

# Softball America Magazine

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2005 Year In Review

## A Decade of Fun 1995-2006

As we move into our 11th full year of Softball America, I can't feel any more proud of what we've built as a group. At present, there are more than 40 people working in tandem with the sole purpose of making the games in this league the absolute best softball experience one can have. Season after season, game after game, it just gets better. How can it not? Almost



everyone I talk to has positive input of one kind or another on how we can improve things. Suggestions are never in short supply. And that's exactly the kind of attitude we need to improve the league, year after year, after year.

I've played this game for more than 40 years in almost every kind of league and tournament environment. I like to think I've seen it all when it comes to league formats, rules, players, etc. Soon after taking over at the helm of Softball America, I made a vow to myself to make this league everything I wanted a league to be when I was a player... and more. To me, the single most important quality of any league was how much fun it was. Of course fun encompasses quite a bit and I'm sure fun means different things to different people. To me, fun was playing quality softball amid good competition. Consistently being on either side of a 30 run win/loss was never any fun. Fun was playing on quality ball fields, or at least not playing on weed infested, uncut, rut-filled cow pastures littered with broken glass. Fun was playing hard all season to make to the championship finals and play a fair and square best of 3 series. Making the finals and facing a stacked team of non-roster world-beaters you never saw before was no fun. Fun was playing softball on a consistent and reliable basis. Getting suited up and stoked to play, then showing up to a forfeit, or a non-existent umpire, was not much fun. Fun is camaraderie with both your teammates and the players on the opposing team. Having to deal with hot-headed sore losers whose self worth is predicated upon whether they win a softball game is not fun. We have enough of that garbage in our real world without having it seep into our recreational world. Fun is knowing you will get a fair shake from the league director who has no axe to grind. I can't begin to tell you how many leagues I've played in where the league director pulled stunts and made rulings that were a direct benefit to the team he was playing on. Unfair is unfun. Being league director is a job I take very, very seriously. For that reason I no longer participate as a player, coach, or manager in any Softball America leagues or tournaments.

The day playing softball in this league becomes anything other than fun

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## The Eureka Quarry Ball Field History

The Eureka Quarry ball field was built in the late 1970's. Bi-County Modified Softball, run by Andy Suder (Andy's Snack Bar), played there until the summer of 1998. At that time, word came down from Garden Golf in Montgomeryville that the land where the Softball America's home ball field stood had been sold. This could mean only one thing. The ball field would be torn down to make way for the Costco shopping center.

In the late 1990's, interest in modified softball waned while interest in Softball America slow-pitch grew. Without a place to play, Softball America came to the Quarry field in hopes of working out a solution. In the fall of



1998, Softball America slow-pitch at the Eureka Quarry ball field was born.

The transition for Softball America from Garden Golf to Eureka Quarry was not an easy one. Many issues became quite evident not long after the first season started. The outfield fences at the Quarry field were not only falling down, but were set to a distance

of about 250'-265'. While this might be the proper outfield distance for modified/fast pitch softball, it presented a heck of a problem for slow-pitch

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## Statistics

### The Lifeblood Of The Game

Statistics are the lifeblood of baseball. Without stats the game would lose so much of what makes it America's pastime. Without stats to compare players to players, seasons to seasons and years to years, we might never have known that Babe Ruth's HR record stood unscathed for 34 years until Roger Maris busted it in 1961, albeit with an asterisk.

We wouldn't know that hitting below .200 meant you were hitting below the Mendoza line. As an aside, the Mendoza line is actually named after Minnie Mendoza, a career minor leaguer, who finally made it with the Minnesota Twins in 1970 at age 36. Mendoza hit .188 in sixteen games with the Twins that year. The cliché was believed to have originated when George Brett supposedly looked at the weekly batting averages in the Sunday paper and saw his was lower than Mendoza's, causing him to say something in an interview like, "I knew I was off to a bad start when I saw my average listed below the Mendoza line".

If someone were to wonder who grounded into the most double plays over a career, because of baseball stat tracking, one can readily discover that Cal Ripken hit into 350 double plays surpassing Hank Aaron by 22.



Stats are fun to look at. Stats are fun to talk about. Stats produce records. Records are made to be broken. We at Softball America don't have the resources to track our softball stats like they do in the big leagues, but we can certainly have some fun with the stats we do track.

Take for example the number of games we played in 2005. As a league we managed to play 1,146 games (518 men's, 628 coed). Over that span, the average men's league player carved out a batting average of .428 (SBA Mendoza line). This is .014 points lower than the previous year and .041 points lower than 2003. The coed leagues saw a similar

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## Players Of the Year

### Regular Season and Playoff Standouts

Regular season and playoff Players Of the Year for the 2005 softball season have been announced. Congratulations to first-time winners Jarred Gardner, Donnie Wolf, and Steve Campbell. As well, congrats go out to 2nd time winner Keith Keppley and 3-time winners Frank Hackett and Christen Flaherty.

For a complete list of the top 10 regular season and playoff candidates, please turn to pages 4 and 6 respectively.

## Most Valuable Players

### Spring, Summer, and Fall

To qualify as a candidate for offensive MVP, a minimum of 18 plate appearances (at-bats + walks) is required by core and all-stars--15 for male and female eddies. Seasonal leaders throughout the year are formulated, (for simplicity's sake) using batting average. While your name may be in the upper echelon in league leaders throughout a season that does not necessarily mean you will be nominated as a candidate for MVP. For a complete list of MVP candidates, please turn to pages 2, 8, and 10. MVP winners are highlighted in bold. MVP certificates will be awarded to winners upon request.

## Manager Meeting

### Monday, March 13, 2006

Our annual pre-season manager meeting is slated for Monday, March 13, 2006, 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, and league protocol. If you have input, make it your business to attend the meeting and be heard. Topics related to the courtesy runner rule age exemption, non-roster players (subs) and coaches that get

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## Sunday Morning Men's

Muckdogs Of New Britain Inn Capture Spring/Summer Title.  
Thirsty Sox Garner Fall Championship.

Alright folks, it looks like it is about that time to put a final kick in the pants for the remainder of the 2005 Softball season. We had some good times this year, even though you all had to drag out of bed at the crack of dawn on a Sunday with a hangover to play some ball, but that is what makes you guys true SBA warriors. Fighting the cold spring and fall mornings to play a double-header or sweating bullets in the summer to edge closer to the elusive Men's title made it all worth while. We had some interesting teams for this season with some certainly unique team names. I would like to thank George Y, BALCO, Moose Knuckles and Philly Ball Busters for contributing to that department of making me laugh every time I read the stat sheets to see who I was writing for. Both Divisions played their butts off this year and would like to congratulate all the "A" and "B" teams for the 2005 season.

The 'A' division seemed to bring about some stiff competition as several teams slugged it out until the bitter end of Spring/Summer classic. Even though finishing the second seed to Neal 'Mr. Clean' Britton and Brew Crew in the final standings, the overpowering NBI Muckdogs walked away with the victory as they breezed through the playoffs and the championships, taking the first 2 game in a best of 3 series against the Hitched crew. Brian Penecale and Glen McGrath combined for 14 hits, propelling the Muckdogs to victory. Frank Murray held down the fort defensively for NBI. Eric Rice did what he could (.625/.750) in a losing cause for Hitched.

Thirsty's Beer and Steph Garrett's Sox combined forces to become the 'Yankees' of SBA and take on the mighty Muckdogs for the fall title. When all was said and done, the Muckdogs and Sox battled it out in a best of 3 series for the fall championship. When the dust settled the newly formed Sox team walked away with the spoils in the first 2 games of a 3 game set. Congratulations to both the NBI Muckdogs (Spring/Summer Champs) and the Thirsty Sox (Fall Champs) on their victories. Steve 'King Schelp' Mendenhall and Mark 'Alchy' Koenig carried the load for the Thirsty's end of things hammering out a combined 17 hits in 23 AB's. Bob McClintock and Steph Garrett carried the Sox end of the bargain by chipping in 12 RBI's. Frank Murray (.700/1500) was the lone bright spot for the Muckdogs.

In the 'B' Division we saw a lot of the same epic battles in the finals. Big Slick and BALCO were like the Yankees and Red Sox of SBA, always having to meet up in a playoff battle. In the Spring/Summer season the Big Slick finished first seed with a record of 16-2 with an amazing 207 runs scored and only 88 runs given up. In the Championship Big Slick and the juiced crew BALCO fought for the first of the season titles and Big Slick walked away with the title in a full 3

## Sunday Evening Coed

Creekside Runs A Division Table For 6th Title in Row. Fast Food Spring B Champs. Bulldogs Summer B, Snipers Fall B Champs.

### A Division

The Spring consisted of 6 competitive teams. The Baker finished 1st in the standing, Creekside Inn finished 2nd, Gavin's Tavern finished 3rd, Bank of America finished 4th, Workers Comp finished 5th, and last but not least Warwick Tavern. Donnie Wolf (me) from Bank of America finished on top of the league leader board with a .850 average, an impressive 20-17 and 8 rbis. Steve Bucher from Workers Comp finished 2nd on the league leader board with a .778 average, 27-21 and 10 rbis. 4th on that list was Doug Thomas also from Workers Comp with a .750 average, 24-18 and an impressive 15 rbis. 6th on the list was none other than Mike "Prince" Patterson from Gavin's Tavern with a .714 average, 28-20 and also 15 rbis. Followed by another legend Bill Markward also from Gavin's Tavern .704 average, 27-19 and a whopping 19 rbis. 8th was Curt "Boom Boom" Perry from Warwick Tavern with a .696 average, 23-16 and 18 rbis, 10th Keith "Radio" Keppley from Creekside Inn with a .690 average, 29-20 and 23 huge rbis.

Championship time and it came down to The 7 and 1 Baker and The 6 and 2 Creekside Inn. This series goes two games with the Spring Championship going to Creekside Inn!! Impressive series from Steve Schroller 3-2 and 1 rbi, John Muntz 3-2, Mark Ambolino 3-2 and 1 rbi, Mike Ambolino 6-4 and 1 rbi, and Neal "The Spoon" Britton 3-2 and 1 rbi. Kurt Keppley 3-2 and 1 rbi, Keith Keppley 4-3 and 1 rbi, Jeff Overberger 4-3 and 1 rbi, Joe DOM Lynd 4-3 and 3 rbis, Becky Foley 4-3, Mike Reiser 4-3 and 1 rbi, Jim Perkins 3-2 and 2 rbis, Kelly Neill 3-2 and 1 rbi, and last and certainly not least Bernie Marsh 3-2 and 1 rbi.

Summer Season consisted of the same teams except Warwick changed their name to C'Ya Sundaes; certainly a lot of thought went into that name. This time Creekside Inn finished 1st, The Baker 2nd, Gavin's Tavern 3rd, Workers Comp 4th, C'Ya Sundaes 5th, and Bank of America 6th. Bill Markward from Gavin's Tavern finished 4th for the A Division league leader board with a .750 average, 20-15 and 19 big rbis. New into the league and finishing 7th from C'Ya Sundaes is Paul "Too Tall" Loveland with .704 average, 27-19, 19 rbis and 6 homeruns no doubt all were over the fence. Finishing 10th was Creekside Inns Keith Villers with a .667 average, 18-12 and 8 rbis. Championship came down to the 8 and 0 Creekside Inn and the 2 and 5 Bakers. This series also goes 2 games with the summer championship going to the Creekside Inn!! Great series from Tom Ambolino 2-3, Steve Schroller 5-6 and 2 rbis, Eric Touni 2-3, John Muntz 2-3, Dale Giddeon 1-2, Keith Villers 2-3 and 1 rbi, Keith Keppley 4-4 and 1 rbi, Becky Foley 2-3, Mike DeGuido 4-6 and 2 rbis, Cholly Donnelly 2-3 and 2 rbis, Tim Frank 2-3 and Jim Perkins 2-2.

