

Softball America Magazine

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2003 Year In Review

SBA Winter Banquet

Sunday, February 29, 2004

Our softball banquet will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 29, 2004 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. The cost for that 1 or 2, however, will not be \$3.50 per bottle as was the case last year, but \$2.00 drafts instead.

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 2003 softball season. League and non-league members 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.

If you plan on attending the banquet this year, payment of \$18.00 per person MUST be received no later than February 15, 2004. Under no circumstances will banquet registrations be accepted after that date. If you are interested in attending, but are not certain you will be able to, send in your

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Sunday Morning Men's

Schlepville Inn (warm beer-cold women) Grabs Double Season. Hitched Collars Fall Classic.

The Sunday Spring/Summer affair was one to remember as 9 teams duked it out for the double-season title. This was a nip and tuck race all the way with eventual champs Schlepville Inn taking the regular season crown by a hair. Surplus Asset Sales, Roto Rooter, The Snipers, and The Sox finished in a virtual tie for 2nd! Eventual finalists Hitched took 3rd place with Hitsquad, Players Bar & Grille, and the Yellowjax taking up the rear. The playoffs saw Schlepville Inn get their revenge from last year on Hitched sweeping a 2 game set in classic fashion. Dom Brown went undefeated on the hill for Schlepville and has never, ever lost an SBA game while pitching. Steve Mendenhall led the league in hits to keep his own streak of leading every men's league he's ever been in, in hits! Tom Strowhouer remained a force to be reckoned with batting .709 to lead the league and racking up huge numbers both defensively and with the bat. Ed Thron, Mike Gemberling, Warren Grant, Mike Cupitt, Jimmy Waltman, and Dave Jones all had banner seasons. Mike Bianco bashed 10 home runs and let me tell ya these were no cheapo's either! Jarred Gardner had a breakout year knock-

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Sunday Evening Coed

Alliance Captures Spring Prize. Comedy Central & Warwick Tavern Snatch Summer Titles. The Baker & Exotic Concepts Fall Champs.

The Sunday night coed league of 2003 brought many surprises to the league. With new champions every season and the formation of two different divisions in the summer season, Sunday always proved to be an interesting night to play.

The Spring league began with a full slate of twelve teams that quickly became eleven with the dropping out of one team. This was the last time the Sunday night league would feature all teams in one division. **Gavin's Tavern** took the top seed, finishing the season undefeated at 8-0. Mike Patterson led the troops with a .739 batting average. Chris Hesdon wasn't far behind, as he hit .724 and racked up 15 put outs and 21 assists at shortstop. Tom Strowhouer was an offensive force, knocking in 23 runs for the season with four homers and an average of .615. Christen Flaherty led the females and the eddies of the team at .542 while knocking down 35 balls at first base. Christen was also nominated for female eddie MVP offense and defense. Pitcher Tom Weinmann was nominated for male eddie offense and defense MVP with a batting average of .538 and an ERA of 8.49. **Alli-**

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From The League Office

Some Important Changes To Take Place

Due To Unplayable Field Conditions...

...was a phrase heard quite often when calling the game line. The softball year started and ended with wet weather. A weekly dose of rain was the norm. And if that wasn't enough, a hurricane and typhoon were mixed in for good measure. 2003 will go down as one of the wettest years on record in our region. Amazingly, of the possible 912 scheduled league games, all but 8 were played. It is a true testament to the fortitude of our members and the dedication to field maintenance of Andy Suder and a guy named Steph Garrett.

Email Address Change

Due to the ever-increasing volume of spam received by the league office, email sent to certain SBA email addresses will soon be deleted automatically at the server. Effective immediately, the email address main@cuttingedgesports.net is no longer. Beginning February 1st, email sent to [sba\(at\)cuttingedgesports.net](mailto:sba(at)cuttingedgesports.net), sbhome@cuttingedgesports.net, 6ofD@cuttingedgesports.net, adm@cuttingedgesports.net, and ces@cuttingedgesports.net will be deleted at the server. Please change any and all email addresses you may have in your address book to [Softballamerica\(at\)cuttingedgesports.net](mailto:Softballamerica(at)cuttingedgesports.net).



League Fees

Softball America was born in 1994. League fees were set at \$66.00 for a 7 game season. While paying for a bucket of balls at the Garden Golf driving range, I noticed an application to play SBA softball. I joined the league in the Summer of 1996. Shortly thereafter league fees were raised \$2.00 to the \$68.00 they are today. I took over the league in the Spring of '99. By trimming the fat and taking on a lot of the work myself, I offered more games while lowering league fees to \$55.00 via a multi-league discount. Over the last 5 years the cost to run the league has risen to the point where league fees now need to be adjusted upward. I've absorbed all the past increases in hopes of keeping league fees where they are, but recent hefty hikes in insurance, utilities, and taxes, along with a renegotiated

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Monday Evening Coed

Fatty's Bar Takes Spring Title. Bobbies Seizes Summer Crown. Connell's Pub Snares Fall Championship.

The Monday night coed league improved dramatically this year as teams shuffled players and added new talent to even things up. This was no longer a two horse race boys and girls, we had a full-fledged gamut of good teams to compete.

The Spring league proved to be no surprise, as **Fatty's Bar & Grille** (8-0) took first place and the title. Fatty's Chris Hesdon led his team with a .733 average and 17 RBIs, grabbing himself MVP nominations for both offense and defense. Defensively, Chris had 19 put outs and 20 assists. Neal Britton finished with an average of .682, slugging percentage of 1227 and 13 RBIs. Bill D'Amico knocked in 19 runs while batting .645. Perennial contender **The Snack Bar** (6-2) finished second. Dave McDonald had a .724 average. Marty Wetzel led the troops of TSB with an .833 average in four games. Marty knocked in 20 runs and slugged 2000. Bob Baginski hit .690 while driving in 17 and Chris Hibsman racked up 22 RBIs and 23 put outs and assists at shortstop. Christen Flaherty swung a hot bat with a .625 average and 10 ribbies, wrapping up an MVP nomination. **Shot Crete** picked up third place with a record of 5-3. Johnny Muntz finished with a team and league leading .774 batting average. John also ruled the infield with 23 put outs and 24 assists, taking both an offensive and defensive MVP acknowledgement. Bill Markward had a .724 season and knocked in 15 runs. Matt McReynolds hit .645 and knocked in a team-leading 18 runs, with a slugging percentage of 1161. Kim Walterick smacked the ball for a .556 average. Fourth place went to **Re/Max Realty** (4-4). Eric Headley hit .643 for the season and a 1429 slugging percentage. Eddie male Mike Diottano knocked home 13 runs and batted .609 to take home an MVP nod. Sue Laguna ripped a .429 average and Mark Cavallaro grabbed 28 put outs and 11 assists while batting .552. **The Snipers** finished in fifth place with a 3-5 record. Rich Straple hit .667 on the season with 13 RBIs. Male eddie Gene DiMauro debuted with a .655 average and was nominated for male eddie MVP, While Jamie Stev-

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Spring MVP Candidates – 2003

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
Offense		Brian Roth Dave McDonald* Keith Keppley* Keith Villers Mike Cianfichi*	Bill Markward* Bob Baginski* Chris Hesdon Chris Hibsman* John Muntz*	Frank Hackett Jason Theodore Joe Robinson Keith Keppley Mark Ambolino	Keith Keppley* Paul O'Connor* Robert Foreaker Steve Mendenhall* Tom Strowhouer*	Bryan Herpel Keith Keppley Kevin Miller Michael Zahradnick Nick Mayrides	Jim Flowers Jimmy Waltman* Kent Smedley* Mike Benninghoff* Ron Pulli*
Male Eddie		Elliot Ridgeway (e) Joe Gross (e) Joe Lynd (e) John Razzi (e) Tom Weinman (e)	Andy Suder (e) Gene DiMauro (e) Jack Eiser (e) Joe Buglak (e) Mike Diottano (e)		Bob Cusano (e) Dave Kamp (e) Joe Lynd (e) John Razzi (e) Ray Cope (e)		Andy Suder (e) Bob Cusano (e) John Burress (e) John Razzi (e) Newt Miles (e)
Female Eddie		Christen Flaherty (e) Diane Munsell (e) Joan Glass (e) Kim Snyder (e)	Christen Flaherty (e) Kelly Weber (e) Kim Walterick (e) Lori Meglio (e)		Christen Flaherty (e) Diane Munsell (e) Joan Glass (e) Kelly Weber (e)		Christen Flaherty (e) Joan Glass (e) Kelly Weber (e) Kris Smedley (e)
Defense		Chris Hesdon Dave McDonald* Jeff Roberts Mike Ciepiela Rob Pfeifer*	Chris Hesdon Chris Hibsman* Drew Minko John Muntz* Steph Garrett	Bill Chubb John Muntz Mike Valentine Ron Bannister Steve Reilly Tim O'Shea	Chris Hesdon Dave McDonald* Eric Pfeleger* Gene Hylinski Keith Villers Sean Fisher	Bill Wise Jimmy Weiss Keith Keppley Mark Ambolino Tom Weinmann	Kent Smedley* Mike Ciepiela Rob Pfeifer* Steve Jerdan Steve Keller
Eddie		Christen Flaherty (e) Deb Dando (e) Joan Glass (e) Joe Lynd (e) Kim Walterick (e)	Deb Dando (e) Joan Glass (e) Joe Buglak (e) Newt Miles (e) Tina Koch (e)		Bob Cusano (e) Bob Stintsman (e) Christen Flaherty (e) Joan Glass (e) Joe Lynd (e)		Linda Dart (e) Bob Cusano (e) Kelly Neill (e) Kelly Weber (e) Kim Walterick (e)

Summer MVP Candidates – 2003

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
Offense	Dave Erman Dave Jones Ed Thron Jim Waltman Mike Cupitt Rob Carson	Craig Freeman Eric Touni Howard Miller Hugh Long Jared Gardener Mike Cianfichi*	Chris Roccato Drew Minko John Muntz* Mike Cianfichi* Neal Britton* Tom Montvydas*	Andy Smallman Bill Clark Frank Hackett Jarred Gardner Ron Bannister Ryan Hankinson	Joe Maul* Keith Villers Rick Sturgis Robert Foreaker Tom Strowhouer*	Jarred Gardner Jimmy Waltman Joe Robinson Mark Ambolino Scott Holloway Tom Strowhouer	Bill Gilbert* Jimmy Waltman* Tim O'Shea Sr. Tom Strowhouer* Wes Tommassello*
Male Eddie		Andy Suder (e) Charlie Gardner (e) Dave Reeves (e) Joe Lynd (e)	Dave Reeves (e) Eliot Ridgeway (e) Joe Lynd (e) John Razzi (e)		Bernie Marsh (e) Bob Cusano (e) Cliff Kulp (e) Dave Reeves (e)		Bob Cusano (e) Dave Reeves (e) Frank Taverno (e) Joe Buglak (e)
Female Eddie		Christen Flaherty (e) Denise Joyce (e) Joan Glass (e) Kelly Weber (e)	Christen Flaherty (e) Joan Glass (e) Kim Snyder (e) Linda Dart (e)		Christen Flaherty (e) Dawn Wanner (e) Joan Glass (e) Tame Elias-Long (e)		Christen Flaherty (e) Joan Glass (e) Kris Smedley (e) Linda Dart (e)
Defense	Bill Gilbert Brian Carnesi Frank Colon Scott Holloway Tom Strowhouer	Chris Hesdon George Rudacille John Muntz* Keith Villers Mike Carter	Chris Hibsman* John Muntz* Mark Bernacki* Mike Cianfichi* Tom Corey*	Brian Warner Chris Hesdon Dave McGuire Jarred Gardner John DiBrigida	Bob Beedenbender Dave McDonald* Keith Villers Sean Fisher Steph Garrett	Brad Tracy Gian Rodriguez Jim Colombo Ron Bannister Tom Strowhouer	Glen Hipple Mike Ciepiela Rob Pfeifer* Steve Keller Tom Strowhouer*
Eddie		Bernie Marsh (e) Christen Flaherty (e) Joan Glass (e) Jack Eiser (e) Lisa Keys (e) Pam O'Connor (e)	Christen Flaherty (e) Dave Reeves (e) Eliot Ridgeway (e) Jack Eiser (e) Joan Glass (e) Kim Walterick (e)		Amy Earley (e) Christen Flaherty (e) Dawn Wanner (e) Missey West (e) Stephanie Hynes (e)		Joe Buglak (e) Kim Walterick (e) Kris Smedley (e) Mike Morath (e) Tina Koch (e)

