

Softball America Magazine

Winter 2005

2004 Year In Review

Winter Banquet

Sunday, February 27, 2005

When the softball banquet comes to town, softball can't be too far behind. Our Softball America Winter Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 27, 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. Food will be served buffet style (you are welcome to seconds) and the cost will be \$18.00 per person. The buffet 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 available with \$2.00 drafts.

In keeping with tradition, league MVPs will be announced while accolades, trophies, and championship shirts will be awarded to league winners and outstanding athletes of the 2004 softball season. New for this year are Playoff Player of the Year awards. League and non-league members are welcome to attend. Festivities are set to begin at 4:00 pm and conclude around 7:30 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 20, 2004**. Under no cir-

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Sunday Morning Men's

Brew Crew, Muckdogs Tops in A Bracket. Ball Busters Best in Sweep of B League.

Sunday Men's Spring/Summer league was once again split into two divisions. 'Division A' saw 4 veteran squads compete. Hitched (13-2) would take 1st place regular season honors. The Sox (12-3) were no less formidable as was the case with the Brew Crew (12-4). Gray Contracting, perennial contenders, would struggle vs. the top 3. Hitched was led by league leading ball crusher Mike Bianco (640/1400/46 rbi). Table-setters Josh Gansz (574/750) and Lou Lombardo (629/886) were the catalysts behind Mike's league-leading 46 RBI's. The Sox saw late-comer Kevin Jackson lead the team in hitting. Craig Henney who led the team in runs-scored was also among the top ten in league leaders. Dave Erman (556/1260) did the most RBI damage for the team. Meat-baller Steph Garrett who added 29 hits to the Sox cause, also tended to the catering chores on the mound. Brew Crew had 'the force' with them in Pat 'the bat, Tank Murdoch' Howieson. Tank led the way carving out a .640 seasonal batting average (2nd in league leaders only to Bianco) while multi-stepping 32 hits. Acquired off the waiver

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Sunday Evening Coed

Creek Side Inn a.k.a B&B Sweep A League Titles. Fleet, Cruise Agency, Fast Food Share B League Championships

Sunday Coed 2004 was a good year. A number of new teams with several new people joined the league. Adding Lukens Park allowed more spots for those new teams to enjoy the pleasure of playing in The Great SBA Family. Congratulations to A division winner B&B/Creekside Inn who took all three titles Spring, Summer and Fall, which I had the pleasure of playing with in the Fall. Bernie Marsh I nominate for Manager of the Year. He is just a great competitor and person. Thanks to Bernie and of the B&B/Creekside players: Dan Marsh, Joe 'DOM' Lynd, Keith Villers, Keith 'Radio' Keppley, Kurt Keppley, Mike DeGuido, Kevin Miller, Jim Perkins, John Clark, Becky Foley, Ron Kulp, Tracy Wall, Jess Marsh, Mike Reiser, Joan Bui, Megan Antonucci, Jeff Overberger, and Cholly Donnelly.

Fleet, B Division winners in the Spring, moved up to the A division. Congrats to Joe and Denise Joyce on another great managerial job and to Joe Budaj, Howard and Tonya Miller, Rob Mansic, Mark Riley, Dave McDonald, Jeff Roberts, Jason Madden, Randy Pard, Paul Harvan, Lisa Corey. The Summer league B winner was The Cruise Agency. Congrats to

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From The League Office

Important Announcements

Opening Day - March 20th

It's still a couple of months away, but its not too early to start thinking about getting into softball shape. It is, however, a little too early to tell which ball fields will be added to the Softball America calendar. In all likelihood Horsham Township's Luken's Park #3 will once again be used for Sunday softball. For convenience sake, we will try and add to/replace Cedar Hill with Luken's Park #2. After a rocky beginning to our relationship with Hatfield Township, a return trip to that complex is probable for the Thursdays Men's league. The possibility does exist for one weekday coed league to expand to A/B divisions with the use of the Hatfield complex. Which weekday league remains to be seen.

Thrive in '05

Softball America has been likened to one giant family. Never was that more evident than in 2004 where we saw an overwhelming outpour of help from league members to league members in times of need. When the chips were down, the SBA Family stepped it up and did so with class.

I very much look forward to 2005. I look forward to good competition in a safe, fun, and organized environment. I look forward to every team in every league finishing with a .500 record. I look forward to expanding the league by building a multi-field complex. I look forward to a 3-month volleyball league from January to March 2006. I look forward to home-run derbies, skills competitions, and men's vs. coed league all-star games. I look forward to a league paintball, skiing, and of course the ever-popular fishing trip. I look forward to an organized SBA hold'em poker tournament. I look forward to making many of these things a reality. I very much look forward to 2005.



Umpires/League Fees

As part of a long-term deal with our umpire's union, this year umpires will receive the 2nd of a 2-part salary increase. Once this increase settles in, rates and hence league fees should be stable for a nice long stretch. The following is a reprint from last year's SBA Magazine. Phase 2 will kick in this year.

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Monday Evening Coed

Connell's Pub Spring Champs. The Blue Dog Tavern Sweeps Summer and Fall Titles.

The Monday Evening coed league proved to be competitive, as always, but brought few surprises this year. In the Spring season, Connell's Pub took home first place and the Championship title. Jeff Snyder and Keith Keppley led the team, each with their .720 average. Keith drove in 23 runs and slugged 1.480, putting him up for MVP. Jeff is also up for MVP for both offense and defense. Becky Foley's defense (6 put outs, 11 assists) grabbed her a nomination for MVP defense. Shot Crete improved this season and ended up in second place. Matt McReynolds drove in 18 runs and batted .720 for an MVP nod. Tom Montvydas hit .667 and brought in 17 runs, getting an MVP nomination as well. Perennial toughie, Blue Dog Tavern finished third. Ron Pulli led the team and the league with a .750 batting average, 1.500 slugging percentage that included 23 RBI, giving him an MVP nod for the season. Joe Buglak led the eddies with a .690 average and is well on his way to MVP. Kelly Neill grabbed 37 put outs on defense and is up for nomination too. The Bobbies ended their season in fourth place. Mike Cianfichi was in fine form, batting .710 on the season and driving in 18. Eddie superstar, Joe Lynd, Sr. hit .640. Joan Glass earned an MVP nomination for her defense on the mound. The Snipers ended at .500 in fifth place. Fred Scales led the team with a .667 average. Mark Nevins hit .640 with 15 RBI. Kelly Weber led the ladies of the league with her .630 average and 8 RBI. TNSI Renegades also ended at .500 and grabbed the sixth place spot. David Primm drove in 12 runs while hitting .655. David Montgomery followed closely with a .633 average. Clorece Kulp is up for MVP with her .500 average. Local 14 FCU finished in seventh. Gene Hylinski (.682) was a valuable eddie, grabbing a nomination for both offense and defensive MVP. Mark White led the team with a .700 average and 11 RBI. Warrington Pizza rounded out the group in eighth place. Keith Bellinger hit .613 for the season and Jack Eiser is up for defensive MVP.

In the Summer, Blue Dog Tavern took first and the title. El Capitan Neal

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Spring MVP Candidates – 2004

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
Offense	Fred Scales Josh Ganz Mike Bianco Pat Howieson Rob McKenna	Curt Perry Dave Yates Glen Hipple Jeff Overberger* Scott Young Jr.	Jeff Snyder* Keith Keppley* Matt McReynolds* Mike Cianfichi* Ron Pulli*	Craig Claycomb Dave Boice Frank Hackett Rich Beck Tom Strowhouer	Eric Miller Jimmy Waltman* Keith Keppley* Neal Britton* Wes Tommassello*	Frank Hackett Gary Valentine Joe Robinson Keith Keppley Warren Grant	Bill Gilbert* Gary Gardener* Jimmy Waltman* Steve Bucher
Male Eddie		Andy Suder (e) Charlie Gardner (e) Dave Reeves (e) Frank Taverno (e) Joe Lynd (e)	Dave Reeves (e) Gene Hylinski (e) Joe Buglak (e) Joe Lynd Sr. (e) John Razzi (e)		Cliff Kulp (e) Joe Lynd Sr. (e) John Razzi (e) Nelson Tobolsky (e)		Dave Reeves (e) Ed Youmans (e) Frank Taverno (e) John Burress (e) John Razzi (e)
Female Eddie		Jess Morak (e) Kelly McGuire (e) Kim Young (e) Linda Wilding (e) Theresa Coughlin (e)	Clorece Kulp (e) Kelly Neill (e) Kelly Weber (e)		Amy Earley (e) Becky Foley (e) Karen Lund (e) Kelly Dwyer (e) Kelly Neill (e)		Christen Flaherty (e) Kelly Weber (e) Linda Dart (e) Sharon Lawn (e) Stephanie Miller (e)
Defense	Brian Carnesi Paul Reibold Steph Garrett Tom Strowhouer Tom Thomas	Glen Hipple Jeff Roberts Mike DeGuida Rob Pfeifer* Ryan Lustig	Dave McDonald* Drew Minko Jeff Snyder* John Muntz*	Marc McKinney Rich Beck Ron Bannister Tom Strowhouer Tony Kowalak	Bob Beedenbender Dave McDonald* Irv Derstein Steve Mendenhall*	Andy Runk John DeBrigida John Muntz Matt Hutcheson Shawn Goodwin	Dave Rupp Kent Smedley* Mark Lind Matt MacReynolds Rob Pfeifer*
Eddie		Ed McGuire (e) Kris Smedley (e) Ron O'Brien (e) Theresa Coughlin (e)	Becky Foley (e) Gene Hylinski (e) Jack Eiser (e) Joan Glass (e) Kelly Neill (e)		Dawn Wanner (e) Deb Dando (e) Joan Glass (e) Kelly Weber (e) Mike McHale (e)		Bob Cusano (e) Eliot Ridgeway (e) Jess Morak (e) Kelly Neill (e) Linda Dart (e) Mike Morath (e)