Fall Season had a few changes we welcomed from the B division Fast Food and The Welhaf Family. Bank of America changed their name to Sandlot and C' Ya Sundaes changed their name to SBA Comets. Creekside Inn finished 1st with

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## Most Valuable Players / Spring 2005

Offensive and Defensive MVP candidates/winners are chosen by statistical formula. The formulas takes into account runs scored, runs batted in, total hits, singles, doubles, triples, home runs, bases on balls, batting average, put-outs, assists, and errors.

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
<b>Offense</b>	A Division Mike Bianco Neal Britton Scott Holloway Tom Strowhouer <b>Warren Grant</b>	<b>Bill Markward*</b> Doug Thomas <b>Keith Keppley*</b> Mike Patterson Rob Welhaf Steve Bucher*	<b>Brian Steeber*</b> Chris Roccato* <b>J. Overberger*</b> Keith Keppley* Marc Webb	Bill Clark Dave Boice <b>Frank Hackett</b> Gary Valentine <b>R. Frankenfield</b> Tom Ambolino	Darin Posavec* Len Catania Mark Ragona Pete Gabriel Jr. <b>Robert Foreaker*</b>	Dave Boice <b>Frank Hackett</b> Mike Tractenberg Scott Pataki <b>Warren Grant</b>	<b>J. Overberger</b> Jim Flowers John Muntz <b>Kent Smedley</b> Steve Mendenhall*
<b>Male Eddie</b>	B Division Duane Peck Mike Patterson <b>Mike Zahradnick</b> Rob Hinchliffe Joe Tulino	Charlie Gardner (me) <b>Donnie Wolf</b> Jim Seeton (me) Joe Lynd (me) John Razzi (me)	<b>Frank Taverno</b> Joe Lynd (me) John Razzi (me) Rick Block (me) Ron Arrighy (me)		Bill Roth (me) Doug Speir (me) Ed Doyle Jr. (me) Joe Lynd (me) <b>Steve Campbell</b> Tom Foy (me)		Dave Reeves (me) <b>Frank Taverno</b> Jack Kilcher (me) Steve Campbell Tom Foy (me)
<b>Female Eddie</b>		<b>C. Flaherty</b> Becky Foley (fe) Karlene Detweiler Kelly Neill (fe) Kelly Weber (fe) Laura Capik (fe) Theresa Coughlin	Becky Foley (fe) Christen Flaherty Jess Morak (fe) Joan Glass (fe) Kelly Neill (fe) <b>Kelly Weber (fe)</b>		Dawn Wanner (fe) Helene O'Donnell (fe) Mary Ann Wade (fe) <b>Stephanie Hynes</b>		<b>C. Flaherty</b> Dawn Andres (fe) Kelly Neill (fe) Kim Ciepiela (fe) Sharon Lawn (fe)
<b>Defense</b>	Brian O'Neill <b>Frank Murray</b> Mike Latch Mike Zahradnick Paul Ferguson	Dave McDonald* Glen Hipple <b>Jared Heim</b> John Muntz Larry Kolongowski Rob Pfeifer*	Bob Garges Chris Hesdon <b>Dave McDonald*</b> Larry Wagner Steph Garret	<b>Bill Clark</b> <b>Brad Tracy</b> Dave Berkowitz John Muntz Mike Valentine	Jeff Overberger* <b>John Muntz</b> <b>Len Catania</b> <b>Mike Zahradnick*</b> Ray Borolla Richie Williams Tom Blackwell	Bobby Rossi Jr. Brian McGuire Brian McKeogh Dave Steinbach Mike Merschbach <b>S. Hollenbach</b>	Ed Doyle III <b>Kent Smedley</b> Matt McReynolds Rob Pfeifer* Tom Corey*
<b>Eddie</b>		<b>Barry Davis</b> George Welhaf Jr. Jim Seeton (me) Joe Lynd (me) Laura Capik (fe)	Christen Flaherty Eliot Ridgeway (me) Jack Eiser (me) Jess Morak (fe) Joan Glass (fe) <b>Tina Koch (fe)</b>		<b>Bob Heffner (me)</b> Ed Doyle Jr. (me) Pete Gabriel Sr. (me)		Chanelle Lyons Christen Flaherty Jack Kilcher (me) Steve Campbell <b>Tom Foy (me)</b>

## Monday Evening Coed

The Blue Dog Spring Champs. Andy's Snack Bar wrests Summer Title. Keystone Landscape Captures Fall.

The Monday Spring coed season saw the return of eight teams from last year. Of all leagues, Monday seems to have the most stability, seeing the same teams return season after season. **Andy's Snack Bar** (7-1) would finish in first place. Steve Walton led the team with an average of .722 and a slugging percent of 1.111. Keith Keppley wasn't far behind, hitting .655 and slugging 1.310, getting an MVP nomination. Chris Hesdon drove in a team-leading 16 RBIs, while hitting .652 and slugging 1.000. Chris also had 18 put outs and 23 assists at shortstop and has an MVP nomination to show for it. Mike Tareila drove in 15 runs. Tina Koch grabbed 46 put outs at first base. Becky Foley drove in 10 runs while hitting .480, giving her an MVP nod. Second place went to **Bobbies** (6-2). Marc Webb is nominated for MVP with a team-leading average of .700, slugging percentage of 1.167 and 17 RBI. Sean Fisher hit .667 while bringing home 10 runs. Ron Arrighy led all male eddies with an average of .654 and is an MVP nominee. Jess Morak is nominated both for offense and defense, as she hit .452, drove in 11 and racked up 37 put outs. Joan Glass is also nominated on both sides, with an average of .467, 9 put outs and 16 assists. **Blue Dog Tavern** (6-2) picked up third place, eventually winning the title for the Spring season. Bob Kolecki had a great season, leading the team in

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## Tuesday Evening Men's

County Line Fence Takes Spring Title. Rita's Water Ice Captures Crown. Dickey Moe's Fall Champs.

The Spring 2005 saw sponsors change but the teams remained mostly the same. Rita's Water Ice finished the regular season in first place at 7-1 but got bounced in the semi finals by Del Ciotto Architects. Mike Trachtenberg, Chris Wilcocz and Bill Clark starred for Rita's. Del Ciotto started poorly but rallied into a 3-way tie at 3-5 and finish in fourth. They beat Mike's Bar and Grill in the quarterfinals and Rita's in the semis. They were swept in the finals by County Line Fence. Tom Schrandt and Dave Yates set the table and Ron Bannister was the RBI guy. County Line Fence finished the regular season in third place at 3-5. They beat Progressive Graphics in the quarterfinals and repaid a debt from the fall as they beat Dickey Moe's in the semi finals. Mr. Hackett got off to his usual monster spring season; Tom Ambolino and Jimmy Waltman also had good springs. Dickey Moe's finished in second place at 5-3 and was led by monster seasons from Gary Valentine and Dave Boice. Mike's Bar and Grill finished at 3-5 and finished in fifth place. They were led by Matt McReynolds, Keith Keppley and the legend, Warren Grant. Progressive Graphics was the last playoff team at 3-5 with Russ Frankenfield leading the way. Flanigan's Boathouse disappointed as they failed to make the playoffs at 2-6. Steve Hagen led their offense. Custom Ultrasonics pulled up the rear at 1-7. Martin Kappus was their leading hitter.

Flanigan's Boathouse made some key moves and improved to a perfect 8-0 in the summer season. Of course finishing 8-0 means that they lost in the semi finals. No perfect regular season on Tuesday nights has ever won the title and lately they don't make the finals. Flanigan's was led by Paul Loveland, Pat Hinnegan and Jarred Gardner. Mike's Bar and Grill was the squad that knocked them off as after a slow start they rallied to finish at 5-3 and in fourth place. They beat Progressive Graphics in the quarterfinals before pulling the big upset over Flanigan's. They were swept in the finals by Rita's Water Ice. The big hitters for Mike's were Warren Grant and John Muntz. Rita's Water Ice, the summer champions finished the regular season at 5-3 in third place. They beat County Line Fence in the semi finals before sweeping Mike's in the finals. Mike Trachtenberg and BJ Spiegelmeyer led the way with John Cooper knocking in the runs. County Line Fence finished the regular season at 6-2 in second place. They were led by Tom Strowhower and Mike Valentine. Progressive Graphics finished the season at 3-5 in fifth place. Scott Masulis, Dan Gaumer and Andy Smallman led the way. Dickey Moe's was the final playoff entrant, also at 3-5. Steve Rosengren, Bobby Rossi and Dave Boice paced their offensive attack. Custom Ultrasonics finished in seventh at 1-7 with Jake Hogan and Dave Berkowitz as their leading hitters. Del Ciotto Architects followed their final appearance by going 1-7 and finishing in the basement. Only one batter reached the 500 mark in an offense that had no highlights.

The fall season witnessed another 8-0 season and another 8-0 go down in their first playoff game. This time the squad was Rita's Water Ice who were knocked off by Dickey Moe's. Rita's stellar regular season was led by a monster season from BJ Spiegelmeyer with help from Mike Trachtenberg who had a huge 2005 and Tuesday newcomer Mark Mehrsbach. Dickey Moe's finished the regular season in fifth place at 3-5 before eliminating Progressive Graphics and Rita's to reach the finals. Dickey Moe's was boosted by the addition of Scott Vogel, the return of Gary Valentine and another solid season from Bobby Rossi. The team they knocked off in the finals was McMenamin's Tavern, formerly Flanigan's Boathouse. They finished the regular season at 5-3 in third place. Paul Loveland, Tony Kowalik and Jarred Gardner paced their attack. County Line Fence finished at 7-1 and in second place before being vanquished by McMenamin's in the playoffs. Mark Bernacki and Dave Steinbach set the table while Hackett and Strowhower drove them in. Progressive Graphics finished at 5-3 and in fourth place. Andy Smallman and Scott Holloway put up big numbers in the fall. Mike's Bar and Grill took the last playoff spot and finished the season at 3-5. John Muntz and Keith Keppley were the leading hitters. Del Ciotto Architects finished strong but ended up on the outside looking in. Brad Tracy and Brian Warner had strong offensive seasons. Debbie's Demons one their first SBA game and had a rosy outlook. Mike's had a late comeback in the second game of the season and the slide started there. They finished at 1-7 in eighth place. Dan Vogel was their offensive bright spot. Custom Ultrasonics finished in last at 1-7. Russ Stefanelli and Ed Waterfall each had a good season at the bat.

Overall there were 6 different teams to reach the finals which would have made Pete Rozelle proud. Frank Hackett, Warren Grant, Mike Trachtenberg, Gary Valentine, Dave Boice and Tom Strowhower all had years of note while Steph Garrett kept his team in every game on the mound. Congratulations to the winners and looking forward to 2006.

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## Wednesday Evening Coed

The Baker Spring, Fall A Champs. MasterCare Grabs Summer A Title. Bryner Takes B Spring, Summer. Gavins Fall B Champs.