Fall MVP Candidates – 2003

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
Offense	Chuck Heiber Jared Gardner Mike Bianco Steve Mendenhall Warren Grant	E. W. Werner Jared Gardener Jeff Snyder* Keith Erney Mike Tareila Ron Pulli* Tom Strowhouer*	Chris Shaw* Dave McDonald* Matt MacReynolds Neal Britton* Tom Montvydas*	Andy Smallman Chris Hibsman Chris Shaw Frank Hackett Marc McKinney	Darin Posavec John Muntz* Keith Keppley* Robert Foreaker Steve Mendenhall* Tom Strowhouer*	Darin Posavec Dave Jones Jarred Gardner Jimmy Waltman Mark Mc Kinney Scott Vogel	Paul O'Connor* Rob Johnson* Steve Mendenhall* Warren Grant*
Male Eddie		Dave Reeves (e) Frank Taverno (e) Joe Buglak (e) Joe Lynd (e)	Andy Suder (e) Dave Reeves (e) Frank Taverno (e) Joe Buglak (e)		Bob Cusano (e) Cliff Kulp (e) Frank Taverno (e) Joe Lynd (e)		Bob Cusano (e) Dave Reeves (e) Frank Taverno (e) Joe Buglak (e)
Female Eddie		Christen Flaherty (e) Joan Glass (e) Kelly Weber (e) Kris Smedley (e) Nancy Elwert (e)	Glenna Fortier (e) Joan Glass (e) Julie Morris (e) Kim Ciepiela (e) Lori Meglio (e)		Audrey VanLeuwanee (e) Christen Flaherty (e) Jess Morak (e) Lisa Silvestri (e) Tame Elias-Long (e)		Christen Flaherty (e) Clorece Kulp (e) Kelly Neill (e) Kelly Weber (e) Kris Smedley (e)
Defense	Brian O'Neill Chris Nardone Frank Colon Joe Maul Rich Beck Rich Strapple	Hugh Long Mike Carter Rob Pfeifer* Rob Razzi Ryan Lustig Tim O'Shea Sr.	Chris Hibsman* Drew Minko Mark Bernacki* Mike Cianfichi* Rich Strapple	Andy Smallman Bill Chubb John DeBrigida Rich Beck Steve Chubb	Bob Beedenbender George Rudacille Joe Maul* John Muntz* Steve Mendenhall*	Eric Kerstan Jim Colombo Rich Beck Ryan Staub Shawn Goodwin	Ed Doyle Jr. George Rudacille John Muntz* John Trippetti Steve Jerdan
Eddie		Christen Flaherty (e) Deb Dando (e) Kris Smedley (e) Lisa Keys (e) Paul Harvan (e)	Eliot Ridgeway (e) Glenna Fortier (e) Jack Eiser (e) Linda Dart (e) Tara Montvydas (e)		Amy Earley (e) Becky Foley (e) Bob Cusano (e) Christen Flaherty (e) Kelly Weber (e)		Christen Flaherty (e) Clorece Kulp (e) Mike Morath (e) Newt Miles (e)

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umpire contract, have made holding league fees firm an impossibility. League fees will rise in 2 stages. The first stage, effective for this year, will be an increase in the cost of the multi-league discount from \$165.00 (3 season @ \$55.00) to \$180.00 (3 seasons @ \$60.00). League fees over and above 3 will cost \$60.00 each i.e., (4 leagues = \$240.00). The single league fee of \$68.00 will remain the same for this year, but in 2005 the 2nd stage will kick in forcing the single league fee to rise \$2.00 to \$70.00.

Free Agents

Free Agent signings remain the #1 asset to managers looking to improve their team. Last year we saw better than 200 free agents sign up to play in SBA. Nearly 1/3 of all Player Of The Year candidates entered the league as free agents.

Les Greenstein

Tuesday Evening Men's County Line Fence 'Fences In The Competition'. Hits

Tuesday nights began and ended with one team, County Line Fence. County Line was upset in the first round of the 2002 fall playoffs and responded with a vengeance. They faced The Hibsman Agency in the first Tuesday game of 2003 and set a precedent, they broke a 14-14 tie with 15 runs in the bottom of the fifth. This would become their trademark. They breezed through the regular season while averaging 27+ runs per game. Joe Robinson tied the single season run record, with 27. Frank Hackett had the most impressive single season ever. He broke the single season RBI record with 39 while batting 903 with 10 HR's and had a slugging percentage of 2100. Mark Ambolino was a monster with 27 RBI and pitcher Mike Valentine started off bombing early and drove in 23. They crushed the 02 fall champs, Herold Construction, in 2 regular season match-ups. Their 8-0 record got a scare in the playoffs as they only beat The Hibsman Agency 10-7 to make the finals. In the finals against Rita's Water Ice they lost their first game of the year 13-10 in game 1. They came real close to getting swept but rallied in the top of the 7th and held on to win game 2, 7-6. Game 3 was a formality as they found their stroke and took the spring title 20-2. Rita's Water Ice brought the same team back and was solid all year long. They had the tiebreaker and finished in 2nd place with 3 teams at 5-3. Brad Tracy and Steve Beagleman set the table while Bill Clark brought them home. They knocked off Herold Construction in the semi-finals and became the first team to knock off County Line Fence before succumbing in the finals. The Hibsman Agency finished 4th at 5-3 and gave County Line a scare in the semi's after knocking off Mike's in the rain. Steve Kalbach, Tim Hearn and Jason Theodore paced the offense while John Muntz snagged everything in sight at short.

Herold Construction finished at 5-3 and in 3rd. They got beaten up by County Line twice in what would be a season long dilemma. They got to the semi finals by beating Progressive Graphics in the worst game of the year, 7-4. Rita's knocked them off in the semi's 14-12. Jim Waltman, Kevin Miller, Scott Vogel and Ron Bannister all had solid seasons but they never put it all together. Mike's Bar and Grill finished 5th at 4-4. They were led by a youth infusion as Keith Keppley and EW Werner led the squad. Progressive Graphics finished in 6th and in the last playoff spot at 4-4. Dan Gaumer and Bill Spencer had productive seasons. Horsham Inn won their first Tuesday game coming over from Sunday AM. That was their only win. Dave McGuire led the team at bat while Shawn McGuire made the most of his hits. Custom Ultrasonics went 0-8 but showed up and played hard every week. Brian Bell led the team on "O".

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Wednesday Evening Coed Soncini's Takes Spring & Summer Titles. B&B Captures First-Ever Championship

The Wednesday Coed league is probably one of the most stable leagues in Softball America. The same teams have been playing in this league for as long as I can remember with few changes. This year proved to be no different, as the only change was the loss of Protech Roofing after the Spring season.

The Spring season saw **Soncini's (FKA Moon Tavern/Bent Elbo)** back in fine form, as they grabbed first place and the title at 7-1. Kevin Miller led the team with an average of .800 and 17 ribbies. John Razzi drove in 12 while hitting .654. Tom Strowhouer knocked 7 balls out of the park, hit .643 and drove in 21 runs for an MVP naming. Christen Flaherty will also be up for MVP on both sides of the dirt with her .633 average and 37 put outs. This team had a total batting average of .596, which is very impressive. **Rafter's** took second place with a 6-2 record. Keith Keppley had his share of RBIs with 20 and a slugging percentage of 1469, grabbing a MVP nomination. Joe Lynd drove home 24 runs with an average of .719, slugging percentage 1094. Keith Villers drove in 16 runs with 3 homers. Diane Munsell led the females

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Thursday Evening Men's Protech Roofing Nails Spring & Fall Titles. Johnny Apples Garners Middle Jewel.

2003. What a year. I believe this past year on Thursday nights, we have seen just about everything that one could see at the field. We've been rained on, snowed on, lightninged on, thundered on and blown around. We've seen blow outs, blow ups and blow overs. We have been rained out, and hurricaned out. We have seen teams rally to win, and we have also seen teams rally to lose. We have seen home run derbies, and pitching perfection. We have seen entire lineups walk, and entire lineups hit through 3 times. We have seen people go yard for the first time, albeit in 50 mile per hour wind and we have also seen people take the collar for the first time. But each and every one of us would not have missed it in a million years. This past season was up and down and each and every one of us took some joy and pleasure in the moments. Protech put together a stacked team this year and tore through the league to take the Spring Championship. Yet each and every player on that team are our friends. We wanted to beat them, to knock them down, and yet we all shook hands in the end and celebrated when they won. Johnny Apples roared back in the summer to take the Championship away from Protech, and have their 15 minutes of fame in the lights. Again, we tried our best to put them down and beat them up, and in the end we all sat around and laughed at the summer antics. We talked about the Mark Ambolino's, the Cal Bohannon's and the Rich Goin's. We talked about the new young guys, like the Jared Gardner's and the Keith Keppley's. Nothing and nobody was sacred. We laughed at the names and the games. The Master Baiter's playing the Bigheads was a crowd favorite this year, and we laughed long and hard. When Protech came back in the fall to take their second Championship of the year, we stood around and scratched our heads wondering what we had to do to beat these guys. We started planning for their demise, before running to the car to get some heat. But in the end we all sat side by side, told some jokes, drank some beer and celebrated another year of softball at SBA. A very competitive night with some fine teams and some fine outstanding people all gathered together to hit the snot out of a white round ball. Here's to hoping that history repeats itself at least part of the way. Cause I don't

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Friday Evening Coed TJ's Skyline Drive Tavern Comes Up Big In Summer.

Oh, what can I say about the Friday Coed league this year? I can sum it up for you in three words: rain, rain, rain. Friday players were forced to play more games on Saturday than Friday in the Summer and Fall, due to copious amounts of Friday night rainfall all through the year. Can you say cursed? I can...and I can spell cursed too...R-A-I-N.

Spring season found **Andy's Snack Bar** back on top in first place with a record of 6-1-1. Jimmy Waltman hit the crap out of the ball, with 6 homers, a .875 average, 2042 slugging percentage and 24 RBIs. Not surprisingly, Jimmy was nominated for MVP on offense. Eddie Bob Cusano was hot with a .733 average and 13 RBIs. Bob also threw a 8.86 ERA season. By far, he leads the MVP candidates for offense. Bob was also nominated for defensive MVP. Tom Strowhouer drove home 21 runs with 7 homers, and a 1571 slugging percentage. **Bennigan's** finished right behind at 5-2-1 and ended up taking it all home in the finals. Lefties Kent Smedley and Steve Mendenhall led the offensive force with averages of .711 and .706. Kent knocked in 17 runs, while Steve had 15 RBIs. Kent was also incredible at shortstop with 27 put outs and 32 assists and is a contender for both offensive and defensive MVP. Ron Pulli drove home 21 RBIs. **TJ's Skyline** was third with a 5-2-1 record. Jeremy Gainey capped off a good season with a .652 average. Rob Johnson had a .630 performance with 12 RBIs. Chris VanLeuvanee knocked in 10, while Mike Ciepiela did his part with 15 RBIs. Mike also had 17 put outs and 41 assists at shortstop. Newt Miles had 13 RBIs. In fourth place was **FKAR** who finished 5-3. Mike Benninghoff was nominated MVP for his .867 performance with 13 ribbies. Jim Flowers hit a league high 27 RBIs while batting .750 and slugging 1625 for an MVP recognition. Steve Kusnerus went 13 for 20 for an average of .650 and 10 ribbies. Joan Glass hit .643 and slugged 1000 and took home a nod towards MVP. Rob Pfeifer was consistent as shortstop with 16 put outs and assists. **Megabytes** (3-5) took fifth place. Randy Bachman drove in 18 runs and slugged 1350 with 3 homers. Eddie John Burress was MVP nominated and hit .591 while Nick Lennert and Mark Lind each drove in 9 runs. Linda Dart picked up 25 put outs and 12 assists and an MVP nod at second base. **Sherwin Williams** squeaked into the playoffs with a 3-5 sixth place finish. Jim Jacquelin topped the team with an average of .778 and 11 ribbies. Dave Eshelman finished at .680. Ed Doyle III drove in 14 runs and had 3 homers. Al Eismann knocked home 11. **Cardinals** went 2-5-1 and finished in seventh. Bob Muller was in charge with a .762 average, 20 put outs and 19 assists. Bill Martino was close behind with a .722 average and Mike Muller had 13 RBIs with a .700 average. Jim Weid drove in 11 and hit .667. Stephanie Miller was consistent with an average of .524. Eighth place would go to **Gavin's Tavern** with a 1-7 record. William Henry led with a .609 average and 9 RBIs. Steve Keller hit .500 and Kelly Weber had a .458 season. Steve

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Female Eddie Player Of The Year / Candidates / 2003

The candidates listed below have been nominated for Player Of The Year and are listed alphabetically. Their nominations are a result of formula based on the following categories: R %, RBI%, Avg, Slg, BB%, F%. Total ABs are taken into consideration as well. A player is required to have a minimum of 45 ABs (including BBs) to qualify. The winner will be an-

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	PO	POg	A	Ag	Err	F%	Pts
Audrey VanLeuvenee (e)	19	44	11	25	19	18	41	1	2	0	0	0	0	11	25	432	455	5	11	42	2.2	6	0.3	3	221	
Christen Flaherty (e)	82	265	110	42	142	113	43	15	6	11	4	3	1	71	27	536	709	27	10	347	4.2	19	0.2	15	396	
Diane Munsell (e)	26	88	20	23	43	35	40	6	7	2	2	0	0	27	31	489	602	2	2	17	0.7	4	0.2	1	81	
Joan Glass (e)	71	204	107	52	116	97	48	11	5	8	4	0	0	39	19	569	701	40	20	143	2.0	79	1.1	5	396	
Kelly Weber (e)	89	288	87	30	120	90	31	10	3	18	6	2	1	61	21	417	597	19	7	163	1.8	78	0.9	36	197	
Kris Smedley (e)	29	111	31	28	53	50	45	3	3	0	0	0	0	25	23	477	505	5	5	49	1.7	38	1.3	15	224	
Linda Dart (e)	37	112	37	33	46	42	38	3	3	1	1	0	0	18	16	411	455	10	9	81	2.2	34	0.9	9	305	
Lisa Keys (e)	13	41	12	29	15	14	34	0	0	1	2	0	0	8	20	366	415	5	12	67	5.2	2	0.2	1	515	
Stephanie Miller (e)	25	71	25	35	31	30	42	1	1	0	0	0	0	9	13	437	451	6	8	43	1.7	11	0.4	7	148	
Sue Laguna (e)	24	75	27	36	32	30	40	2	3	0	0	0	0	13	17	427	453	7	9	15	0.6	4	0.2	9	-54	
Tame Elias-Long (e)	22	66	25	38	29	27	41	1	2	0	0	1	2	14	21	439	500	9	14	41	1.9	24	1.1	6	295	

The player rankings listed below are a result of formula based on the following categories: R%, RBI%, Avg, Slg, BB%, F%. Total ABs are taken into consideration as well. Point totals are listed.