Summer MVP Candidates – 2004

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
Offense		Alex Lily Brian Steeber Curt Perry Dan Hoffman Jeff Overberger*	Brent Bellinger Chris Roccato* Keith Keppley* Ken Eiser Ryan Lustig	BJ Spiegelmeier Cal Bohannon Mike Ambolino Ron Bannister Tom Strowhouer	Brian Steeber Chris VanLeuwanee Eric Pfeiger* Mark Bernacki* Wes Tommassello*	Brian McKeogh Bryan Herpel Mike Zahradnick Scott Holloway Scott Masulis	Chris Rocatto* Ron Pulli* Tom Strowhouer* Wes Tommassello*
Male Eddie		Dick Neill (e) Jack Kilchner (e) Joe Lynd (e) John Razzi (e)	Eliot Ridgeway (e) Joe Lynd (e) John Razzi (e) Paul Harvan (e)		Bill Roth (e) Bob Cusano (e) Frank Taverno (e) John Razzi (e)		Ed Youmans (e) Frank Taverno (e) John Razzi (e) Nelson Tobolsky (e)
Female Eddie		Crystal Tracey (e) Jess Morak (e) Kelly Neill (e) Kris Smedley (e) Megan Knoll (e)	Becky Foley (e) Kelly Neill (e) Kris Cianfichi (e) Nancy Elwert (e)		Becky Foley (e) Christen Flaherty (e) Kelly Weber (e) Nancy Elwert (e) Wendy Iadonisi (e)		Christen Flaherty (e) Kelly Weber (e) Kris Smedley (e) Marian McCouch (e) Stephanie Miller (e)
Defense		Bill Hahl Chris Mathews Larry Kolongowski Mike Ciepiela Rich Strapple* Rob Pfeifer*	Brent Bellinger Dave Berkowitz Drew Minko John Muntz* Sean Fisher	Brad Tracy Dan Scott Mike Valentine Steph Garrett Todd Huber	Bill Hahl Irv Derstein Mike DeGuida Paul O'Connor* Rob Johnson*	Bill Gilbert Mike Zahradnick Perry Lederman Rich Strapple Scott Holloway Shawn Goodwin	George Rudacille Mike Ciepiela Rob Pfeifer* Tom Strowhouer*
Eddie		Barry Davis (e) Carrie Cusano (e) Deb Dando (e) Eliot Ridgeway (e) Ron O'Brien (e)	Jack Eiser (e) Kelly Neill (e) Linda Dart (e) Newt Miles (e) Tom Weinman (e)		Amy Earley (e) Bob Cusano (e) Gene Hylinski (e) Newt Miles (e) Wendy Iadonisi (e)		Dawn Andres (e) Eliot Ridgeway (e) Jess Morak (e) Kris Smedley (e) Mike Morath (e)

Fall MVP Candidates – 2004

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
Offense	Chris Moore Dave Owen Frank Murray Kent Smedley Mark Koenig	Brian Sauers* Jason Madden Jeff Overberger* Paul O'Connor* Rob Welhaf	Bill Markward* Curt Perry Jeff Overberger* Keith Keppley* Mike Cianfichi*	Frank Hackett Gary Valentine Keith Keppley Marc McKinney Russ Frankenfield	Jeff Overberger* Keith Keppley* Mike Zahradnick Robert Foreaker Wes Tommassello*	Bob Filler Dave McGuire Gary Valentine Mark Bernacki Ricky MacLeod Warren Grant	Bill Hahl John Qualateria* Keith Erney Ken Lind Mark Lind Ron Pulli* Tom Corey*
Male Eddie		Bill Guerard (e) Joe Lynd (e) Nelson Tobolsky (e) Ron Spillman (e)	Bill Roth (e) Dan O'Connell (e) Frank Taverno (e) Joe Lynd (e)		Andy Suder (e) Frank Taverno (e) Joe Lynd (e) John Razzi (e)		Andy Suder (e) Dave Reeves (e) Jack Kilcher(e) John Razzi (e)
Female Eddie		Anne Marie McCabe(e) Becky Foley (e) Janine Rodriguez (e) Jess Morak (e)	Becky Foley (e) Christen Flaherty (e) Dawn Bieber (e) Jess Morak (e)		Becky Foley (e) Christen Flaherty (e) Jess Morak (e) Missey West (e)		Christen Flaherty (e) Jess Morak (e) Kelly Weber (e) Linda Dart (e)
Defense	Dom Brown Frank Murray Jason Marcewicz Joe Hinchliffe Tim O'Shea	Dave McDonald* Dave Moll Mike Ciepiela Rob Pfeifer* Ryan Lustig	Bill Worthington Chris Hesdon Dave McDonald* Drew Minko Tom Corey*	Bill Spencer Brad Tracy Jim Weiss Ron Bannister Steve Derrah	Bob Heffner Joe Maul Keith Keppley* Mark Bernacki* Mike Zahradnick	Bobby Rossi Jr. Brad Tracey Dave Steinbach Joe Riccione Sr. Joe Sharp	Ken Lind Mike Ciepiela Paulo Vitoria Rob Pfeifer* Tom Blackwell
Eddie		Danna Hague (e) Dave Reeves (e) Janine Rodriguez (e) Joe Lynd (e) Ron O'Brien (e)	Eliot Ridgeway (e) Janis Tamsits (e) Newt Miles (e) Tina Koch (e)		Bob Cusano (e) Christen Flaherty (e) Gene Hylinski (e) Joe Lynd (e)		Bob Cusano (e) Christen Flaherty (e) Eliot Ridgeway (e) Kelly Weber (e) Linda Dart (e)

Manager Meeting

Monday, March 7th

Our annual pre-season manager meeting is slated for Monday, March 7, 2005, 7:30 pm at Gavin's Tavern on Horsham Road in Horsham, PA. Directions to Gavin's are located on the Softball America Website. Team managers and/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, positive, negative, or otherwise, make it your business to attend the meeting and be heard. Manager Steve Beagelman (Rita's Water Ice) suggested 'home' and 'away' be predetermined and designated on the schedule when teams play each other more than once in a given season. Beginning this Spring, all schedules will include such designation. Certain to be addressed at the meeting this year is the implementation of the recently revised 'Slide or Surrender' rule. As well, topics related to ejections, forfeits, umpires, and courtesy runners will be discussed. All umpires will be on hand to answer any and all questions you may have pertaining to league rules as well as those rules that are governed by the Amateur Softball Association of America.

Players, not just managers, are welcome to attend. All I ask is for all involved to take this meeting seriously. This is not a social gathering where you can pound down beers, not pay attention, or cry on your buddy's shoulder about how the Eagles dropped the ball once again. Manager/player input is important in deciding how the games will be played this year. Manager/player attention to what is going on at the meeting is important to how well you and your teammates know and understand the rules. It does not cease to amaze SBA league officials how little most managers understand, or even know about, our league rules. Many-an-argument would be avoided if team managers would just take the time to know the Softball America league rules.

Les Greenstein

Tuesday Evening Men's

County Line Tops in Spring. Progressive Graphics Summer Champs. Rita's Water Ice Best in Fall.

