

# Softball America Magazine

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2002 Year In Review

## SBA Winter Banquet Sunday, February 23, 2003

Our banquet will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 23, 2003 at the Quality Inn (formerly Best Western), located approx 1/4 mile north of Stump Rd. on the northbound side of Rt. 309 in Montgomeryville. The cost will be \$18.00 per person and will include 3 entrees of sliced sirloin, chicken picante, and penne in a marinara sauce. Potatoes, salad, bread, and assorted pies are also included. A well stocked cash bar will be on hand for the one or 2 that may care to have a few.



As is traditional, league MVPs will be announced while accolades, trophies, and championship shirts will be awarded to league winners and outstanding athletes of the 2002 softball season. Members and

guests are welcome to attend. Festivities are set to begin at 4:00 pm and conclude around 8:00 pm. Dress for the banquet as always will be casual.

**PLEASE** register at your earliest possible convenience. Caterers and banquet halls need to know how many to cater to. Without early commitment from league members, it's hard to even offer them a ballpark number. Our catering hall can accommodate 200 people. Be that as it may, only the first 200 people to submit payment for the banquet will be able to attend. It is strongly advised that you submit your banquet fees early. Payment deadline - 02/15/02. You can use the registration form located on the back page along with your payment, or register online through the Softball America Website. Payment will **NOT** be accepted at the door. Remember, only the

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## Sunday Morning Men's Hitched Captures Spring/Summer Title. Schlepville Inn Rises From The Ashes To Grab Fall Classic

The Sunday morning men's league had a surprising finish, when **Hitched**, who finished the season with a record of (9-9), made a run through the playoffs & won the championship. Russ Frankenfield led the way on offense for Hitched batting .731, SLG% of 1.538. Joe Maul tied Ryan Hankinson for the team lead in RBI with 23. Ryan recorded 59 putouts for Hitched. Joe also flashed the leather for Hitched with po=17 & a=22. **Surplus Asset Sales** had a great season ending with a (13-5) mark & going all the way to the finals. Shawn Rush had a strong offensive season hitting .672. Dave Bryton played solid defense with po=34 & a=43 for SAS. Scott Holloway led Surplus Asset Sale in Hrs with 7, RBI with 34 & po=59. **Gavin's** (10-8) had a strong regular season but came up a little short in the playoffs. Frank Colon had an excellent season in the field for Gavin's leading the league with 51 assists while having 42 putouts. Rick Gray showed off his glove with po=46. Dave Jones had a great all around spring/summer. Dave had 54 RBI & HR=11 at the plate while having po=36 & a=25 in the field for Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern. George Dart showed an amazing eye at the plate for Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern drawing 24 bases on balls. **The Jackals** (2-16) had a rough season. The defense seemed a little soft at times. Scott Murray led the Jackals with a .636 average as well as in SLG% with a .970. Mike Ferraro led the team with 28 RBI & po=50. Bob

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## Sunday Evening Coed Comedy Central Takes Spring Honors. Gavin's Tavern - Summer And Fall Champs.

The Spring Sunday Coed saw **Comedy Central**, a new team full of Sunday coed veterans, go (8-0) & remain undefeated through the playoffs & win the title. Comedy Central only gave up 35 runs during the regular season. Wes Tommassello led Comedy Central with a .733 average. Wes also led the league with HR=5, 29 RBI & a SLG% of 1.600. Dave Bonacquisti added a .692 average & SLG% of .923 to the championship run. Kim Walterick led the eddies with a .429 average. Kim also had po=26 for Comedy Central. **McAfee Chiropractic** went (6-2) & returned to the finals in the spring. John Muntz had a strong defensive season for McAfee Chiropractic with po=26 & a=16. Tom Corey led the Chiropractors with 16 RBI. Tom Montvydas helped the McAfee Chiropractic offense along with a .667 average & a 1.222 SLG%. **Alliance Chiropractic** had a disappointing spring finishing (2-6). Dave McDonald played well all around for Alliance Chiropractic hitting .700 & having po=24 & a=23. Sheila Robison led the Alliance eddies with a .364 average. Alliance Chiropractic saw George Megelsh get a=14 & have a SLG% of .871. **C&C** continued to improve ending with a (5-3) record. Keith Martin joined C&C and hit .633 & led the team with 13 RBI. Kevin Huhan had an unbelievable spring in the field with po=21 & a league leading 36 assists. Lisa Gill hit .333 for C&C. The defending champions the **Cardinal Group** had a bad spring wrapping it with a (3-5) record. Rob Pfeifer hit .667 for the Cardinal Group. Rob also had his usual good season at ss with po=21 &

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## Yesterday, Today, And Tomorrow SBA... Its Members Are Its Legacy

In the Summer of 1995 the first SBA pitch was tossed and an official SBA at-bat was born. At some point in the Spring of '03 our at-bat total will reach 1/4 million. We will have played more than 4,000 games, surpassed the 125,000 hit total, and consumed close to a billion hotdogs! The quality of play is increasing every year. Players are getting better - better players are getting in. Players such as Kim Snyder, Dave Ewing, Beth Klein, and Steve Tow get better with every at-bat. Newcomers the likes of Neal Britton, Tom Strowhouer, Kevin Miller, and Jimmy Waltman, who have the ability to play in/on any league/team, have chosen to play SBA ball.

The safety and integrity of the game has been preserved. In 1999, where juiced bats were just starting to make their way into the league, men's league players hit 1 home run in every 41 at-bats. In 2000, juiced bats were everywhere and men's league players hit home runs to the tune of 1 in every 29.5 at-bats. In the years 2001 and 2002, when juiced bats became banned from use in our leagues, the home run rate dropped back to reality with a home run hit in every 41 and 43 at-bats respectively.



The outfield areas behind 2nd base have been leveled and new sod added. The warning track will be reworked in early March and the infield, as always, will be resurfaced. New break-away bases have been ordered. If all goes well, Andy has his sights set on renovating the snack bar. A digital camcorder could be in our future, making possible the viewing of video highlights on the website.

Softball America is unlike any organization I have ever seen, let alone ever been a part of. SBA has truly taken on a life of its own. With a membership of people more like a family than a database, the sky is the limit... literally. On January 2, 2003, 21 members of our league will be heading

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## Monday Evening Coed Dale Rimmer Siding Takes Spring Title. Portable Concepts Nails Summer. Reed's Tavern Takes Fall

Spring Monday Coed saw the return of **Dale Rimmer Siding** who finished (6-2) & won the spring championship. John Keiffer led Dale Rimmer Siding in hitting batting .720. Rick Bieber had a strong season in the field with po=22 & a=17. Dawn McCartney helped Rimmer's effort with a .440 avg. & po=11 & a=8 in the field. Kathy Lutz played well all around for Rimmer Siding. Kathy had .516 average with a SLG%=.645 & 14 RBI at the plate & a team leading po=24. Don Rimmer had 21 RBI, SLG%= 1.345 & 2b=7 all of which led Dale Rimmer Siding. **Portable Concepts** returned to the finals once again after finishing the spring season with a record of (5-3). Chris Hesdon led Portable Concepts in avg. = .731, po=27 & a=30. Chris also tied with Andy Suder for the team RBI lead with 13. Andy had hit .714 & had a SLG% of .929 for the spring. Tom Weinman had a solid all around spring hitting .556 while having po=12 & a=15 in the field. Tina Koch continued to play rock solid at 1b with a league leading po=46. Steph Garret flashed the leather for Portable Concepts with po=18 & a=13. **Flanagan's** added some players to finish (4-4). Joe Quinn led the way offensively for Flanagan's batting .750. Jess Morak was one of the new faces that they had added. Jess atted .407 & a SLG%= .481 while having po=19 in the field. Another new player that paid off was Ron Pulli had po=20 & an average of .714 while leading Flanagan's with a SLG% of 1.179. **Reed's Tavern** was on fire throughout the whole regular season finishing (8-0) but got derailed in the playoffs. Marty Wetzel had a great spring at the plate for Reed's Tavern batting .806 with a 1.117 SLG%, HR=5 & a league leading 33 RBI. Chris Hipsman got it done both with the stick & in the field with a .686 avg. while having po=16 & a=17. Reed's saw eddie John Razzi hit .677 with 14 RBI for them in the spring. Christen Flaherty turned in a strong season hitting .516 with a SLG% of .742 with BB=5 at the plate. Christen also had po=26 for Reed's Tavern. **Shot Crete** had a good season ending with a record of (5-3). Shot Crete manager Laurie Meltsner helped her team along with a .440 avg. & po=24. New addition Dave Reeves paid off batting .750 & a SLG% of 1.304. Mark Golling was an offensive force for Shot Crete batting .719 with a SLG= 1.750, HR=8 & 32 RBI. Mark also played well in the field for Shot Crete with po=28 & a=13. **TNSI Renegades'** defense let them down in the spring finishing 2-6. Mike Minko played both on offense & defense. Mike batted .652 with a 1.304 SLG% & 12 RBI while having po=16. Nina Matyszczyk had a good season at the plate hitting .421. Frank Gualtiere hit .632 with 7 doubles for TNSI. Frank also got it done in the field for

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## Spring MVP Candidates – 2002

|                     | Sunday Men | Sunday Coed   | Monday Coed   | Tuesday Men   | Wednesday Coed  | Thursday Men   | Friday Coed  |
|---------------------|------------|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| <b>Offense</b>      |            | Chris Hibsman*<br>Chris Shaw*<br>George Megelsh<br>Steve Palmer<br>Wes Tommessello*                                   | Bob Baginski*<br>Chris Hibsman*<br>Dave Reeves (e)<br>Mark Golling<br>Marty Wetzel*<br>Matt Vernak* | Bill Damico<br>Bill Gilbert<br>Frank Hackett<br>Jimmy Bailey<br>Rob Johnson | Andy Cohen<br>Dave Reeves (e)<br>Don Gerhart*<br>Eric Pfleger<br>Keith Keppley*<br>Steve Mendenhall*            | Jeff Neamand<br>Jerry Crosson<br>John Benson<br>Steve Franchino<br>Tim Hearn<br>Tom Strowhouer | Andy Leuzinger*<br>Dom Brown*<br>Kent Smedley*<br>Mario Perillo*<br>Steve Mendenhall*                  |
| <b>Male Eddie</b>   |            | Andy Suder (e)<br>Bill Guerard (e)<br>Dave Reeves (e)<br>John Razzi (e)<br>Ray Cope (e)                               | Andy Suder (e)<br>Dave Reeves (e)<br>John Razzi (e)   |   | Andy Suder (e)<br>Bernie Marsh (e)<br>Bob Cusano (e)<br>Dave Reeves (e)<br>Joe Buglak (e)                       |  | Bob Cusano (e)<br>Dave Reeves (e)<br>Frank Taverno (e)<br>Newt Miles (e)                               |
| <b>Female Eddie</b> |            | Christen Flaherty (e)<br>Diane Munsell (e)<br>Jess Schmidt (e)<br>Kelly Tow (e)<br>Kim Walterick (e)                  | Christen Flaherty (e)<br>Denise Peterson (e)<br>Kathy Lutz (e)<br>Laurie Meltsner (e)               |   | Amy Earley (e)<br>Christen Flaherty (e)<br>Joan Glass (e)<br>Sharon Lawn (e)<br>Tonya Miller (e)                |  | Christen Flaherty (e)<br>Kathy Johnston (e)<br>Kelly Neill (e)<br>Kris Smedley (e)<br>Toni Szeliga (e) |
| <b>Defense</b>      |            | Chris Shaw*<br>Dave McDonald<br>John Muntz*<br>Kevin Huhan<br>Mike Cianfichi  | Bob Gargas<br>Chris Hesdon<br>Chris Hibsman*<br>Irv Derstine<br>Mark Golling                        | Bill Wise<br>Dan Smith<br>Ed Waterfall<br>Jim Weiss<br>Ron Bannister        | Colin Majetka*<br>Eric Pfleger<br>Howard Miller<br>Joe Maul<br>Steph Garret*                                    | Chris Shaw<br>Dave Markow<br>Dave Porter<br>Ed Waterfall<br>Ron Bannister                      | Kent Smedley*<br>Mike Ciepiela<br>Rob Johnson*<br>Steve Jerdan<br>Wes Tommassello*                     |
| <b>Eddie</b>        |            | Bob Stintsman (e)<br>Dave Reeves (e)<br>Dick Schemm Sr. (e)<br>Joe Buglak (e)<br>Kim Walterick (e)<br>Ron O'Brien (e) | Bob Todd (e)<br>Dave Reeves (e)<br>Jack Eiser (e)<br>Tina Koch (e)<br>Tom Weinman (e)               |   | Amy Earley (e)<br>Bernie Marsh (e)<br>Bob Cusano (e)<br>Dave Kamp (e)<br>Elliot Ridgeway (e)<br>Kelly Dwyer (e) |  | Bob Cusano (e)<br>Bob Stintsman (e)<br>Christen Flaherty (e)<br>Kelly Neill (e)<br>Newt Miles (e)      |