A Division for the Spring season consisted of six teams. **Maple Glen Tavern** finished in first place with a record of 7-1. Johnny Muntz is nominated for his defense at shortstop. He had 24 put outs and 22 assists. Neal Britton hit .737. EW Werner brought in 13 runs, Rob Johnson brought in 12 runs. **Mastercare** took second at 5-3. Matt McReynolds led the team with a .684 average. Bill Hahl drove in 13 runs, a high for the team. Chris Cusano hit .640. Third went to **Baker** with 5-3. Baker would end up with the championship. Bill Roth is up for offense male eddie MVP with his .500 average and eight RBIs. Steve Campbell is vying for the same award, as he hit .750 on the season, slugged 1.188 and brought in ten. Jeff Overberger has a defensive nod with 26 put outs and 14 assists. Mary Ann Wade pounded out a .522 average, slugged .739 and drove in five. **B&B's** record of 3-5 took fourth place. Joe Lynd hit .636 on the season, and slugged .864 for his MVP nod. Keith Keppley drove in 12 runs and hit six home runs. Tom Corey brought in ten. **Disabled List** (2-6) ended in fifth. Tom Blackwell is up for defense at short stop with 13 assists and 19 put outs. Paul O'Connor led the team with a .545 average. Ed Doyle III drove in 12 runs. **Sharks** finished up in sixth place with a 2-6 record. Doug Spier is the only team member with an MVP nomination. He hit .550 and slugged .950 and is up for male eddie offense. Michael Indico and Tom Creachen each drove in 11 runs. Kim Morgan had a .455 spring.

The B Division for the Spring season also had six teams. **Movers** (7-1) took first place. Mike Zahradnick has a defensive MVP nomination with 24 put outs and 21 assists. Bob Heffner grabbed 43 put outs and 2 assists for his defensive kudos. Sean Blair drove in a team high 18 RBIs with 4 home runs. **Bryner Chevy** ended in second with a 6-2 record and took the title. Two core

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## Thursday Evening Men's

NBI Garners Spring, Summer Titles. Q.E.D. Tops NBI For Fall Title. Black-Jacks, Horsham Inn, and Dog Pound take B Titles.

### A Division

Wow, what an exciting year for softball. A lot of changes took place, and I suspect we will see more in the upcoming year. Thursday evening saw **Protech** and **Poole's** dominance decline, but the rivalry continued. **NBI** and **QED** emerged as the leagues powerhouses and **Black Jacks** switched divisions.

The spring has **QED** posting a 7-1 record behind Joe Horchucks .680 avg, Jared Gardner 6 homeruns and Darrin Posavec 22 RBI's. **NBI** went 6-2 powered by, "ladies and gentlemen... Mr. Frank Hackett"... .760/ 5 HR/ 18 RBI's. **Poole's** finished 3<sup>rd</sup> going 5-3 behind Mark Greskos .800 and Joe McFarlanes 5 homeruns. **Protech** limped by at 3-5 with Warren Grant batting .800 and Jimmy Waltman and Rob Johnson both driving in 14 runs. **Nail or Never** and **Rita's** both finished 1-6-1, **Nail** was led by Jeff Krisciunas' .731, Chris Chichilitis 20 and Ray Pantanos 19 RBI's. **Rita's** Mike Trachtenberg paved the way with his .895 avg and Bob Ferraro drove in 15. The playoffs featured the top 5 teams, and after the dust settled, **NBI** faced off against **QED**. **NBI** would win the spring classic led by Frank Hackett's .727/1800/10 RBI performance, Bill Gulotta would lead **QED** with his .769, and Jared powered them with 5 HR's and 15 RBI's.

The summer was just as exciting, **QED** again led the division with a 6-2 record, and Steve Molloney powered them with his .667/17 RBI performance. **NBI** finished second at 6-2 when the luck of the Irish was flowing threw Leo Fitzpatrick, he led the team with a .706 avg and Ron Hopkins drove in 13. **Poole's** posted a 4-4 record behind Dave Steinbachs .786/1536/17 RBI season. **Nail or Never** improved to 3-5 when Rich Server and Dan Farkas both

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## Friday Evening Coed

Finn McCool's Captures Spring, Fall Titles. Andy's Snack Bar Summer Champs.

There were seven teams in the Friday coed Spring season. **Finn McCool** finished the season in first place with a record of 7-1. Frank Taverno had a great season and got an MVP nod for it. He hit .758, slugged .879 and drove in 18 runs. John Muntz followed with an average of .697, a slugging percent of .848 and 8 RBIs. Steve Mendenhall also hit .697 and brought in 12. Kent Smedley drove in 23 runs and had 4 home runs, slugging 1.406. Kent also grabbed 32 put outs and 23 assists at shortstop. John, Steve and Kent are all nominated for offensive MVP. Kent is nominated for defense as well. Kelly Neill hit .423, grabbing an MVP nod. Bill Yokobosky and Rob Johnson each drove in 14. **FKAR** (5-2-1) ended in second place. They ended up with a bunch of MVP nominees. Jeff Overberger is up for offense with an average of .710, slugging percentage of 1.129 and 23 RBIs. Jim Flowers is up for the same. He hit .727, slugged 1.000 and drove in 10. Male eddie Jack Kilcher brought in eleven runs, while hitting .667. Jack is also up for defense with 36 put outs. Steve Campbell is also up for both offense and defense. He hit .577 and slugged 1.115 with four triples. He drove in 14 runs. He also grabbed 12 put outs and 16 assists up the middle. Rob Pfeifer is also up for defense with 18 put outs and 29 assists. Steve Bucher drove in 20 runs. **DePaul Realty** (4-3-1) wound up in third place. Tom Foy is nominated for offense and defense MVP with a batting average of .656, 23 put outs and 22 assists. Phil Purchase batted .515 and slugged .818 while driving in 23 runs. Paul Miklos had the second highest amount of RBIs for the team with 16. Ed Doyle III is nominated for defense with 36 put outs and 27 assists. Chanelle Lyons picked up a nod for defense as well with 39 put outs. Fourth place would go to **Andy's Snack Bar** at 4-4. Eddie Dave Reeves led the team in batting average with an incredible .933 in six games. He drove in eight runs and is nominated for MVP. Tom Strowhouer had a .692 season and slugged 1.231 with six RBIs. Bill Markward had a .677 season with a pair of home runs and seven ribbies. Wes Tommassello drove in 14 runs, a team high. Matt McReynolds

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# Players Of The Year

To qualify for consideration in any of the 4 POTY categories, a core/all-star player must have a minimum of 54 at-bats for the year while male/female eddies are required to have not less than 45. Bases on balls are considered at-bats. Games played as subs are not considered in the calculations. All candidates have been determined objectively by statistical formula employing 6 offensive and 3 defensive categories.

Offensive Categories: AB (at-bats), R% (runs scored per at-bat), RBI% (runs batted in per at-bat), Avg (batting average), Slg (slugging %)\*, BB (bases on balls)  
 \*slugging % is the total of singles (1 pt), doubles (2 pts), triples (3 pts), and home runs (4 pts) divided by total at-bats x 1000. A player with 1 single, 1 double, 1 triple, and 1 home run in 8 at-bats earns a slugging % of 1250 (1+2+3+4=10), divided by total at-bats [8] = 1.25 x 1000 = 1250.

Defensive Categories: POG (put-outs per game), Ag (assists per game), Err (errors per game). These 3 categories are used to formulate F% (fielding percentage).

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<b>Frank Hackett</b>	43	155	100	65	103	44	28	16	10	14	9	29	19	114	74	665	1510	27	17	91	2.1	7	0.2	4	207	986
Warren Grant	51	179	101	56	123	62	35	33	18	8	4	20	11	117	65	687	1296	22	12	235	4.6	5	0.1	8	418	936
Gary Valentine	26	98	54	55	70	35	36	16	16	14	14	5	5	53	54	714	1316	3	3	51	2.0	2	0.1	1	196	884
Mike Bianco	26	84	44	52	54	30	36	5	6	6	7	13	15	55	65	643	1310	9	11	79	3.0	4	0.2	4	273	874
Mike Trachtenberg	22	83	40	48	58	38	46	9	11	3	4	8	10	54	65	699	1169	3	4	109	5.0	0	0.0	1	477	868
Rich Hosbach	22	91	54	59	56	35	38	10	11	2	2	9	10	58	64	615	1066	7	8	40	1.8	28	1.3	10	255	818
Steve Moloney	20	64	34	53	42	29	45	7	11	1	2	5	8	42	66	656	1031	5	8	41	2.1	6	0.3	4	185	812
Dave Boice	43	152	74	49	88	46	30	20	13	1	1	21	14	106	70	579	1138	11	7	111	2.6	5	0.1	12	170	804
Jim Mundy	23	83	40	48	48	30	36	4	5	2	2	12	14	52	63	578	1108	10	12	37	1.6	45	2.0	8	413	799
BJ Spiegelmeyer	20	74	37	50	43	19	26	9	12	3	4	12	16	38	51	581	1270	2	3	53	2.7	1	0.1	2	235	786

## Player Of The Year / Coed League 2005

	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
<b>Keith Keppley*</b>	79	278	181	65	190	82	29	63	23	16	6	29	10	161	58	683	1338	23	8	208	2.6	15	0.2	11	246	724
Robert Foreaker*	19	71	47	66	57	40	56	7	10	6	8	4	6	36	51	803	1239	4	6	29	1.5	23	1.2	5	289	716
Jarred Gardner*	28	102	61	60	68	35	34	10	10	3	3	20	20	70	69	667	1412	5	5	85	3.0	2	0.1	6	232	683
Chris Roccatto*	22	82	41	50	56	29	35	14	17	3	4	10	12	65	79	683	1293	1	1	43	2.0	17	0.8	8	205	655
David Dancer	16	54	27	50	38	22	41	5	9	5	9	6	11	36	67	704	1315	1	2	39	2.4	2	0.1	2	219	651
Larry Kolongowski	15	52	24	46	34	24	46	5	10	2	4	3	6	38	73	654	1000	5	10	32	2.1	47	3.1	3	760	649
Rob Welhaf	21	66	35	53	41	15	23	12	18	5	8	9	14	46	70	621	1364	3	5	36	1.7	28	1.3	8	286	642
Kent Smedley*	16	64	41	64	39	17	27	12	19	3	5	7	11	37	58	609	1219	0	0	54	3.4	43	2.7	11	600	637
Pete Gabriel, Jr.	23	84	44	52	54	24	29	13	15	5	6	12	14	52	62	643	1345	1	1	41	1.8	4	0.2	2	178	628
Paul Loveland	16	56	24	43	38	22	39	8	14	1	2	7	13	31	55	679	1232	1	2	46	2.9	37	2.3	12	450	623

## Female Eddie Player Of The Year / 2005

	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
<b>Christen Flaherty (fe)</b>	94	287	87	30	129	110	38	8	3	7	2	4	1	84	29	449	568	43	15	352	3.7	29	0.3	12	385	470
Kelly Neill (fe)	90	279	74	27	109	91	33	12	4	6	2	0	0	70	25	391	477	34	12	313	3.5	6	0.1	15	294	408
Joan Glass (fe)	66	210	48	23	85	83	40	1	0	1	0	0	0	35	17	405	419	25	12	92	1.4	76	1.2	7	327	380
Becky Foley (fe)	81	252	69	27	96	81	32	10	4	5	2	0	0	43	17	381	460	26	10	68	0.8	63	0.8	24	121	372
Dawn Wanner (fe)	21	75	19	25	30	26	35	2	3	2	3	0	0	18	24	400	480	4	5	78	3.7	0	0.0	0	371	357
Linda Dart (fe)	25	72	19	26	28	28	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	15	389	389	9	13	74	3.0	21	0.8	4	400	353
Kelly Weber (fe)	63	191	40	21	68	57	30	6	3	5	3	0	0	52	27	356	440	19	10	102	1.6	58	0.9	33	137	346
Jess Morak (fe)	88	265	50	19	94	84	32	9	3	1	0	0	0	44	17	355	396	17	6	250	2.8	6	0.1	10	252	340
Karen Lund (fe)	20	50	11	22	21	18	36	2	4	1	2	0	0	8	16	420	500	5	10	16	0.8	4	0.2	2	80	340
Tina Koch (fe)	24	71	22	31	24	24	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	11	338	338	7	10	109	4.5	5	0.2	2	463	326