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	PO	POg	A	Ag	Err	F%	Pts
Megan Knoll (e)	23	52	17	33	16	16	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10	308	308	19	37	26	1.1	10	0.4	5	113	348
Dawn Wanner (e)	22	66	19	29	26	23	35	1	2	2	3	0	0	10	15	394	470	5	8	76	3.5	0	0.0	4	273	346
Kelly Neill (e)	76	244	61	25	89	80	33	7	3	2	1	0	0	40	16	365	410	12	5	224	2.9	5	0.1	20	203	345
Jess Morak (e)	66	181	45	25	66	57	31	9	5	0	0	0	0	38	21	365	414	18	10	77	1.2	2	0.0	5	92	342
Kim Bennett (e)	24	63	23	37	22	21	33	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	5	349	365	14	22	35	1.5	6	0.3	5	113	341
Kim Walterick (e)	44	130	37	28	45	43	33	1	1	1	1	0	0	15	12	346	369	18	14	139	3.2	10	0.2	5	316	341
Patti Moore (e)	15	50	12	24	20	15	30	4	8	1	2	0	0	14	28	400	520	3	6	19	1.3	1	0.1	4	33	336
Becky Foley (e)	24	72	23	32	25	20	28	5	7	0	0	0	0	8	11	347	417	9	13	29	1.2	22	0.9	4	238	332
Clorece Kulp (e)	27	73	20	27	26	23	32	1	1	2	3	0	0	14	19	356	425	9	12	33	1.2	6	0.2	2	137	330
Lisa Silvestri (e)	58	178	52	29	62	53	30	2	1	7	4	0	0	32	18	348	438	3	2	79	1.4	33	0.6	8	195	328
Kim Snyder (e)	48	152	42	28	55	49	32	5	3	1	1	0	0	24	16	362	408	11	7	50	1.0	21	0.4	12	92	327
Lori Meglio (e)	20	63	15	24	25	22	35	1	2	2	3	0	0	11	17	397	476	6	10	22	1.1	10	0.5	11	-10	327
Pam O'Connor (e)	30	70	16	23	24	24	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	13	343	343	12	17	79	2.6	3	0.1	2	257	320
Sheila Robison (e)	40	116	27	23	38	34	29	3	3	1	1	0	0	22	19	328	371	13	11	55	1.4	11	0.3	5	143	310
Tina Koch (e)	54	164	44	27	51	47	29	2	1	1	1	1	1	25	15	311	354	6	4	214	4.0	17	0.3	13	363	309
Stephanie Hynes (e)	29	80	21	26	26	22	28	3	4	1	1	0	0	13	16	325	388	9	11	47	1.6	31	1.1	17	141	305
Tonya Miller (e)	15	47	15	32	17	17	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	17	362	362	3	6	9	0.6	0	0.0	0	60	305
Marnie Koch (e)	22	74	17	23	28	26	35	2	3	0	0	0	0	9	12	378	405	5	7	14	0.6	2	0.1	2	45	303

Male Eddie Player Of The Year / Candidates / 2003

The candidates listed below have been nominated for Player Of The Year and are listed alphabetically. Their nominations are a result of formula based on the following categories: R %, RBI%, Avg, Slg, BB%, F%. Total ABs are taken into consideration as well. A player is required to have a minimum of 45 ABs (including BBs) to qualify. The winner will be an-

Andy Suder (e)	82	267	99	37	134	107	40	23	9	4	1	0	0	83	31	502	618	5	2	41	0.5	23	0.3	2	96	
Bob Cusano (e)	44	153	86	56	96	72	47	15	10	8	5	1	1	63	41	627	850	5	3	51	1.2	51	1.2	3	320	
Charlie Gardner (e)	20	62	22	35	36	24	39	6	10	3	5	3	5	24	39	581	919	2	3	14	0.7	7	0.4	5	40	
Dave Reeves (e)	47	137	65	47	85	56	41	19	14	9	7	1	1	63	46	620	912	22	16	54	1.1	43	0.9	6	247	
Frank Taverno (e)	52	204	86	42	115	87	43	11	5	13	6	4	2	97	48	564	804	3	1	35	0.7	2	0.0	5	37	
Joe Buglak (e)	65	225	83	37	113	99	44	8	4	4	2	2	1	58	26	502	600	12	5	79	1.2	48	0.7	6	232	
Joe Lynd (e)	47	185	84	45	120	81	44	23	12	14	8	2	1	89	48	649	957	1	1	92	2.0	26	0.6	12	204	
John Razzi (e)	81	251	117	47	146	116	46	15	6	13	5	2	1	83	33	582	769	20	8	47	0.6	12	0.1	2	78	
Ron O'Brien (e)	14	35	15	43	14	13	37	0	0	1	3	0	0	8	23	400	457	13	37	27	1.9	13	0.9	0	379	

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Tom Weinmann (e)	38	128	34	27	66	58	45	6	5	2	2	0	0	37	29	516	594	6	5	46	1.2	44	1.2	4	311	433
Paul Harvan (e)	65	194	62	32	91	84	43	7	4	0	0	0	0	60	31	469	505	20	10	75	1.2	33	0.5	4	192	432
Rick Block (e)	21	65	23	35	35	29	45	5	8	1	2	0	0	22	34	538	646	2	3	9	0.4	0	0.0	2	5	431
Bernie Marsh (e)	42	141	46	33	67	60	43	5	4	2	1	0	0	33	23	475	539	14	10	81	1.9	29	0.7	5	283	427
Mike Morath (e)	22	65	23	35	31	29	45	2	3	0	0	0	0	8	12	477	508	7	11	38	1.7	17	0.8	1	309	407
Eliot Ridgeway (e)	92	276	71	26	118	99	36	8	3	3	1	8	3	69	25	428	565	11	4	93	1.0	40	0.4	14	127	400
Jack Eiser (e)	19	61	23	38	29	26	43	2	3	1	2	0	0	3	5	475	541	4	7	70	3.7	3	0.2	2	358	398
Joe Gross (e)	25	67	14	21	34	28	42	4	6	2	3	0	0	27	40	507	627	2	3	14	0.6	0	0.0	4	-8	396
Ray Cope (e)	34	103	27	26	49	44	43	3	3	2	2	0	0	25	24	476	544	9	9	48	1.4	10	0.3	9	94	394
Ed Youmans (e)	21	55	19	35	27	25	45	1	2	1	2	0	0	10	18	491	545	3	5	15	0.7	11	0.5	9	5	385
John Burruss (e)	19	55	16	29	25	19	35	6	11	0	0	0	0	15	27	455	564	4	7	29	1.5	2	0.1	3	111	383
Ron Spillman (e)	24	76	31	41	36	32	42	3	4	1	1	0	0	16	21	474	539	1	1	19	0.8	3	0.1	7	-13	383
Newt Miles (e)	32	119	39	33	48	41	34	5	4	2	2	0	0	36	30	403	479	3	3	50						

Manager Meeting - Monday, March 15th Topics Of Discussion

Our annual pre-season manager meeting is slated for Monday, March 15, 2004, 7:30 pm at Gavin's Tavern on Horsham Road in Horsham, PA. Team managers or team representatives are urged to attend. Topics of discussion will be league rules, league policy, league issues, and the like. If you have any input, whether positive, negative, or otherwise, make it your business to attend the meeting and be heard.

Certain to be addressed at the meeting this year is the format with which playoff and championship games are rescheduled. As a result of personal attacks by some and accusations by others, the rescheduling of these games will now be left to a prescribed format within the schedule. If, as a result of a rainout, a team cannot field enough players for a playoff or championship game, the team will be forced to forfeit.

There was some talk of adjusting the eddie requirements in the coed leagues from 4-3-2 to 5-4-3. I am willing to offer that scenario on a trial basis in one league. Being that the people from the Wednesday Coed league have spearheaded this effort, if all 8 managers from that league agree to this change, I see no reason why we can't make it happen.

Les Greenstein

League Trends Men's Leagues Up, Coed Leagues Down

At-bats, hits, home runs, and runs-scored per game are on the rise in the men's league. Unfortunately, so too are the errors. At-bats, hits, home runs, and runs-scored per game are on the decline in the coed leagues, and so too are the errors. Trends are interesting and fun to look at. They can also offer a bit of insight into the leagues.

Men's league home runs per game for 2003 jumped a whopping 40% this year to 2.19, up from the previous year's mark of 1.57 per game. Runs scored increased 15% to almost 28 per game. These numbers for 2003, however, are 2nd in the overall rankings surpassed only by the juiced-bat year of 2000 where the HR and runs-scored rate pushed 2.30 and 29 per game respectively. Men's league pars spanning the last 5 years are a batting average of 500 and a slugging% of 792. In 2000 (juiced bat year), while we saw the most potent offenses we also saw the most efficient defenses with games producing under 5 errors (less than 2.5 per team). Last year we recorded a record high for miscues-per-game with a rate of 9.5 (almost 5 errors per team, per game).

Coed league home runs for 2003 are near an all-time low with a 1.58 per game rate. The low of 1.41 was recorded in 2002 and the all-time high of 2.15 homers per game was produced in the coed juiced-bat year of 1999. Last year's runs-scored per game rate of 24.13 was the 2nd lowest since 2000 (23.39) and almost 2 runs per game less than 1999 (26.02). While coed errors per game are on the decline with a rate of almost 11 per game compared to almost 12 per game in 2002, last year's miscue rate is still 65% higher than it was in 1999 (6.63 errors per game). Coed league pars spanning the last 5 years are a batting average of 495 and a slugging% of 717. Breaking things down a bit further for the coed leagues we see a very steady rate among both core and eddie players. Over the past 5 years the pars for all core players are 548/837 while the pars for all eddies are 375/441.

Les Greenstein

Sunday Morning Men's (Continued from page 1)

ing 8 bombs outta here! Player's Bar & Grill shortstop Bill Cammann had a fine season as did Dave Erman for The Sox, who led the league in RBI's (40). Tom Thomas led the league in hits for the Hitsquad. Schlepville Inn once again led the league in beers bought at the shack, thus funding Andy's annual Hawaiian trip!!! All in all a great Spring/Summer season!!!

When the Sunday Fall Season starts its still warm out. When it's over, old man winter is knocking at the door. Luckily SBA action keeps things heated up!! The Fall league saw the Schlepville dominate the regular season going undefeated, only to suffer a 24-21 crushing defeat at the hands of SAS in the playoffs. SAS then took on Hitched in the finals and once again Hitched would come away with the title in 2 games. Mike Bianco had a monster season for Hitched (.839, 8HR's, 31 RBI's), tying Steve M. with 26 hits. Warren Grant bashed 7 HR's in 6 games along with 25 RBI's. 100 year old Frank Taverno made his Sunday debut to rave reviews. While keeping with their youth movement, Schlepville's Andy Suder was masterful on the hill!!! Chris Nordone and Mike Gemberling stepped it up again for the Snipers, Mark Koenig and Jarred Gardner had big seasons with the sticks!! Lou Lombardo once again led Hitched while Chuck Heiber clocked 8 hr's!!! Billy Gilbert was still recovering from his terrible leg injury. Get well Bill!!! Umpires Ron and Tom were outstanding all year. Ask Ronnie a question and you're getting an answer... a DETAILED answer and you're gonna know exactly why he made that call!!! Either everyone is taking their vitamins or Eureka field has got to be considered a hitters field. I've never been involved in so many slugfests in my life!! Eliot made out good on Sunday afternoons!! Another great season and a tip of the hat to the league office there. SBA is one of a kind!!!