## Summer MVP Candidates – 2002

|                     | Sunday Men  | Sunday Coed   | Monday Coed  | Tuesday Men  | Wednesday Coed   | Thursday Men   | Friday Coed   |
|---------------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| <b>Offense</b>      | Chuck Heiber<br>Dave Jones<br>Scott Masulis<br>Shawn Rush<br>Tom Strowhouer   | Bob Marren<br>Brian Sauers<br>Dave McDonald<br>Jeff Roberts<br>Mike Cianfichi             | Chris Hibsman*<br>Jason Donald*<br>Mark Golling*<br>Marty Wetzel*<br>Steve Mendenhall* | Bill Wise<br>Jeff Snyder<br>Jimmy Waltman<br>Joe Robinson<br>Mark Ambolino | Chris Hennigar<br>Jeff Snyder<br>Keith Keppley*<br>Rich Edmundson<br>Steve Mendenhall*               | Andy Smallman<br>Jim Waltman<br>John Benson<br>Keith Keppley<br>Scott Holloway | Kent Smedley*<br>Mike Benninghoff<br>Steve Mendenhall*<br>Tom Strowhouer*<br>Wayne Jerdan   |
| <b>Male Eddie</b>   |   | Andy Suder (e)<br>Joe Buglak (e)<br>John Razzi (e)<br>Ray Cope (e)                        | Bob Todd (e)<br>Eliot Ridgeway (e)<br>Jack Eiser (e)<br>John Razzi (e)                 |  | Bob Cusano (e)<br>Eliot Ridgeway (e)<br>Joe Lynd (e)<br>Newt Miles (e)                               |  | Andy Suder (e)<br>Bob Cusano (e)<br>Eliot Ridgeway (e)<br>Frank Taverno (e)                 |
| <b>Female Eddie</b> |   | Christen Flaherty (e)<br>Diane Munsell (e)<br>Jen Pavone (e)<br>Joan Glass (e)            | Jess Morak (e)<br>Kathy Lutz (e)<br>Kelly Tow (e)<br>Kim Snyder (e)                    |  | Christen Flaherty (e)<br>Kelly Neill (e)<br>Kim Snyder (e)<br>Sharon Lawn (e)                        |  | Christen Flaherty (e)<br>Kris Smedley (e)<br>Lisa Silvestri (e)<br>Sharon Deveney (e)       |
| <b>Defense</b>      | Brian McBride<br>Dave Bryton<br>Frank Colon<br>Paul Reibold<br>Tom Strowhouer | Bob Marren<br>Chris Hesdon<br>Mike Cianfichi<br>Mike Ciepiela<br>Paul O'Connor*           | Chris Hesdon<br>Chris Hibsman*<br>Frank Gaultieri<br>Irv Derstine<br>Mark Golling      | Bill Chubb<br>Bill Clarke<br>Jerry Dilynski<br>John Muntz<br>Pat Hinnegan  | Dan Geiser<br>Eric Pfleger*<br>John Muntz*<br>Steve Mendenhall*<br>Tom Schmidt                       | Bill Gilbert<br>Joe Maul<br>Rich Jacalone<br>Ron Bannister<br>Tom Strowhouer   | Ken Lind<br>Mike Ciepiela<br>Rob Pfeifer*<br>Steve Jerdan<br>Tom Strowhouer*                |
| <b>Eddie</b>        |   | Alan Gely (e)<br>Andy Suder (e)<br>Joan Glass (e)<br>Kim Walterick (e)<br>Paul Harvan (e) | Bob Todd (e)<br>Jack Eiser (e)<br>Joan Glass (e)<br>Kathy Lutz (e)<br>Tina Koch (e)    |  | Christen Flaherty (e)<br>Dawn Wanner (e)<br>Linda Dart (e)<br>Sharon Lawn (e)<br>Sheila Robinson (e) |  | Bob Cusano (e)<br>Kim Walterick (e)<br>Mike Morath (e)<br>Newt Miles (e)<br>Sharon Lawn (e) |

## Fall MVP Candidates – 2002

|                     | Sunday Men   | Sunday Coed  | Monday Coed   | Tuesday Men  | Wednesday Coed  | Thursday Men   | Friday Coed  |
|---------------------|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| <b>Offense</b>      | Fred Roberts<br>Scott Holloway<br>Steve Mendenhall<br>Troy Stout<br>Warren Grant | Bill Markward<br>Dave McDonald<br>Jim Flowers<br>Keith Keppley*<br>Keith Villers<br>Wes Tommessello*                     | Bob Baginski*<br>Brian Chester<br>Chris Hibsman*<br>Clinton Hornberger<br>Marty Wetzel*                     | Bill Clarke<br>Bill Kofron<br>Chris Hibsman<br>Frank Hackett<br>Jimmy Waltman<br>Marc McKinney | Bill Gilbert<br>Frank Taverno (e)<br>Harold Ortiz<br>Joe Maul<br>Luke Lawlor*<br>Mike Cianfichi*                | Andy Leuzinger<br>Bob Ferraro<br>Jim Waltman<br>Marc McKinney<br>Steve Franchino<br>Tom Strowhouer | Andy Leuzinger*<br>Kent Smedley*<br>Ron Pulli*<br>Tom Corey*<br>Tom Strowhouer*<br>Warren Grant*                           |
| <b>Male Eddie</b>   |  | Bernie Marsh (e)<br>Frank Taverno (e)<br>Joe Lynd (e)<br>Joe Nappi (e)   | Andy Suder (e)<br>Jack Eiser (e)<br>Joe Buglak (e)<br>John Razzi (e)  |  | Bernie Marsh (e)<br>Bob Cusano (e)<br>Eliot Ridgeway (e)<br>Frank Taverno (e)                                   |  | Bob Stintsman (e)<br>Frank Taverno (e)<br>Joe Buglak (e)<br>Paul Harvan (e)  |
| <b>Female Eddie</b> |  | Christen Flaherty (e)<br>Diane Munsell (e)<br>Joan Glass (e)<br>Kelly Tow (e)<br>Tara Montvydas (e)                      | Jess Morak (e)<br>Joan Glass (e)<br>Kelly Tow (e)<br>Kim Snyder (e)<br>Maria Cecere (e)<br>Marnie Koch (e)  |  | Joan Glass (e)<br>Kim Snyder (e)<br>Kim Wagner (e)<br>Lisa Silvestri (e)<br>Tara Montvydas (e)                  |  | Christen Flaherty (e)<br>Kelly Tow (e)<br>Lisa Silvestri (e)<br>Toni Szeliga (e)<br>Stephanie Miller (e)<br>Linda Dart (e) |
| <b>Defense</b>      | Brian Bruewer<br>Brian O'Neill<br>Dave Jones<br>Jamie Pastor<br>Max Helo         | Dave McDonald<br>John Muntz*<br>Keith Villers<br>Pete Sayer<br>Rob Pfeifer*  | Chris Nardone<br>Mark Cavallaro<br>Mark Golling*<br>Matt Ferrello<br>Mike Carter                            | Bill Chubb<br>John DeBrigida<br>John Muntz<br>Pete Hussie<br>Rich Beck                         | Joe Maul<br>John Muntz*<br>Kevin Mead<br>Mike Cianfichi*<br>Mike Cupitt   | Bill Gilbert<br>Dick Moody<br>Jim Colombo<br>Jim Weiss<br>Joe Turco                                | George Rudacille<br>Kent Smedley*<br>Mike Ciepiela<br>Rob Pfeifer*<br>Rob Razzi  |
| <b>Eddie</b>        |  | Bernie Marsh (e)<br>Bill Guerard (e)<br>Bob Stintsman (e)<br>Christen Flaherty (e)<br>Kelly Neill (e)<br>Ron O'Brien (e) | Jack Eiser (e)<br>Joan Glass (e)<br>Kelly Tow (e)<br>Krissy Johnson (e)<br>Tina Koch (e)<br>Tom Weinman (e) |  | Amy Earley (e)<br>Dawn Wanner (e)<br>Eliot Ridgeway (e)<br>Kelly Neill (e)<br>Linda Dart (e)<br>Missey West (e) |  | Bob Cusano (e)<br>Frank Carnival (e)<br>Joe Buglak (e)<br>Mike Morath (e)<br>Sharon Lawn (e)<br>Tina Koch (e)              |

South to Fort Lauderdale to embark on an SBA-sponsored group cruise to Mexico. Next year, we may be headed to Hawaii. On January 12, with only 2 weeks in the making, SBA members will compete in an 8 week, 20 team, Sunday Evening Coed bowling league. Our very own golf tournament is on the agenda for early next Fall. There are plans to resurrect the SBA Charter - a 1-day fishing trip out of Point Pleasant, NJ. Could an SBA Fantasy League be far behind?

SBA owes its place in softball league history due in no small part to the people that play in this league. It is said, "the whole is merely a sum of its parts". Well... we've got some incredible parts - from league members, to the scorekeepers, umpires, journalists and statisticians. I've never seen a group of participants more focused on a single goal - that of making this league the best it can be. Suggestions, ideas for improvements, and offers to help in any way are never at a shortage. You people amaze me.

On behalf of Softball America I convey to you my sincere gratitude and deepest appreciation. I am extremely proud to be an integral part of this league. I am honored to have been given the opportunity to work, play, and interact with such a phenomenal group of people. *Les Greenstein*

## Tuesday Evening Men's

### Double Visions Snatches Spring, Rita's Ices Summer, Herold Construction Building Dynasty

**Double Visions** was the spring champion, led by the monster season of Frank Hackett. The best 8 game season in a men's league, Frank led in runs, RBI, HR's and slugging while finishing second in batting. Jay Haynos, Keith VanAuken and Mike Ambolino all had big seasons at the plate while Mike Valentine was solid on the mound and Bill Wise solidified the infield. After finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> during the regular season, Double Visions had their biggest scare of the playoffs in their first game against the Hibsman Agency. Trailing by 4 runs going into the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Keith VanAuken hit a 3 run bomb to close the gap and Mark Ambolino singled home the tying and winning runs to help them advance. In their semi final game against Rita's Water Ice, Frank Hackett put on a show with 2 bombs including a late grand slam. In the finals they faced another high scoring team Mike's Bar and Grill. Mark Ambolino had a 3 run homer in an easy game 1 victory and Mike Ambolino drove in the 10<sup>th</sup> inning game winner in game 2 for the title. **Mike's Bar and Grill** was an offensive powerhouse during the spring as they had 10 players score double digits in runs and 5 drive in more than 20. Bill Gilbert led the league in hitting, Bill D'amico was 2<sup>nd</sup> in RBI and MGR. Rob Johnson had a big season. After finishing in first during the regular season, Mike's once again knocked out Herold Construction in the semi finals by scoring 7 times in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning. Bill D'amico did his best in the finals with 2, 2 run blasts in the 2<sup>nd</sup> game but Mike's ended up on the short end of the extra inning battle. **Rita's Water Ice** was the second place finisher during the regular season but could not withstand the Frank Hackett show in the semi finals. Mike McHale starred on the mound and at the plate while Bill Clarke and Eric Bailkin were the big bats. Jim Weiss anchored the infield. **Progressive Graphics** dealt with the loss in the lineup of Steve Forbes and finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Dan Gaumer, Andy Smallman and Bill Spencer all were solid at bat for Progressive who were knocked out of the playoffs in round 1. **Herold Construction** started off 0-3 and rallied to finish at 500 and almost knocked out first place Mike's in the playoffs. Bob Ferraro, free agent find Scott Vogel and mid season addition Ryan Hankinson all starred for Herold's. Herold's was building the foundation for the year and would be heard from later. **The Hibsman Agency** made some changes from the previous years great 2 title run. Jimmy Bailey, Wes Tommasello and Dave Lynch all starred at bat while Scott Nealman starred on the mound and at the plate.