## Male Eddie Player Of The Year / 2005

	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
<b>Donnie Wolf (me)</b>	14	46	25	54	31	26	57	2	4	2	4	1	2	14	30	674	870	3	7	19	1.4	10	0.7	1	250	560
Charles Yuknus (me)	16	53	21	40	34	27	51	6	11	1	2	0	0	29	55	642	792	2	4	26	1.6	21	1.3	2	375	537
Steve Campbell (me)	39	142	60	42	83	53	37	15	11	11	8	4	3	69	49	585	930	7	5	48	1.2	46	1.2	4	318	525
Joe Lynd, Sr. (me)	67	249	94	38	147	118	47	16	6	8	3	5	2	92	37	590	779	4	2	161	2.4	86	1.3	19	384	487
Doug Speir (me)	21	59	31	53	31	19	32	8	14	2	3	2	3	13	22	525	831	8	14	34	1.6	2	0.1	4	105	485
Keith Bellinger (me)	20	67	28	42	39	32	48	6	9	1	1	0	0	18	27	582	701	2	3	38	1.9	1	0.1	3	140	457
Jack Kilcher (me)	21	72	26	36	39	35	49	3	4	0	0	1	1	26	36	542	625	6	8	65	3.1	1	0.0	1	300	455
Rick Block (me)	22	72	20	28	38	33	46	3	4	0	0	2	3	17	24	528	653	3	4	49	2.2	8	0.4	5	205	408
Charlie Gardner (me)	24	83	24	29	44	39	47	2	2	3	4	0	0	28	34	530	627	2	2	34	1.4	6	0.3	4	125	408
Pete Gabriel, Sr. (me)	24	74	18	24	35	24	32	9	12	2	3	0	0	21	28	473	649	6	8	90	3.8	17	0.7	7	400	406

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batting average (.783). Jeff Overberger drove in 20 runs while hitting .750 and slugging 1.357. Jeff is an MVP nominee. Frank Taverno led the eddies on the team with an average of .645. Kelly Neill led the girls of the team and got an MVP nod with a .452 average and 12 RBI. Frank is also nominated for MVP. Tina Koch was nominated for eddie defense as she grabbed 46 put outs. Dave McDonald is nominated for core defense MVP with 28 put outs and 19 assists. **Keystone Landscaping** (5-3) finished their season in fourth and would make it to the finals. Brian Steeber led the team and the league with an .813 average. Keith Erney hit .680 and slugged 1.040 while bringing 15 in. Bill Markward drove in the most RBIs for the team, with 17. The girls did their share as Kelly Weber (avg. .467) drove in 13 and Christen Flaherty (avg. .429) brought in 15. Both got MVP nominations for offense. Christen also got a defensive nomination with 37 put outs at first base. John Razzi is nominated for MVP with an average of .571. **Marauders** (3-5) would end up in fifth place. David Montgomery had a .786 season, leading the team. Chris Roccato is up for MVP, as he hit .643 with 3 home runs and 20 RBIs, while slugging 1.250. Curt Perry drove in fifteen runs. Dennis McCain had 20 put outs and 7 assists for the team. **Snipers** (1-5-2) wrapped it up with a sixth-place finish. Pai Chou hit .655 and slugged 1.000 to lead the team. Todd Black drove in nine runs and hit five home runs. Rick Block got an MVP nod for his .560 season. He also had 26 put outs. **Warrington Pizza** (1-6-1) grabbed seventh. Bob Garges is nominated for MVP defense with 13 put outs and 20 assists. Steve Worthington had an average of .760. Ken Eiser drove home a team high of 15 runs. Dawn Beiber hit .458 for the ladies. Jack Eiser knocked down 31 at first base for a defense eddie MVP nomination. **New Age** (1-6-1) rounded out the league in eighth place. Todd Rohrbach hit .550 and slugged .700. Mark White hit .538. Rich Peterson drove in ten runs, the most for the team. Male eddie Jason Johnson hit .429 for the season with a slugging percentage of .714. Irv Derstein grabbed 18 put outs and 10 assists at shortstop for the team.

The Summer season saw the return of all eight teams. **Andy's Snack Bar** (8-0) again grabbed first place, and would take the title this season. Keith Kepley had the highest batting average on the team (.759) and also the second highest in the league. His slugging percentage was 1.414 and he had 17 RBIs. He is nominated for MVP offense. Steve Walton drove in 11, hit .708 and slugged 1.000. Mike Tarella and Steph Garrett each drove in 10 runs. Chris Hesdon grabbed a nomination for MVP defense with 19 put outs and 28 assists. Tom Weinmann is also nominated for a defensive MVP with 12 put outs and 13 assists. Along with that, he has a nod for offense as well, due to his .481 average and 8 RBI. Becky Foley led the females of the team with an average of .385 and 6 RBI. Tina Koch is nominated for defense with 37 put outs. **Keystone Landscaping** (6-1-1) grabbed second place and also went to the finals. Brian Steeber again led the team, hitting .733. Alex Lilly drove in 14 runs, hit .655, slugged .966 and grabbed a nomination for it. Bill Hahl drove in 12 with his .650 season. John Razzi is also nominated for eddie male MVP, as he hit .533, slugged .733 and drove in ten. Christen Flaherty was nominated as well with her .450 season. Eliot Ridgeway was a force up the middle, grabbing 15 put outs and 18 assists. **Marauders** (5-2-1) would finish in third place. Chris Roccato led the team, and is an MVP nominee, hitting .739, slugging 1.391, 18 RBIs and 3 home runs. Curt Perry is also nominated for his .679 season, with 16 RBIs and a slugging percentage of 1.036. Lance Henik also drove in 16 runs. Dennis McCain is up for defense with 20 put outs and 15 assists. Linda Dart led the females with a .391 average. Fourth place went to **Bobbies** (4-4). Male eddie Joe Lynd led the team with an average of .690. Joe is up for offense MVP and also defensive MVP with 32 put outs and 9 assists. Sean Fisher had the second highest average on the team, .560. Mike Cianfichi grabbed a defensive MVP nod at shortstop with 28 put outs, 25 assists. Joan Glass and Jess Morak are both up for MVP. Joan hit .500 on the season, while Jess hit .460. Marc Webb drove in a team high 11 runs. **Blue Dog** (3-5) ended up in fifth place. Neal Britton led the team with an average of .591. Dave McDonald led closely behind with a .560. Dave is up for an MVP for defense. He had 20 put outs and 21 assists. Chris VanLeuane slugged 1.276 with 4 home runs and 17 ribbies. Kelly Neill grabbed an MVP nomination with her .400 average. **Warrington Pizza** (3-5) grabbed the final play-off spot with a sixth place finish. Keith Bellinger led the team and the league, hitting .833, slugging 1.222 with 9 RBI. He is nominated for offense core MVP. John Roush is also nominated, as he hit .708, slugged 1.167 and drove in fifteen. Jack Eiser is nominated for defense with 36 put outs and 3 assists to his name. Phil Worthington hit .643, while Ken Eiser hit .625 with two home runs and drove in ten. **New Age** (1-7) finished in seventh. Eric Binns had a .500 season. Sue Migliore hit .450 and has an MVP nomination. Jim Kennedy drove in eight runs. Irv Derstein had 16 put outs and 10 assists at shortstop. **Snipers** (1-7) took eighth place. Male eddie Rick Block led the team with an average of .565 and has an MVP nod. Chi Chuan Su hit .455 with 6 RBIs. Chi also had 31 put outs and 13 assists.

The Fall season was crammed into a few short weeks, due to renovations at the Quarry field. Only seven teams returned, as the Snipers chose not to play for the fall. **Andy's Snack Bar** finished with a record of 7-1, putting them in first place. Steph Garrett led the team hitting .722, slugging 1.056 and driving in eight. Mike DeGuida finished at .571 and Jim Bailey right behind at .563. Chris Hesdon is yet again up for defense at shortstop with 28 put outs and 30 assists. Tom Weinmann had another great season, hitting .522. Keith Kepley drove in 13 and hit three home runs. Becky Foley is up for MVP with an average of .458. **Keystone Landscaping** ended in second with a 6-2 season. Newcomer to the team, Cal Bohannon, led in batting average with .650 and 10 RBIs. Bill Markward drove in 12, and averaged .636 while slugging 1.045. Rich Edmundson was an RBI powerhouse, driving in 20 runs. His average was .586. Both Bill and Rich are up for MVP offense. John Razzi will also be vying for the eddie MVP award, as he had a .567 average and drove in 9. Christen Flaherty was solid as always, and is nominated for both sides. She hit .545 for the season and racked up 29 put outs and 1 assist at first base. Lisa Sylvestri is up for offense with her average of .393. Matt Reynolds and Eliot Ridgeway are the other two players nominated for MVP, both on defense. Matt had 22 put outs and 22 assists at shortstop. Eliot grabbed 15 put outs and 12 assists up the middle. **Blue Dog** (4-3-1) finished in third place. Chris VanLeuane received a nomination for MVP as he led the team with a .636 average, 1.091 slugging percentage and 19 RBIs. Jeff Overberger drove in 12 and averaged .571 while slugging 1.095. Eddie Bill Roth is nominated for his fall showing as well. He batted .548 and brought in 15 runs. Frank Taverno is the other male eddie nominated from the team, as he hit .500. Dave McDonald earned a nod for his solid defense with 22 put outs and assists. Kelly Neill did well also, with a .409 fall that included 9 RBI. Fourth place went to a 3-4-1 **Marauders** team. Chris Roccato and Curt Perry led the team and both got nominations for MVP offense. Chris hit four home runs and drove in a massive 27 runs. His average was .677 and he had a slugging percentage of 1.258. Curt added 18 RBIs and averaged .645 while slugging 1.161. Dennis McCann hit .586. Mike McHale led the eddies of the team with a .385 average. Linda Dart grabbed 22 put outs and 14

assists. She has an MVP defense nomination. **Bobbies** ended in fifth at 3-5. MVP nominees include Sean Fisher on offense and defense, who hit .680 with 11 ribbies and had 15 put outs and 31 assists; Joe Lynd, also on offense and defense, with a .625 average and 1.042 slugging percentage, 26 put outs, 4 assists; Joan Glass on both sides as well, batting .519, 10 put outs and 15 assists; and Larry Wagner on defense with 21 put outs and 10 assists. Marc Webb drove 13 across. Jess Morak also racked up 26 put outs. **Warrington Pizza** grabbed sixth with a 2-6 finish. Kevin Eiser led the team, hitting .640 and driving in 8 runs. Jack Eiser hit an average of .462, while driving in six runs. Dawn Beiber hit .385. Christine Razzi was right behind with a .381 average. **New Age** rounded out the group at 2-6. Sue Migliore was again in the upper echelon of females, getting an MVP nod for an average of .429. Irv Derstein batted .667 for the season. Craig Heywood hit .652. Jim Kennedy drove in 13 and racked up 21 put outs and 10 assists. Mark White drove in eleven runs.

That's the Monday year in review! Have a great winter!