Steve Mendenhall

Sunday Evening Coed (Continued from page 1)

ance Chiropractic finished second in the league (6-2) and ended up as Spring Champions over Gavin's. Brian Roth led the troops and was co-leader of the league with a .850 batting average, driving in 12 runs, securing himself an MVP nomination for offense. Dave McDonald followed, hitting .767, with 13 RBIs, 21 put outs and 20 assists and was nominated for both offense and defense MVP. Jeff Roberts drove home 17 runs while hitting .636 and 3 homers. **Rafter's** ended up in third place with a record of 5-2-1 while scoring a league-high 136 runs. Keith Villers was the strongman, with a .773 average, 1409 slugging percentage and 18 RBIs. Keith Keppley gave close chase, at .727 with 23 runs knocked in. Both Keiths were nominated for MVP offense. Joe Lynd proved his value as a male eddie with a .645 season that included 17 RBIs and MVP nominations on both sides of the field. Fourth place went to **Comedy Central** (4-3-1). Bill Markward came out on top with an average of .680 and 12 ribbies. Eliot Ridgeway hit .571 to lead his team's eddies. Mike Ciepiela knocked down balls left and right in the infield as he had 15 put outs and 17 assists on his way to a defensive MVP nomination. **Fleet** ended at 4-3-1 as well and took fifth place. Paul O'Connor led the team and the league with an average of .850, slugging percentage of 1150 which included 10 RBIs. That secured him an MVP nomination. Rob Mandic also had a great season, hitting .778 with 5 triples and 11 ribbies. Jason Madden racked up 13 RBIs with two homers and a 1040 slugging percentage. **The Baker** and **Warwick Tavern** both secured themselves a playoff spot with 4-4 records. Baker finished sixth, with Warwick right behind in seventh place. Baker saw Mike Cianfichi have a fine season, hitting .741 and bringing home 15 runs and a MVP nomination for offense. Mike also played a solid short stop, as he racked up 18 put outs and 11 assists. Jeff Overberger gave chase with a .737 season and 11 RBIs. John Razzi proved that his eddie status has not changed his game, as he tore up the field with a .667 average. Warwick's offensive leader was Craig Freeman, who hit .714 with a slugging percentage of 1429. Joan Glass led the females of the team, as she had a .524 season. Jared Gardner debuted with 17 RBIs and 3 homers and a slugging percentage of 1478. Not too shabby. **The Cardinal Group** found themselves with a 3-4-1 record for the season and an eighth place finish. Greg Robinson had a .682 season with 2 homers and 21 put outs in the outfield. John Trippetti was the team's RBI leader, knocking in 12 runs. Rob Pfeifer was a defensive force at shortstop, as always, with 20 put outs and 19 assists. Rounding out the field were ninth place **Prosock Machine** (3-5), tenth place **New Britain Inn** (1-7) and last place **DB Transervice** (0-8) who dropped out halfway through the season. Matt Budinko led Prosock with a .476 average, while Kim Bennett hit .400. Mike Carter covered the pitcher's mound well, with 16 put outs and 7 assists. For the NBI Razorbacks, Charlie Cain proved his worth with an average of .619 and a slugging percentage of 1000 while knocking in 1/3 of NBI's total runs. Brendon Gillespie had a .579 season and 28 put outs. Congratulations to the Spring champs, Alliance Chiropractic.

In the summer, we saw the emergence of a dual division; a first in SBA history. Both divisions would have their own playoffs and finals series. It proved to make the league more competitive. The A Division had **The Baker** finish in first place with a record of 6-2. Again, MVP nominated Mike Cianfichi would lead the team, batting .667 with 4 homers and 14 RBIs. Andy Suder just kept getting better, as he had a .630 season, legging out 6 doubles and a triple. Andy also drove in 15 runs and took home a nomination for MVP. The pitching duo of Andy Suder and Steph Garrett gave Baker a combined ERA of 8.3 for the season. **Gavin's Tavern** took second place at 5-3. Tom Strowhouer led the troops with a .700 average, 5 homers and 17 ribbies. Tom is up for offensive player, I mean MVP. Tom Montydas wasn't far behind at .680 with 12 RBIs and Matt McReynolds also banged out 12 runs with a .654 average. Christen Flaherty played a solid first base, as always, with 42 put outs and MVP recognition on both sides. Third place **Cardinal Group** took their 5-3 record to the finals series, but were defeated by fourth place **Comedy Central** (3-5). John Trippetti led the Cardinal's offense with a .680 batting average. Mike Benninghoff knocked home a team-high 16 runs while slugging 1000. Rob Pfeifer finished at .667 in the leadoff spot and again played a very solid shortstop with 10 put outs, 13 assists and no errors. Comedy Central's Eric Touni ripped up the bases with an average of .778. Wes Tommassello drove in 16 runs, while eddie phenom Dave Reeves drove in eight while pitching a 10.6 ERA. One thing this team did well was spread around the wealth, as all but one member had more than 4 RBIs. **Rafter's** (3-5) just missed the playoffs with their fifth place finish and **Exotic Concepts** (2-6) would find themselves transferring to the B Division with their sixth place season. Mark "Alchy" Koenig led the EK team with a .625 average. Ron Pulli batted a .609 with a 1261 slugging percentage as he knocked in 9 runs. John Muntz played a fantastic shortstop, grabbing 21 put outs and 17 assists without a single error. "Superstar!" Eddie Joe Lynd hit .576 for Rafter's with 6 RBIs. Keith Villers was right behind with a .567 average and 15 RBIs. Kevin Miller knocked in 14 runs and smacked 5 homers, while Keith Keppley and Bob Beedenbender each knocked home 11. Diane Munsell had a .500 season. The B Division's **Alliance Chiropractic** (7-1) finished ahead of the pack. Brian Sauers hit .667 with 14 RBIs and a 1571 slugging percentage. Joan Glass had a terrific season, batting .611 while taking 8 walks. Joan also pitched 38 innings with an ERA of 6.45, 24 put outs and 10 assists. Dave Moll drove home 18 runs with his .609 average that included 3 homers. **Fleet** took second place with a record of 6-2. Howard Miller led the league with an average

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Men's Player Of The Year / 2003

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	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	PO	POg	A	Ag	Err	F%	Pts
Craig Claycomb	30	100	61	61	67	37	37	9	9	9	9	12	12	62	62	670	1300	11	11	45	1.5	14	0.5	4	190	
Darin Posavic	19	71	47	66	46	18	25	7	10	4	6	17	24	57	80	648	1577	12	17	62	3.3	11	0.6	2	400	
Frank Hackett	35	123	88	72	93	33	27	20	16	10	8	30	24	124	101	756	1813	22	18	85	2.4	10	0.3	3	266	
Jarred Gardner	47	193	106	55	120	43	22	27	14	11	6	39	20	144	75	622	1482	2	1	139	3.0	9	0.2	10	249	
Jimmy Waltman	55	197	125	63	124	55	28	28	14	21	11	20	10	121	61	629	1289	19	10	114	2.1	8	0.1	7	185	
Kevin Miller	28	95	60	63	67	38	40	15	16	3	3	11	12	60	63	705	1274	13	14	42	1.5	22	0.8	4	250	
Mike Bianco	21	76	46	61	52	14	18	11	14	9	12	18	24	62	82	684	1776	4	5	52	2.5	6	0.3	4	229	
Scott Vogel	29	103	62	60	73	33	32	18	17	8	8	14	14	82	80	709	1447	11	11	78	2.7	13	0.4	1	345	
Tom Strowhouer	44	162	94	58	108	55	34	14	9	13	8	26	16	90	56	667	1395	17	10	81	1.8	103	2.3	18	489	
Warren Grant	17	64	42	66	43	19	30	6	9	3	5	15	23	55	86	672	1563	2	3	57	3.4	2	0.1	0	359	

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	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	PO	POg	A	Ag	Err	F%	Pts
Bryan Herpel	20	81	45	56	60	39	48	11	14	3	4	7	9	43	53	741	1210	1	1	47	2.4	5	0.3	3	225	872
Michael Zahradnick	18	69	34	49	49	25	36	14	20	3	4	7	10	42	61	710	1304	0	0	27	1.5	12	0.7	6	150	862
Ed Thron	17	57	29	51	35	11	19	10	18	4	7	10	18	35	61	614	1456	5	9	23	1.4	2	0.1	1	135	859
Mark McKinney	43	164	84	51	100	52	32	17	10	13	8	18	11	112	68	610	1201	8	5	134	3.1	6	0.1	16	191	835
Bill Clarke	24	91	52	57	55	23	25	16	18	7	8	9	10	63	69	604	1231	4	4	54	2.3	8	0.3	10	125	832
Ron Bannister	29	105	54	51	64	32	30	18	17	2	2	12	11	58	55	610	1162	6	6	79	2.7	36	1.2	7	424	815
Mike Gemberling	22	68	40	59	45	30	44	11	16	3	4	1	1	27	40	662	956	16	24	71	3.2	9	0.4	7	277	810
Dave Erman	18	67	34	51	38	17	25	7	10	3	4	11	16	40	60	567	1254	8	12	18	1.0	26	1.4	5	278	809
Chuck Heiber	24	88	50	57	51	27	31	8	9	2	2	14	16	49	56	580	1193	9	10	37	1.5	17	0.7	5	213	807
Keith Keppley	47	168	87	52	101	48	29	31	18	8	5	14	8	86	51	601	1131	13	8	141	3.0	9	0.2	7	279	805
Neal Britton	27	101	50	50	60	24	24	17	17	5	5	14	14	58	57	594	1277	2	2	46	1.7	6	0.2	1	200	804
Dave Jones	36	136	58	43	87	49	36	19	14	11	8	8	6	79	58	640	1118	5	4	58	1.6	55	1.5	17	278	799
Bill Cammann	17	52	30	58	30	15	29	4	8	6	12	5	10	31	60	577	1173	4	8	28	1.6	21	1.2	9	200	797
Mark Ambolino	41	165	86	52	106	75	45	15	9	9	5	7	4	80	48	642	970	8	5	76	1.9	55	1.3	8	376	792
Andy Smallman	53	181	94	52	117	90	50	16	9	7	4	4	2	87	48	646	878	15	8	60	1.1	43	0.8	4	245	775
Bob Lucci	36	124	63	51	74	41	33	23	19	5	4	5	4	57	46	597	984	13	10	127	3.5	1	0.0	4	314	762
Scott Holloway	46	180	89	49	105	67	37	15	8	14	8	9	5	85	47	583	972	7	4	206	4.5	6	0.1	5	430	759
Bill Wise	24	97	50	52	59	42	43	5	5	5	5	7	7	45	46	608	979	4	4	29	1.2	44	1.8	6	388	757
Mike Cupitt	14	56	22	39	36	23	41	5	9	2	4	6	11	24	43	643	1125	0	0	51	3.6	1	0.1	1	350	754
Joe Robinson	36	147	83	56	89	65	44	10	7	9	6	5	3	59	40	605	898	8	5	94	2.6	12	0.3	3	294	746
Joe Horchuck	20	84	39	46	47	23	27	10	12	2	2	12	14	48	57	560	1155	2	2	17	0.9	19	1.0	8	115	745
Pat Howieson	48	174	84	48	103	63	36	20	11	14	8	6	3	69	40	592	971	23	13	33	0.7	2	0.0	4	44	737
Jason Theodore	20	67	33	49	41	29	43	7	10	0	0	5	7	24	36	612	940	8	12	27	1.4	15	0.8	4	205	726
Steve Derrah	42	152	72	47	86	53	35	18	12	11	7	4	3	78	51	566	908	12	8	87	2.1	6	0.1	2	217	725
Martin Kappus	19	52	24	46	29	16	31	7	13	3	6	3	6	24	46	558	981	7	13	45	2.4	26	1.4	8	342	724
Dave McGuire	24	94	39	41	56	37	39	8	9	8	9	3	3	44	47	596	947	4	4	71	3.0	15	0.6	2	388	723
Nick Mayrides	18	75	36	48	44	29	39	10	13	3	4	2	3	41	55	587	880	3	4	33	1.8	12	0.7	1	294	720
Trevor Gouge	40	155	75	48	91	62	40	10	6	11	7	8	5	54	35	587	948	7	5	96	2.4	9	0.2	9	195	713
Chris Hibsman	23	80	39	49	47	32	40	10	13	4	5	1	1	37	46	588	850	12	15	42	1.8	4	0.2	7	96	710
Dom Brown	15	52	23	44	34	27	52	7	13	0	0	0	0	20	38	654	788	4	8	23	1.5	14	0.9	1	313	708
Scott Pataki	16	63	30	48	40	29	46	9	14	1	2	1	2	22	35	635	857	2	3	32	2.0	34	2.1	12	325	708
Mark Bernacki	19	69	37	54	35	17	25	9	13	3	4	6	9	31	45	507	986	7	10	27	1.4	15	0.8	1	279	705
Rob Carson	18	71	34	48	41	28	39	8	11	2	3	3	4	30	42	577	873	8	11	53	2.9	1	0.1	3	239	703
Scott Masulis	27	94	41	44	51	26	28	9	10	8	9	8	9	32	34	543	1064	12	13	49	1.8	6	0.2	5	152	701
Chris Hesdon	20	68	31	46	42	33	49	5	7	4	6	0	0	23	34	618	809	5	7	40	2.0	41	2.1	10	410	699
Josh Gansz	22	74	34	46	42	22	30	14	19	5	7	1	1	29	39	568	932	2	3	41	1.9	33	1.5	4	414	698
Steve Mendenhall	26	109	53	49	68	46	42	16	15	5	5	1	1	36	33	624	890	0	0	23	0.9	28	1.1	11	135	697
Bill Damico	15	54	25	46	30	19	35	4	7	1	2	6	11	25	46	556	1000	1	2	32	2.1	3	0.2	2	200	695
Ricky McCleod	16	62	33	53	36	25	40	6	10	4	6	1	2	17	27	581	855	5	8	29	1.8	17	1.1	0	394	693
Mark Koenig	24	81	37	46	46	27	33	12	15	6	7	1	1	35	43	568	901	6	7	38	1.6	6	0.3	0	208	693
Gary Valentine	13	56	23	41	33	20	36	5	9	5	9	3	5	21	38	589	1018	0	0	29	2.2	2	0.2	0	254	692
Tim Hearn	36	141	56	40	81	52	37	18	13	5	4	6	4	71	50	574	901	6	4							