**The Gorillas** just missed the playoffs. Rick Adrid, Frank Kulp, EW Warner and Ron Tommasello were solid at bat and Dan Smith did a fine job on the mound. It was another rough season for **Custom Ultrasonics** but Kevin Olack and Russ Stefanelli had fine seasons at bat and Ed Waterfall solidified the infield.

**Rita's Water Ice** was a defensive wizard during the Summer season. While they were only 5<sup>th</sup> in runs scored they led in fewest runs allowed by a wide margin. While undermanned with only 9 players in the semifinals, they easily took out Mike's Bar and Grill. After that, they dropped the first game of the finals to the Hibsman Agency before they swept the last two for the title. Steve Beagleman and Shawn Rush were the table setters while Steve Derrah

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## Wednesday Evening Coed

### Bent Elbo Spring Champs., Gavin's Tavern - Summer and Fall Champs.

**Bent Elbo Tavern** went undefeated all the way through the regular season (8-0) & playoffs to repeat as champs. Bent Elbo Tavern saw Bob Cusano have a strong spring batting .704. Bob also got it done in the field with po=10 & a=14. Chris Cusano played solid defense with po=18 & a team leading 19 assists. Bob Baginski hit .696 with a SLG% of 1.130 & 19 RBI in his first season with Bent Elbo Tavern. Christen Flaherty had a good spring for Bent Elbo batting .462 with a SLG% of .577. Christen also had po=23. **Bates & Associates** spring saw them end with a 5-3 record & going to the finals for the first time. Manager Paul O'Connor helped power the Bates & Associates offense with an average of .714, SLG%=1.071 & 21 RBI all of which led the team. Sharon Lawn played well both at the plate & in the field with a .667 average, 14 RBI & BB=6 at the plate while pulling in 30 putouts. Rick Mercadante helped the Bates offense out with a .654 average. Bates & Associates saw Steve Tow chime in with a .625 average in the spring. **The Baker** added a few new faces to finish 4-4 in the spring. One new Face, eddie Dave Reeves, led the team with an average of .826. Dave also had BB=7 & 19 RBI. The Baker also had 3 hitters, Jim Jacquelin .760, Steve Mendenhall .758 & Rich Edmundson .714, all hit over .700. Steve also led the league with 25 RBI. The Baker saw Audrey VanLeuvenee led the league with BB=8. **Bryner Chevy** had a rough season finishing (0-8). Ray Borolla & Mike Wambold both

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## Thursday Evening Men's

### Surplus Asset Sales Captures Spring, Summer Titles, Winding Brook Farm Milks Fall

**Surplus Asset Sales** was Steve Franchino and Kurt Weidenaur's new entry. After storming through the regular season, they survived the lights out game against **Nail or Never** to advance to the finals. In the final's that took 3 weeks to play due to weather and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, **SAS** dominated Big Heads behind bombs from Mark Bernacki and Neal Britton and the pitching and defense of Ron Bannister. **Steve Franchino**, Tom Strowhower, Neal Britton and Ron Bannister paced the offense while Bannister and Strowhower were solid in the field.

**Big Heads** finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> and made the finals with a do over semi final against Winding Brook Farm. An upheld protest caused the final inning to be replayed before the start of the finals. They did not do well in the finals but still had a solid season. Jerry Crosson, Joe Robinson, Rich Jacalone and Bill Wise were solid at the plate. Andy Runk, Bryon Lyons and Bill McStravick were big RBI and Bill Wise, Bryon Lyons and Ricky Macleod were steady in the field.

**Protech Roofing** was upset in the first round of the season but had a very good season none the less. Jeff Neamand, Mike Cianfichi and Bill D'amico were offensive standouts while Ed Waterfall and Bill Gilbert formed a solid DP combo. After catching lightning in a bottle in the fall of 2001, **Nail or Never** had big shoes to fill. They never seemed to get it all together even though they still had tremendous power. John Benson, Kevin Miller, Rich Goin, Tim Hearn and Jeff Krisciunas all had very productive seasons. After beating Chico's in the first round of the playoffs, they were knocked off by eventual champ SAS in 8 innings 8-7. That would not be there last extra inning playoff game of the year.

**Chico's Bail Bonds** did quite a bit with a rotating band of players. John Parrish, Jim Colombo and Chuck Caviston all had solid seasons. **Winding Brook Farm** had an OK regular season but rose up in the playoffs knocking off Protech Roofing in an upset and pushing Big Heads to the brink. John Swanson and Rich Bergamesco had solid seasons. **Rita's Water Ice** was the seasons most disappointing team. A perennial contender, they failed to make the playoffs. Andy Smallman, Steve Beagleman and Marc McKinney paced the squad. **The 99er's** added some talent but still struggled. Kevin Donovan was solid and George Johnson again was solid. Dave Porter pitched and fielded his position well.

**PhillyBowl.Com** changed their name but not their results. They failed to win a game but were home to one of the league's brightest stars, Keith Kephley. Mike DeGuida and Colin Matejka also put up good numbers. **Surplus Asset Sales** took a championship team and added the year's premier free agent, Jimmy Waltman. SAS cruised past Protech Roofing in the Semi-Finals and they then took out Rita's 2 games to none. Game one was a Ron Bannister

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## Friday Evening Coed

### Andy's Snack Bar Takes Spring, Bennigan's Tavern

The Spring saw **Andy's Snack Bar** finish out (7-1) & repeat as champions. Andy's Snack Bar saw Dave Reeves, John Razzi & Wes Tommasello all bat .714. Wes also led the league in assists with 24. Bill Markward came through with a .704 average to join the .700 club of the Snack Bar. Andy's Snack Bar eddie Bob Cusano had an all around good spring batting .643 with 13 RBI while having po=14 & a=14 in the field. **Bennigan's** tied Andy's with a (7-1) record & returned to the finals in the spring. Dom Brown led the way for Bennigan's hitting .739 with 16 RBI. Kent Smedley had another solid season at SS for Bennigan's with po=20 & a=15. Kent also led the team in RBI with 18. Ron Pulli added a .714 avg. along with 13 RBI to the powerful Bennigan's lineup. Kris Smedley showed her all around ability batting .400 & having a=10. Bennigan's saw Kelly Neill lead the league with 40 putouts in the spring. **The Cardinals** had a large roster in the spring finishing with a (3-5) record, but made it to the semis beating T.J.'s Skyline. Bill Martino lead the Cardinals in hitting finishing with a .692. Bob Muller played solid defense for the Cards with po=20 & a=15. Sharon Deveney hit .364 & had an SLG% of .500 for the Cardinals. **FKAR** had a good spring season finishing with a (5-3) record. Mario Perillo led the way at the plate for FKAR hitting .773 with a SLG%=1.273 & 12 RBI. Jim Flowers got it done in the field with po=28. Bob Stintzman batted .400 at the plate & had po=15 & a=10 for FKAR. Sammi Curry hit .364. Dwayne Curry led FKAR with 14 RBI. **Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern** had a rough spring finishing (1-7). Their lone win came against T.J.'s Skyline. Mike Gargin had a big spring for Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern batting .700 with a SLG% of .900. Mike also played solid defense with po=12 & a=15. John Duffin added a .565 average to the Gavin's offense. Sharon Lawn led the league with BB=5. Sharon also had po=34 for Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern. **Megabytes** ended the season with (2-6) mark. Wayne Jerdan got the Megabytes offense going with a .667 average. Ken Lind flashed the leather with po=16 & a=12. Kathy Johnston had a good spring batting .529 for the Megabytes. **The Renegades** finished, what turned to be their final season in Friday Coed, with a (3-5) record. Jim McConnell led the Renegades in average with a .750, SLG%=1.500 & 13 RBI. Kim Walterick pulled in 18 at 1b. Renegade eddie Ray Cope had a strong spring batting .611 while having po=19 in the field. Steve Kusnerus hit .667 while putting together a solid defensive season as well for the Renegades with po=14 & a=13. **T.J.'s Skyline** had an inconsistent spring finishing (4-4). T.J.'s Skyline saw Andy Leuzinger lead the pack with a .750 avg., 3b=4 & 15 RBI. T.J.'s new eddie addition Newt Miles put together a fine spring batting .581 while getting it done on the mound with po=22 & a=18. Rob Johnson played well at SS for T.J.'s Skyline with po=26 & a=17. Pam O'Connor had po=20 for T.J.'s Skyline.

The Summer Friday night league saw **Bennigan's** finish in 2nd with a record of (6-1-1) then dethrone Andy's Snack Bar in the finals for the title. Kent Smedley led the Bennigan's charge with an average of .714 at the plate & flashing the leather with po=16 & a=12 in the field. Steve Mendenhall led the team in HRs with 5 as well as in 3bs=4, 19 RBI, po=22 & a=14. Bennigan's eddie Frank Taverno came through with an average of .625. Kris Smedley played solid all around with a .441 AVG. while having po=13 & a=8. Christen Flaherty hit .464 & had po=14 in her first season with Bennigan's. **Andy's Snack Bar** had a strong summer ending with a (7-1) record. Bob Cusano had a good season at the plate for Andy's Snack hitting .750. Andy's saw Tom Strowhower

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## Managers' Meeting - March 10th Rule Revisions, Topics Of Discussion/Vote

Heading the list this Spring will be the use of coed subs during regular season games.

True coed softball (ASA) is played with an equal number of males and females in the field as well as the batting line-up. In the early years of SBA there just weren't enough females to go around so remedial rules were instituted to facilitate the forming of coed teams. Liberal substitution rules were enacted to ensure the games would be played. That is the case no longer. There are more than enough qualified females to fill every team in every league. Be that as it may, there is no reason why we can't convert the coed league substitution rules to coincide with that of the men's league. Men's league non-roster sub rule...

A team may substitute with up to 4 non-roster players; however, these players may be added to make a total of not more than **9 players** (men's league). In the event roster players become available, the non-roster substitutes must surrender their positions. All non-roster players must bat at the bottom of the batting order. Because of roster restrictions (eddie requirements) in coed softball, a slight adjustment/amendment is required.

The following coed league non-roster sub rule will take affect beginning Spring 2003...

A coed team may substitute with up to 4 non-roster players; however, these players may be added to make a total of not more than **9 fielders**. **There shall be no restriction to the number of batters.** In the event roster players become available, the non-roster substitutes must surrender their positions. All non-roster players must bat at the bottom of the batting order.

Another bone of contention to be addressed is the use of grace periods. Teams that postpone the start of a game due to player shortages will be penalized. Any team that forfeits a game for any reason will then be required to post a \$45.00 bond for the remainder of the year. This bond will be used as insurance against further forfeits. Should the team forfeit a 2nd time, the bond will be lost and another bond-posting required. If there is no further forfeit through the remainder of the year, the bond will be returned.