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players have MVP nods. Len Catania hit .719, slugged 1.344 and drove in 12. Len also had 16 put outs and 27 assists for a defensive nomination as well. Pete Gabriel Jr had a .625 spring, while slugging 1.313 and bringing in 19 runs. Ray Borolla is recognized for his defense with a nod. He had 15 put outs and 16 assists. Pete Gabriel Sr. is also up for defense with 49 put outs. 5-3 **Gavin's Tavern** finished in third. They also had two core offensive nominees: Mark Ragona with a .727 average and 15 RBIs and Robert Foreaker who hit a massive .879, slugged 1.636 and brought in 24. Dawn Wanner had a good season as well, hitting .467 and bringing in twelve runs. **TNSI Trackers** went 4-4 for fourth place. Darin Posavec has an MVP nomination for offense with his .750 average and 1.650 slugging percent and 14 RBI. Females Helene O'Donnell and Stephanie Hynes are also up for MVP. Helene had a .474 season, slugging .737 and driving in seven. Stephanie hit .640 with 8 RBIs. **Hanger One** grabbed fifth place at 2-6. Male eddie Ed Doyle Jr had a .571 season with a slugging percent of .857 and eight RBIs. He's up for offense MVP. Ed is also competing for defensive MVP, grabbing 23 put outs and 12 assists. Tom Foy is as well, with his average of .583 and ten ribbies. **Bad News Foxes** (0-8) rounded things out in sixth place. Richie Williams is up for MVP defense with 13 put outs and 17 assists. Rick Hessler hit .600.

In the Summer season, five teams stayed in the A division and the Movers moved up from the B Division. **Mastercare** (5-3) finished in first this season with a championship t-shirt as well. Bill Hahl has a MVP nomination with a .640 season, 1.200 slugging percent and 17 RBIs. Christen Flaherty has nominations on both sides. Christen had a .524 season, driving in six runs, and picked up 38 put outs and an assist at first base. **Baker** took second place with a 4-4 record. Steve Campbell hit .500 for the season while driving in eight. He is nominated for male eddie MVP. Rick Sturgis had a .667 season. Chris Chichilli brought in 14 for the team, and Jeff Overberger had 13 RBIs. **Maple Glen Tavern** was also 4-4 and ended in third. Joan Glass is up for MVP with a batting average of .476. John Muntz has a defensive nod with 20 put outs and 22 assists. **Disabled List** (also 4-4) finished fourth. Nelson Tobolsky is nominated for male eddie MVP with a .500 season that included 5 RBIs. Ed Doyle III hit .667 with 12 ribbies for the squad. **Movers** were the fourth team with a 4-4 summer and finished fifth. Three core players are nominated for MVP offense. Keith Kepley hit .640, slugged 1.400 with four homeruns and 22 RBIs. Mike Zahradnick had a great season, hitting .724, while slugging 1.379 and driving in 18. Mike also has a defensive nomination for his 25 put outs and 23 assists at shortstop. Tom Corey had a .762 season with a 1.048 slugging percent. Movers also had two male eddies grab nods. Joe Lynd did well, with an average of .571 and 14 RBIs. Joe is also up for defense with 18 put outs and 9 assists. Bob Heffner had a .556 season for the team. **Sharks** ended up in sixth with a record of 3-5. Amy Early and Karen Lund are both nominated for offense. Amy had a .429 season. Karen hit .500. Dan Sweed and Phillip Davis each hit .600.

The B Division saw four returning teams and the addition of Winding Brook Farm and Doc's Inn. **Bryner Chevy** (7-1) grabbed first place and the championship. Pete Gabriel Jr. had another MVP season, batting .731, slugging 1.615 and bringing home 23 runs. Joe O'Brien had a .500 season and is up for male eddie MVP. Al Glackin is nominated for defense, grabbing 21 put outs and 19 assists. **Doc's Inn** (5-3) made their presence known with a second place finish in their first season. Greg Ochs has an MVP nomination for offense with his .722 season, 1.500 slugging percent and 14 RBIs. Charles Yuknus is up for male eddie MVP, hitting .741 and bringing home 19 runs. Charles is also up for defense with 18 put outs and 11 assists. Judy Nigro has a nod for her .360 season and 5 RBIs. Dave Buonomo has a defensive nomination for 33 put outs and 3 assists. **Trackers** finished in third at 4-4. Helene O'Donnell hit .417 for the season, grabbing an MVP nomination. Shanna Casey is also up, with her .471. Alex Lily hit .696, while Jeff Kriscunas tagged right behind at .692. **Hackert Auto Body** (3-5) came in fourth. Gary Ottenbriht had an outstanding season. He averaged .870, slugged 1.522 and drove in twenty runs. Ed Doyle Jr also had a good season with a .500 average. Tom Foy was close behind, hitting .435 and driving in seven. All are nominated for offensive MVP, while Ed and Tom are also nominated for defense. Ed had 23 put outs and 16 assists, Tom with 24 put outs and 4 assists. Fifth place went to 3-5 **Gavin's Tavern**. Craig Freeman led the team with an average of .682, glugging percent of 1.182

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# Playoff Players Of The Year

To qualify for consideration in any of the 4 PPOTY categories, a core/all-star player must have a minimum of 24 at-bats for the year while male/female eddies are required to have not less than 21. Bases on balls are considered at-bats. Games played as subs are not considered in the calculations. All candidates have been determined objectively by statistical formula employing 6 offensive and 3 defensive categories.

Offensive Categories: AB (at-bats), R% (runs scored per at-bat), RBI% (runs batted in per at-bat), Avg (batting average), Slg (slugging %)\*, BB (bases on balls)  
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<b>Frank Hackett</b>	14	43	34	79	33	12	28	5	12	3	7	13	30	39	91	767	1930	16	37	14	1.0	0	0.0	0	100	1189
Greg Moylan	8	25	14	56	19	9	36	2	8	0	0	8	32	24	96	760	1800	2	8	20	2.5	0	0.0	1	200	1066
Brian McKeogh	6	23	15	65	16	9	39	1	4	0	0	6	26	13	57	696	1522	1	4	32	5.3	1	0.2	0	567	956
Mike Ambolino	7	24	13	54	19	12	50	3	13	2	8	2	8	15	63	792	1333	1	4	24	3.4	0	0.0	2	229	929
Jarred Gardner	13	47	26	55	29	14	30	2	4	1	2	12	26	28	60	617	1468	1	2	31	2.4	0	0.0	0	238	862
Warren Grant	9	31	14	45	21	9	29	9	29	0	0	3	10	16	52	677	1258	4	13	46	5.1	2	0.2	0	556	860
Dave Boice	11	40	17	43	26	15	38	4	10	0	0	7	18	20	50	650	1275	3	8	10	0.9	0	0.0	1	55	794
Mike Trachtenberg	6	20	10	50	13	8	40	4	20	1	5	0	0	9	45	650	950	4	20	34	5.7	3	0.5	4	400	784
Tom Strowhouer	7	28	15	54	16	9	32	2	7	1	4	4	14	14	50	571	1143	2	7	7	1.0	16	2.3	5	271	763
Steve Moloney	8	27	15	56	17	11	41	4	15	0	0	2	7	11	41	630	1000	1	4	18	2.3	1	0.1	2	150	740

## Playoff Player Of The Year / Coed League 2005

	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
<b>Jarred Gardner*</b>	9	33	23	70	25	10	30	4	12	1	3	10	30	38	115	758	1848	2	6	16	1.8	0	0.0	0	178	823
Bill Yokobosky	11	36	17	47	26	12	33	8	22	4	11	2	6	26	72	722	1333	0	0	5	0.5	0	0.0	0	45	642
Keith Villers*	9	25	10	40	16	10	40	3	12	3	12	0	0	16	64	640	1000	4	16	21	2.3	22	2.4	0	722	631
Sean Hennigar	8	28	15	54	18	11	39	3	11	0	0	4	14	18	64	643	1179	1	4	27	3.4	0	0.0	0	338	619
Neal Britton*	23	70	33	47	47	27	39	11	16	4	6	5	7	34	49	671	1157	4	6	41	1.8	2	0.1	1	178	605
Kent Smedley*	7	25	17	68	15	9	36	4	16	1	4	1	4	11	44	600	960	1	4	10	1.4	22	3.1	4	543	593
Tim Frank	8	26	9	35	19	17	65	1	4	0	0	1	4	14	54	731	885	1	4	8	1.0	3	0.4	0	175	570
Jeff Krisciunas	11	36	18	50	19	10	28	4	11	0	0	5	14	27	75	528	1056	1	3	22	2.0	4	0.4	2	200	548
Jeff Overberger*	30	99	45	45	58	31	31	15	15	7	7	5	5	51	52	586	1030	1	1	44	1.5	10	0.3	3	173	546
Steve Schroller	8	28	14	50	20	19	68	1	4	0	0	0	0	8	29	714	750	0	0	11	1.4	5	0.6	1	213	541

## Female Eddie Playoff Player Of The Year / 2005

	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
<b>Christen Flaherty (fe)</b>	24	71	26	37	34	28	39	3	4	3	4	0	0	20	28	479	606	6	8	84	3.5	3	0.1	0	375	437
Vicki Ponente (fe)	8	18	4	22	7	7	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	17	389	389	7	39	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	-50	371
Becky Foley (fe)	26	77	26	34	30	28	36	1	1	0	0	1	1	11	14	390	442	5	6	16	0.6	20	0.8	4	154	340
Joan Glass (fe)	22	59	12	20	21	20	34	1	2	0	0	0	0	11	19	356	373	6	10	25	1.1	15	0.7	2	214	308
Chanelle Lyons (fe)	9	26	5	19	11	10	38	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	423	462	1	4	15	1.7	1	0.1	1	144	305
Helene O'Donnell (fe)	8	26	8	31	9	8	31	1	4	0	0	0	0	3	12	346	385	0	0	13	1.6	11	1.4	4	238	285
Dawn Wanner (fe)	6	19	8	42	5	5	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	263	263	3	16	10	1.7	1	0.2	0	200	282
Kim Cusano (fe)	11	28	6	21	10	10	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	357	357	3	11	2	0.2	0	0.0	0	18	279
Toni Tommassello (fe)	7	20	4	20	7	7	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	15	350	350	1	5	3	0.4	1	0.1	0	71	268
Jess Morak (fe)	19	55	11	20	19	18	33	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	7	345	364	1	2	35	1.8	0	0.0	3	121	262

## Male Eddie Playoff Player Of The Year / 2005

	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
<b>Steve Campbell (me)</b>	12	40	17	43	27	20	50	2	5	4	10	1	3	19	48	675	1000	1	3	20	1.7	7	0.6	0	283	573
Bob Cusano (me)	12	32	14	44	19	17	53	0	0	2	6	0	0	11	34	594	719	2	6	13	1.1	13	1.1	1	292	501
Pete Gabriel, Sr. (me)	8	24	4	17	15	13	54	1	4	0	0	1	4	13	54	625	792	1	4	22	2.8	5	0.6	0	400	498
John Razzi (me)	25	70	23	33	36	30	43	2	3	4	6	0	0	21	30	514	657	6	9	9	0.4	6	0.2	1	68	433
Bernie Marsh (me)	21	58	19	33	28	24	41	2	3	2	3	0	0	22	38	483	586	8	14	6	0.3	8	0.4	1	86	430
Joe Lynd, Sr. (me)	18	57	20	35	26	23	40	1	2	2	4	0	0	21	37	456	544	2	4	30	1.7	32	1.8	3	456	416
Frank Taverno (me)	23	72	29	40	31	23	32	3	4	3	4	2	3	27	38	431	639	4	6	22	1.0	1	0.0	3	52	405
Bill Roth (me)	14	47	11	23	23	17	36	2	4	2	4	2	4	14	30	489	745	0	0	13	0.9	7	0.5	4	79	391
Jim Perkins (me)	9	25	8	32	13	13	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	24	520	520	1	4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	387
Ed Doyle, Jr. (me)	10	37	5	14	18	15	41	1	3	1	3	1	3	10	27	486	649	0	0	24	2.4	15	1.5	3	420	381

## Wednesday Evening Coed *(Continued from page 5)*

and 15 RBIs. Robert Foreaker hit .680, while Brian Roth and Eliot Ridgeway each drove in a dozen runs. **Winding Brook Farm** (2-6) rounded it out in sixth. Chris Horn had a great season, hitting .762 with 14 RBIs. Chris is an MVP nominee. Christine Bryan is also a nominee with an average of .353 and 3 ribbies. Bob Garges is up for defense, grabbing 30 put outs and 17 assists up the middle.

