. The Pacific Cup trophies are displayed at the Dufferin Hotel.
12. A WESA member has an opportunity to win one or more of 29 awards handed out by the League at the year-end awards banquet.

Stay in the "Know" check out WESA at www.wesa.net

Plea to any pack rats out there

I am planning to put together an archives (so to speak) of former WESA Newsletters, correspondence, etc. (including a copy of the 20th Anniversary Yearbook) with the intent of keeping it updated, i.e. current. It will be in the format of a binder and will be passed over to next year's secretary for updating.



As I am essentially starting fresh, if anyone can temporarily loan to me old Newsletters, etc., in order that I may photocopy, it would be most appreciative and welcome.

Rest assured that originals will be returned promptly and in the condition received. So, anyone who is able to provide me with anything, please let me know.

Thanks,
Kevin, Secretary

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Newsletter suggestions??

Suggestions and/or comments for your Newsletter are always welcome.

Contact Kevin via e-mail – kshano@axion.net.

TRIPLE PLAY SLO-PITCH CLINIC

Presented by past team members of Team Canada
and present World Masters Champions

Saturday, May 6, 2000

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Name	Tel No. .
Date and Session: May 6, 2000	Please check (✓) one <input type="checkbox"/> am <input type="checkbox"/> pm
Please Make Cheque Payable & Mail To: S. Nerreter 11191 Schooner Court Richmond, B.C. V7E 4L1	

Consent and Waiver

The registered participant hereby agree that Triple Play Softball School will not be held responsible for any accidents or loss
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reason of such accidents or loss.

Does the registered player have any medical concerns? _____

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____