Sunday Morning Men's will be converting to the 1/1 pitch-count. This will afford us a later start (9:00 am). The choice to change the pitch-count for the 2/3 finals (from the regular season 1/1 count) will fall by the wayside. There will be no choice in 2003. All playoffs will be conducted with the batter pitch-count starting at 1 ball/1 strike.

A new league insurance policy will allow the eligible age limit of players to drop from 19 to 18 years.

A new designated eddie status (de) will be available this Spring. Any player whose skills have become diminished/handicapped to the point he/she can no longer play a position other than that of catcher can apply to the league for the status of designated eddie (de). Thus far Bob Lewis, Sr. has applied for and been granted (de) status.

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Ferraro did his part to help the Jackals defense with po=47 & a=26. **The Schlepville Inn** had a good regular season finishing (13-5), but had attendance problems throughout and that hurt them in the end. Chuck Heiber had 39 RBI & HR=12 for the Schlepville Inn. Dom Brown showed off his glove for the Inn with po=35 & a=14. Scott Lambert led the team in putouts with 55. King Schlep Steve Mendenhall racked up a=40 for the Schlepville Inn. **The Snipers** got out to a quick start before cooling off & ending the season with a (8-10) record. The Snipers saw Tom Strowhouer win the Sunday Morning Men's triple crown. Tom had 15 HRs, 56 RBI & batted .792. Neil Britton helped both on offense & defense with 32 RBI & po=25. The Snipers also saw John Baxter lead the league in putouts with 71. **The Sox** were another team that had trouble getting a steady attendance finishing with a (8-10) record as well. Rob Carson hit .460 & had po=47 for the Sox. Paul Reibold was a bright spot on defense for the Sox with po=24 & a=43.

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**Hitched** was the spring/summer champion. Struggling during the regular season, GM Ryan Hankinson and Manager Lou Papa strengthened their team with some late season acquisitions just under the eligibility wire. League newcomer Jimmy Waltman, former teammate Mike Bianco and Joe Robinson were all late additions to the roster. The additions led to a late season rally to get to 500 and in to the playoffs. Russell Frankfield, who had starred earlier in the regular season and the newcomers took over in the playoffs. Jim Waltman homered in a 17-9 victory over the **Sox**. In their second playoff game they took on powerhouse and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Schlepville Inn. The new addition power show continued as Jim Waltman and Mike Bianco each hit 2 out as Hitched upset the **Schlepville Inn** 18-6. On to the finals against first place SAS. Hitched took game 1 18-13 with an 8<sup>th</sup> inning 5 run rally that SAS could not answer. Game 2 was taken 13-12 by SAS despite the heroic efforts of Mike Bianco who hit 3 out and drove in 7. Game 3 was another tight one as Hitched took it 9-8 as Jimmy Waltman hit 2 out again. Joe Maul led on the mound and Brian O'Neill solidified the infield as Hitched's late season tinkering led to a much-deserved title. **Surplus Asset Sales** was tied for first during the regular season. Shawn Rush stepped up and set the table, leading the team in hits, runs and average. Tom Weinman not only led on the mound but was also a clutch hitter. Steve Franchino, the mastermind along with Kurt Weidenauer, led the power brigade along with Scott Holloway and Ed Davis. Dave Bryton solidified the defense on a team that built for success and did everything but survive the upstart Hitched. They pounded **Gavin's Tavern** 18-3 in the semi-finals as Jason Donald and Mike Miller each homered. Ed Davis and Scott Holloway homered during the finals and Steve Franchino had 2 perfect hitting games. An impressive season for Surplus Asset Sales. Schlepville Inn once again put up huge offensive numbers but had a season end without the ring. Warren Grant put up huge numbers and Chuck Heiber led the league in hits and runs while putting up impressive power numbers. Injuries hurt the team down the stretch as Dom Brown and Ron Pulli each had big seasons cut short. Steve Mendenhall was at the helm and led the team in the field as well. **Gavin's Tavern** got off to a fast start but faded down the stretch in their first season without leader Bill McBride. Dave Jones led the

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a=12. Dwayne Curry led the Cards with 18 RBI. Jim Flowers racked up 25 putouts. Beth Lubraoff had a good season at the plate for the Cardinal Group batting .421. **CCMS** added some new faces to their line-up & ended with a record of (4-4). Brent Munsell led CCMS with a .696 average. Diane Munsell hit an female eddie league leading .542. Andy Suder added a the offense a .640 average & a .920 SLG%. Andy also got it done in the field with po=18. Ray Cope was another solid eddie for CCMS. Ray batted .591 & had po=16. Mike Cianfichi was one of the new faces that CCMS added to their spring roster. Mike played well both on offense & defense. Mike batted .636, SLG% of 1.455 & 15 RBI with the stick and had po=15 & a=19. **East Coast D.J.'s** took their lumps in their first season in Sunday Coed finishing (2-6). Danny Pavone was the spark in the East Coast D.J.'s line-up with a .813 AVG. & a 1.000 SLG%. Bill O'Brien led the team with 10 RBI & putouts with 17. Ron O'Brien fielded the pitching position well for East Coast with po=14 & a=14. Kim Bennett batted .364 for East Coast D.J.'s. **Fleet** had a big turn around in the spring. After winning just one game in their first two seasons Fleet ended with a record of (5-3) & finished in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fleet manager Steve Palmer hit a team high .741. Eddie pitcher Bill Guerard was a big part of the renaissance batting .550 & having po=12 & a=11 in the field. Fleet new additions Harold Ortiz & Paul O'Connor tied for the team lead in RBI with 15. Harold also led the team in SLG% with a 1.048. Denise King had a good season all around for Fleet with a .444 average & po=13. **Rafter's** continued to struggle in the Sunday Coed league with a (1-7) mark. Chris Sedlock had a good season for Rafter's hitting .692 & having po=15 in the field. Rick Garrison led Rafter's in assists with 13. **Team Shaw** was another new team, who entered the season with seasoned vets from past Sunday Coed leagues, finished with a record of (4-4). Chris Hibsman came up big for team Shaw this season batting .767 with 23 RBI while flashing the leather with po=15 & a=12. Chris Shaw also had a solid all around season hitting .633 with 18 RBI while having po=28 & a=18. Tina Koch continued her stellar defense with po=31. Christen Flaherty led the eddie charge at the plate for Shaw batting .452.

The Summer Sunday coed saw **Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern**, formerly team Shaw, go (7-1) & take the championship. Tom Montvydas had a big offensive summer for Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern leading the team with a .654 avg. as well as in 2bs with 6, HR=4 & 15 RBI. Tara Montvydas showed that hitting ran in the family with an average of .458 & BB=4. Tim O'Shea Sr. also had a good summer for Gavin's hitting .636 with 12 RBI. Tim also had an ERA of 4.45 in 33 innings pitched. Tom Corey showed an excellent batting eye with BB=7. Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern had Chris Hesdon flash the leather with po=20 & a=22. **Comedy Central** had a strong season finishing (6-2), but fell a little short while defending their title in the finals. Dave Bonacquisti came through at the plate for Comedy Central batting .619 with BB=4. Mike Ciepiela had an excellent summer with the glove with po=17 & a league leading a=25. Wes Tommassello had 22 RBI, HR=5 & a SLG% of 1.520 for Comedy Central. Toni Szeliga was an asset both at the plate & in the field with an average of .435 & having po=12 & a=6. Comedy Central eddie Eliot Ridgeway was on fire with a .609 batting average. The Summer Sunday coed saw **Alliance Chiropractic** rebound from a 2-6 season in the spring to finish (4-3-1). Dave McDonald led the Alliance Chiropractic charge with an average of .731. Jeff Roberts helped Alliance turn things around with a .652 avg. as well as 21 RBI. Jeff also tied for the league lead in HRs with teammate Brian Sauers with a total of 6. Brian also came through with 23 RBI for Alliance Chiropractic. The chiropractors saw eddie Rick Block hit .636 with an SLG% of .773. Sheila Robinson had a strong season at the plate for Alliance Chiropractic hitting .414 with BB=5. **The Cardinal Group** improved from the spring ending with a record of (6-2). The Cardinal Group saw Steve Bucher get BB=4 & 14 RBI while batting .667. The Cards saw Donna Zelenko, Rob Pfeifer & Greg Robinson all finish the summer with a team leading 6 walks. Rob also had a great season in the field with po=28 & a=21. Jim Flowers had po=27 for the Cardinal Group.

**CCMS** also joined the ranks of the (6-2) teams in the summer. CCMS new addition Matt Halverson led the team with a .789 avg. Mike Cianfichi came up HUGE for CCMS hitting .750 while leading the league in SLG%=2.179, HR=9 & RBI with 31. Mike also displayed gold glove defense with po=27 & a=14. Andy Suder led the CCMS eddies with a .682 average. Kelly Tow had a good summer hitting .467. Diane Munsell added a .450 average to the CCMS offense. **Deck It Builders'** defense let them down finishing the summer at (2-6) in their first season. Patrick Saab led Deck It Builders in average hitting .640, SLG%=.720 & po=26. Tom Schwering led the team with 15 RBI. Alan Gely came through in the field with a=12. Deck It Builders also had Ben Avrum have a good season in the field with po=24. **East Coast D.J.'s** had a disappointing summer going winless at (0-8). Danny Pavone was a bright spot for East Coast D.J.'s hitting .600 & having po=18 & a=7 in the field. Jen Pavone led the way for the East Coast eddies with an average of .538. Rob Budinko led the team with po=21. Mike Carter had a fine season in the field for East Coast D.J.'s with po=14 & a=10. The summer also saw **Fleet** struggle both at the plate & in the field as they finished (2-5-1) & barely made the playoffs. Paul O'Connor had a good all around summer for Fleet with 14 RBI & a .667 AVG. while having po=18 & a=16 in the field. Joe Joyce also had a good season hitting .652 with 11 RBI. Paul Harvan fielded the pitching position well for Fleet with po=20 & a=10. Fleet new addition Jim "Big Show" McCauley helped their campaign with a .529 average & po=25 over at first base. Another new team was a team of free agents that were called team **Goat**. Team Goat finished 2-6 & just missed the playoffs. C.J. Hornberger led team Goat's offense with an average of .680 & tied for the team lead in RBI with 10. Keith "Goat" Martin had tied C.J. in RBI & batted .667 in the summer. Sue Laguna added a .438 average to her new teams effort. Joan Glass showed that she is one of the better eddies in Softball America batting .529 with BB=7 while having po=17 & a=8 at the pitching position for team Goat. **Orange Crush** was new to the Sunday coed league but was a force to be reckoned with ending with record of (6-2). Orange Crush had some good women in Jen Reich who hit .500 with BB=5 & Lori Lennon who hit .429. Jason Depew flashed the leather for Orange with po=15 & a=15. Ryan Kelly led the team with a .643 average. Ryan also played well at pitcher with po=13, a=13 & an ERA of 7.92 in 38 innings pitched. Steve Guadagnino had an SLG% of 1.045 & 13 RBI for Orange Crush. **Spotted Hog Restaurant** had a big roster & a shaky defense that combined caused them to end with a record of (2-6) in their SBA debut. Chris Lambert led the Spotted Hog Restaurant with an average of .750, SLG%=1.250 & 2b=7. Brendon Gillespie hit .600 for Spotted. **Warwick Tavern** combined players from other Softball America leagues & other area leagues to finish with a (4-4) record. Bob Marren ended the summer season with a league leading .792 batting aver-

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first 200 people to register can attend.

An event that bridges one year of softball with another, the banquet is a time when old teams reunite and new teams are formed. It's a lot of fun for all! I look forward to seeing you there.