Bryner Chevy moved to the A Division in the Fall to bring that league to seven teams. All six teams from the Summer returned, two with name changes. **Baker** (7-1) took first place and the title this season. Jeff Overberger hit .630 with 22 RBIs and a slugging percentage of 1.333. He is nominated for MVP. Jess Morak has a ladies nomination with her .565 average. Dan Smith and Audrey VanLeuven have defensive nominations. Dan grabbed 12 put outs and 26 assists. Audrey had 37 put outs and 2 assists. Right behind in second place was **Maple Glen Tavern** (7-1). Jarred Gardner led the team and the league with a .774 average, 1,806 slugging percentage, 27 RBIs and a whopping nine home runs. Andy Suder also had a great season, hitting .677 and driving in seven. John Muntz was up for defense again with 17 put outs and 24 assists. **Mastercare** finished in third with a record of 5-3. Brian Ricci grabbed a MVP nomination with a .762 season that included a slugging percentage of 1.095 and 10 RBIs. John Razzi has a nod for male eddie with an average of .619 and eleven ribbies. Christen Flaherty is up as well. She hit .462 and drove in fourteen runs. **Dick's Finest** (previously Movers) took a 4-4 fourth place. Ed Kelly hit .700 for the season, while slugging 1.100 and bringing home fourteen. Tom Corey also had a .700 season, with a 1.200 slugging percent and ten RBIs. Joe Lynd hit .700 as well. He drove in eighteen. Becky Foley's season consisted of a .478 average and 6 RBIs. All have MVP nominations for offense. **Iron Hill Brewery** (formerly Sharks) went 3-5 and ended in fifth place. Doug Spier made the MVP nomination list with an average of .565 and five ribbies. Michael Indico hit .500 for the season and got a defensive nod with 51 put outs. Amy Earley also got a defensive nomination with 9 put outs and 13 assists. **Bryner Chevy** (2-6) took sixth place. Mike Fey led the team with a .647 average in five games and ten RBIs. Sean Hennigar hit .640 and Pete Gabriel Jr drove in ten with an average of .577 and slugging percentage of 1.115. Pete Gabriel Sr hit .542. **Disabled List** (0-8) placed seventh. Chris Harrison had a .579 season with eight ribbies. Chris Courduff hit .500. Tom Blackwell had 19 put outs and 14 assists at shortstop.

The B Division saw the addition of one team. **Doc's Inn** (7-1) again showed huge potential in just their second season with a first place finish. Vito Nigro hit .731 with a slugging percentage of 1.038 and eight RBIs. Charles Yuknus drove in ten while hitting .538. Dave Buonomo is again up for defense with a 51 put out fall. **Gavin's Tavern** improved to second place with a record of 5-2-1 and would win it all. They had a group of defensive MVP nominees, including Adam Roman (24 put outs, 25 assists), Dawn Wanner (35 put outs) and Mike McHale (10 put outs 13 assists). Dawn also had a nod for offense, hitting .391. Teammate Missey Schad had a .375 season with 7 RBIs. Eliot Ridgeway hit .645 and also drove in seven. Newcomers **Red Balls** (4-4) finished third. MVP nominees are Keith Keppley with an average of .962, slugging percentage of 1.808 and 24 RBIs and Erica Warters, who hit .522 with seven ribbies for the season. **Trackers** also finished 4-4, taking fourth place overall. Darrin Posavec and Dave Fehr are both recognized for their offense. Darrin hit .714, slugged 2.048 with seven homers and 21 RBIs. Dave hit .762, slugged 1.429 and drove in thirteen. Dave Moll grabbed a nod for defense with 14 put outs and 24 assists. **Hackert Auto Body** (3-5) placed fifth. Mike Reiser had a nice season and is a nominee for MVP with an average of .741, slugging percentage of 1.111 and 13 RBIs. Ed Doyle Jr and Tom Foy are again male eddie nominees. Ed with a .607 season and 9 RBIs and Tom with a 10 RBI .467 fall season. **Winding Brook Farm** (0-7-1) rounded out the league in sixth place. Ed Doyle III had a great defensive season with 25 put outs and 19 assists.

Congratulations to all MVP nominees! See everyone in the Spring! Keep warm this winter.

*Kelly Weber*

## Sunday Morning Men's *(Continued from page 2)*

game set. BALCO had other plans though for the Fall Season as they finished third place behind the first place Big Slick and the newly formed Warrington Pizza. Yet they still managed to fight their way through the playoffs and battle the Big Slickers once again for the title in a full 3 game playoff set and defeated the powerful Big Slick crew for the title. Congratulations to Big Slick (Spring/Summer Champs) and BALCO (Fall Champs) on their victories. Trevor Gouge carried the offensive load for Big Slick in the Spring/Summer series while Mike Zahradnick carried the Big Slick defensive torch. In a losing effort, Kevin Rosini (.600/800) led BALCO. Quite a different story for Mr. Rosini and teammates in the fall as Kevin led the BALCO charge in both the top and bottom of the inning by carving out 12 hits, 10 runs scored, 11 put-outs, and 13 assists in his 5-game playoff stint. Rich Strapple's and Orlando Berrios' 15 combined hits just weren't enough to put Big Slick in the fall winner's circle.

I would like to congratulate Warren Grant on finishing the top of the League Leaders for the Spring Summer classic finishing with a .688 BA, 12 homeruns, 51 RBIs and an amazing slugging percentage of 1484. Rick Bieber finished at the top of the League Leader board for the Fall classic with an amazing batting average of .952, 13 RBIs and a 1333 slugging percentage. With all that being said, it was certainly an exciting season to be a part of. I look forward to some new and exciting articles to write about this coming year and I'll see you all in 2006.

*Mike Deguida*

## A Decade Of Fun *(Continued from page 1)*

is the day I shut it down and walk away. Fighting, hollering, whining, name-calling, threats... that's not fun by anyone's standards and I have little tolerance for anything that even remotely resembles it.

I very much look forward to another fun year of softball along with a few more extra-curricular activities in 2006. We have a great thing going here. Let's build on it.

Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy, safe, and prosperous New Year.

*Les Greenstein*

## Eureka Quarry *(Continued from page 1)*

softball. Also, the slope of the property had to be close to 4% from Street Road to left field. Water run-off from the street and parking lot would make its way onto and across the infield. After every rain, multiple gullies would form across the infield mid-section from the 1B line through 3B and SS. What a nightmare that was. And, the ball field lighting was barely adequate, especially in the outfield. We certainly had our work cut out for us if we were going to make this happen.

In January and February of 1999 renovations to improve the field began. We started by replacing the old outfield fencing with new. The plan was to install the new fence an additional 40'-50' back. But before we could even think about setting the new fencing we had to address the severe slope that lay beyond the old fence line in center field. After almost 300 tons of fill we were able to raise center field to a marginally acceptable height. We moved the existing light poles back and set the fences in front of them at a little over 300' from home plate. The added outfield distance required more outfield lighting. Utilizing 3 tall poles from Garden Golf we were able to add 11 lamps, but only after we installed an entirely new electrical system.

On paper we were good to go for the 1999 softball year, but 1 bad rain and the subsequent infield gullies would set us back at least a day or 2. The water run-off across the infield needed to be addressed at once. The first thing we did was to dig out and install a drainage ditch between the parking lot and the ball field, parallel to the 1<sup>st</sup> base line. This would intercept the water and divert it toward the woods in right field foul territory. Next we laid telephone poles atop one another to form a wall in front of both player benches. Adding fill to the top edge of the poles raised the ground enough to keep a large portion of the parking lot water run-off away from the infield. Then we lowered the infield area in foul territory along the 1<sup>st</sup> base line from home plate all the way down to the right field fence. Now, at least some of the infield water would run toward the 1<sup>st</sup> base fence and out toward right field instead of running across the entire length of the infield through shortstop and into left field.

Over the next 6 years, the left side of the infield was raised enough so the run-off would be slow and gradual. This raising of the infield created a ledge where the infield met the outfield. With help from Mario Perillo, Tim O'Shea, Steph Garrett, Rob Johnson and numerous others, we were able to soften the ledge and make the infield/outfield transition much less severe. The rough, bare spot in left field has been leveled and sodded. The remainder of the outfield has been rolled, aerated, and seeded. The Eureka Quarry infield and outfield has never been in better shape. Next stop... the warning track.

*Les Greenstein*

## Manager Meeting *(Continued from page 1)*

ejected from games, the placement of batting outs in the line-up, and games scheduled for Monday and Friday holiday weekends will be discussed. Some will be voted upon. All umpires will be on hand to answer any questions you may have pertaining to our local league and ASA rules.

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 to pound down beers, not pay attention, get loud and boisterous, or cry on your buddy's shoulder about how your favorite sports team will do this year. Manager/player input is very important in deciding how we will play the games 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. Many-an-argument would be avoided if only team managers would just make the effort to understand league rules.

*Les Greenstein*

## SBA Photo Gallery Rich Edmundson

Looking ahead for the 2006 season. Upgrades to sbaphotos.com will include an on-line catalog with a complete list of services, prices and examples of items/gifts you can create with your photos. The galleries themselves will have changes also. Page links will be added to make it easier to browse each gallery. The layout of the galleries will be changed to make it load faster for those using dial up connection. In addition to the Internet changes, I'll be upgrading the equipment also. Photography is picking up outside of softball which means it's time to upgrade my camera. You'll notice the difference in the photography as 2006 gets going. As always if you have any questions or comments you can email me at [rich@sbaphotos.com](mailto:rich@sbaphotos.com)

*Rich Edmundson*

# Team Manager

## A Job Not To Be Taken Lightly

Too many times a player will step up and take on the role of manager for his/her team thinking it's a great way to be the boss of the team, get all the credit, play every inning, field any position, and bat wherever they want in the line-up. While all of these perks can easily come true for the manager, more times than not they do so at the expense of the team. If you manage a team for any of the aforementioned reasons, you should seriously consider handing the reins over to someone else that has a bit more total team welfare in mind.

The team manager is the single most important link between the league office and its team members. Much as it is important for the league office to relay pertinent league information to ALL team managers in a responsible manner, it is equally as important for the manager to convey this information to ALL team members in the same responsible manner. If, as team member, you find yourself in the dark about important league information, maybe it's time to either replace the manager of your team or find a new team to play for.

Managers should make it their business to have current contact information for every member of their team, and to have this info readily available for reference. At the very least, a chain of contact should be set up in the event team members need to be made aware of any last minute league information.

It is the team manager's responsibility to have a basic understanding of both ASA and our local league rules. At the very least, a copy of our local league rules should be printed out and kept on hand for all games. Failure to have an understanding of the rules can, and often does, lead to senseless arguments. League rule ignorance can easily cost your team a batting out or even the forfeiture of an entire game.