Coming off a 2003 year where they swept all the championships, County Line Fence had a rather ordinary spring finishing 4-4 and in 5th Place. Frank Hackett picked up where he left off the year before with a monster season and Tom Strowhower and Craig Claycomb had big seasons as well. They played the playoffs without Strow or Mr. Hackett as they faced Prudential, Fox and Roach in the first game. They used a tight defense to get by PFR 12-5 before moving on to face Mike's Bar and Grill for a trip to the finals. Minus the big bats, County Line singled there way to a big lead and again kept the opponents runs down as they beat Mike's 12-6 to advance to the finals. In the finals they faced Flanigan's Boathouse who made the finals after knocking off Herold Construction 21-19 in the semi-finals. Steph Garrett had a good off season in starting up his new team with former POY Kevin Miller, newcomer Mike Tariella, Jeff Overburger and the phenom Jarred Gardner. Those four led the team in all offensive categories en route to a 5-3 record and third place. Flanigan's took out sixth place Rita's Water Ice in the first round of the playoffs as they built a big lead and held on to win 18-17. Flanigan's defeated Herold's in a battle that went back and forth with Jarred Gardner putting on a run producing display and Ron Bannister turning in the catch of the year in the outfield. Herold's finished the season in second place at 5-2-1. Rich Beck led the team in average and RBI in the season of his career. Jim Waltman starred before an injury ended his season and Dave Yates contributed in the outfield and at bat. Mike's Bar and Grill finished the regular season in first place with a 6-2 record. Off-season acquisition Mark Bernacki contributed mightily while Mike Leavy had a big season with the bat. Cal Bohannon and Tim O'Shea

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Wednesday Evening Coed

Team Queen Tops in Spring and Fall. The Baker Best in Summer

The Wednesday 2004 Coed League remained with the same nine teams as always. I would guess that this may possibly be the most stable night in the coed leagues.

In the Spring, Team Queen ended in fourth, but barreled back to take the title. Eddie John Razzi led the team with an average of .760 and a slugging percentage of 1.280, along with 16 RBIs. Bill Markward had a good season with a .692 average and 1.346 slugging, while knocking in 14. Cal Bohannon led the team in RBIs with 17. Kelly Weber did well on defense with 14 put outs and 10 assists. Protech Roofing grabbed first place. Neal Britton was the team and league leader with a .870 average that included 15 RBIs. Nancy Elwert is almost guaranteed the MVP offense with her .621. Jimmy Waltman drove in 25 runs and hit .810 with a slugging percentage of 1.952. Six home runs didn't hurt! Joan Glass racked up 20 put outs and 12 assists. The Baker finished in second place. Rick Sturgis led in average with a .667, but it was Jeff Overberger driving in many of the team's runs, with 21 RBIs. Kelly Neill got a nod for offense with a .448 on the season. B&B finished right

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Thursday Evening Men's

Protech Roofing Perfect in 3-Season A League Sweep. Winding Brook Farm Spring/Fall B League Champs. Nail or Never Takes B League Middle Jewel

This season saw a lot of changes, new teams, new faces, and 2 divisions, but the most significant change was our loss of Bill Wise. Those that knew Bill, knew the kind of man, player and friend he was. He brought so much to the league, but most of all, what he brought to our lives. Bill, you are sorely missed.

Spring season was interesting to say the least, in the "A" division, defending champs Protech had to revamp their lineup when Rich Goin defected with several (5) key players to form Sunshine Decks. Ritas Water Ice, Johnny Apples, Nail or Never and Northeast American Construction (formerly SAS) all returned for a shot at the title. Sunshine Decks swept thru the league like wildfire, led by Craig Claycomb's league leading .818 avg and .1318 slg pct and Frank Hackett's .750/1750/28 RBI's (MVP nomination), they posted an 8-0 record. Ritas posted a 5-3 record behind Andy Smallman's .667 avg, NAC finished 4-4 with Jarred Gardner posting a .684/1895, and Protech also posted a 4-4 record with Warren Grant's (MVP Nomination) .655/1448. Johnny Apples, restructuring their lineup, finished 2-6 behind Joe Robinson's (MVP Nomination) .774/1226. Nail or Never managed a 1-7 record, but Kevin Miller kept them close in games with a .654 avg. The playoffs proved that regular season records mean nothing, Ritas and Protech met in the finals for the lowest scoring games in league history. As I quote Frank Hackett, "I've had more fun at the opera looking at men in tights". Well, Protech went on to win the championship propelled by Warren Grant's .800/1900. The "B" division saw 2 teams dominate the league, newcomers Sleepcare Centers posted an 8-0 record led by Tony White's .667/1148. Winding Brook Farm had Gary Valentine bat .735/1324 and lead them to 7-1. Master Baiters Keith Keppley was spankin' the ball for them, .710/1742 (MVP nomination) and a 4-4 record, Horsham Inn and Snipers finished 2-6, Dave McGuire led Horsham .588/1029 and Mike Gemberling's .647/941 led the Snipers. Bull Tavern rounded out the division at 1-7; Barry Jerome led the way batting .556 avg. The playoffs saw both power-

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Friday Evening Coed

Red Stallion Top Dog in Spring and Fall. Andy's Snack Bar Grabs Summer Title

Friday coed has been an interesting night, with the same teams revamping and re-revamping to try and chase down the two powerhouse teams, Red Stallion and Andy's Snack Bar, who also continue to revamp and try to outdo each other.

Red Stallion took second place in the Spring season, and ended up taking home the title. Bill Gilbert led the team and got an MVP nod with a .708 average. Steve Mendenhall was close behind with .700. Jimmy Waltman drove home a team-high 18 RBIs and slugged 1.192. Jimmy is also up for MVP offense. Frank Taverno hit .577 and drove in 14 runs. Kent Smedley got a nod for defense with 20 put outs and 19 assists, while Kelly Neill had 27 put outs and 3 assists. Andy's Snack Bar held first place through the regular season. Jarred Gardner hit .737 with 12 RBI and a slugging percent of 1.579 and is up for MVP. John Razzi had another great season, hitting .682 with 12 RBI. Tom Strowhower went .640 on the season, while Dave Reeves came back in fine form with an average of .625 and 14 RBIs. Bob Cusano has a defensive nod with 12 put outs and 14 assists. Jess Morak had 27 put outs. Megabytes was right up there in third place. George Rudicille was on top with a .786 season. Eddie John Burress drove home 12 runs and hit .600. Mark Lind knocked down 45 balls at first base. Linda Dart had good numbers on both offense and defense, with a .417 and 18 put outs, 12 assists. TJ's Skyline finished out in fourth place. Wes Tommassello led the team, hitting .565 with a team high 15 RBIs. Rob Johnson hit .500. Chris VanLeuven slugged 1.125. FKAR placed fifth. Steve Bucher had 18 RBIs and a .750 season. John Trippetti went .633 on the season. Dwayne Curry had a team high 19 runs. Dave Rupp had a good season defensively with 21 put outs and 11 assists. Rob Pfeifer also was great at shortstop, knocking down 32 put outs and 17 assists. Gavin's Tavern rounded out the playoff teams with a sixth-place finish. Steve Ragona led the team with a .577 average. William Henry was right behind with a .563. Christen Flaherty was again solid, with a .545 season. Mark Ragona led the team in RBIs with 15. Matt McReynolds played solid defense with 27 put outs and 13 assists at shortstop. DePaul Realty ended in seventh place. Alex Lily led the team with a .579 average and 11 RBIs. Eddie Tom Foy had a .545 season. Youmans Construction finished eighth. Eddie manager Ed Youmans led the team with an average of .786. Jim Malloy had a good season also, hitting .737 and Mike Muller was .706. Stephanie Miller had a .409 season.

In the Summer season, Red Stallion finished in first place. Eddie superstar Frank Taverno led the team with an average of .769. Wes Tommassello ended at .720 with 16 RBIs and a 1.200 slugging percent. Ron Pulli drove in 15 runs and hit .677. Nelson Toblosky had a .652 season. Kris Smedley had a stellar season both on offense and defense, with a .464 average, 19 put outs and 14

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Player Milestones

The 2004 Men's Leagues saw a few players reach impressive milestones in their careers. Only three players had ever reached 500 Hits, and the 2004 campaign doubled the list with Andy Smallman, Mark McKinney and Jim Weiss. Among other major milestones, Andy Smallman showed his continuous ability to produce when it matters most and attained his 500th RBI in 2004. Andy joined an elite club; he is only the second Men's League player to reach this feat. Another major milestone reached at SBA, Mark McKinney became the first Men's League player ever to hit 100 Home Runs, and in completing his own milestone "triple crown" year, Mark became only the second player to score 500 Runs. Congratulations to each of you on your milestone seasons and impressive careers.

The 2005 Men's Leagues should see a number of additions to the 500 Hit Club. Cal Bohannon (479), Rich Beck (463), Rich Server (462), Bill Kofron (452), Brian Warner (451), Steph Garrett (442), Rob Johnson (422) and Bob Gray (418) are all within reach next year. Good luck to everyone next year. Another milestone within reach for 2005 is 100 Home Runs. Tom Strowhouer (82) and Frank Hackett (68) look to join Mark McKinney on this exclusive list. Good luck to both of you next year.

In the Coed leagues, Joe DeSousa, Eliot Ridgeway, Kelly Weber and Mike McHale all reached the 500 hit mark. Kelly is only the second female to reach this milestone in the coed leagues, behind Christen Flaherty. Bam-Bam Paul O'Connor reached a major mark with 1000 RBIs, the most in both Men's and Coed leagues. Tom Corey reached his 1000th hit, which is a remarkable feat and Rob Johnson drove home his 500th RBI.