Les Greenstein

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TNSI Renegades with po=10 & a=10. **Blue Dog Family Restaurant** finished 2-6 in their first season on Monday nights. Rich Peterson hit .652 with 15 RBI for Blue Dog Family Restaurant. Rich also played well in the field with po=26. Denise Peterson made her presence felt in the line-up with a .450 avg. & a SLG%=.550. Irv Derstine played solid defense for Blue Dog Family Restaurant with po=15 & a=17. **Warrington Pizza** struggled with the league's worst defense to go 0-8. Steve Worthington led the way at the plate batting .769. Bob Garges played the field well with po=15 & a=10. Warrington also got good defense from Keith Bellinger who had po=25. Lori Myers had po=10 & a=7 for Warrington Pizza.

**Portable Concepts** had a strong Summer season going (6-2) & returning to the finals to recapture the Monday evening title from Dale Rimmer Siding. Jason Donald led the way at the plate for Portable Concepts batting .739 with 11 RBI. CJ Hornberger played well both on offense & defense hitting .630 with 15 RBI while having po=11 & a=11. Tom Weinman had an ERA of 5.73 in 33 innings for Portable. Chris Hesdon had another strong defensive season for Portable Concepts with po=29 & a=23. **Dale Rimmer Siding** finished the regular season (4-3-1) & returned to the finals to defend their title but fell a little short. Kevin McCarty was a new addition to the Dale Rimmer Siding that paid off both offensively & defensively. Kevin hit .636 & had po=14 & a=15 in the field. Don Rimmer showed excellent defense with po=28. Kathy Lutz did her part to help Rimmer Siding batting .485 with 10 RBI while having po=26 in the field. Dale Rimmer Siding saw eddie Bob Todd hit .533 with 11 RBI. **Blue Dog Restaurant**, an inconsistent line-up combined with an inconsistent offense & defense added up to a record of (0-8) in the summer season. Irv Derstine was one player that played consistently for Blue Dog Family Restaurant batting .579 while flashing the leather with po=11 & a=13. Tom Davenport & Rich Peterson both had po=16 for Blue Dog Family Restaurant. **Reed's Tavern** improved in the summer finishing in 1st with a record of (6-1-1) but came up short in the playoffs. Marty Wetzel had another huge offensive season for Reed's Tavern hitting .792 with an SLG%=2.042. HR=8 & 24 RBI. Chris Hibbsman played well in the field with po=23 & a=16. John Razzi added an average of .700 & 14 RBI to the Reed's Tavern offensive output. Reed's also got a fine season from Kelly Tow who hit .414 & had po=17 in the field. **Shot Crete** fell victim to a shaky defense at times finishing the summer with a record of (3-4-1). Mark Golling & Brian Chester both hit .667 for Shot Crete. Mark had a banner season that also included a Softball America single season record of 10 HRs & 25 RBI at the plate while displaying gold glove style defense with po=30 & a=22. Murray Rapoport hit .455 for Shot Crete. Laurie Meltsner had po=29 for Shot Crete in her final season at SBA before moving. Good Luck Laurie, we'll miss you! **TNSI Renegades** made a roster change & improved to (4-4). Bob Marren through for TNSI Renegades with a .750 average. Drew Minko chimed in with a .700 AVG. as well as po=13. Mike Minko & free agent pick-up Tom Corey both hit .652 for TNSI. Mike led the team with 16 RBI. George Minko played solid defense at 1b with po=29. TNSI Renegades got a solid performance at SS from Frank Gualtieri with po=13 & a=21. **The Untouchables** were another team that made some roster moves as they improved to (6-2). Steve Mendenhall led the way at the plate for the Untouchables with an average of .759. Steve also tied Tim Haney for the team lead in 2bs with 6 & RBI with 15. Tim had hit .682 with an SLG% of 1.636 for the Untouchables. Jess Morak had an all around good season batting .435 & having po=28. The Untouchables saw eddie Frank Yone hit .615 for the summer. **Warrington Pizza** had a disappointing Summer ending with a mark of (1-6-1). Ken Eiser hit .609 with HR=4 & 13 RBI for Warrington Pizza. Jack Eiser batted .571 & had po=32 for Warrington

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The Fall Monday Evening Coed League proved to be as competitive as always. Eight teams competed for the Monday night title, all veteran teams with the exception of The Snipers, who took the spot vacated by Rimmer Siding. **Reed's Tavern** finished the regular season in first place with a record of 7-1, and went on to take the Championship title. Bob Baginski led the team and the league offensively with a batting average of .846 and a slugging percentage of 1.577. Bob drove in 25 runs during the season. Marty Wetzel wasn't far behind, hitting .800 for the season with a slugging percentage of 1.920. Chris Hibbsman played a strong shortstop for the Tavern, with 10 put outs and 18 assists. Chris also was big offensively, hitting .778. Ed Doyle pitched a great season, with an ERA of 7.0 in 41 innings. Ed also held his own defensively, with 11 put outs and 10 assists. Maria Cecere and Kelly Tow were the female offensive leaders for Reed's, both hitting .409 for the season. Kelly also recorded 23 put outs and 4 assists. Congratulations to Reed's for a well-deserved fall title! Right behind Reed's in the standings was the defending champion, **Portable Concepts**. Portable finished out their season also at 7-1 and battled in the finals. CJ Hornberger was the offensive leader for Portable, hitting .786 for the season and driving 18 runs across the plate. Andy Suder showed Pop-Pop power, slugging an average of .692. Bill Damico and Chris Hesdon both drove in eighteen runs over the season. Marne Koch had a strong season at the plate, batting .440. Tina Koch played great at first base, with 41 put outs and 2 assists. Tom Weinman also played a solid defense, with 11 put outs, 16 assists and an ERA of 5.03 in 39 innings. Expect them to be just as strong in the Spring. **TNSI Renegades** had a much-improved season, ending in third place with a record of 5-3. Frank Gualtieri had a great season at the plate, hitting .846 with a slugging percentage of 1.462. Frank was also a "wall" of defense, with 17 put outs and 14 assists. Paul O'Connor led the team in RBIs, driving in 14. Curt Perry also had a good season at the plate, batting .667 and driving in 11. With the addition of the new players for the fall, a little gelling for spring will make this team a contender once again. **Shot-Crete** had a tough start, losing practically half

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defensive highlight reel and game 2 opened with Mark Bernacki's "jet wash" ball, which ended up being an inside the park homer. Ron Bannister, Tom Strowhower, Jimmy Waltman and Mark Bernacki paced the offense, with Strowhower also putting up phenomenal defensive numbers. **Rita's Water Ice** went from not making the playoffs to reaching the finals. They knocked out Big Heads in the semi finals as Andy Smallman hit 2 bombs for 5 RBI as well as pitching a fine game. Smallman, Steve Beagleman, Keith VanAuken, Steve Derrah, Mike Ambolino and Marc McKinney all had big offensive seasons. **Big Heads** was once again solid finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Andy Runk and Joe Robinson paced the offense. They crushed and undermanned Chico's in round 1 before getting taken out by Rita's in the semi-finals. **Nail or Never** added Bryon Herpel and Jim Colombo but needed time to gel. John Benson did an outstanding job in the regular season as a table setter and Scott Holloway had big numbers all the way around. Herpel delivered at the plate and Colombo solidified the infield. In the playoffs, though, they lost the longest game in SBA history, 20-15 in 11 innings. More changes would be in store for the Fall.

**Protech Roofing** won the most exciting game of the season against Nail or Never in the playoffs. Pitcher and manager Tim O'Shea did a masterful job using the intentional walk to pick his spots in the lineup, including walking the bases loaded with one out and the winning run on third. Protech finally blew the game open in the top of the 11<sup>th</sup>. Mike Cianfichi, Brett Newman and John Muntz starred at bat and Charley Farrell made the most of his hits as an RBI guy. They had little left in the tank when they faced the mighty SAS and their season was ended. **Chico's Bail Bonds** were the final playoff entry and finished the season shorthanded. They scrambled for players through much of the season but John Swanson and Bill Muelenberger were solid and Dave Rothwell hit in the clutch. **Winding Brook Farm** had a much different roster and struggled during the season. Shawn Rushton hit for average and Chris Chaterski led in RBI's. **PhillyBowl.Com** was a one-man gang as Keith Keppeley put up huge numbers with little protection in the lineup. Keith scored or drove in a third of PhillyBowl's runs. **Winding Brook Farm** completely overhauled their roster for the fall season and it paid off. In the semi-finals they spotted Protech Roofing a huge lead and came back to win easily. In the finals they won game one over Big Heads with only 9 players. After a delay due to rain they overcame a trouncing to win the final game 7-6 and take the title. Jeff Price, Eric Gianelle, Rich Bergamesco and Dick Moody were solid hitters and Moody was spectacular in the field. **Big Heads** knocked off Winding Brook Farm in the final game of the season to take the regular season title. After knocking off Nail or Never easily in the semi-finals they came within one run of the title in the finals. They put on an offensive explosion in game two of the finals winning 28-12. After Rick McCloud's lead off home run in game 3, the offense never got on track. Rich Jacalone, Kenny Armour and Joe Robinson had fine offensive seasons and Bryon Lyons starred in the field. **Surplus Asset Sales** got off to a slow start in the regular season which cost them a playoff bye. They got knocked out in round one by Protech Roofing 8-7 in a very exciting game. Jimmy Waltman starred with a 3 run blast. Waltman, Tom Strowhower, Dean Miller, Steve Franchino, Neal Britton and "Pat the Bat" Howieson all had fine offensive seasons. Strowhower had 4 HR's and 12 RBI in the last 2 games. **Nail or Never** was the year's most consistent team as they finished 5-3 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight season and went into extra innings in a playoff game for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight time. The one difference was that this time they won the playoff game 17-16 over Rita's. Bryon Herpel had a 2 out 2 run home run to tie the game and knocked in the game winning run with a bases loaded single. Kevin Miller, Cal Bohannon and

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hit .679 with a league leading 6 HRs as well as tying for the league lead in RBI with 21 in his first coed season. Tom also provided a very reliable glove with po=20 & a=25. Lisa Silvestri had 11 RBI while batting .462 with a SLG% of .538 for Andy's Snack Bar. Neil Britton played well in the field for the Snack Bar with po=26. Eliot Ridgeway helped the Andy's Snack Bar offense out with an average of .654 with 11 RBI. **The Cardinals** finish (3-5) in the regular season. Leroy Meyers led the Cardinals in putouts with 27. Rick Gallagher flashed the leather with po=18 & a=12. Sharon Deveney played well for the Cards batting .476 with an SLG% of .524. Sharon also had po=15. Bob Muller had a solid season in the field for the Cardinals with po=13 & a=10. **FKAR** ended the summer season with a record of (3-5). Rob Pfeifer had a fine season for FKAR batting .750 while getting it done at SS with po=19 & a=27. New addition Mike Benninghoff had 5 HRs & tied for the league lead in RBI with 21 while hitting .708. Sue Laguna batted .375 for FKAR. Eric Touni played a solid OF with po=23. FKAR saw Jim Flowers tie for the league lead in putouts with 28. **Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern** struggled both at the plate & in the field as their season ended with a (0-7-1) record. William Henry played well for Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern batting .650 & having po=10 & a=10 in the field. Steve Kusnerus drove in 10 for Gavin's. Richie Lawn had po=20. Rae Theodore hit well for the Tavern with a .455 average. Sharon Lawn hit .409 for the summer. Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern also saw Sharon lead the league in BBs with 5 & tie for the league lead in po=28. **Megabytes** had attendance problems as their season ended with a (3-4-1) mark. Wayne Jerdan led the way on offense for the Megabytes hitting .760 with 16 RBI. Ken Lind had another good season in the field for Mega with po=23 & a=16. Steve Jerdan fielded the pitching position well for the Megabytes with po=14 & a=14. **Sherwin Williams** finished with a (4-4) record in their first season in the Friday evening coed league. Sean Duffin hit .636 with 10 RBI for Sherwin Williams. Ed Doyle III was rock solid in the OF with po=20. Guy Germano had a=10 for Sherwin Williams in his return to Softball America. **T.J.'s Skyline** finished the summer at (4-3-1). Gary Black led T.J.'s Skyline with an average of .720 & in SLG% at .840. Craig Aravich did his part for T.J.'s hitting .636 with an SLG% of .818. Rob Johnson, Chris Van-Leuvenae & new addition Mike Ciepiela all had 10 RBI for T.J.'s Skyline. Mike also had a gold glove type season in the field with po=26 & a=34. Pam O'Connor played well at 1b with po=23. Kim Walterick had po=29 & a=8 in her first season with T.J.'s Skyline.