One of the most important jobs a manager can perform is to keep his/her players under control at all times before, during, and after the game. I have NEVER seen an umpire change a call because they were verbally abused. That kind of behavior only results in alienating the umpire against you and your team. Disagree with that philosophy? Try exhibiting that kind of verbal abuse the next time you're pulled over by a policeman. I'm sure the cop will tear up your speeding ticket and wish you a wonderful day (sarcasm).

Managing any kind of team takes a little work and a lot of commitment. If an understanding of the game hasn't come to you from playing it, read a book or two on the subject. Many a Softball America league manager could learn a thing or two from watching Thursday Men's New Britain Inn manager Leo Fitzpatrick at work. Leo takes his job as manager seriously, but not too serious to where it takes away from the fun of it. Leo is a true student of the game of baseball/softball. He understands defensive positioning and defensive strategies, which enable his teams to keep the number of opponent's extra bases and outs per inning to a minimum. He understands how to manufacture runs by advancing base runners and/or teaching his batters where and where not to hit the ball in certain situations. Leo knows his players. He knows what they can do and he knows what they can't do, both offensively and defensively. Want to be a better manager and win more games in the process? Watch Leo at work for a while. Watch how he moves his players. Pay heed to the little things. These little things all add up to percentages and percentages are what you want working for you, not against you.

Les Greenstein

## Extra Curricular Events Stepping Up to the Plate

Over the years I've put together numerous extra curricular activities for league members to participate in. Call it what you will... luck, skill, a gift, but I cannot think of one event that was not overwhelmingly enjoyed by those that took part. As I write this, I think back to the variety of activities we've enjoyed as a group. Some that come to mind are: winter awards banquets, 1-pitch tournaments, party boat fishing off the Jersey coast, Reading Phillies baseball via a Hagey luxury bus, and group vacations to Mexico including a luxury cruise on The Royal Caribbean.

Last year, for the first time in league history, a Winter Awards Banquet did

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## Most Valuable Players / Summer 2005

Offensive and Defensive MVP candidates/winners are chosen by statistical formula. The formulas takes into account runs scored, runs batted in, total hits, singles, doubles, triples, home runs, bases on balls, batting average, put-outs, assists, and errors.

	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
<b>Offense</b>	A Division <b>Paul Loveland</b> Bill Markward* Dave McDonald* Keith Keppley* Tom Ambolino  B Division <b>Alex Lily</b> Brett Lawhead David Dancer Ed Doyle III	Alex Lily Chris Roccato* Curt Perry* John Roush Keith Bellinger <b>Keith Keppley*</b>	Chris Karpovich <b>Dave Boice</b> Pat Hinnegan Steve Rosengren Tom Strowhower	A Division Bill Hahl* Keith Keppley* <b>Mike Zahradnick*</b> Tom Corey*  B Division Chris Horn <b>Gary Otenbright</b> Greg Ochs Pete Gabriel Jr.	A Division <b>Dave Steinbach</b> Eric Skillman Ray Pantano Steve Moloney Warren Grant  B Division Craig Claycomb Jim Mundy <b>Rich Husbach</b> Steve Campbell	Bob Muller <b>Frank Hackett*</b> John Qualateria* Keith Keppley* Phil Purchase Tom Strowhouer*
<b>Male Eddie</b>	A Division Bernie Marsh (me) <b>Donnie Wolf (me)</b> Joe Lynd (me) Paul Harvan (me) Ron Spillman (me)  B Division Adam Schmidt (me) Dave Gumkowski (me) Rick Block (me)	<b>Joe Lynd (me)</b> John Razzi (me) Rick Block (me) Tom Weinman (me)		A Division Bob Heffner (me) <b>Joe Lynd (me)</b> Nelson Tobolsky (me) Steve Campbell (me)  B Division <b>Charles Yuknus</b> Ed Doyle Jr. (me) Joe O'Brien (me) Tom Foy (me)		<b>Andy Suder (me)</b> Frank Taverno (me) Jack Kilcher (me) Steve Campbell (me) Tom Foy (me)
<b>Female Eddie</b>	A Division Anne McCabe (fe) Beth Pfeifer (fe) <b>Christen Flaherty</b> Joan Glass (fe)  B Division <b>Deb Dando (fe)</b> Diana Urban (fe) Karen Gordan (fe) Kattie McGoldrick (fe)	Becky Foley (fe) Christen Flaherty (fe) Jess Morak (fe) <b>Joan Glass (fe)</b> Kelly Neill (fe) Sue Miglore (fe)		A Division Amy Earley (fe) <b>Christen Flaherty</b> Joan Glass (fe) Karen Lund (fe)  B Division Christine Bryan (fe) Helene O'Donnell (fe) Judy Nigro (fe) <b>Shanna Casey (fe)</b>		Becky Foley (fe) Chanelle Lyons (fe) <b>Kelly Neill (fe)</b> Toni Tommassello (fe)
<b>Defense</b>	Chris Mathews Dave Moll* John Muntz <b>Larry Kolongowski</b> Orlando Berros	Chris Hesdon Dave McDonald* Dennis McCain <b>Mike Cianfichi*</b> Rich Strapple*	<b>Bill Clark</b> Brad Tracy John Muntz Steph Garrett Tom Strowhower	Alfie Glackin Bob Garges Dave Buonomo John Muntz <b>Mike Zahradnick*</b>	Chris Chichilitti <b>Greg Trimmer</b> Sankit Kapadia Steve Campbell	John Muntz Mike Ciepiela Rob Pfeifer* Ron Bannister* Tom Corey* <b>Tom Strowhouer*</b>
<b>Eddie</b>	Barry Davis (me) Dave Gumkowski (me) <b>Joe Lynd (me)</b> <b>Nicole Welhaf (fe)</b>	Eliot Ridgeway (me) Jack Eiser (me) <b>Joe Lynd (me)</b> Linda Dart (fe) Tina Koch (fe)		Charles Yuknus (me) Christen Flaherty (fe) <b>Ed Doyle Jr. (me)</b> Joe Lynd (me) Tom Foy (me)		<b>Ed Doyle Jr. (me)</b> Christen Flaherty (fe) Eliot Ridgeway (me) Jess Morak (fe) Steve Campbell (me)



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and Tom Corey are nominated for defensive MVP. Matt grabbed 11 put outs and 15 assists. Tom had 12 put outs and 17 assists. **Youmans Construction** (3-5) took fifth place. Mike Muller hit .625, slugged 1.063 and drove in 10 in six games. John Qualateria averaged .522 for the season and drove in nine. Dawn Andres made MVP nomination with a .421 average. Paulo Vitoria grabbed 22 put outs and 10 assists. **Gavin's Tavern** followed in sixth place with a 3-5 record. Brian Steeber had a great season for the team, with a .690 average and a team high 14 RBI. Ryan Delman had a .538 season. Christen Flaherty is up for MVP with an average of .516, slugging percent of .710 and 10 ribbies. She also grabbed 18 put outs and 6 assists for a defensive nod. Sharon Lawn is also up for MVP with her average of .421. Last place went to **TJ's Skyline** (1-7). Gary Black led the team in average, with a .579 and 8 RBIs. Craig Aravich and Steve Kusnerus also each drove in eight. Kim Ciepiela is up for offense with an average of .360.

Summer season brought all seven teams back and saw the addition of an eighth team, **Webbie's Pizza**. **Andy's Snack Bar** (8-0) grabbed first place and won the finals. Frank Hackett led the team and the entire league with his average of .792 and a massive slugging percentage of 2.042. He drove in 24 runs and hit 5 triples and 6 home runs. Tom Strowhouer had a great season as well with an average of .724, slugging 1.310 with 4 homers and 21 RBIs. Andy Suder finished with a .654 and 10 RBIs. All three are up for their respective offensive MVPs. Strow also has a nomination for defense with 20 put outs and 22 assists. Tom Corey drove in 9 with a .643 average. Tom is nominated for defense with his 13 put outs and 14 assists. Toni Tommasello has an MVP nomination for her .444 season. Jess Morak grabbed 38 put outs at first base for an MVP nod on defense. Second place went to **FKAR** (5-2-1). Jim Flowers had a .621 season, slugged .828 and drove in 12 runs. Jeff Overberger drove home eleven and hit .579 while slugging 1.053. Jack Kilcher and Steve Campbell both are nominated for offense MVP. Steve is also nominated for defense. Jack hit .565 with 9 RBIs while Steve hit .556 and drove in eight. Steve grabbed 7 put outs and 11 assists while pitching with an ERA of 5.25. Rob Pfeifer was solid at shortstop as always, with 25 put outs and 18 assists. He is up for defense. **Finn McCool** (4-3-1) took third and would play ASB in the championship. Keith Keppley led the team with an average of .667 and slugging percentage of 1.167, while driving in 12. He's up for MVP. Mark Koenig batted .600 with 11 RBIs. Bill Yokobosky hit .588. Frank Taverno had a good season, as always, batting .528 and driving in seven and getting a nomination for MVP. Not only is Frank a consistently good player, but he's a stand up guy off the field as well. Joe Buglak was right behind with .526. Kelly Neill was nominated as she hit .524 and drove in eight runs. Becky Foley is nominated as well with an average of .474. **Youmans Construction** went 4-4, giving them fourth place. Bob Muller grabbed an MVP nomination for his .783 performance with eight ribbies. Jim Molloy hit .733 with 9 RBI in five games. John Qualateria is also nominated for offense, hitting .722, slugging 1.278 and driving in eleven runs. Bill Martino knocked in twelve. Steve Jerdan had a good season hitting .556 and bringing home six. Eddie Ed Youmans hit .500 for the season. **Helio's Data Services** (formerly TJ's Skyline) would finish in fifth with a record of 3-5. Steve Tow and Gary Black led the team with .500 batting averages. Steve Kusnerus had a .455 season with 6 ribbies. Eliot Ridgeway has a nod for defense with 14 put outs and 11 assists. Mike Ciepiela knocked down 17 put outs and 16 assists at shortstop, getting him an MVP nod. Sixth place was taken by **DePaul Realty**, who also ended at 3-5. Mike Patterson hit .714 to lead the team. Phil Purchase drove in the most runs for the team with 12. He batted .654 and is nominated for MVP. Tom Foy had a good season, getting another MVP nomination for his .500 season with 10 RBIs. Ed Doyle Jr has a defensive nod with 18 put outs and 19 assists. Chanelle Lyons also had another good season, batting .400 and is in the MVP nominee mix. **Gavin's Tavern** and **Webbie's Pizza** rounded out the group in the last two spots. Gavin's had Mike Brennan lead the team with a .667 average and slugging percentage of .889. He drove in 9 runs. Tom Blackwell batted .619 with 5 RBIs. Tracy Scassero finished out the season at .611. Steve Keller drove in eleven. Tom Blackwell Jr. hit .462. Webbie's had Todd Black lead the team in average with a .600, driving in 9 and slugging 1.040. Brian Steeber had a .594 season. Bill Hahl knocked in 13 runs. Ron Bannister is nominated for defense with 11 put outs and 21 assists for the team. Christen Flaherty is also nominated for defense with 33 put outs.