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payment anyway. If for any reason you cannot attend, you will be issued a full refund if notified by February 15th. Banquet halls need to have at least an idea of how many to cater to. It is strongly advised that you submit your banquet fees early. You can send in the registration form on the back page along with payment or register via the Softball America Website. Payment will **NOT** be accepted at the door.

An event that bridges one year of softball with another, the banquet is a time when old teams reunite and new teams are formed. You can bet there will be a lot of 'hot stove' dealings going down. It's all good. I look forward to seeing you there.

Les Greenstein

Monday Evening Coed *(Continued from page 1)*

ens hit .607. **TNSI Renegades** took sixth at 3-5. The team was led by Drew Minko, who had a .667 season. Tom Corey also hit .667 and slugged 1125 with 11 RBIs. Lance Henik knocked in a team-leading 13 runs with his .630 average and Curt Perry drove home 12. **Bobbies** (2-6) ended their season in seventh place. Rich Reinheimer swung a .667 and Matt Ferrello hit .650. Greg Lavin was the team's RBI leader with 12 and 2 homers. **Warrington Pizza** (1-7) rounded out the field in eighth place. Steve Worthington drove in almost 1/3 of his team's runs with 23 RBIs. Steve finished with a .667 average and 1083 slugging percentage. Steve Rushton grabbed 16 put outs and 15 assists and eddie Jack Eiser hit .583 on the season. Fatty's Bar & Grille deserve our congratulations for their spring title.

A new pair of teams took the top spots and the title in the Summer season. **Bobbies** (7-1) went from the flophouse to the penthouse as they finished in first place and ended up winning it all. Mike Cianfichi led both his team and the league with a .786 average, 1357 slugging percentage, 23 RBIs, 23 put outs and 16 assists, taking nominations for MVP on both sides of the dirt. Ryan Moser knocked home 15 runs with a .640 average. Joan Glass had a solid season hitting .625 while pitching an ERA of 8.87, also taking home nominations for both offense and defense MVP. Sean Fisher drove home 13 runs. **Shot Crete** followed with a second place finish at 5-2-1. Shortstop John Muntz led the team with a .656 average. Johnny was unstoppable defensively with 31 put outs and 20 assists at shortstop and got nominations for MVP. Eliot Ridgeway hit .652 while driving in 9 and throwing a 8.43 ERA. Tom Montydas knocked in a team high 18 runs and slugged 1200. **Fatty's Bar & Grille** (5-3) ended their season in third place. Neal Britton again had a good season, with 15 RBIs and an average of .684. Bill D'Amico gave close chase, hitting .682. Mark Bernacki drove home 12 runs with a .640 average, while racking 16 put outs and 14 assists at second base. Marnie Koch hit a solid .480 for the pub and got an MVP nod. In fourth place was **The Snack Bar** (4-3-1). Bob Baginski ended up on top with a .632 season. Chris Shaw drove home 14 runs with 4 homers. John Razzi and Dave Reeves both knocked in 12 runs. Marty Wetzel led the team in ribbies with 15. Chris Hibsman was again solid at shortstop with 15 put outs and 22 assists. **TNSI Renegades** finished out in fifth with a 3-4-1 record. Chris Roccatto debuted with a .760 average and 30 ribbies with 6 homers, giving him a slugging percentage of 1640 and his first MVP nomination. Drew Minko smacked a .731 season. Curt Perry and Mike Minko both drove home 10 runs. Tom Corey grabbed 22 put outs and 12 assists on defense. **The Snipers** (3-5) secured a playoff spot with a sixth place finish. Mike Carter led the team, hitting .737, while Dave Kennedy was right behind with a .733 average. Mark Nevins followed right behind at .714 with 11 RBIs. **Re/Max Realty** ended their season 2-5-1 in seventh place. In charge was Rich Peterson, hitting .609. Jim Kennedy drove home 10 runs. Shortstop Irv Derstein snagged 14 put outs and 19 assists. **Warrington Pizza** (1-7) finished eighth. Ken Eiser led the team with an average of .619 and 11 RBIs. Keith Bellinger hit .545 for the season. Kudos to the Bobbies on their summer title.

Things were back to "normal", so to speak, in the Fall season as **Connell's Pub (FKA Fatty's Bar & Grille)** finished in first place with a record of 7-1, taking the championship as well. Neal Britton led with a .750 average that included 2 homers and 11 RBIs. Rob Johnson smacked .739 with 13 ribbies and Steph Garrett followed with a .708 average and 11 RBIs. Mark Bernacki drove home 16 and had a 1231 slugging percentage. Steph Garrett, Andy Suder and Tom Weinmann combined for a 8.54 batting average. **The Snack Bar** ended up in second place at 6-2. Chris Shaw led the league with an average of .824 and slugging percent of 1882. Chris hit five homers and drove in 17 runs, grabbing a chance for MVP. Bob Baginski played five games and was an incredible 12 for 12. Marty Wetzel drove home 19 runs, while Dave McDonald knocked in 12 and was also recognized for MVP. Eddie Dave Reeves, John Razzi and Frank Taverno drove in 10, 15 and 16 runs respectively, all while hitting .600 or better. All of them received nominations for MVP. Third place was awarded to **Shot Crete** with their 6-2 record. The team was led on offense by Mike Ciepiela, who hit .737. Tom Montydas tied up an MVP recognition as he hit .724 while driving in a team leading 22 RBIs with 6 homers. Bill Markward knocked home 17 runs, while Matt McReynolds had 18. Matt took home his first MVP nomination in the

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know about you guys, but I'm shooting for the champs!! Have a great and SAFE off season!!

Tom Strowhouer

Year In Review

2003 was an eventful year at Softball America. SBA saw John Razzi join the 1,000 hit club towards the end of the spring season. We also saw teams that used to be doormats win their first titles & become a force to be reckoned with. We saw consecutive title streaks end. The classification of 'eddie all-star' started and ended in 2003 with Frank Taverno being the only eddie to make the list during it's brief existence. Another classification added this year in the coed was the 'designated eddie' (de) which made a male eddie count as a female in the field and in the line-up. Unfortunately '03 also brought some bad injuries. Who can forget Andy Suder getting hit in the head with a liner that landed on the warning track after he was hit with it. Or when Bill Gilbert having his ankle broken on a play at 2B.

Another big story at Softball America this year was the weather. The Saturday, oops, I mean Friday coed league was the worst effected. We had summer finals being played 3 or 4 weeks into the fall season. Then we had the Thursday men's fall playoffs that had wind gust so strong that channel 6 said that it was worse than when the hurricane came through earlier in the year. I think the port-a-pot spent more time leaning against that rusty tank than standing upright that night. We also had snow during the early innings of the first game that night. In 3 games there were 41 HRs hit out - 3 short of the record 44 set earlier during the summer season.

Good Luck to Mark Bernacki over in Iraq with the Air Force. Hopefully you're reading this at home, but if not kick ass and return safely. Over all, 2003 had a lot of good memories and I'm sure there will be a lot more in 2004. Happy Holidays.

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and Kelly covered the middle infield well with 19 put outs and 22 assists for Steve and 20 put outs and 14 assists for Kelly, both receiving defensive MVP nominations. Accolades to Bennigan's...again.

The Summer season again proved to have no surprises in the regular season. The post season however, would. **Dos Amigos (FKA Bennigan's)** finished in first at 7-0-1. Billy Gilbert hit in 23 runs, while maintaining an .813 average. Tim O'Shea drove in 12 runs while hitting .773. Both Tim and Billy grabbed nominations for MVP offense. Kris Smedly got nominations on both sides for MVP with an average of .516, 15 put outs and 10 assists. Christen Flaherty had a .583 season and also got an MVP nod. Eddie phenom Frank Taverno drove in 15 runs and hit .645, taking home yet another nomination for MVP. **Andy's Snack Bar** (5-2-1) was in second place. Perennial all-star MVP Tom Strowhouer crushed 8 into the trees, knocked home 26 runs with an .808 average and 1923 slugging percentage. Tom also had 12 put outs and 26 assists. Jimmy Waltman followed with a .731 average, 17 RBIs and 3 homers. Bob Cusano also hit very well with an average of .684, grabbing an MVP nod. Mark Bernacki had a .750 season with 11 ribbies. **Megabytes** secured third with a 4-2-2 finish and went to the finals. Jimmy Blickley hit .824 in five games with 10 ribbies. Ken Lind pulled a .684 average in five games. Linda Dart grabbed an MVP nod for her .500 performance. **FKAR** ended in fourth at 4-4. Rob Pfeifer led with a .650 average and was solid as always at shortstop with 12 put outs and 12 assists. Mike Benninghoff grabbed 12 RBIs and hit .611. Sue Laguna found her bat with a .609 season and Joan Glass had a .526 performance. Both girls were nominated for MVP. **TJ's Skyline** (4-4) rallied from fifth place to compete in the finals and ultimately win it all. Wes Tommassello swung a big bat and took home an MVP nod to lead the league with an .864 average and 1636 slugging percent. Rob Johnson drove in 10 runs. Paul O'Connor slugged out a 1250 percentage. Mike Ciepiela snatched an MVP nomination with solid defense at shortstop (12 put outs, 25 assists). Kim Walterick hit .455. **Gavin's Tavern** made the playoffs with a 2-5-1 record and sixth place. Newcomer Steve Ragona drove in 10 runs and hit .607. Mike Brennan drove in 12 runs. Steve Keller had 23 put outs and 16 assists at shortstop. **The Cardinals** finished in seventh at 2-6. A .667 average and 9 RBIs was good enough for John Qualateria to lead the team. Eddie Mike Morath had a .591 season, while Ed Youmans hit .583 for the summer. **Sherwin Williams** (1-6-1) finished eighth. Ed Doyle III finished out his season with a .607 average. Alex Lily performed at .577. Glenn Hipple knocked down balls at shortstop with 23 put outs and 25 assists, taking home an MVP nomination for defense. Eddie Tom Foy went .556 for the season and was recognized. Todd Black led the team in RBIs with 15 and 3 homers. Well done TJ's...see you in the Spring.

In the Fall, **Andy's Snack Bar** finished again in first place (6-1-1). Tom Strowhouer was again on top with a .727 average and 1545 slugging percent-

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Coed Player Of The Year / 2003

The candidates listed below have been nominated for Player Of The Year and are listed alphabetically. Their nominations are a result of formula based on the following categories: R%, RBI%, Avg, Slg, BB%, F%. Total ABs are taken into consideration as well. A player is required to have a minimum of 54 ABs (including BBs) to qualify. The winner will

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	PO	POg	A	Ag	Err	F%	Pts
Bob Baginski*	20	60	39	65	44	27	45	10	17	4	7	3	5	29	48	733	1183	9	15	36	1.8	3	0.2	1	190	
Chris Roccato	18	60	30	50	42	19	32	8	13	2	3	13	22	59	98	700	1550	0	0	26	1.4	10	0.6	5	144	
Craig Freeman	15	50	27	54	38	18	36	8	16	5	10	7	14	41	82	760	1540	4	8	31	2.1	19	1.3	8	247	
Eric Pflieger*	17	53	34	64	36	16	30	10	19	5	9	5	9	31	58	679	1340	1	2	38	2.2	24	1.4	6	365	
Jarred Gardner	35	108	69	64	73	22	20	19	18	7	6	25	23	91	84	676	1676	3	3	93	2.7	8	0.2	4	266	
Kevin Miller*	20	65	35	54	43	20	31	13	20	0	0	10	15	40	62	662	1323	8	12	39	2.0	30	1.5	4	415	
Marty Wetzel*	19	62	41	66	39	14	23	10	16	7	11	8	13	54	87	629	1403	1	2	26	1.4	0	0.0	1	116	
Mike Cianfichi*	37	126	74	59	86	40	32	34	27	8	6	4	3	74	59	683	1175	4	3	89	2.4	84	2.3	18	500	
Robert Foreaker	21	67	39	58	51	23	34	11	16	8	12	9	13	51	76	761	1567	4	6	32	1.5	15	0.7	6	181	
Tom Strowhouer*	61	196	113	58	133	41	21	30	15	11	6	51	26	177	90	679	1724	10	5	68	1.1	85	1.4	22	246	

The player rankings listed below are a result of formula based on the following categories: R%, RBI%, Avg, Slg, BB%, F%. Total ABs are taken into consideration as well. Point totals are listed. As many players that can fit on this page were listed. For complete list go to www.cuttingedgesports.net.