The Friday Evening Coed fall season was chock full of rainouts and entertainment just about every week. A few surprises were in store, as many teams made some crucial switches from the summer season. **Bennigan's** finished

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The all-star restricted list is in the process of being reworked, revamped, reformulated and will be re-posted soon. Managers are advised to keep abreast of this situation. Teams that are talent-heavy will, in all likelihood, have to deal with the all-star/eddie rule. League members know each other well enough now and are to the point where, the talent in the league can be more evenly distributed through deals/trades. The plan is to have the restricted list posted before the Awards Banquet to give managers an opportunity to manipulate their rosters.

*Les Greenstein*

## The Statdog Chronicle

### Spiderman

Jimmy Waltman was on the free agent wire for about 2 months, available to anybody. One team contacted him and then failed to call him back. Herold Construction picked him up for the Summer season and boy did he get popular fast. His first at bat was a line drive off the fence. I was the one lucky enough to find him. After a 3-4 game with 2 extra base hits, Jimmy thanked me for letting him play. By his second week in the league, Tuesday teammate Ryan Hankinson had him playing on Sunday Mornings and a week later, Steve Franchino had him signed on for Thursdays. With an hour ride to get to the field, Jimmy loves to play and does it well. He was a key contributor to SAS' title run in the summer and he and Mike Bianco put Hitched on their back on the way to that title. His nickname came as he went over the side fence in left field different times to catch foul balls and then went over the left field fence to take away a home run. Tom Strowhower dubbed him Spiderman and the name has stuck although another teammate has dubbed him "Jimmy Neutron" Both are applicable and I suspect several more may be given to him in future seasons. To one team he will also be "The one that got away" Spiderman is a 5-tool player and is ego free. I can say he is an excellent teammate as well as being an excellent ballplayer.

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led Bryner Chevy in hitting with .533 averages. Eric Zzogas played solid defense with po=18. Dave Kamp had a fine spring in the field for Bryner Chevy with po=14 & a=14. **Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern** added some new faces but ended with a 3-5 record. Eric Pflieger led the way for Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern with a .778 avg., 15 RBI & a SLG% of 1.222. Eric also played well in the field with po=23 & a=23. Another new face was Glen O'Donnell who came through with a .615 batting average. Eliot Ridgeway had a good season with the glove for Gavin's with po=14 & a=12. Dawn Wanner & Helene O'Donnell both hit .385 in the spring. Dawn also continued to play well at 1b for Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern tying for the league lead po=35. The **Merck Sharks** had a good spring finishing (5-3) but came up short in the playoffs. Dave Moll had a strong spring for the Merck Sharks batting .762 while also having po=17 in the field. Don Gerhart was hot at the plate batting .760 with 19 RBI. Kelly Dwyer flashed the leather with po=26 for Merck. Amy Earley had an all around good spring season for the Merck Sharks hitting .429 & having a=14. **Protech Roofing** played solidly all spring finishing (6-2). Andy Cohen went wild for Protech Roofing hitting .852 with 21 RBI & SLG% of 1.259 at the plate while having a=16 in the field. Dan Geiser provided some more offense to the Roofer's line-up batting .652 with an SLG%=1.174. New addition Lisa Silvestri had po=19 for Protech. Howard Miller got it done in the field for Protech Roofing with po=25. **Rafter's** got out to a fast start winning their first 4 games, but had a 4 game losing streak at the end to give them a (4-4) record. Keith Keppley continued to be an offensive force for Rafter's batting .806 with 18 RBI & a SLG% of 1.387. Bernie Marsh had 14 RBI & tying for the league lead in putouts with 35. Colin Majetka displayed gold glove defense for Rafter's with po=22 & a=20. **TNSI Trackers** had a disappointing spring ending with a record of (1-7). Eric Miller hit .524 & had po=34 for TNSI Trackers. Scott Derman had po=27 for TNSI.

The Summer saw **Moon Tavern**, formerly Bent Elbo Tavern, go (8-0) on the way to defeating Bates & Associates in the finals to repeat as champs. Bob Cusano was rock solid for Moon Tavern through the summer hitting .857 while having an ERA of just 6.30 in 30 innings pitched. John Muntz flashed the leather once again for Moon with po=30 & a=27. Moon Tavern saw Bill Markward lead the team in RBI with 17 RBI. Manager Christen Flaherty showed she is eating her Wheaties as she hit .593 with 11 RBI with HR=2. Christen also continued to putout on Wednesdays with 34. Kevin Miller added a .700 average & a SLG%=1.250 to the Moon Tavern line-up. **Bates & Associates** dropped off a little in the summer, but managed to finish in the final playoff spot with a record of (3-4-1) & returned to the finals to face Moon Tavern for the second straight season. Bates & Associates manager Paul O'Connor led the team with a .667 AVG., SLG% of 1.148, 2b=8 & 14 RBI. Alex Solis helped the Bates cause out with 10 RBI & po=24. Tom Schmidt showed gold glove defense at short in his return from knee surgery with po=23 & missed tying the SBA record for assists by one with 31. John MacDaniel seemed to stop everything hit at him on the mound with po=14 & a=12. Sharon Lawn continued to play well in 2002 for Bates & Associates hitting .429 & having po=37. **The Baker** added some new faces to improve to (5-3) in the summer. Steve Mendenhall got the Baker cooking both at the plate & in the field hitting .810 with a SLG% of 2.048, HR=4 & 19 RBI while having po=24 & a=26. Rich Edmundson turned it up a notch hitting .769 while tying for the team lead in RBI with 19. Baker new addition Newt Miles hit .652 in his first season with the team. Kim Snyder continued to improve for the Baker batting .563 with BB=5. **Bryner Chevy** added a player or two in a season that saw them get their first

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team with big power numbers as he was second in the league in RBI's. The Gray brothers had their usual steady seasons and Frank Colon was the glue in the infield. Dave Jones led Gavin's past the **Snipers** 17-8 with a HR, 3B and 7 RBI. The team was squashed by SAS in the semifinals though. The Gavin's boys would break their string as the longest running SBA team by taking the fall off and hopefully they will return in 2003. The Snipers finished in the middle of the pack led by two men, Tom Strowhower and Neal Britton. Neal was second in the league in batting and 4<sup>th</sup> in slugging % and drove in 32 runs in only 9 games. However his numbers pall by comparison to the "Strow". Strow led the league in HR's, RBI, AVG, and slugging while being pitched around. His 9 walks were not by choice and he also was a defensive demon at short while Britton solidified the outfield. The Snipers need to add some more pop and cohesiveness if they wish to be in the upper echelon in future seasons. The **Sox** were a new team that was used to fastpitch. They usually played good defense but still have to develop some power as their highest batter was Craig Henney at .547 and their top RBI man was Monte Pool with 17. This team can be a player in the future if they stick together. The Jackels pulled up the rear as they were led by Scott Masulis, Mike and Bob Ferraro. They to changed up and are looking to retool for the future.

The fall season saw **Millenium Stone**, **Horsham Inn** and **County Line Fence** come in and saw the Jackels get **Knighted**. After numerous disappointing finishes, Steve Mendenhall closed the inn for renovations and came back with a new spirit and attitude for the Schlepville Inn. The top 3 hitters in the league were all on the "Inn" as Steve Mendenhall, Fred Roberts and Warren Grant finished 1,2,3. The "Inn" was consistent up and down the lineup as 8 players had double digit RBI's and 9 had double digits in runs. After losing the big matchup to SAS in the final week of the season, they ended up in 2<sup>nd</sup> and faced a very good **County Line Fence** team in the semi finals. They crushed County Line 21-5 behind 5 bombs including Warren Grant going yard twice in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. Bob Butterworth, Mike and Jamie Pastor each went yard in the semis. The "Inn" faced **Surplus Asset Sales** in the finals. The "Inn" had something to prove

*Rich Goin*

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their season in first place, 7-1, and went on to take the Championship crown (or, t-shirt as it is...). Tim Haney led the slugging offense with an average of .778. Warren Grant was a force to be reckoned with at the plate, batting .758, slugging 1.576 and driving home 22 runs. Male eddies Frank Taverne and Joe Buglak batted well also, hitting .657 and .640 respectively. Kent Smedley knocked in 19 runs while hitting 5 home runs. Kent had 34 put outs and 22 assists at shortstop, assisted no doubt, by his amazing range and speed. Christen Flaherty also did her part on both sides of the field, batting .483 while getting 22 put outs and 4 assists on defense. Bennigan's is sure to be a championship contender yet again in the spring. **TJ's Skyline** ended up in second place, with a record of 6-2. Andy Leuzinger brought the bat, with an average of .679 and 13 RBIs for the season. Mike Ciepiela was close behind, batting .654 while driving in 12 runs. Mike also played a solid shortstop with 21 put outs and assists. Gary Black led the team in RBIs, bringing in 15. Kim Walterick played great defense, putting together 22 put outs and 8 assists. A solid team offensively and defensively, TJ's should make another run for the title next year. **Andy's Snack Bar** slipped a little in the fall, ending up in third with a record of 6-2, but still gave it a run in the Championship series. Three "Toms" led the way offensively for ASB. Tom Corey hit .680 while driving in 11 runs. Tom Strowhower batted .652 with 4 homers while bringing in 18 runs. Wes Tommassello hit .636 and drove in 12. Wes also performed well

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and Marc McKinney knocked them in. Jerry Dilynski and Bill Clarke set the defensive tone behind Mike McHale. **The Hibsman Agency** came close but came up just a little short. After getting knocked out by Double Visions in the spring by a score of 14-13, they reversed the numbers in the summer playoffs. Bob Baginski and Scott Nealman came up big in the victory. In their first round playoff win they rode two 7 run innings to trounce Progressive Graphics 15-3. Scott Nealman had a 3 run bomb in that game. During the season they were led by Jeff Snyder, Tim Hearn and Chris and Todd Hibsman at the plate with returning Jason Theodore providing lots of power as well. John Muntz anchored the infield. **Double Visions** became County Line Fence but lost big Frank Hackett. They were the seasons big run producers behind Keith VanAucken, Bill Wise, Joe Robinson, Mark Ambolino and Mike Valentine who also starred on the mound. Unfortunately the Hibsman Agency returned the spring favor and knocked them out of the playoffs. **Herold Construction** led the league in run differential but for about the 300th time got knocked out of the playoffs by Mike's Bar and Grill. For the second straight season they left the tying and winning runs on base when the game ended. Led by super free agent find Jimmy Waltman, sizeable contributions were also received from Eric Pflieger, Rich Goin and Kevin Miller. **Progressive Graphics** finished in the middle of the pack during the season and did not fair well in the playoffs. Corey Nolan starred at the plate while Steve and Bill Chubb both had very solid seasons in the field. If not for upsetting Herold's in the playoffs, **Mike's Bar and Grill's** summer season would have been a disaster. After being a run scoring juggernaut in the spring, Mike's forgot how to hit. No players finished in double digits for runs after 10 did it in the spring. Jim Funk hit for average while Chris Hesson and Bill Gilbert formed an excellent double play combo. Tim O'Shea's gutsy call of walking Herold's two biggest hitters and then inducing a game ending double play were the highlight of the summer. **Custom UltraSonics** had a great summer as they took their first ever victory which they followed up with their 2<sup>nd</sup> one a week later. Kevin Rengily had a super sized average and Ed Waterfall turned in some marvelous plays at short. **The Gorillas** rounded out