Bill Markward

Men's League														
	G	AB	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg	Slg	BB	PO	A
500 Runs														
Andy Smallman	294	1048	479	614	370	133	66	45	537	586	968	75	525	206
Rich Goin	300	1154	418	620	511	87	22	0	400	537	651	51	417	244
500 Hits														
Cal Bohannon	277	927	356	479	331	67	45	36	346	517	803	80	401	247
Rich Beck	291	1039	319	463	371	63	25	4	269	446	566	54	524	357
Rich Server	313	992	439	462	361	59	33	9	279	466	619	175	263	241
Bill Kofron	243	874	346	452	311	85	40	16	312	517	761	73	248	73
Brian Warner	199	776	344	451	335	74	30	12	273	581	800	34	438	83
Steph Garrett	257	895	286	442	326	66	34	16	285	494	697	51	385	213
Rob Johnson	243	806	287	422	259	85	42	36	338	524	867	38	574	41
Bob Gray	189	780	318	418	245	118	38	17	225	536	850	21	512	38
100 Home Runs														
Tom Strowhouer	151	527	265	338	165	67	24	82	361	641	1326	59	276	347
Frank Hackett	87	318	215	225	78	56	23	68	282	708	1670	48	232	16
500 RBI's														
Rich Goin	300	1154	418	620	511	87	22	0	400	537	651	51	417	244
Tom Strowhouer	151	527	265	338	165	67	24	82	361	641	1326	59	276	347
Steve Beagelman	328	1254	600	768	637	99	25	7	357	612	748	85	559	59
Coed League														
	G	AB	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg	Slg	BB	PO	A
1000 Runs														
Tom Corey*	501	1686	983	1015	548	240	101	126	832	602	1088	170	1060	511
John Razzi (e)	619	2014	917	1244	919	159	125	41	837	618	882	170	569	181
500 Runs														
Bob Cusano (e)	278	982	499	604	481	79	32	12	385	615	797	49	410	441
Gary Black	322	1070	455	584	478	77	18	11	304	546	682	38	513	215
Rob Johnson*	294	998	433	595	333	136	63	63	510	596	1048	32	643	124
Andy Suder (e)	385	1199	432	614	482	81	50	1	416	512	666	40	235	104
Rob Pfeifer*	229	737	423	445	313	84	25	23	241	604	879	96	617	528
Kelly Weber (e)	444	1417	407	543	434	49	53	7	295	383	507	132	677	310
500 Hits														
Rob Pfeifer*	229	737	423	445	313	84	25	23	241	604	879	96	617	528
Paul Harvan (e)	302	949	304	444	395	37	11	1	232	468	533	83	364	182
Jeff Overberger*	198	695	362	443	241	102	32	68	468	637	1170	13	458	26
Rich Edmundson	256	825	322	434	323	54	47	10	289	526	742	33	447	20
Luke Lawlor	202	677	327	432	215	103	49	65	418	638	1223	27	383	38
Jeff Snyder*	193	733	359	431	275	101	33	22	228	588	906	14	442	160
Tim O'Shea, Sr.	241	799	306	430	343	41	32	14	260	538	722	46	312	206
Frank Taverno (e)	186	711	327	428	344	37	37	10	278	602	800	9	223	12
100 Home Runs														
Wes Tommassello*	269	969	514	646	285	158	107	91	670	667	1327	26	492	330
Chris Shaw*	161	571	317	362	140	102	34	86	410	634	1384	14	414	206
Bill Markward*	387	1301	695	773	442	187	65	80	589	594	1023	110	679	51
Paul O'Connor*	541	1913	861	1266	764	274	153	75	1042	662	1083	36	891	706
Steve Mendenhall*	234	901	550	601	273	178	75	75	533	667	1281	26	490	303
Tom Strowhouer*	113	364	203	242	91	55	21	75	293	665	1549	26	155	183
Jeff Overberger*	198	695	362	443	241	102	32	68	468	637	1170	13	458	26
1000 RBI's														
John Razzi (e)	619	2014	917	1244	919	159	125	41	837	618	882	170	569	181
Tom Corey*	501	1686	983	1015	548	240	101	126	832	602	1088	170	1060	511
500 RBI's														
Jeff Overberger*	198	695	362	443	241	102	32	68	468	637	1170	13	458	26
Luke Lawlor	202	677	327	432	215	103	49	65	418	638	1223	27	383	38
Andy Suder (e)	385	1199	432	614	482	81	50	1	416	512	666	40	235	104

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cumstances 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 payment anyway. If for any reason you cannot attend, you will be issued a full refund. Just be sure to notify the league office at least 1 week beforehand. It is strongly advised that you submit your banquet fees early. You can send in the registration form located 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. As always, there's sure to be a lot of 'hot stove' wheeling and dealing going down. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Britton led the team, batting .700 and driving in ten runs. John Razzi took an MVP nomination with 11 RBIs and a .462 average. Andy's Snack Bar (formerly Connell's Pub) finished up in second place. Tom Weinmann led the team and the male eddies, batting .636. He also is nominated for defense with 18 put outs and 14 assists. Keith Keppley hit in 12 runs and slugged 1.258. The Snipers grabbed third. Ryan Lustig led the team with his .741 average, getting himself a nod for MVP offense. Paul Harvan hit .516 with 7 RBI for MVP nomination. TNSI Renegades improved their season, finishing in fourth place. Chris Roccato got an MVP nomination with a .643 average, 1.179 slugging percentage and 12 RBIs. Curt Perry drove home 17 runs and batted .565. Drew Minko picked up a nod for defense with 29 put outs and 21 assists. Warrington Pizza took fifth place. Ken Eiser led the league with an average of .800, which included 4 home runs and 22 RBI. He should have the MVP wrapped up with those numbers. Brent Bellinger followed closely with an average of .692 and is also nominated for MVP defense with 22 put outs and 21 assists. Shot Crete struggled a bit, but made it to the playoffs with a sixth-place finish. John Muntz led the team with a .630 average and grabbed a defensive nomination with 21 put outs and 28 assists and the scars to prove it. Eric Touni drove in 10 while also hitting .630, while Matt McReynolds drove in 12 for the season. Eliot Ridgeway is up for MVP with a .520 average and .720 slugging percentage. Local 14 FCU ended again in seventh. Mark Cavallaro led the team with his .583 average. Brian Lange followed with a .560. The Bobbies faltered during the season and finished eighth. Joe Lynd led the team, batting .586. Marc Webb drove home 12 and hit .583, while Sean Fisher brought home 17, hit .533 and is nominated for defense with 30 put outs and 15 assists.

The Fall season brought another Championship title to Blue Dog Tavern, who had finished the regular season in third place. Standout male eddie Frank Taverno led the team with a batting average of .679 and 12 RBIs. Jeff Overberger was right behind with a .618 average and 22 big RBIs. Kelly Neill had a great season, with a .519 average, while knocking down 31 put outs. Andy's Snack Bar finished with the top spot. Keith Keppley was again in MVP form, hitting .688 with 21 RBIs. Becky Foley led the females on her team with an average of .458 and an MVP nod. Tina Koch was recognized for her steadfast defense, knocking down 45 at first base. TNSI Renegades continued to improve, ending this season in second. Curt Perry headed the team batting average with .680 and a slugging percentage of 1.280 and 12 RBIs. Chris Roccato hit .600 while driving in 17 runs. Drew Minko got MVP nomination with his defense, racking up 23 put outs and 20 assists. The Bobbies were in fine form with their fourth place finish. Mike Cianfichi drove in a league-high 23 runs, while batting .741 with a slugging percentage of 1.667. Sean Fisher had a .667 season and Robert Deem hit .600 and drove home ten runs. Joe Lynd is right in the MVP eddie mix with an average of .593 and Jess Morak also gets a shout-out for her .500 average. Shot Crete ended in fifth place. Bill Markward led the team in RBIs (14) and batting average (.692) and was recognized for it with a nomination for MVP. Keith Erney hit .625 with 12 RBIs and a slugging percentage of 1.250. Christen Flaherty got a nod for offense with her .450 average. Local 14 FCU grabbed their first playoff spot of the year with sixth place. Mark White led the team with a .577 average. Drew Margine drove home a team high 12 runs and hit .563 with two home runs. Dan O'Connell hit .440 and is up for male eddie MVP offense. Warrington Pizza finished up in seventh. Ken Eiser again led the team. He drove in 16 runs and hit .607 for the season with a slugging percentage of 1.321. Steve Worthington was second on the team with 13 RBIs and an average of .536. Dawn Beiber led the females of the league with an average of .520. Janice Tamsits had 24 put outs and 16 assists to get credit for defense. The Snipers struggled to field a team each week and ended up in eighth place. Rich Strapple led the team with a .481 batting average. Glen Hipple followed closely with .480. The 2005 season should see the return of most, if not all teams. Happy Holidays to all!