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	PO	POg	A	Ag	Err	F%	Pts
Steve Mendenhall*	44	158	98	62	109	57	36	31	20	13	8	8	5	78	49	690	1203	5	3	57	1.3	61	1.4	15	270	663
Chris Shaw*	20	68	44	65	42	17	25	11	16	4	6	10	15	46	68	618	1338	4	6	37	1.9	5	0.3	3	175	651
Keith Villers	34	128	66	52	83	36	28	29	23	9	7	9	7	84	66	648	1227	2	2	72	2.1	53	1.6	3	488	651
Tom Montvydas*	47	163	94	58	103	36	22	39	24	8	5	20	12	98	60	632	1337	4	2	104	2.2	5	0.1	11	149	647
Kent Smedley*	20	88	53	60	61	37	42	12	14	4	5	8	9	36	41	693	1193	1	1	46	2.3	52	2.6	14	470	646
Wes Tommassello*	38	127	60	47	84	41	32	14	11	17	13	12	9	90	71	661	1323	2	2	63	1.7	41	1.1	16	213	646
Paul O'Connor*	61	178	81	46	126	73	41	33	19	16	9	4	2	119	67	708	1140	3	2	62	1.0	46	0.8	12	174	646
Mark Bernacki*	31	103	59	57	66	36	35	9	9	17	17	4	4	58	56	641	1175	4	4	61	2.0	60	1.9	4	532	646
Ron Pulli*	32	127	65	51	87	47	37	12	9	15	12	13	10	79	62	685	1323	1	1	52	1.6	3	0.1	6	106	645
Rob Mandic	22	63	33	52	43	26	41	4	6	9	14	4	6	39	62	683	1222	5	8	22	1.0	2	0.1	3	64	636
Keith Keppley*	45	168	102	61	104	50	30	32	19	11	7	11	7	96	57	619	1137	7	4	144	3.2	8	0.2	6	302	635
Neal Britton*	56	181	92	51	119	66	36	30	17	7	4	16	9	95	52	657	1166	11	6	92	1.6	4	0.1	10	107	628
Mike Tareila	23	76	39	51	49	23	30	12	16	7	9	7	9	36	47	645	1263	4	5	42	1.8	6	0.3	3	183	612
Trevor Grouge	21	69	38	55	46	27	39	5	7	8	12	6	9	21	30	667	1232	2	3	66	3.1	12	0.6	6	314	610
Mike Benninghoff*	32	94	45	48	58	37	39	11	12	3	3	7	7	59	63	617	1021	10	11	62	1.9	12	0.4	4	219	600
Jeff Snyder*	22	83	47	57	55	35	42	9	11	8	10	3	4	27	33	663	1072	2	2	42	1.9	24	1.1	4	336	597
Chris Hibsman*	24	83	43	52	48	25	30	14	17	5	6	4	5	42	51	578	1012	6	7	57	2.4	61	2.5	9	596	592
Rob Pfeifer*	40	134	81	60	78	54	40	13	10	5	4	6	4	38	28	582	888	15	11	94	2.4	81	2.0	10	540	588
Bill Damico*	21	68	36	53	44	25	37	14	21	0	0	5	7	36	53	647	1074	1	1	29	1.4	1	0.0	1	129	584
Rick Sturgis	21	64	29	45	45	37	58	4	6	3	5	1	2	26	41	703	906	5	8	19	0.9	19	0.9	4	195	584
Jay Stahl	20	62	27	44	38	17	27	9	15	8	13	4	6	34	55	613	1210	2	3	27	1.4	20	1.0	5	235	582
Hugh Long	20	67	38	57	44	32	48	7	10	3	4	2	3	15	22	657	940	4	6	46	2.3	24	1.2	2	430	581
John Muntz*	64	247	121	49	153	115	47	25	10	6	2	7	3	63	26	619	854	3	1	166	2.6	157	2.5	41	494	573
Dave Kennedy	19	52	28	54	32	16	31	12	23	2	4	2	4	20	38	615	1038	6	12	24	1.3	2	0.1	4	63	570
Matt MacReynolds	52	189	94	50	111	66	35	24	13	9	5	12	6	87	46	587	1000	1	1	114	2.2	29	0.6	12	238	566
Chris Hesdon	48	174	76	44	106	80	46	19	11	4	2	3	2	69	40	609	816	8	5	122	2.5	122	2.5	27	538	566
Bill Markward*	93	301	136	45	169	98	33	46	15	16	5	9	3	124	41	561	910	23	8	170	1.8	12	0.1	18	131	564
Dave McDonald*	65	247	139	56	144	99	40	34	14	9	4	2	1	62	25	583	818	6	2	126	1.9	109	1.7	19	412	561
Brian Sauers*	23	75	40	53	40	16	21	9	12	7	9	8	11	36	48	533	1160	7	9	30	1.3	1	0.0	4	70	556
Rich Strapple	30	90	46	51	49	27	30	16	18	4	4	2	2	42	47	544	878	12	13	52	1.7	38	1.3	7	333	554
Bill Gilbert*	27	84	47	56	51	34	40	13	15	4	5	0	0	36	43	607	857	3	4	38	1.4	24	0.9	4	259	554
Rob Johnson*	55	189	75	40	108	64	34	23	12	10	5	11	6	97	51	571	974	8	4	119	2.2	10	0.2	6	209	551
Tom Corey*	90	286	139	49	152	100	35	33	12	10	3	9	3	95	33	531	811	32	11	201	2.2	36	0.4	12	250	551
Mark Webb	42	131	68	52	76	49	37	15	11	7	5	5	4	63	48	580	916	6	5	73	1.7	2	0.0	5	136	550
Joe Maul*	19	76	41	54	47	32	42	11	14	4	5	0	0	19	25	618	868	0	0	40	2.1	35	1.8	1	558	549
Jim Flowers	47	151	64	42	85	59	39	11	7	6	4	9	6	68	45	563	894	10	7	106	2.3	4	0.1	7	183	533
Steve Bucher	41	133	62	47	75	55	41	10	8	6	5	4	3	64	48	564	820	8	6	95	2.3	2	0.0	3	212	532
Chris Cusano	20	74	43	58	43	29	39	7	9	4	5	3	4	16	22	581	905	5	7	41	2.1	1	0.1	1	195	531
John Trippetti	46	153	63	41	88	55	36	24	16	3	2	6	4	58	38	575	889	6	4	100	2.2	25	0.5	7	265	528
Curt Perry	23	76	28	37	46	27	36	8	11	4	5	7	9	34	45	605	1092	1	1	17	0.7	1	0.0	3	30	527
Jim Kennedy	21	62	26	42	33	17	27	5	8	8	13	3	5	33	53	532	1016	3	5	39	1.9	19	0.9	4	290	526
Steve Worthington	19	57	23	40	35	26	46	5	9	2	4	2	4	33	58	614	877	2	4	8	0.4	1	0.1	1	32	526
Dwayne Curry	47	136	58	43	75	50	37	11	8	9	7	5	4	51	38	551	875	15	11	88	1.9	20	0.4	12	170	526
Joe Budaj	15	50	24	48	29	15	30	7	14	6	12	1	2	14	28	580	1020	4	8	13	0.9	1	0.1	2	47	522
Ed Doyle III	24	77	36	47	45	30	39	8	10	3	4	4	5	23	30	584	922	2	3	65	2.7	2	0.1	3	238	517
Eric Miller	21	68	34	50	42	35	51	5	7	2	3	0	0	19	28	618	750	3	4	43	2.0	2	0.1	1	205	516
Dave Moll	22	64	24	38	34	23	36	5	8	3	5	3	5	33	52	531	844	7	11	47	2.1	15	0.7	3	295	513
Mike Ciepiela	42	141	52	37	75	57	40	6	4	11	8	1	1	42	30	532	752	12	9	70	1.7	114	2.7	10	614	511
Steph Garret	62	199	69	35	106	61	31	31	16	11	6	3	2	76	38	533	844	5	3	119	1.9	91	1.5	14	395	508
Irv Derstein	30	97	43	44	55	40	41	14	14	1	1	0	0	20	21	567	732	9	9	51	1.7	66	2.2			

From The Barstool

Some SBA thoughts after my 5th SBA season...

After 5 years SBA is more than a softball league to me. There are many people in the league I now consider dear friends, even family. Starting at the top with our commissioner, the 'dictator', the principle himself, our leader Les Greenstein. I had the pleasure of golfing with Les this year and not only is he a great golfer, he's just an all around great guy, a man's man, someone I look up to a lot! (at least until I get banned for the umpteenth time from the board. I gotta be the all time leader, LOL). Another friend I golfed with this year, none other than Tommy Corey a.k.a Batdog, showed me something I've never seen before and surely never will again. He lost his club IN a tree!! After breaking another club, Tommy was pitching with his 8 iron. Easy there Tommy!!! Frank Taverno will not be golfing on the senior tour anytime soon. Frank attacked the golf ball with the same intensity he showed on the ballfield – RUNNING after the ball!!! Eaaasy there Zonk!! Causing quite a stir this year at the field was none other than my friend LEO. I warned Les I was gonna bring him and he said, "Bring it on". I don't think he understood NYOOOOOOOOO. The memories of another softball year are just too numerous to remember. Every night so many memories are made... from chasing away the ice cream man to Neal swinging and missing at the one pitch... Six vs. "The Nutcracker", Friday night fireworks, Wednesday night mastermind match-ups, Nance's occasional blow-ups, hunting Eliot in the woods, having old rivalries turn into friendly ones, the haggle-phone, pre and post game parties, the O'Shea Clan following me wanting to know what I got tonight. Yes after 5 years SBA is more than a softball league!!

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with a .548 average, while knocking home 12 runs. Following, in third place was **The Baker** (5-3). Rick Sturgis led in the hitting for his team, with a .700 average. Rich Edmundson had a .692 season and knocked home 18 runs. Mark Webb drove in 15 with a .684 average and a 1421 slugging percentage. Pitcher George Rudielle threw a 8.59 ERA with 14 put outs and 15 assists. Fourth place would go to **Merck Sharks** (4-4). Male eddie Ray Cope led the team with an average of .640 and 12 RBIs. Don Gerhart drove in 16 with a 1417 slugging percentage. Tim Moll had 16 put outs and 15 assists. **Bryner Chevy** found their niche and ended in fifth at 4-4. Steph Garrett was in charge with a .727 average, 1364 slugging percent and 15 RBIs. Matt Nicholas followed with a .700 season. Joan Glass had a great season with a .692 average and 4 triples for an MVP nod on offense and defense. **Protech Roofing** (3-5) finished out their season in sixth place. Schlusser Steve Mendenhall knocked in 24 runs while hitting .719. Tim O'Shea batted .625. Mike Cianfichi had 17 put outs and 18 assists at shortstop. **Gavin's Tavern** (3-5) ended up in seventh place. Robert Foreaker led his team and the entire league with a .786 average that included 4 home runs and 22 RBIs, ensuring him a nod for MVP. Brian Beauregard drove in 10 runs while hitting .700. Dave McDonald was a solid shortstop and is up for MVP defense with 22 put outs and 14 assists. Rounding out the crowd was **The Disabled List (FKA Bates & Associates)** in eighth place with a 3-5 record and **TNSI Trackers** (1-7) in ninth place. Disabled List had John MacDaniel finish with a .778 average and MVP nominee Paul O'Connor end with a .750 average and 18 RBIs. Male eddie Bob Stintzman knocked out a .556 season and Harold Ortiz drove home 10 runs. TNSI had Eric Miller lead with a .640 average. Eric Pflieger wasn't far behind, hitting .636 with 10 RBIs, 19 put outs and 18 assists. Jay Stahl drove in 12 runs and slugged 1458. Congrats to Soncini's.