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their team. After some key acquisitions, they rebounded to finish in fourth place, with a record of 5-3. Brian Chester had one heck of a season on both sides of the field, hitting .826 and fielding 13 put outs and 13 assists. Tom Montvydas followed close behind, batting .750. Mark Golling had a team-leading 19 RBIs and 4 home runs. Tara Montvydas showed "girl power", batting .545 while Kim Snyder hit .483 while driving in 10 runs. John Muntz was defensively tight at shortstop, with 11 put outs and 10 assists. If the team can stay together for an entire season, they will be up there in the standings in the Spring. **Re/Max Realty** also made major improvements, ending their regular season in fifth place, with a record of 4-4. The offense was led by pitcher Rich Peterson, who batted .654, slugged .885 and drove in 11 runs. Eric Hedley followed close behind, batting .652, with a slugging percentage of 1.217 and driving in 13. Mark Cavallaro and Irv Derstine were solid defensively. Mark had 22 put outs and 10 assists while Irv had 19 of each. Don't rule these guys out to make a run for the spring title. The team has just begun to gel and are expected to improve more next season. **Warrington Pizza** hung tough enough to finish the season in sixth place, with a record of 3-5. Carmine Brancato led the team with an average of .625 and 13 RBIs. Carmine also played strong defense with 12 put outs and 13 assists. Jack Eiser had a great season at bat with an average of .579. Jack also played a solid first base with 34 put outs and 3 assists. Joan Glass led the females on the team, batting .421 and taking 4 walks. Again, with the pick-ups they made in the fall, the team just needs to gel some more to become a contender. **The Snipers** struggled in their coed debut, finishing in seventh place, with a record of 1-7. Mike Gembering led the team with a batting average of .682 and a slugging percentage of 1.409. Chris Nardone played stellar defense with 16 put outs and assists. Matt Botto also was solid on "D" with 24 put outs and 7 assists. Krissy Johnson played a good first base with 28 put outs. If the team can get a steady four eddies to show each week, they will be set to compete in the spring. **The Untouchables** had it tough in the fall season, losing three of their star players. They finished up with a record of 0-8, in eighth place. Joe Quinn led his team in batting average (.632) and RBIs (10). Tim Maher and Ryan Moser both also knocked in 10 runs. Jess Morak had a great season at the plate, hitting .417 and taking 4 walks. With a consistent line up and a few pickups, they'll be right back in the mix of things for the spring.

Enjoy your winter and holidays everyone...see you in the spring!  
*Kelly Weber-Tow*

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the field as Wes Tommasello came over and delivered in a season whose low moment was when they passed on Jimmy Waltman before the season started.

**Herold Construction** finally put all the pieces together in the Fall. A balanced lineup with power threats all over the lineup, the team came together with the addition of 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman John DeBridiga who solidified the infield. After taking out Progressive Graphics in the semi finals they split with Rita's Water Ice before taking the title with a dramatic 14-12 victory as Ron Bannister not only provided pop but saved the game in relief on the mound with his usual acrobatics. Rich Goin, Ryan Hankinson, Jimmy Waltman, Ron Bannister, Kevin Miller and Scott Vogel all paced a balanced lineup while Rich Beck and Rob Herold provided timely hitting. **Rita's Water Ice** had an uneven regular season but finished strong and knocked off Mike's in round one and beat the Hibsman Agency 5-3 in the semi-finals. They put up a great fight in the finals as they scored 11 runs in the first inning of the finals and rallied from a 7 run deficit in thirds final game. If not for some solid late defense by Herold's they very well could have taken their 2<sup>nd</sup> straight title. Marc McKinney put up huge production numbers. Steve Beagleman, Steve Derrah, Bill Clarke and Bill Kofron all had solid seasons. The **Hibsman Agency** got off to a 6-0 start before injuries slowed them down and they lost their final three including the semi final playoff game. Chris Hibsman, John Muntz, Mike Sobek and Ian Drossner had productive offensive seasons while Muntz and Todd Hibsman added tight "D". Mike Angelo did a fine job on the mound. Frank Hackett returned for County Line Fence as they posed a solid, balanced lineup. Mark Gresko, Mike Ambolino and Mike Valentine had fine offensive numbers and Joe Robinson made the most of his hits. Mike Valentine was a force on the mound and up the middle. Unfortunately for CLF they were upset by Progressive Graphics in round 1. **Progressive Graphics** finished in the middle of the pack and posted a huge upset as they knocked off County Line Fence in the playoffs. Steve Chubb, Bill Chubb, Andy Smallman and Bill and Rob Spencer all had good seasons. Bill Chubb seemed to be involved on every play and Andy Smallman settled in to a groove in his new role on the mound. **Mike's Bar and Grill** were talking about retooling after sneaking into the playoffs in the 6<sup>th</sup> spot for the second straight season. Returning Don Rotanz, Jim Funk and Rob Johnson made major contributions. The Gorillas became **Roman Delight** and made several lineup additions which strengthened them on the field but not in the record book. Frank Kulp, Bob Cusano and Ernie Werner paced the lineup. **Custom UltraSonics** are a work in progress but they do improve each season. Matt Kulp, Kevin Ollock and Ben Triosi are all building blocks for the future.

*Rich Goin*

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age in his Sunday night coed debut with Warwick Tavern. Dave Lichtenwalner played solid defense for the Tavern with po=13 & a=11. Joe Alimenti had BB=5 & 12 RBI while hitting .611 for Warwick. Manager Vicki Ponente hit .318 with BB=6 for Warwick Tavern.

Fall Sunday coed league saw **Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern**, after losing a number of players, finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> with a record of (6-2) & go onto win the championship against the Cardinal Group. Joan Glass had a great all around fall for Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern batting .688 while having po=12 & a=7. Mike Patterson had 16 RBI for Gavin's. Tara Montvydas had a solid season at the plate with an average of .571. Tom Strowhouer came onto Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern in the fall & hit .643 with 2b=6, HR=4 & 18 RBI at the plate. Tom also flashed the leather with po=14 & a=12 for Gavin's. **The Cardinal Group** played well in the fall finishing (7-1) & ending the regular season in 1<sup>st</sup> place. Steve Bucher hit .722 with 10 RBI for the Cardinal Group. Rob Pfeifer had another string season in the field with po=23 & a=15. Rob also had BB=4. John Trippetti added a .704 average to the offense of the Cardinal Group. Jim Flowers led the Cardinal Group in RBI with 22 & also in SLG% with a 1.346. **Alliance Chiropactic** improved from the previous two seasons ending with a record of (5-3). Dave McDonald hit .710 & flashed the leather with po=21 & a=19 for the Cardinal Group. Joe Procopio stopped everything at 1b with po=25 for Alliance. Brian Sauers had 4 HRs & 17 RBI while hitting .643 for the Chiropactors. Deb Dando & Sheila Robison both played solid defense in the fall for Alliance. Deb's season stats included po=17 & a=9. Sheila had po=16 & a=7 for Alliance Chiropactic.

The fall saw **CCMS** record drop off a little to (4-4) after losing a number of players. CCMS new addition Mike Cupitt hit .800 with a SLG% of 1.200. Another new face Tim Neuman added a .654 average to the line-up. Don Bove had a fine season in the field for CCMS with po=7 & a=16. Kelly Tow played well for CCMS hitting .524 with 10 RBI & BB=3 at the plate while having po=10 in the field.

**Comedy Central's** unexplainable downward spiral from the spring continued in the fall when they end the season at (4-4). Wes Tommasello led the way for Comedy Central hitting .759 with 16 RBI. Wes also played well in the field with po=12 & a=13. Bill Markward hit .619 & had po=17 in the field for Comedy. Lisa Silvestri had an SLG% of .440 & had po=17 for Comedy Central. **Deck It Builders** were one of the many teams victimized by attendance problems in the fall causing their record to be (2-6). Joe Nappi hit .611 for Deck It Builders. Joe also had po=12. Tom Schwering hit .583 with BB=3 for Deck It. Jen Avrum had another good season at the plate batting .500. Pete Sayer flashed the leather for Deck It Builders with po=12 & a=18. **Fleet** struggled to get a steady line-up due to attendance problems & ended with a (3-5) mark. Paul O'Connor had po=17 & hit .690 with 11 RBI for Fleet. New addition Rob Mandic had po=25 in his return to SBA softball. Denise King had po=12 & a=7 for Fleet. Another new addition to Fleet was Randy Pard. Randy had po=12 & a=15. **Prosock Machine's** woes continued in the fall as they went (0-8) in part due to attendance problems. Ken Prosock led Prosock Machine with an average of .647. Stephanie Hynes joined the squad & added a .444 batting average in addition to some fine plays at SS. Dave Scott had 23 putouts for Prosock. Prosock Machine got solid defense on the mound from Mike Carter who had po=19 & a=10. **Protech Roofing** had a good fall finishing (7-1). John Muntz was a big part of Protech Roofing's strong fall batting .688 while having po=20 & a=26. Bill Gilbert added a .630 AVG, SLG % of 1.296 & 14 RBI to the Roofer's powerful offense. Protech Roofing saw Kelly Neill hit .385 & lead the league in putouts with 46. **Rafter's** added Sunday coed to the nights that they played & finished (5-3). Keith Villers came up big for Rafter's batting .852 with HR=4 & 18 RBI at the plate while getting it done in the field with po=18 & a=15. Keith Keppley continued to hit like he does on Wednesdays batting .733 with HR=4 & 27 RBI. Keith also played well in the field with po=23. Jesse Garrison led Rafter's with 32 putouts. Rafter's saw Joe Lynd hit .656 with 13 RBI.

**Spotted Hog** was yet another bitten by the lack of attendance bug ending with a (1-7) record. Chris Murphy had a good season at the plate for Spotted Hog batting .625 with a SLG% of 1.125. John Pierce had po=16 for Spotted. Trisha Sotak hit .467 for Spotted Hog. **Warwick Tavern** made some roster moves & finished at (4-4). Mike Szurpeta led Warwick Tavern with an average of .571 & in RBI with 11. Johnnie Macomber had a=16 for Warwick. Ron O'Brien played solid defense with po=15 & a=15. Jess Morak hit well for Warwick Tavern batting .538. Joe Alimenti flashed the leather for Warwick Tavern with po=14 & a=11.

*Paul O'Connor*

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Bryan Herpel all hit for average during the season. Jim Colombo solidified the infield. **Rita's Water Ice** finished in the middle of the pack before losing in extra innings in the playoffs. Andy Leuzinger, Marc McKinney and Steve Derrah all had solid seasons. Jim Weiss made all the plays in the field. **Protech Roofing** could not score during the season and snuck into the playoffs but prevented **SAS** from a season sweep by knocking them out of the playoffs. Things looked good for them until Winding Brook Farm reached down and put them away. Bob Ferraro was 40% of the team's offense and got the game winning hit in the playoff game. Jeff Utter hit well and Bill Gilbert and John Muntz made up a fine middle infield. **PhillyBowl.Com** had their best season ever going 3-5 and being close in a couple of other games. Keith Keppley got help from Rick Garrison and Tim Frank. **The 99ers** suffered several injuries and limped to the finish line.