Kelly Weber

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houses meet in the championship, Sleepcare riding on a perfect season and WBF looking to avenge their only loss. WBF would avenge that loss and put Sleepcare to bed for the Spring Title.

The Summer saw 2 teams switch divisions and a new team added. Winding Brook Farm moved to the "A" division, Nail or Never to the "B" division and the Black Jacks entered the league in the "B" division. The "A" division once again saw Sunshine Decks lead the league, posting a 6-2 record with John DeBrigida batting .622, Ron Bannister and Rich Goin driving in 14 each. Ritass also posted a 6-2 record, led by Tim Hearn's .576/13 RBIs and Andy Smallman's 12 RBIs. TJ's finished at 5-3, Joe McFarlane hit .800, tops in the regular season, with Mike Ambolino driving in 14 and Andy Runk 11. Protech again went 4-4, E.W. Werner paved the way with a .576/13 RBI season and Warren Grant added 13 RBIs. NAC finished 3-5, Steve Cordi batted .714/1500 and 14 RBIs in only 4 games, but Darrin Posavec carried the team with a .630/1111 and 17 RBIs. WBF went winless with Dave Boice posting a .667/1056 and Dave Michael driving in 10. The championship game featured TJ's and Protech, both fighting off the top 2 teams on their way for the title. Protech would go on to win the Summer title behind Warren Grant's .750/1750/15 RBIs and Mark Ambolino's .733/1267/11 RBIs. The "B" division saw Rich Strapples Snipers go 8-0, led impressively by Mike Zahradnick's .742/1419/24 RBIs MVP nominating performance and the pitching duo of Strapple and Mike Carter. Nail or Never rebounded from last season and went 6-2, Bryan Herpel.706/1588/25 RBIs (MVP nomination), Scott Holloway .643/1357/24 RBI (MVP nomination), and Cal Bohannon .633/1100/12 RBIs all led the charge. Black Jacks finished at 4-4, several players had a good year, Dan Kusters'.722/1500/18 RBIs, Brian McKeogh's .679/1429/18 RBIs (MVP nomination) and Eric Skillman's .630/1111/13 RBIs. Master Baiters saw their record drop to 3-5 after the loss of 2 key players. Rick Garrison took charge and batted .606, but Ryan "Rusty" Staub made up for the power loss with an impressive 7 HR/25 RBI season. Dan McLaughlin and Chris Wilkocz both chipped in 13 and 12 RBIs respectively. Horsham Inn finished 2-6, losing some close games, they were paced by Dave McGuire's .654/1269/11 RBIs

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assists. Andy's Snack Bar ended in second and won the Championship. Tom Strowhouer led the team in RBIs (19) and average (.667). Tom was also solid on defense with 10 put outs and 22 assists. John Razzi hit .611. Jess Morak had 31 put outs and 1 assist at first base for an MVP nod. Megabytes again finished in third place. Randy Bachman had a .733 season. Wayne Jerdan hit .632. John Burress hit .571 for the season as an eddie. Marian McCouch hit .421. George Rudicille has a nomination for defense with 13 put outs and 17 assists. Youmans Construction improved dramatically and finished fourth. Ed Youmans again led the team, hitting .706. Bill Martino finished at .611. John Qualateria drove home 14 runs and slugged .963. Dawn Andres is nominated for defense with 14 put outs and 15 assists. FKAR finished in fifth place. Steve Bucher again led the team for the season, hitting .652. Mike Benninghoff led the team in RBIs with 18. Rob Pfeifer was solid on defense, as always, with 14 put outs and 20 assists. Eddie Mike Morath had 19 put outs and 8 assists. Gavin's Tavern again squeaked into the playoffs with a last-minute sixth place finish. The team was led by Chris Roccato, with 20 RBIs, a .650 batting average and a 1.650 slugging percentage. Mike Brennan followed with a .625. Kelly Weber hit .421, while Christen Flaherty hit .353. TJ's Skyline finished in sixth place. Jeremy Gainey had a .588 season, while Andy Leuzinger hit .556. Paul O'Connor drove in the most runs for the team with 18. Eddie Paul Harvan hit .522. Mike Ciepiela had solid defense with 23 put outs and assists at shortstop. DePaul Realty ended their season in eighth. Ed Doyle Jr led the team with a .625 and 1.125 slugging percent. Son Ed Doyle III was close behind with a .566. Eddie Tom Foy drove in 10 and hit .538.

The Fall season brought another Championship for Red Stallion, who also had ended the regular season in first place. Ron Pulli drove home 13 runs and hit .667 for the season with a slugging percentage of 1.190. Nelson Toblosky proved worthwhile as an eddie with his .636 season. Warren Grant slugged 1.318, while Wes Tommassello drove in a team high of 16 runs. Tara Montvydas finished her season at .450. Megabytes moved up with a second place finish. Wayne Jerdan hit .640 on the season to lead the 'bytes. Ken Lind went with a .621. Ken also had 14 put outs and 28 assists and was a consistent wall at shortstop. Mark Lind drove home 16 runs and hit .600. Linda Dart had a great season, finishing at .526. Andy's Snack Bar ended in third, but made it to the finals. Dave Reeves had a big comeback season from an injury, hitting .889. Tom Corey had a .636 season and slugged 1.227. John Razzi drove in 10 and hit .577, while Jess Morak had a .550 fall. Andy Suder drove in a team-high 15 runs. Eddie pitcher Bob Cusano had 18 put outs and 18 assists. FKAR finished their season in fourth. A .650 average was good enough for Rob Pfeifer to lead the team. He also had his third defensive MVP nod with 21 put outs and 30 assists. Steve Bucher went .619 on the season. Jeff Overberger drove in the most runs, with 19. Jack Kilcher grabbed an MVP nomination with a .500 season and 11 RBI. Gavin's Tavern moved into fifth place

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wire late in the season, Admiral Neal 'Spoon' Britton proved a significant help to the team in their push to the top. Veteran Tom Weinmann, who took over the Brew Crew reins this year, added Tuesday/Thursday tandem Andy Smallman (5th in league leaders) and Rich Server to the Sunday Morning mix. This may have been the move of the year as Brew Crew would go on to take the Spring/Summer title in hand. Of course, taking it in hand was not without the help of Tom Strowhouer who we all know is quite proficient at that. Injured late in the season (groin, what else), Strow finished with a 571/1190 and was the infield rock at short. Playoff standouts were Shawn Rush (706/844) and Scott Holloway (611/1000/12 rbi). In spite of being out-gunned all season, Gray Contracting's Jack Hetman and Mark McCouch continued to get the job done.

'Division B' had a nice mix of veteran teams and league newbies. Max Helo (Badgers) assembled a band of free agents that would surprise most of the league most of the way. The Badgers (10-7) finished in a tie with newcomers BALCO (10-7), but would take the top seed via tie-breaker rules. Sunday veterans The Hitsquad (9-7) would meander toward the top of the pack most of the season. It looked like a 3 horse race. Newbies Philly Ball Busters (6-10-1) would struggle early. Taylor Insurance and Dirty Dozen would struggle as well. As is often the case, the team that gets hot in the latter part of the season is the team that flourishes in the post season. Such was the case with the Philly Ball Busters who went on to take top honors. This was a total team effort. Not one of the Ball Buster players managed to

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behind in third. As usual, Keith Keppley led the team, hitting .720 with 26 RBIs and 1.240 slugging percentage. Joe Maul followed with a .690 season. Joe Lynd Sr. hit .654 and is nominated for eddie MVP. Becky Foley is on the block for possible MVP with an average of .423. Gavin's Tavern ended up in fifth place. Dave McDonald helped his team's cause with a .633 average and 21 put outs and assists on the other side of the field. Robert Foreaker and Keith Erney each drove in 14 runs for the team. Mike McHale is nominated for his defense with 18 put outs and 11 assists. Dawn Wannier is also up for defense, knocking down 45 balls at first base. Sixth place went to Merck Sharks. Cliff Kulp drove home twelve runs and had an average of .615. Irv Derstein was close behind with a .613 average and 11 RBIs. Irv also grabbed a nomination for MVP defense at shortstop with 28 put outs and 20 assists. Karen Lund grabbed a nom for MVP, hitting .478 for the summer. TNSI Trackers took in seventh place. Eric Miller led the team and was second in the league with his .813 average. Eric Pflieger drove in a team-high 20 runs. Bryner Chevy finished up in eighth. Joe Lynd Jr. hit .706 on the season. Mike Zahradnick had 14 RBIs and had a .682 average, 1.227 slugging percentage. Assassins rounded out the field with a ninth-place finish. Deb Dando got a nod for defense with 14 put outs and 12 assists. Paul O'Connor led the team with a batting average of .625.