The Summer season brought a new record to SBA, as Soncini's took their seventh championship in a row. First place during the regular season went to **B&B (FKA Rafter's)** and their 7-1 record. Keith Villers hit .741 on the season with 23 RBIs and a slugging percent of 1444. Keith also had 17 put outs and 18 assists at shortstop. Joe Maul followed right behind with a .727 season that included 10 RBIs and pitched a 5.89 ERA. Eddies Bernie Marsh and Joe Lynd gave chase with .600 and .556 seasons. Joe's included 12 RBIs. **The Baker** (6-2) rolled their way to second place. Rick Sturgis continued to have a great year, as he led the league with a .773 batting average. Eric Touni hit .714 and Mark Webb knocked home 11 runs with a .650 average. George Rudielle and Chris VanLeuven led the team in RBIs with 13 each. Audrey VanLeuven hit .500 for the season. **Soncini's** (5-3) ended their regular season in third place. Eddie batting master Bob Cusano led the team with an average of .704 and 12 RBIs. Matt McReynolds smacked the ball around for a .682 season, while Cal Bohannon hit 12 runs across the plate. Christen Flaherty had the hot bat with her .636 performance and yet again was nominated for MVP on both offense and defense. Tom Strowhouer hit 5 homers and drove 20 runs in. In fourth place was **Gavin's Tavern** with a record of 5-3. Robert Foreaker continued to be an offensive force as he slugged his way to a 1423 percentage with 19 RBIs. Brian Beauregard and Bill Brooks both drove home 10 runs during the season. Dawn Wanner hit well, with a .500 average while racking up 34 put outs at first base. Chuck Beauregard

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Are You Going to Pitch to Frank?

This was the question most often heard on Tuesday night. Frank Hackett earned the fear and respect of every team around. Some teams just pointed, others threw unhittable pitches and some threw strikes. There was a good reason as Frank put up numbers never seen before in SBA. He started the spring with the best season ever. He led the league in HR's with 10, and set records for RBI with 39 and average at 903. He also scored 23 times. He was the biggest bat in a team full of big bats. He went to the title game and won with every team on which he played full time. While it is hard to determine numbers due to people playing a different number of games, percentages don't lie. Frank led all the men's leagues in run %, HR %, slugging %, batting average and an unbelievable RBI percentage of 101. All of those percentages were league records. Frank added to his numbers in the playoffs as he added 13HR and 40 RBI in 10 games. He closed his magical year with Thursday night finals numbers of 6 HR and 18 RBI in 2 games. He will collect 4 championship T Shirts and a legacy of the most feared hitter in SBA. His Bunyonesque numbers will be hard to duplicate.

The Phenom

It started with a free agent post from a father and son. They had recently moved to the area and wanted to be on the same team. Jarred had played 4 years of high school ball and was on a legion team. SAS's Kurt Weidenauer took a chance and grabbed him for Sunday AM and Thursday night. Well, the chance paid off. Jarred had more sheer raw talent and power than anybody SBA had ever seen. By the time the year was over he had set records for HR and RBI in a year with 39 and 144 respectively. Much like a young colt his talent could

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age. Eddie Dave Reeves hit .700 in five games. Wes Tommassello knocked in 17 runs and slugged 1824, while Tom Corey drove in 10. Jared Gardner knocked home 13 runs and slugged a 1526 percentage. Christen Flaherty hit .550 on the season and grabbed 35 put outs at first base, along with defensive and offensive MVP candidacy. Andy's competed in the finals against second place **Dos Amigos** (6-2). Dos Amigos would defeat Andy's for the fall title. Dos Amigos all-star Warren Grant had an .800 season with 24 RBIs and a slugging percent of 1760. Steve Mendenhall followed with a .769 average, 1231 slugging and 16 ribbies. Both were nominated MVP. Ron Pulli knocked in 17 runs, hit 4 homers and slugged 1875 in five games. Frank Taverno was yet again an offensive menace (MVP!), with a .647 average and 18 RBIs. Kelly Neill hit .536 for an MVP nod. Rob Johnson led the team in RBIs with 25. **Megabytes** again finished third with their 6-2 record. Dave Gumkowski batted his way to a .692 season. Steve Ryan batted .667 in four games. Wayne Jerdan drove home 11 runs, while Mark McCouch and Mark Lind knocked in 10 each. Linda Dart had another good season with a .500 average. Pitcher Steve Jerdan pitched 24 innings with a 3.5 ERA, 12 put outs and 11 assists, securing

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County Line Fence proved to be team comeback in the summer. Rita's was still the only team able to beat them as they swept the regular season. Frank Hackett was once again a monster but he missed 3 games. Young Jarred Gardner provided a lift as he scored 22 times with 9 HR's while driving in 30. In the semi-finals they trailed Mike's Bar and Grill 23-15 going in to the bottom of the 7th. Well, they only needed one out to get 9 runs as Mark Ambolino doubled home the tying and winning runs. In game one of the finals they trailed Herold Construction by as many as 15 runs. They entered the bottom of the 7th trailing by 10. They got 10. Herold's came back with 9 of their own in the top of the 8th. They scored 10 more as Jarred Gardner went from goat to hero with a 2 out grand slam to win by one. Jarred then completed a rare feat as he hit home runs on consecutive pitches as he led off game 2 with a blast on the first pitch. County Line cruised in game 2 taking out a demoralized Herold's 24-6. Herold's 2003 season was all about their inability to beat County Line. They finished at 6-2 in second place and took out Rita's Water Ice in the semi final's 23-14 before running into their nemesis. Scott Vogel, Ryan Hankinson and Ron Bannister were the run producers as Jim Waltman served as the table setter. Rita's Water Ice summer was highlighted by the fact that they had handed County Line Fence their only 3 losses of the year. They finished at 5-2-1 in third place and squashed Horsham Inn 22-4 in the first round of the playoffs. Bill Clark starred again and Marc McKinney was a solid run producer. Mike's Bar and Grill finished at 5-3 and in 4th place. After beating Progressive Graphics in the first round of the playoffs, they were stunned, as they became the victims in the first County Line storybook comeback. The summer team was built on defense as Cal Bohannon and Tim O'Shea starred on the mound and

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league. Kim Ciepiela finished with a .500 average. **TNSI Renegades** (4-4) improved to fourth place. Mike Tarella hit .680 for the season with a 1280 slugging percent. Chris Roccato was again the RBI king of the team with 22. Chris also had a team leading 5 home runs. Curt Perry knocked home 12 with a .625 average and 4 homers. **Bobbies** slipped back down to fifth place as they finished 3-5. Greg Lavin led in average with .714. Mike Cianfichi drove in 13 runs with a .667 average. Mike was a solid shortstop as always, with 19 put outs and 14 ribbies. Sean Fisher also hit .667 while driving in 15 runs. **The Snipers** were a close sixth with their 3-5 record. Todd Black drove in 7 runs while hitting .632 with a slugging percent of 1526. Female Julie Morris had a .500 season with an MVP nod while Rich Strapple led the team in RBIs with 13. **Warrington Pizza** followed with a 2-6 seventh place finish. The team was led by Keith Bellinger and his .680 average. Carman Brancato hit .667 for the season and Mike Jones finished at .650 with 11 RBIs. Paul O'Connor drove in 17 runs to lead the team in RBIs. **Local 14 FCU (FKA Re/Max Realty)** ended up in eighth at 1-7. Mark Cavallaro hit .615 for the season, leading his team. Rich Peterson drove home 12 runs, as did Jim Kennedy. Michelle Wasleyan had a good season with a .476 average and .619 slugging percentage, grabbing the single MVP recognition for her team. Well done Connell's Pub!

Monday night coed has continued to become a more competitive league as teams have improved. Next year should prove to bring more of the same. Have a safe winter!

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Chris Hesdon and Bill Gilbert were a solid DP combo. Rob Johnson was the only batter to reach double digits in RBI. Progressive Graphics finished 3-4-1 and in 5th place. Newcomer Jeff Moreland was solid and Andy Smallman started to regain his old form at the plate. Horsham Inn had a huge upset of the Hibsman Agency to finish at 3-5 and in 6th place with the final playoff spot. Dave and Shawn McGuire stirred the offense for the second straight season. The Hibsman Agency had trouble getting ten players each week and their record suffered for it. They finished at 3-5 and out of the playoffs. Tim Hearn and Chris Hibsman were solid at the plate while Tom Montvydas added energy. Custom Ultrasonics failed to win a game for the second straight season. Russ Stefanelli had a good season and Martin Kappus' play, if not his numbers stood out.

The Triple Crown, a hat trick, running the table. Whatever you call it, County Line Fence did it, Jarred Gardner was out, and Tom Strowhouer stepped in. Reloading I believe it is called. Frank was Frank, but the depth of their order is what stood out. Joe Robinson, Sean Yost, Tom, Mark and Mike Ambolino. The Beheader, Craig Claycomb, Dick Moody, There were no easy outs in the lineup. They went 6-2 in the regular season to finish in first for the third straight season. They easily beat Herold Construction in the playoffs with only 9 players. They then crushed Rita's Water Ice 21-3 and 24-12. This is the finest squad I have ever seen in my 9 years in SBA. Not only are they supremely talented, but also they are a clutch group who are never out of a game. The Hibsman Agency, hot after failing to make the playoffs in the summer retooled with Brian Nealman and the returning Chris Shaw. The new talent were major contributors as were old reliable, Chris Hibsman and John Muntz who added some serious "O" to go with his spectacular "D". They were, however, taken out by the surging Rita's Water Ice in the semi finals. Rita's Water Ice started the season 0-4 and needed to knock off Custom Ultrasonics in the final game to make the playoffs. They were an offensive juggernaut in there 6 game run which they capped by taking out Mike's Bar and Grill 31-29 in a back and forth first round playoff game and crushing the Hibsman Agency 23-8 in the semi finals. They could not derail County Line Fence's magic season though. Marc McKinney was a monster while Bill Clark kept knocking in runs. Tom Corey added spark while the lefties, Steve Derrah and Bob Lucci were solid. Mike's Bar and Grill went 5-3 and went from a pitching and defense team to an offensive powerhouse. Cal Bohannon drew power from the diaphragm as he got the power stroke back. Mike Levy and Rob Johnson provided power while Chris Hesdon and Keith Keppley set the table. They got knocked off in the first round of the playoffs in a barnburner. Herold Construction went 4-4 and finished in 4th place. They knocked off Progressive Graphics in the playoff but in a telling sign were one run from the 15 run rule in the 5th and the game went 7. There season, not surprisingly. Ended at the hands of County Line Fence. Ron Bannister, Bill D'Amico and Rich Beck drove home the runs while Brian Warner appeared to be all the way back from the previous years serious injury. Progressive Graphics went 4-4 to finish in 5th place. For the third time in the year they were knocked out in the first round of the playoffs. Andy Smallman, Dan Gaumer and Craig Vanderchrone all starred at the plate.

Custom Ultrasonics added a pitcher and had their best season ever. Martin Kappus and Russ Stefanelli had big RBI years and Tom Weisbarger

solidified the mound and provided clutch hits. Uno's Bar and Grill finished 0-8 and were treated rudely each week. Bob and Dan McClintock were the bright spots.

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of .810 and 9 RBIs and ensured himself a MVP nomination for offense. Rob Mandic knocked in 12 while batting .684. Kevin Leiber led the team in RBIs with 17, while Denise Joyce led the ladies with a .545 average, getting herself a look for MVP. Pitcher George Rudicille did a fine job with a 6.52 ERA. George also racked up 20 put outs and 26 assists. **Warwick Tavern** (6-2) came from a third place finish to take the Summer title in three of the longest games I have ever watched. They would move up into the A Division for the fall. Craig Freeman again led the team on offense, hitting .750 with a slugging percentage of 1750 and 24 RBIs. Jared Gardner was unstoppable, putting 10 balls over the fence and knocking in 26 runs. His slugging percentage was an incredible league-leading (for the season, and probably for the entire year) 2083. It is no surprise that he was nominated for MVP on offense. Dad Charlie Gardner held his own with a .640 average, while Hugh Long hit .742 and pitched a 7.21 ERA. Tame Elias-Long went .500 on the season with 8 ribbies. Fourth place **Prosock Machine** earned their way to a playoff berth with a 3-5 season. Matt Budinko led the charge with a .636 average. Dave Scott followed with a .560 and 21 put outs. Rob Budinko knocked in 14 runs. **New Britain Inn** (1-7) finished out in fifth. Dave Graves led the Razorbacks offensively with a .750 average. Charlie Cain again knocked in 1/3 of his team's total runs. Charlie also batted .615 on the season with a slugging percentage of 1115 and had 15 put outs and 11 assists at shortstop. Eddie Tom Knoll smacked a .647 average. **Choice One Mortgage** (1-7) forfeited their final two games as they finished in sixth place. Well done, summer Division A champs Comedy Central and Division B champs Warwick Tavern!