*Rich Goin*

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Softball America win ending up (1-7). Chris Hennigar hit .813 with an SLG% =1.688. Sean Hennigar had po=27 for Bryner. **Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern** had a bad season missing the playoffs with a record of (2-6). Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern saw Eddie Eliot Ridgeway lead the team with an average of .652. Eliot also had 10 RBI. Jason Madden added a .650 AVG. & 11 RBI into the mix. Eric Pfeleger played well in the field for Gavin's with po=25 & a=19. Dawn Wanner got it done at 1b for Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern with po=36. The **Merck Sharks** had a good summer finishing in second at (7-1), but had problems in the playoffs. Eric Hessian got the Merck Sharks offense going batting .765 with an SLG% of 1.588. Don Gerhart chimed in hitting .714 with 13 RBI. Merck saw Dave Moll have an ERA of 7.19 in 36 innings pitched & po=26 in the field. The Merck Sharks saw Kelly Dwyer hit .417 & have po=17 in the field. **Protech Roofing** played well in the summer finishing with a record of (4-3-1). Lou Geiser had 11 RBI while batting .609 for Protech Roofing. Sheila Robison played well in the summer for the Roofers batting .435 with BB=4 at the plate while having po=14 & a=8 in the field. Kelly Neill also played well all around for Protech hitting .429 & having po=26. Dan Geiser played solid defense for Protech Roofing with po=28 & a=17. **Rafter's** had another good season in Wednesday coed play finishing (5-3). Keith Keppley continued to be an offensive force for Rafter's hitting .821 while leading the league in both HRs with 6 & also in RBI with 30. Joe Maul was another pitcher in Wednesday night play that seemed to stop everything having po=19 & a=10. Rafter's got another strong defensive showing from Colin Majetka with po=13 & a=11. **TNSI Trackers** had a rough season ending (0-8). Scott Derman hit .700 & had po=18 in the field for TNSI Trackers. Bob Marren played solid defense on the mound with po=18 & a=10. Mark Juliano had 15 RBI while batting .667 for TNSI. Eric Miller played well in the field with po=25. Linda Dart batted .360 & had po=15 & a=18 for TNSI Trackers.

Paul O'Connor

The Fall season of Wednesday Evening Coed had a full slate of nine teams competing for the title. All teams returned from the summer league, some revamped and some remained the same. A revamped **Protech Roofing** squad went undefeated during the regular season and finished in first place, 8-0. They would go on to reach the finals. Eddie Frank Taverno had an incredible season, batting .867 with 20 RBIs. Shortstop Mike Cianfichi smashed 5 home runs while batting .720, slugging 1.520 and driving in 23 runs. Mike also played stellar defense with 19 put outs and 20 assists. Bill Gilbert also had a hot bat, with an average of .739. Kelly Neill played solid at first base with 37 put outs. Next season, expect these guys to be looking for a title and a little revenge. **Moon Tavern** finished close behind in second place with a record of 7-1. Moon would go on to defeat Protech Roofing in an exciting three game finals series, to take their fifth consecutive championship title. John Muntz led the team both offensively and defensively, hitting .700 with a slugging percentage of 1.300 and fielding 18 put outs and 12 assists. Cal Bohannon drove in a team leading 14 RBIs while hitting .609 for the Moon. Kim Wagner found the sweet spot of the bat and hit .526 for the season. Moon will return in the spring looking for their sixth title. Third place went to the **Merck Sharks**, who finished with a record of 6-2. Gene Hylinski led the team, batting .692 and slugging .808. Don Gerhart was close behind, with an average of .654 and driving in a team-leading 17 RBIs. Kevin Mead played excellent defense with 18 put outs and 16 assists. Amy Earley didn't let much get past her, racking up 19 put outs and 11 assists on the field. As always, Merck is sure to be a contender in the spring season. **Rafter's Tavern** finished their season in fourth place with a 4-3-1 record. Keith Keppley batted .692 while driving in 15 runs and running down 28 balls in the outfield. Chuck Gaviston and Joe Maul were not far behind, hitting .688 and .686 respectively. Tara Montvydas led the women of the team, slugging .533 and getting 13 put outs. Eddie Joe Lynd also played outstanding defense, with 16 put outs and 11 assists. Rafter's is sure to be in the mix for the spring season.

**Gavin's Clowning Around Tavern** ended up in fifth place with a record of 3-4-1. Don Bove led the team offensively with an average of .737 and a slugging percentage of 1.474. Greg Heydet knocked in a team leading 15 RBIs while Mike Ciepitt played solid defense with 19 put outs and 21 assists. Dawn Wanner played a fantastic first base, with a season total of 40 put outs and 1 assist. Eliot Ridgeway and Missey West also had a great season defensively, both with 10 assists. Eliot had 17 put outs and Missey had 15. With a few more tweaks here and there, Gavin's has the potential to be a top team next season.

Sixth place **Bates & Associates** finished their season with a record of 3-4-1. Manager Paul O'Connor led the team, batting .793 while knocking in 16 runs. Luke Lawlor and Harold Ortiz followed closely, batting .786 and .750. Luke drove 17 runs in, while Harold got the job done on both sides of the field, knocking in 13 and knocking them down in the infield (18 put outs, 15 assists). Sharon Lawn led the "women of Bates" with an average of .435 and taking 5 walks. Sharon also was solid on defense with 33 put outs and no errors at first base. Bates is sure to be right in the mix of things for the spring season. **The Baker** struggled with some personnel changes in the beginning of the season and ended in seventh place with a record of 2-5-1. Tony Rocca was the offensive leader, batting .667, slugging .889 and driving in 11 runs. Jim Jacquelin drove in 12 RBIs while batting .609. Kim Snyder's bat was on fire, as she batted .588 with a slugging percentage of .706. Lisa Silvestri was right on her tail, batting .529. Newt Miles played very well defensively, with 12 put outs and 10 assists. If veteran manager Joe DeSousa can keep this team together for the spring, they'll have a shot to be right back in the middle of things. The **TNSI Trackers** also struggled, finishing their season in eighth place with a record of 1-7. Scott Derman batted .615 and Gary Wheaton drove in 9 runs while hitting .542. Linda Dart was outstanding defensively, racking up 20 put outs and 10 assists for the season. Bob Marren did his part on defense with 16 put outs and 6 assists. Don't ever count this team out. They'll be back again in the spring making another run for a title. **Bryner Chevrolet** finished up in ninth place with a record of 0-8. Tom Montvydas pounded out an average of .684 while playing good defense with 14 put outs and 5 assists. Jay Kuzlus hit .667 while driving in 6 runs. Joan Glass had a terrific season at the plate, batting .609 and knocking in a team leading 7 runs. Joan was also on the ball

defensively, getting 11 put outs and 4 assists. Bryner may struggle, but they have the greatest attitude and again, with some small tweaks here and there, they may surprise us all.

Happy Holidays to each and every one of you! Keep warm, in shape and get ready for the cold days of the spring season.

Kelly Weber-Tow

## Friday Evening Coed *(Continued from page 9)*

defensively, racking up 21 put outs and 14 assists. Toni Szeliga led the women of the team, with an average of .421 and slugging percentage of .579. Expect ASB to be back in the thick of things again. **The Cardinals** fought tough and slugged their way into fourth place, finishing with a record of 4-4. Bill Martino led the way with an average of .667 and 10 RBIs. Jim Weid drove in a team leading 15 runs while batting .636. Mike Morath chalked up 21 put outs and 12 assists and Leroy Meyers played a solid second base with 15 put outs and 11 assists. The spring season will show if the Cardinals can continue their winning ways. Fifth place went to **Sherwin Williams**, who had a record of 3-5. The offense was led by Alex Lilly, who hit .571. Tom Foy was close behind, batting .563 on the season. Lisa Silvestri had a strong bat, with an average of .476 and 9 RBIs. Lisa also put together 16 put outs and 9 assists. Frank Carnival had an unbelievable total of 8 walks for the season. Must be the "pitchers eye" or the batting stance! This team will give it their best in the spring. **FKAR** struggled a bit in games and finished in sixth place, 3-5. John Trippetti had a great season, leading the team with 10 RBIs and an average of .667. Rob Pfeifer was solid on both sides, hitting .583 and putting up 25 put outs and 27 assists with only 1 error at shortstop. A commendable accomplishment! Jim Flowers led the team in RBIs, bringing around 19. A solid squad, they should be back with vengeance in the spring. **Megabytes** had a tough season while giving some teams a run for their money and finished in seventh place with a record of 3-5. Randy Bachman hit .800 while driving in 5 runs. Rob McCrory batted .619. Mark Lind drove in 11 runs for his team. George Rudacille played excellent defense with 15 put outs and 12 assists. Linda Dart did the same, getting 9 put outs and 11 assists. They only need a few tweaks here and there to put them right into the mix of things. **Gavin's Tavern** fought hard every game, but were unable to catch a win and ended up in eighth place, 0-8. William "Townie" Henry led the team on offense with a batting average of .615. Justin Schlosser hit .571 while driving in 5 runs for Gavin's. Kelly Tow hit an even .500 while bringing home 6 runs. Sharon Lawn was fantastic at first base, earning 41 put outs for the season. Gavin's has only one place to go in the spring...and that is up!

Enjoy your time off for the holiday season, because before you know it, we'll be right back in the "swing" of things! Snowball anyone???

Kelly Weber-Tow

## The Statdog Chronicle *(Continued from page 9)*

Nolan Ryan threw a 99-MPH fastball into his mid 40's to intimidate hitters. Well, slow pitch softball does not have fastballs but SBA does have an intimidating pitcher in his 40's. Ron Bannister's reflexes and defensive ability can change the tone of a game. Starring on the mound for Spring and Summer Thursday champ SAS and being a jack of all trades for Tuesday Fall champ Herold Construction, Ron's defense was a pivotal factor almost every week. In the spring semi finals he took the leagues leading hitter right out of the game with a horizontal diving stab of a line drive to open the game. He got Herold Construction into the playoffs by throwing the tying run of the game out at the plate in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. In the summer finals his dominance reached ridiculous levels as he made numerous plays highlighted by sprawling for a hard shot up the middle, checking the runner on 3<sup>rd</sup> while seated and throwing the runner out at first. Tall and rangy, he backs up and covers so much ground it sets up the whole infield as the SS and 2B can cheat toward the lines as can the 1b and 3b. His coup de Gras came in the Tuesday finals when he was brought into game 3 in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning with 1 out and the bases loaded. The first batter ripped a one hopper up the middle to his left. Ron laid out flat, snagged the ball and threw out the lead runner at the plate. He got the next out and his team rallied to win the fall title. As his teammate on Tuesday's, I am constantly amazed, as he was an outstanding outfielder, was a vacuum at 3<sup>rd</sup> when called upon and of course supplied his mound marvels. Ron Bannister can truly intimidate the opposition.

## The Softball Junkie

Tom Strowhower started playing on Sunday mornings in 2001. In 2002 he became a "player". Sitting in the chair next to the snack bar is a fixture at the field - a guy called Strow. With the infield dirt and the batter's box being his "Happy Place" Tom put up some unbelievable numbers. While regular checkers knew he was having an unbelievable Sunday morning and solid Thursday evening stats, Strow had his coming out party at the Spring 1-Pitch Tournament. As the MVP by a wide margin and with a 3 HR game he drew league-wide attention. So in the Summer, Tom added Friday night to his busy softball schedule. In the Fall, he added Sunday evening to his schedule. With all the leagues, he is amazingly consistent in his outstanding play. On Thursday nights in the Fall he capped an outstanding season with 12 RBI in his last 2 games including another 3 HR game. I tip my cap to an outstanding player and a good guy. Here's hoping that he has a lot more "Happy Places" in the coming year.

# Softball America Registration Form

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Play in any 3, or more, leagues and pay only \$55.00 for each league. Discounted league fees must be paid in advance of your 1st league. The Sunday Morning Men's is a discounted double season and counts as ONE league.

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| Sunday Evening Coed    | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$165.00 |
| Monday Evening Coed    | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$165.00 |
| Tuesday Evening Men's  | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$165.00 |
| Wednesday Evening Coed | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$165.00 |
| Thursday Evening Men's | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$165.00 |
| Friday Evening Coed    | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$68.00 / \$55.00 | \$165.00 |

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