The Summer season saw the Championship go to a well-deserving Baker team run by Joe DeSousa. Baker came all the way from fifth place to take the title. Newt Miles finds himself nominated for both offense and defense MVP. Newt hit .682 with 12 RBIs to lead the team in average and had 10 put outs and 10 assists on defense. Chris VanLeuvanee drove in 22 runs and finished with an average of .667 and slugging percentage of 1.400. Jeff Overberger finished at .652. Eddie Bill Roth picked up recognition with a .611 season. B&B finished on the top. This season, Wes Tommassello led the team in average, hitting .800 with 23 runs batted in and a slugging percentage of 1.480. Mike DeGuida had a .708 season. Keith Keppley drove in 16 runs and slugged 1.407. Becky Foley had a .550 season. Team Queen ended their season in second place. Eddies led this team in batting average. John Razzi had a great season, hitting .708 with 10 RBIs. Kelly Weber was right on his tail with her .704 season with 9 RBIs. This is possibly the highest average in a season by a female yet in the league. Bill Markward drove in 18 runs while hitting .690. Bob Cusano got credit for good defense with 19 put outs and 12 assists. Gavin's Tavern finished out in third. Brian Steeber made his presence known with a .750 season and 14 RBIs. Keith Erney drove in 17 and hit .690, while Robert Foreaker led the team in RBIs with 20. Bill Hahl is nominated for MVP defense with 15 put outs and 20 assists. Protech Roofing grabbed a fourth place spot. Mark Bernacki had a great season, hitting .800, slugging 1.280 and driving in 17 runs. Frank Taverno was solid as always, with a .727 season, 1.318 slugging percentage and 13 ribbies. Nancy Elwert had another fantastic season with a .619 average and Wendy Iadonisi hit .556 to strengthen Protech's offense. TNSI Trackers ended in sixth place. Eric Pflieger was on top of the league leader boards with his .895 average for the season and 1.632 slugging percentage. Bob Marren hit .652 for the season, while Darren Posavec drove home 14 runs with his .647 average. Merck Sharks took seventh place. A .682 was good enough to have Irv Derstein lead the team. He also had 28 put outs and 19 assists. Don Gerhart had a .571

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for the regular season. Bill Hahl joined Friday's and did very well, leading the team with an average of .684 and 16 RBI. Keith Erney drove in 14 and hit .625. Tom Blackwell is up for defense with 18 put outs and 19 assists. Christen Flaherty hit .474 for the season with 36 put outs at first base. Kelly Weber knocked down 13 put outs and 10 assists in the infield. T.J.'s Skyline ended up in sixth place. Paul Harvan led the team with an average of .520. Luke Lawlor hit .500. Eliot Ridgeway ended his season at .435 with 10 put outs and 19 assists on the mound. DePaul Realty finished in seventh place. Alex Lily hit .615 to lead the team. Ed Doyle III had a .611 season, while newcomer Kevin Rousset made a statement with a .607 first SBA season. Tom Foy hit .520. Youman's Construction struggled for the season and finished in eighth. John Qualateria carried a big stick, with an average of .778. Jim Mulloy drove in 12 with his .571 average that included two home runs. Paulo Vitoria got a defensive nod for his play at shortstop, 22 put outs and 20 assists. Dale Gideon held her own with a .417 season. Happy New Years to everyone!

Kelly Weber

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split the mound duties on a team that won with defense. Keith Keppley had a big bat and superb glove as usual. Prudential, Fox and Roach were the other new team and they finished in fourth place with a 4-3-1 record. Dave Boice and Bill Walker led the team at the plate with Boice having a monster season. Rita's Water Ice finished in sixth place at 4-4. Steve Beagleman continued to just hit singles almost every at bat while Marc McKinney, Brad Tracy and Tim Hearn knocked in the runs.

Progressive Graphics was in a transitional period and failed to make the playoffs in a surprise. Dan Gaumer hit for average while Craig Vandercone and newcomer Todd Huber knocked the runs in with Huber knocking it out of the yard. Custom Ultrasonics has the misfortune of playing on a very deep night. There play continues to improve but the record stays stagnant. They finished at 0-8 in eighth place but were a better squad. Matt Kulp and Rob Wertz led the squad in hitting.

The finals came down to the 3 time defending champs, County Line Fence and the new team, Flanigan's Boathouse. Flanigan's was missing their big bat, Jarred G and County Line was in full gear. So of course the game was a blowout with Flanigan's winning by a 19-4 margin with Mike Tariella having a big game including a 2 run blast. The balls flew out of the yard in game 2 but the outcome came down to small ball. The teams combined for 7 bombs including three from Mike Tariella. The game came down to the top of the seventh when Flanigan's rallied to trail by just one run with the bases loaded and no outs. They failed to get the run across and County Line took game two 20-19. County Line rode the momentum of survival as they scored 14 times in the top of the first inning in game three. County Line coasted with lead to take game 3 and their fourth straight title, 23-5.

League leaders were Frank Hackett in RBI's and Average, Tom Strowhower and Craig Claycomb in HR's, Dave Yates in runs scored and Jarred Gardner in slugging. Kevin Miller was the most patient batter in the league.

The Summer season saw a team rise from the ashes as Progressive Graphics knocked off Mike's Bar and Grill and Herold Construction to reach the finals after not making the playoffs in the spring. The finished the regular season 6-2 and in third place. George Dart always seemed to be on base and Todd Huber and Andy Smallman knocked the runs in. Both playoff victories were by one run as they one a defensive battle 5-4 over Mike's and rallied late to knock off Herold's 10-9. The team they faced in the finals was Rita's Water Ice who knocked off Flanigan's Boathouse 17-16 and crushed County Line Fence 33-16. Rita's had finished the season 5-3 and in fourth place. They added BJ Speigelmeyer who led the team in average, HR's and slugging. Marc McKinney and Chris Wilcoz had big RBI seasons and Bill Clark often crossed the plate. In their blowout of CLF they had innings of 12, 10 and 8 runs. County Line Fence dominated the regular season losing only once. Mike Ambolino rebounded from a sub par spring season to lead in average, runs and walked an astounding 10 times. Frank Hackett's numbers dipped somewhat to just a very good season and Tom Strowhower led the team in RBI's. They caught a buzz saw in an inspired Rita's Water Ice and the string was broken at 4 straight titles. Herold Construction did some roster tweaking as they lost Jim Waltman to injury. Brian Warner was the hitting machine that he was in the late 90's and Ron Bannister had a monster season leading the team in RBI and runs while continuing to be the leagues most acrobatic defensive player. Bud Gallagher had a real nice season and Brad Tracy moved over from Rita's and knocked in a bunch of runs. Flanigan's Boathouse lost both Kevin Miller and Jarred Gardner and slid to fifth place with a 3-5 record. Jeff Overburger, Mike DeGuida and Steph Garrett did their best to provide the offense. Mike's Bar and Grill finished in sixth place at 3-5. A healthy Cal Bohannon was a monster leading the squad in avg, slugging, HR and RBI. Ron Tommassello had a big season and Matt

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break into the league-leader top 20. Rob Hinchliffe, Paul Ferguson, and Mike McDonald led the team. League veterans Mike Patterson and Newt Miles showed the younger guys the league ropes. Newt tossed a playoff series 5.94 era while adding 10 hits in 18 at-bats. Don Rolling and Rob Hinchliffe added 17 playoff hits between them. Tom Miller was a Taylor Insurance standout. Rob McKenna (40 hits) led the way for BALCO. Hitsquad Jared Krimmel and Rob Gaffney had fine seasons. Fred Scales (614/1205/29 rbi) had a breakout year for the Badgers. Pat Yuhasz also added 22 hits to the Badger maiden voyage.

The Fall saw the Sunday Men's 'A Division' brought back to full strength with the re-instatement of 2 teams. Thirsty's Beer (8-0) buzz-sawed through the regular season in spite of being without their stud slugger Warren (only the best of the best can get by with only one name). Tiger, Madonna, Babe, Liberace are all examples of 1-name icons. Warren is no different in the world of softball. Picking up for Warren was a 3-headed monster in Keith Keppley (667/1143), Kent Smedley (650/1150), and Scott Bailey (613/839). Dom Brown was the defensive wizard at 2B. The Brew Crew (5-3) without Strow would have to play 'small ball'. Shawn Rush (607/607) and Steve Beagelman (600/600) became the Brew Crew main squeeze. Frank Murray and Jeff Hess entered into the league a well-oiled machine in the Muckdogs. While the Muckdogs may have been first-timers in Softball America, they were no wallflowers at this softball prom. Chris Moore (696/1217) and Frank Murray (676/1265/22 po/24 a) led the way for the 'dogs. Hitched (3-5), Big Slick (2-6) and Black-Jacks (1-7) would suffer from attendance issues. Steve Ponente (579/842), Jim Padgett (591/727), Dave Berkowitz (579/947) and Dan Sharapan (600/1300) would star for Hitched, Big Slick, and Black-Jacks respectively. In the best of 3 title series Frank Murray (750/1500) would shine bright with 12 hits, 12 rbi's, 10 po, and 8 assists. Support would come in the form of Jeff Hess, Mike and Ron Zuckley, and Glen McGrath as the Muckdogs defeat Thirsty's in 3 games. Mark 'Alchy' Koenig and Kent Smedley would try, but they couldn't carry Thirsty's by themselves.