The Fall season brought little change, with the exception of Paul O'Connor's Soncini's team replacing Choice One Mortgage in the B Division. **B&B (FKA Rafter's)** took first place in the A Division with a 6-2 record. MVP nominee Joe Lynd again led his team, batting .714 for the season. Kevin Miller had 2 homers as he hit .680 with 18 put outs and assists. Keith Villers had the team-high 17 RBIs. Becky Foley was solid defensively with 12 put outs and 10 assists. **Warwick Tavern**, summer Division B champs, grabbed up second place at 5-3. Jared Gardner secured himself a spot on next year's all star list with a .750 season that included 6 homers and 21 RBIs. Craig Freeman, for the third time, led the team offensively in batting average with an .833 in four games. Shortstop Joe Horchuck had 14 put outs and 11 assists. Third place went to Joe DeSousa's **The Baker** (4-4), who fought hard to take home the Fall title against fourth place **Cardinal Group** (4-4). Baker's Mike Tariela starred in his Sunday debut, and grabbed his first MVP nomination, with a .759 average, 1552 slugging percentage, 4 homers and 22 RBIs. As a side note, Mike also was an animal in the finals, with homers a-plenty. John Razzi was solid with a .600 average. Mike Benninghoff topped the Cardinal's offense with a .737 average and 11 RBIs. Steve Bucher hit .720 with a slugging percentage of 1240 and 16 runs knocked in. **Gavin's Tavern** (3-5) finished up in fifth place. Jeff Snyder was back in style with a .727 average and a nomination for a hitting MVP. Tom Strowhouer showed all star form, as he knocked in 21 runs with a .704 average and 1741 slugging percentage. Tom Montvydas led the team in RBIs with 23 while Christen Flaherty led in put outs with 35. Christen also batted .516 for the season, bested only by her teammate Tara Montvydas, who hit .579 after a tough summer. Rounding out the A Division was defending champ, **Doylestown Hospital (FKA Comedy Central)** (2-6). Doylestown's Neal Britton led the team and the league in batting average, with a .778 and a 1556 slugging percentage. Bill Markward had a good season as well with 14 RBIs and a batting average of .690. Wes Tommassello knocked in an incredible 27 RBIs while batting .688. Dave Reeves continued to be an eddie force with a .684 average and 10 ribbies. In the B Division, a revamped **Exotic Concepts** took first place unchallenged (8-0) and also walked away with the championship. EW Werner led the team in batting average, hitting .688 and slugging 1594 with 20 RBIs and 5 homers. Ron Pulli knocked in 18 while also having a .688 season with a 1219 slugging percent. Eddie Joe Buglak did his part, with a .679 season. Tim O'Shea pitched an excellent season, with a 6.84 ERA, 20 put outs and 10 assists. Kris Smedley powered her way to a .550 season. The team's batting average was a league high .583. Their closest competition was second place **Fleet**, who finished with a record of 5-3. Out in front was Joe Budaj with his .680 average. Rob Mandic and Howard Miller both followed with a .615 season. Dave McDonald played solid defense with 20 put outs and 16 assists. Tonya Miller was .481 on the season. Right behind sat third place **Alliance Chiropractic**, also at 5-3. Bill Hahl knocked home eight while batting .741 and racking up 15 put outs and 16 assists. Keith Erney did very well in his SBA debut, with a .724 average and 18 RBIs. Keith also smacked 3 homers. Brian Roth and Dan Rosenthal each knocked in 13 runs, while Russ Frankenfield drove home 11. Joan Glass was consistent as always, batting .652 for the season. **Soncini's** grabbed the final

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hit .583. Fifth place went to the **TNSI Trackers** (3-4-1). A .625 average and 8 RBIs propelled Eric Pflieger to the top of his team with Scott Derman riding close behind at .571 and 8 RBIs as well. Jay Stahl also knocked in 8. Stephanie Hynes played solid defense with 19 put outs and 11 assists and grabbed an MVP nod for it. **Bryner Chevy** followed in sixth place with their 3-5 record. Steph Garrett again led the team. Steph hit .611 and knocked home 10 runs. Trevor Gouge followed with a .600 season, 1250 average. Joan Glass hit .500. **Merck Sharks** took seventh place (1-5-1). Newcomer Tom Creachen led his team in average and RBIs with .650 and 11. John Henry followed with a .647 performance. Don Gerhart drove 8 runs across the plate. In eighth place was **The Disabled List** at 1-7. Paul O'Connor had a .650 season that included 11 RBIs. Tom Schmidt knocked home 10 while hitting .615. Male eddie Paul Harvan had a .533 run. Way to go Soncini's!

In the Fall season, the final game of the season was never played due to four weeks of rain in a row. **Soncini's** again took first place, with a record of 6-1. John Muntz drove in 11 runs with his .786 average, while knocking down 14 put outs and 21 assists at shortstop. Second baseman Kelly Weber helped John cover the middle infield with 14 put outs and 11 assists. Both John and Kelly have been nominated for defensive MVP. Tom Strowhouer led the league in RBIs with 22, while smacking 8 homeruns for a .700 season and a 2250 slugging percentage. He is recognized with an MVP nomination for offense. Eddie John Razzi was .652 for the season and is also up for MVP. Cal Bohannon drove in 13 runs, while Bob Cusano and Matt McReynolds both knocked home 12. Christen Flaherty stopped 40 balls at first base. **The Baker** (5-2) pulled out a second place finish. Steve Mendenhall crushed the ball on his way to a .850 average with a 1700 slugging percentage and 12 ribbies and is nominated for both offense and defense MVP. Male eddie hitting machine Frank Taverno led the team in RBIs with 16 and finished with an average of .765 and slugging percent of 1235, practically wrapping up MVP and sending it priority mail. Mark Webb pounded out 11 RBIs with a .714 average. Jess Morak found her stroke with a .643 performance, while Audrey VanLeuven hit .533. Both were nominated for MVP. Chris VanLeuven drove home 15 runs with a 1286 slugging percentage. **B&B** finished in third at 5-2 and ultimately went on to take the fall title. Keith Keppley had a team-leading 22 RBIs and a .682 average and 1318 slugging percent and received an MVP nod. Joe Lynd continued having a great year with 14 RBIs and a .636 average and has also been recognized by the league with MVP nods. Mike DeGuida knocked home 13 runs. Joe Maul had 17 put outs and 13 assists on the mound. **Gavin's Tavern**. Gavin's was led by Robert Foreaker again with his .813 average, 13 RBIs and a slugging percentage of 1813. Bob grabbed his third consecutive MVP nomination. Don Bove smacked a .786. Dave McDonald hit .625 and grabbed 15 put outs and 11 assists at shortstop. Mike Synwala drove home 12 runs. Fifth place would go to **TNSI Trackers** with their 3-4 season. Eric Pflieger again was on top with a .722 average, 1500 slugging percentage and 13 RBIs. Eric Miller followed with a .696 season. Darin Posavec popped 5 homers for 21 RBIs and a slugging percentage of 1417 and will be competing for offensive MVP. Jay Stahl pounded out 14 RBIs. Tame Elias-Long had a .538 season. **Assassins (FKA Disabled List, FKA Bates)** finished with a 3-4 record in sixth place. Leading the way was Harold Ortiz, who hit .700 with 14 RBIs, 3 homers and a 1350 slugging percent. John MacDaniel stroked a .696 average. Jared Gardner drove in 14 runs while hitting .667 and slugging 1389. In seventh, was the **Merck Sharks** who went out with a 1-6 record. Gene Hylinski drove in a team high 17 runs with an average of .640. Irv Derstein hit .632 in the fall, while eddie Cliff Kulp pounded out a .600 average. **Bryner Chevy** finished at 1-6 in eighth place. Neal Britton hit .833 and slugged 2333 in four games with four homers. Mark Bernacki had the same average with 10 RBIs. Trevor Gouge had a .708 season and slugged 1208. Wes Tommassello drove in 13. Congratulations to B&B on their title!

Next year should prove to be interesting, as most likely the same teams will continue to compete for the championship. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

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sometimes be unbridled. His rocket arm sometimes could go astray and he could be impatient at the plate. But, he made adjustments as the year went on. His finest moment may have been rising from the ashes of his worst moments. In the summer Tuesday finals, Jarred had an inner ear infection. He had struck out twice in game 1 and had thrown about 5 balls out of play. In the bottom of the 7th during the 9 run comeback, he had a key hit. In the 10 run 8th, he was faced with the ultimate clutch situation. 2 out, bases loaded, down by 3. Jarred made all the bad things go away by launching a ball deep into the night, winning the game and crushing the opponent. He

followed that up with the most rare of base/softball feats as he led off game 2 with a home run on the first pitch. With all the physical tools in the world and being surrounded by veterans, Jarred can only go on to become a monster softball player.

Mr. Clutch

When you look at the top 10 player of the year candidates, they all look intimidating. Well Mark Ambolino has an intimidating look. His steely glare and the ice water in his veins mean any team he is on is never out of a game. He was part of 4 championships this year and while he may not of had the statistics that gain recognition; he was one of the most fearsome batters around with the game on the line. He had very good numbers all year, ranking in the top 25 overall. But, he was surrounded by players who put up monster numbers. As an opponent, I hated to see him in the batters box. His summer County Line Fence team had the greatest playoff run ever as they came back from deficits of 8 runs in the semi finals, and 10 and 9 runs in the first game of the finals. His Thursday summer team, Johnny Apples, spotted a more talented Protech team a game in the finals before upsetting them to take that title. It started last year when he had the game-winning hit against Mike's Bar and Grill to beat them in the summer finals. He did it to them again in the 03 summer semi finals as he had the game-winning hit in the 8 run comeback. Any team he is on is never out of a game as he is a relentless competitor who is not driven by numbers but victory. He also knows that the season begins in game 9. He has been known to sit out regular season games but always shows up in the playoffs. As a pitcher, Mr. Clutch, Mark Ambolino is the last guy I want to face with the game on the line.

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himself an MVP nomination for defense. **FKAR** took fourth place at 5-3. Joe Joyce led with 17 RBIs and a .600 average. Steve Kusnerus was .586. Jim Flowers drove in 11 runs, as did Joe Pflieger. Newt Miles grabbed MVP nods for both sides with a .467 average, 10 put outs and 11 assists. Fifth place would go to **Youman's Construction (FKA Cardinals)** with a 3-5 season. Paul O'Connor led his team and the league by far with a batting average of .955. Do we have a super-duper all-star category for this? You know, make the team carry two eddies for every Paul? Paul also drove home 22 runs, welcome to your MVP nomination. John Qualateria hit .765 while driving in 10 runs. His slugging percentage was 1353. John Muntz batted .625 and took care of 23 put outs and 13 assists at short. Bill Frederico drove in 7 while taking a .611 average. **Gavin's Tavern** (1-7) ended in sixth. Female eddie Kelly Weber led the team with her .591 average and 1045 slugging percentage that included 5 triples. She received an MVP nomination for offense. Chuck Haldman also hit .591. Kelly and Chuck both knocked in 7 runs. Matt McReynolds slugged 1154 for the season. **Sherwin Williams** rounded out the field in eighth place with their record of 0-7-1. Alex Lilly hit .600 for the season with 8 RBIs. Ed Doyle III followed with a 571 average. Glenn Hipple knocked down balls at shortstop for 20 put outs and 12 assists. Another congratulations goes to Dos Amigos.

The spring 2004 season will see the return of TJ's Skyline, providing another exciting year of softball. Everyone enjoy their time off and get ready for next year!

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playoff spot with a 4-4 season. A .741 average was good enough for Paul O'Connor to lead the team. Paul also drove in 20 runs. Ryan Lustig played shortstop like a pro, with 14 put outs and 15 assists. Rich Straple hit .733. Mark Ambolino drove home 19 runs, while Nancy Elwert was a solid female hitter with a .517 average. **Prosock Machine** (2-6) finished in fifth place. The team was led by Dave Scott, who hit .679 with 10 ribbies. Ken Prosock also knocked home 10 runs, while Rob Budinko drove in 12. Mike Carter totaled up 17 put outs and 14 assists on the mound. **New Britain Inn** struggled a bit this season and finished in sixth with a 0-8 record. Harry Havens brought a spark to the team with a .706 season and a slugging percentage of 1412. Steve Tow knocked in a team-high 9 RBIs and an average of .545. A Division champs The Baker and B Division champs Exotic Concepts both deserve accolades.

All in all, it was a good year in the Sunday night league. The changes with the Divisions were for the better as far as I am concerned. It evens things out a little more. Most teams, if not all of them, should return in the spring. Doyl-estown will move to the B Division while Exotic Concepts slips back into the A Division. Happy Holidays to all during the off-season!

Kelly Weber

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Sunday Evening Coed	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$180.00
Monday Evening Coed	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$180.00
Tuesday Evening Men's	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$180.00
Wednesday Evening Coed	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$180.00
Thursday Evening Men's	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$180.00
Friday Evening Coed	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$68.00 / \$60.00	\$180.00

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Signature	

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# of People	x \$18.00 ea.	\$
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