Once on a roll, the Ball Busters (7-1) could do little wrong in the 'B League'. Now with only 2 players in the league top 40, the Ball Busters played their game. Different players stepped it up each week. By the numbers, Jeff Snyder (577/1000) led the way. Big Heads, Gray Contracting, and The Knights all finished at 6-2 for the season while BALCO (2-6) Dirty Dozen (1-7), and Badgers (0-8) all struggled with roster shortages. Dave Owen (606/1182) was the Big Heads' big gun. Gary Andrews and George 'gets better with age' Dart led Gray Contracting. Adrian Marcewicz (542/750) and Troy Stout (519/1222) starred for the Knights. Pete Adamow (613/742) was the bright spot for the Dirty Dozen, breaking into the league top 10. In the Finals, the Ball Busters proved best vs. Gray Contracting taking the Fall season and completing the league sweep. Jeff Snyder and Mike Patterson carried the Ball Buster playoff load while Paul Diak and Keith 'Goat' Martin chipped in. Congrats to the winners.

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McReynolds knocked in runs. Prudential, Fox and Roach finished at 1-7 and failed to make the playoffs. Bill Walker and Gary Valentine carried a squad that had trouble keeping the roster together in the summer. Custom Ultrasonics finished at 1-7 as Matt Kulp and Russ Steffanelli had good seasons at the plate.

The Finals were between Rita's Water Ice and Progressive Graphics, the best team to have never won a title. Progressive dominated game one with 7 runs in the second and sixth innings. Russ Frankenfield had a grand slam in the second to set the pace as Progressive takes game one 18-3. Game two was not nearly as explosive but Progressive got off to an early start in the first and salted the game away in the sixth inning as the grand old man of Tuesday night had a bases loaded triple to lead his team to their first ever title. Having been assigned to a team with Rich Server and Andy Smallman in my first ever men's league in 1996 I am so glad that they finally got their first Tuesday night championship.

BJ Speigelmeyer led the league in average and slugging, Tom Strow-hower tied for the lead in runs and HR's while leading in RBI. Bill Clark was the only player tied for the league lead in runs who was not on County Line as Mike and Tom Ambolino were also leaders. Mike A was the most patient hitter and Todd Huber tied Strow for the HR title.

Rita's Water Ice rebounded from a loss in the summer finals to reach the fall finals. After finishing 4-3-1 in third place they knocked off a depleted Flanigan's Boathouse before destroying defending champs Progressive Graphics 25-2 to reach the finals and gain a measure of revenge. After Progressive took a brief 2-1 lead Rita's ran off 24 unanswered runs. Rita's was led by Marc McKinney and Bill Clark while newcomers Mike Trachtenberg and Joe Sharp helped solidify their defense. They would meet Prudential, Fox and Roach in the finals. After not mak-

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ing the playoffs in the summer PFR did some tinkering and finished at 4-4 in fourth place. They defeated Mike's Bar and Grill in their first playoff game and duplicated their regular season defeat of County Line Fence to reach the finals. Prudential got a great season from Gary Valentine while Dave Boice and John Cancelliere knocked in the runs. County Line Fence once again finished in first place during the regular season with a 6-1-1 mark. Mike Ambolino again led the team in average while Frank Hackett bombed homers and scored runs. Mark Ambolino led the squad in RBI's. Progressive Graphics followed their title with a solid regular season with Russ Frankenfield leading the team and league in RBI, average and slugging. George Dart had a solid season at bat as well. Mike's Bar and Grill needed a win in their final game to make the playoffs and ended up in fifth place. Keith Keppley led the team at bat while Cal Bohannon stayed hot and Mike Leavy knocked in runs. Flanigan's Boathouse finished in sixth at 3-5 as they had Herold's number beating them twice. Ian Drossner led the team in hitting while Steph Garrett and Jeff Overburger knocked in the runs. Herold Construction was a huge disappointment as they finished out of the playoffs at 3-5. Averaging less than 9 runs a game Ron Bannister led in hitting while Brad Tracy and Rich Beck led in RBI. The team that allowed the fewest runs did not make the playoffs losing games 4-3 and 5-2. Custom Ultrasonics finished at 1-7 with Dave Berkowitz, Russ Stefanelli and Dave McGuire being the batting stars.

The Fall finals came down to Prudential, Fox and Roach and Rita's Water Ice. Rita's got out to an early lead in game one and put the game away with 8 runs in the third. They kept ahead and won game one 15-8. Game two was much of the same as Rita's scored 5 times in the top of the first and 4 more times in the second. When Prudential got within reach, Rita's put the game away with 5 runs in the sixth. Rita's wins game two and the title 17-8. Congratulations to all of the championship teams and individual league leaders in 2004.

Rich Goin

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and Nick Mullen's 11 RBI's. Bull Tavern posted a 1-7 record, Scott Masulis hit .714/1429/15 RBI's (MVP nomination), Mike Gonsiwski and Darren Carroll both added 11 RBI's. The championship game featured the undefeated Snipers and Nail or Never. This was a hard fought series, but Nail would secure the title behind Bryan Herpel's .750/1583/11 RBI's.

The Fall season again saw 2 teams switch divisions and another change its name. Nail or Never moved back to the "A" and Winding Brook Farm moved to the "B". In the "A" division, Protech was looking for the season title sweep. They posted a 7-1 record paced by Mark "Zoomie" Bernacki's .647/17 RBI MVP nominating season and some added support from Warren Grant's 25 RBI's (another nomination) and Neal Britton's 20 RBI's. NAC finished at 4-4, John Curley's .643/1357, Steve Moloney's 15 RBI's and Shawn Goodwin's 10 RBI's led the team. TJ's also posted a 4-4 record, Ricky MacLeod led the team and league with a .727 avg (MVP nomination), and Joe McFarlane drove in 19. Nail or Never fared better this time around, Jeff Overberger's .500 avg, and Cal Bohannon's 12 RBI's led them to a 3-5 season. Sunshine Deck also posted a 3-5 record, missing their big guns for most of the season, Frank Hackett hit .700/2000 in 3 games, Scott Vogel .667 in 4 and Ron Bannister .619/17 RBI's in 6. Ritas rounded out the field, finishing 3-5 behind Mike Trachtenberg's .636/1045 and Mark McKinney's 12 RBI's. The championship game featured Protech and NAC, both fighting for the final 2004 title. Protech would come out on top and complete the season title sweep behind Warren Grant .909/1102, Neal Britton .875/1000 and Jimmy Waltman .769/1154. The "B" division saw the move for Winding Brook Farm to be fruitful, posting a 7-1 record. Gary Valentine led the team with a .1296/17 RBI performance, earning him an MVP nomination. John Gagliardi drove in 12 and Scott Pataki 11 to help pace this club. Black Jacks finished at 6-2, Dan Wasser led the team with a .594 avg, but Ed Lowry and Jim Grebe drove in 15 and 13 respectively. Horsham Inn at 5-3 was led by Bob Filler .714/1071/18 RBI's, his MVP nominating season was second in the league. Dave McGuire also added 21 RBI's and 5 HR's and earned himself an MVP nomination. After going undefeated last season, the Snipers grabbed just 3 wins. Chris Nardone batted .667 in 5 games, as Tom Hess was the anchor with .536/10 RBI's and Dave Kennedy drove in 12. Master Baiters had Jim Mundy propel them to 2 wins behind his 14 RBI season, while Tim Frank added 11. Uncle Junes Army, formerly 99ers, finished at 1-7 again with Jack Goddess leading the team with a .552 avg and Frank Kiwak driving in 15. The championship game featured WBF and Horsham Inn, and it was a great series. Going 3 games, they both battled each other like true champions, Bob Filler leading Horsham with a .941/2353/17 RBI performance and Rich Bergamesco's .692 avg leading WBF. WBF would walk away triumphant, after losing game 1, they rebounded and took 2 straight. Outstanding play by Rich Bergamesco, Dave Michael .667 and Dave Boice .1538/11 RBI's helped propel them to their second title.

Neal Britton

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season and led the team in RBIs with nine. Eddie Gene Hylinski had a .474 season. Assassins moved up to eighth place. Paul O'Connor drove in 12 and hit .552. Rick Mercandante had a .545 season. Bryner finished ninth. Rick Schenk had a .619 and Chris Horn a .588 summer.

Team Queen grabbed the title right back in the Fall season after finishing second. John Razzi again led the team, finishing with a .714, 13 RBIs and a 1.000 slugging percentage. Cal Bohannon drove in 15 runs and hit .692 for the season. Dean Landers debuted with a .652 season. Christen Flaherty had a nice .565 season with 10 RBIs and also had 39 put outs at first base. B&B ended up in first place again. Joe Maul led the team with an average of .676 and 10 RBIs. Keith Keppley drove in the most runs with 22 and had a slugging percentage of 1.387. Eddie Joe Lynd had a .593 season and drove in 12 runs. The Baker took their record to a third place finish. Jeff Overberger drove home 18 runs and hit .778, slugging 1.259 for the season. George Rudicille hit .591 and had 14 put outs and assists. Kelly Neill drove home eight runs and hit .440. Fourth place would go to Protech Roofing. Frank Taverno had an MVP season, hitting .704, slugging 1.111 with 15 RBIs and 2 home runs. Not shabby for a man in his 60's. I can only wish I was half as good as him. Wes Tommassello drove in a team-high 24 runs and hit .690 with a slugging percentage of 1.207. Curt Perry hit .640, while EW Werner hit .630. Andy Suder had a .611 season. Gavin's Tavern was right in the middle with fifth place. Robert Foreaker brought in 13 runs in 5 games and hit .500. Brian Steeber was right up there with a .724 performance. Keith Erney drove in 16 runs for the team. Missey West hit .438. Bryner Chevy moved up to sixth. A .690 average and 19 RBIs was how Mike Zahradnick finished the season. Mike also had 21 put outs and 24 assists. Chris Smiley hit .548. Merck Sharks finished up with seventh place. Tom Creachen led the team with an average of .611. Eddie Doug Spier had a good season with a .545, as did fellow eddie Cliff Kulp. Michael Indico had 21 put outs and 19 assists. Assassins grabbed on to eighth. Glenn Hipple had a good season, hitting .704. Paul O'Connor had a .583 season with 9 RBIs. Harold Ortiz had the most RBIs for the team with 14. TNSI Trackers struggled with eddies all season and ended up ninth. Eric Pfleger was consistently good, as always, finishing this season at .750 with 12 doubles. Anne Marie McCabe had 31 put outs.

Looking forward to the return of the season in Spring 2005! Safe holidays for all!

Kelly Weber

From The League Office *(Continued from page 1)*

"Softball America was born in 1994. League fees were set at \$66.00 for a 7 game season. 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 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, but recent hefty hikes in insurance, utilities, and taxes, along with a renegotiated umpire contract, have made it impossible to hold league fees firm. 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."

It is obvious to me each league member likes/dislikes certain umpires. On any given day, after any given game, during or after any given season, I will receive diametrically opposed opinions of umpires and their efforts. There is, however, some merit to the consistent complaint regarding umpire hustle. The one promise I will make to league members is if an umpire refuses to get out from behind the plate to make a call, that umpire will find themselves without an SBA job. In order for an umpire to make the best call he/she can as he/she sees it, that umpire MUST be in position. Umpires can only call it as they see it. Little argument can come about if the effort by the umpire is put forth.

In 2005 all league fees **MUST** be remitted before a player can take the field in Week 1. There will be no exceptions. Any player who plays a game without having remitted a league fee will put his/her team's game in jeopardy of forfeit. League fee payment can be made to the league office online via credit card, USPS via check or money order, or in person to the scorekeeper at the field. If paying by cash, be certain to get a receipt. A receipt is your only proof of cash payment.

Slide or Surrender

After much thought, consideration, and discussion on the matter of Slide or Surrender, Softball America will introduce the following set of guidelines effective with the start of the Spring 2005 season. I've listened very closely to what league members have said on the subject and come to the conclusion that in order to maintain safety and keep disagreements to a minimum, a

uniform and consistent set of guidelines is needed. The guidelines for Slide or Surrender on the base paths will remain virtually unchanged – paralleling those of the ASA. The guidelines for Slide or Surrender at home plate will, however, undergo a revision. It will no longer be acceptable for base runners to run through home plate when there is a play at the plate. Umpires will call base runners out if they fail to slide or surrender when there is a play at the plate. **'Surrender'** shall be described as slowing down to the point where the runner can **'hold the plate'** without contacting the fielder. **'Holding the plate'** shall mean being able to keep at least one foot on the plate without any overrun. If, during a **'play at the plate'** the runner fails to slide or hold the plate when not sliding, the runner will be immediately called out regardless of whether contact was, or was not, made with the fielder. To give members an opportunity to acclimate themselves with this rule, Umpires will be instructed to be relatively lenient with this call through the Spring season.

Les Greenstein

Sunday Evening Coed *(Continued from page 1)*

Brian Sauers, Ryan Delman, Dave Berkowitz, Mark Nevins, Rich Strapple, Clarence Scott, Rick Block, Chris Smiley, Janine Rodriguez, John Evans, Deb Dando, Julie Morris, and Shelia Robison! Fall winner was a newcomer to the Sunday Coed league, Fast Food, the team of the Welhaf family. Congrats to Rob, Rich, George Jr., George III, Nicole, Dee, Christine, and Mary Welhaf, and Brian and Bill Stern, Dave Coyne, Tim Everett, and Chris Courduff. Happy Holidays and Good luck to all in 2005.

Kelly Neill, fumbles88

In all 3 seasons A League studs Creek Side/B&B finished in 2nd place in the standings. In all 3 seasons they buzz-sawed their way through the playoffs to take top honors. B&B's Joe Lynd, Keith Villers and Keith Keppley carried the load through the Spring regular season. Keppley and Becky Foley stepped it up to carry even more through the playoffs. Kevin Miller (700/900) made his Spring playoff presence felt. Keith Villers, Dan Marsh, Joe Lynd, and Bernie Marsh each contributed 7 hits to the Spring playoff cause. Mike Reiser and Keith Keppley were the Creek Side regular season Summer studs while Dan Marsh (667/1000), and once again Keith Keppley (600/1000) and Becky Foley (600/800), stepped up to the plate in the playoffs. Keith Villers and Joe Lynd chipped in 6 playoff hits while Bernie Marsh added another 5. The team rode the back of new addition Jeff Overberger in the Fall regular season/playoffs while Jim Perkins(e) kicked in with 8 playoff hits. Jess Marsh (fe) added a 2/3 .667 clutch playoff performance. Congrats to Creek Side/B&B on running the Sunday Coed table. No doubt they are the team to beat in '05. No doubt the rest of the league will be gunning for them each and every week. Fleet, behind the powerful bat of Joe Budaj and the consistent offense and solid defense of Dave McDonald would best the Diamond Dogs for Spring B honors. Howard Miller helped the Fleet cause with a 7/10 playoff performance.

The Cruise Agency wired the Summer B League field finishing the regular season 8-0 then taking 2 straight from a 'game' Keystone Landscape. Brian Sauers, Ryan Delman, and Dave Berkowitz were top regular season 'cruisers'. Brian Steeber, Alex Lilly, and Dave Moll were the main guns for Keystone Landscape. Dave Berkowitz (4/8) and Mark Nevins (5/11) were the Summer playoff leaders for the Cruisers. Fast Food ran the B League Fall table in classic family fashion. Although a newcomer to SBA, they adapted quite well. Rob Welhaf is the Fast Food king. After leading the league (850/220) with some of the gaudiest numbers on record in the regular season, he proceeded to top that with a 10/10 playoff performance with... perfect! No man is an island. Rob got lots of regular season help from family and friends Brian Stern and Dave Coyne. In the playoffs Brian Stern, Dave Coyne, Rich and George Welhaf came up big. Congrats to all.

Through the Spring, Roman Delight's Glen Hipple and Warwick Tavern's Dave Yates led the league in batting. The Diamond Dog's Curt Perry (25) knocked in the most runs while Larry Kolongowski (23) scored the most. Steve Bucher, Ryan Lustig, and Joe Budaj all had fine Spring seasons. Dave Reeves and Andy Suder battled for top male eddie honors. Linda Wilding led all females with a .593 avg.

The Summer season saw Brian Steeber lead the league in batting. Alex Lilly was right on his heels. Male eddie stud Jack Kilcher (722/1166) led all eddies with 20 RBI's. Steve Bucher had another fine season for Worker's Comp. Dave Moll had 20 hits for The Cruise Agency. Ed Doyle, III batted .714 for Roman Delight. Just-turned-eddie Rick Mercandante led the Diamond Dogs with a .652. Curt Perry once again led the league in RBIs with 22.

The Fall season was owned by Rob Welhaf. Rob led the way in almost every category. Land Rover's Jason Madden knocked in 20 runs. Warwick's Paul O'Connor finished the year on a positive note carving out a 767/967. Male eddie Bill Guerard (714/1357) is a good one for Worker's Comp RX.

Female eddies Linda Wilding (463), Jess Morak (447), Janine Rodriguez (422), Kris Smedley (388), Denise Joyce (382), Kim Bennett (370), and Shanna Casey (362) had solid years.

Les Greenstein

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