Fall season saw the return of all eight teams from the summer. **Andy's Snack Bar** again ended up in first place with a record of 6-1-1. Wes Tommasello hit .655 for the season, grabbing himself an MVP nod. He slugged 1.276 and brought in 18 RBIs with three homers. Bob Cusano and John Razzi both picked up offensive MVP nominations. Bob had a .565 season with 7 RBIs. John hit .476 and drove in three. Bob also has a defensive nomination with 16 put outs and 11 assists. Jess Morak had a good season and is recognized with a nod for her .471 performance. Shanna Casey also had a fine fall, batting .370 and knocking home six. Jarred Gardner had three homers and 14 RBIs in five games. I'm pretty sure all three home runs were in the same game. Tom Strowhouer grabbed 15 RBIs. **Finn McCools** also ended at 6-1-1 and took second place and eventually the championship. Bill Yokobosky is nominated for MVP with an average of .750, slugging percent of 1.083 and 14 RBIs. Warren Grant is also up with 19 RBIs, a .696 average with five home runs and a slugging percentage of 1.783. Warren also grabbed a defensive nod with 24 put outs and 4 assists. Steve Mendenhall hit .714 and slugged 1.000. Kent Smedley drove in 14 and hit three home runs. Becky Foley hit .409 and is up for female eddie MVP offense. Third place went to **FKAR** (5-1-2). Eddie Steve Campbell led the team and is nominated for MVP with his .643 average, 1.036 slugging percentage and 19 RBIs. Ann Marie McCabe got a nod for offense, hitting .423 and driving in six. John Trippetti held on to 29 put outs and is up for defense. Rob Pfeifer had a .607 season. Jeff Overberger drove in sixteen and Jim Flowers knocked in fifteen runs. Ed Doyle Jr grabbed 17 put outs and 13 assists for a defensive MVP nod. Fourth was taken by **Webbie's Pizza** (5-3), who made it to the finals. Brian Steeber and Ron Bannister led the team and are both up for MVP. Brian hit .792 and slugged .917, while Ron drove in 19, hit .692 and slugged 1.115. Christen Flaherty had a .478 season with six RBIs for a

nomination. Christen is also up for defense with 39 put outs and 2 assists at first base. Bill Hahl played a solid shortstop, grabbing 20 put outs and 21 assists. Steve Loch drove in 17 runs for the team. **Helio's Data Services** (2-5-1) ended up in fifth place. Mike Ciepiela hit an average of .600 and drove in ten runs. Kim Ciepiela has a nomination for defense, grabbing 33 put outs and 3 assists at first base. Pitcher Eliot Ridgeway was solid up the middle with 16 put outs and 9 assists and is recognized with an MVP nod for defense as well. Andy Leuzinger had a .500 season for the team. **Youmans Construction** (2-5-1) grabbed the final playoff spot with sixth place. Steve Jerdan is the team's only MVP nominee, for offense with an average of .478 and 10 RBIs. Jim Molloy drove in 16 runs while hitting .680 and slugging 1.200. Bill Martino was right behind with a .667 average and 15 RBIs. Paulo Vitari drove in twelve. Dawn Androy led the females of the team with a .320 average. **DePaul Realty** (2-6) finished up in sixth place. Jim Jacquelin led the team with an average of .571. Justin Baranyi hit .545, as did Kevin Rousset. Lisa Silvestri had a .412 season. Rich Edmondson drove in a team high 9 runs. **Anthony's Warriors** (formerly Gavin's Tavern) ended in last place with a record of 1-7. Mike Brennan led the team in average. Mike hit .545 for the season. Mike Carmody and Tom Blackwell are nominated for MVP defense. Mike had 18 put outs and 12 assists, while Tom grabbed 15 put outs and 14 assists. Nicole Welhalf hit .435 for the fall while driving in 5 and is nominated for MVP female eddie. Paul O'Connor drove in ten RBIs for the team.

See everyone in the Spring! Have a safe winter season!

Kelly Weber

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a perfect 8-0 record, **Workers Comp 2nd**, **Gavin's Tavern 3rd**, **Fast Food** an impressive 1st season finishing 4th, **The Baker 5th**, **SBA Comets 6th**, and **Sandlot 7th**. Matt "I'm Always on Time" McReynolds from Gavin's Tavern, finished 1st on the league leader board with an impressive .818 average, 11-9, and 2 rbs. 3rd was Keith Keppley from Creekside Inn with a .774 average, 31-24, with 16 rbs. 5th Jared Gardner from SBA Comets with a .731, 26-19 and 17 rbs, 6th Keith Villers from Creekside Inn with a .724 average, 29-21 and an impressive 23 rbs. 7th was Frank Murray 1st time in the coed league with a .722 average, 18-13, and 7 rbs. 8th Rob "Papa" Welhaf from Fast Food with a .708 average, 24-17 and 18 rbs, and for the 3rd time on the top 10 list at 9th is legend Bill Markward from Gavin's Tavern with a .704 average, 27-19, and 7 rbs, and finishing 10th is male eddie John "Radiator" Razzi with a .696 average, 23-16, and 10 rbs.

Championship came down to the 8 and 0 Creekside Inn and the 1 and 7 SBA Comets. SBA Comets had a great playoffs series by beating 3rd place Gavin's Tavern 17-6 and beating 2nd place Workers Comp 17-13. Creekside wins 3rd championship in 2 games. With stellar games from Tim Frank 3-3, Kelly Neill 3-4 and 2 rbs, Keith Keppley 3-4, Keith Villers 4-4 and 3 rbs, Joe Lynd 3-4 and 2 rbs, Frank Murray 3-4 and 2 rbs, Becky Foley 3-4, Paul Loveland 8-7 and 8 rbs, Jared Gardner 6-7 and 3 rbs, Curt Perry 4-5 and 2 rbs, and Paul O'Connor 3-3.

Great Job Creekside Inn lets keep it rolling through 06'. Everyone have a safe and wonderful holiday season, see everyone in March!!!

Kelly Neill (Fumbles)

### B Division

The 2005 B Division Season was something to be excited about. It was a year full of good weather, good people, and great softball competition. Whether you were a team looking for a time out with family to have fun, or a team seeking a competitive fulfillment. Softball America's B Division Softball had it all.

The B summer softball season, consisted of two divisions, B1 and B2, had much to share to good memories for both league and player. As I sit and look back to 2005, you remember the faces, the teams, the competition, THE FUN. Writing articles became not just a job, but it became another fun part of the game. Fun because you get familiar with names and teams who were part of these divisions, and who would put a stamp mark on what this league is about. Not just great softball, but an event. The B1 Division was impressive this Summer. Six teams all vying for the same thing, the title. It was amazing watching a 3-5 team, squeak into the playoffs and then watch them make a run through the playoffs in dominating fashion towards their summer title. Veteran leadership really showed on the that team...Ed Doyle III .680 season BA, coupled with his .769 playoff BA has to be by far a single player performance to remember. Numbers like that will help win anyone a championship. But this team had more, they had guys/gals who stuck together and just played well. They stepped up when it was necessary, and they played well. The results were deserved. I think back on the Snipers...man o man, did this team love to play in nail biters. I really think this team led the league in most 1-run games either won or lost. Three runs could easily turn that 3-5 record to maybe 6-2. But the games are played, and results come down in form of wins and losses.

The B2 Division also had very much to contribute in the form of exciting softball. One of the things that really stood out in this division was the entire team of Mid-life Crisis. They were just that, a team/family who were in their mid-life years and joined this league for fun. Yes, they were 1-7, but man did this team have fun together. Loved watching them play, loved watching them have fun. It was sobering, a good reminder to make sure you continue to have fun and not get lost in the competition only. Bulldogs were fun to watch as well. They were the opposite. They were a team who just dominated the division. They practiced, worked hard, and man did it show. Every game was a hitting display. Every game they played well. Steam-rolling through the season, and only taking one loss the entire way. (To my Long Shots of course!) Chris Matthews was certainly one of

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batted .667 and Ray Pantano drove in 18. Moving up from the "B" division, **Black Jacks** went 3-5 led by Eric Skillman's .724/1207/4 HR/17RBI slaughtering of opposing pitchers and Wes Tommassellos 15 RBI's. **Protech** rounded out the cellar at 2-6, Warren Grant led the team and league with his .789/1211 and Bill Yokobosky added 11ribbies. The playoffs were very exciting, **NBI** returned but newcomers **Black Jacks** knocked off **QED** to secure a spot. **NBI** would take the championship led by Frank Hackett's .875/2000/2 HR/5 RBI mashing. Marc McKinney would lead **Black Jacks** with his .667/1000/7 RBI performance.

The fall would not be dull at all, **QED** again finished first with a 7-1 record. Jarred Gardner paved the way; 769/1115/11 RBI and Joe McFarlane added 3 HR/16 RBI's. **NBI** would finish 7-1 with Frank Hackett leading the way, .727/1545/25 RBI's and 4 HR's and Mike Bruton adding 4 HR's and 14 RBI's. **Protech** bounced back going 4-4, Jimmy Waltman led the team with a .692 and Bill Yokobosky drove in 15. **Poole's** finished 4<sup>th</sup> at 4-4, Greg Ochs powered them with his .697/1424/5 HR/19 RBI's, and Mike Ambolino/Ricky McCleod chipped in 16 RBI's each. **Black Jacks** posted a 2-6 record behind Eric Skillman's .588, and Steve Kealy's 9 RBI's. **Nail or Never** rounded out the division going 0-8, Frank Staber batted .714 and Chris Chichillitis drove in another 15 runs. The fall classic featured a rematch from the spring, **NBI vs. QED**. This time **QED** would emerge victorious; Tom Pagel led **QED** with a .857 avg, Jarred nailed 4 HR's and drove in 9. **NBI** was led by Ron Hopkins .700 avg.

Well that sums it all up, again congrats to our league champions and good luck to the MVP nominations. Looking forward to next year, I suspect and hope it will be just as exciting. Until then, enjoy your time off and stay healthy.

Neal Britton

**B Division**

Well, it was another great season of softball for SBA. I would like to start out by saying to all the teams in the Thursday Men's B Division it is a pleasure playing against such great teams. Some of us have been in the league forever and others are just starting out. The one thing I have noticed over the years is that

not happen. The reason it did not happen was simple; league members dropped the ball by not stepping up to the plate during the registration process. The more I pleaded for people to register early, the more my pleas landed on deaf ears. Some were disappointed that I pulled the plug on the banquet. Most, it seemed to me, really didn't care. This laissez-faire attitude toward the banquet, right through this past softball season, is the reason a banquet wasn't even listed on my agenda for this year. Now it seems quite a few more have joined the ranks of the disappointed.

Some have publicly stated they never knew about a banquet. I find that statement difficult to fathom. If you or a friend ever received a Softball America Magazine, gone to the Softball America website, or had a valid email address, you knew about a banquet. If you had an active telephone number and a team manager that cared just a little bit, you knew about a banquet.

I tried at different times this past year to get a feel for whether there would be enough interest to have a banquet come February. I have to admit I am not convinced that enough league members truly care whether we have a banquet or not, which leads us to a banquet fork in the road. It is possible members do still care about having a banquet. On the other hand, it is entirely possible that the banquet has gone the way of the short-fielder.

Organizing trips, events, and especially the awards banquet, is a daunting task. The single biggest obstacle in bringing these events to fruition is obtaining a reliable and committed head-count at a reasonable time in advance of the event. Cooperation by, and coordination with, league members is vital to any event's success.

I am going to give league members one last opportunity at making a winter awards banquet happen in February of 2007 for the 2006 softball year. If members care enough about having a banquet, they will step up to the plate in a timely manner when the opportunity presents itself. If they do not care enough about a banquet, they will not step to the plate, thereby leaving no doubt as to whether a banquet is, was, or should be necessary.

Stepping up in a timely manner holds true not only for a banquet, but for any event the league sets out on the table. When league members put forth the effort to cooperate in a timely manner, I have no problem putting forth the effort to bring almost anything the league wants to fruition.

Les Greenstein

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**Most Valuable Players / Fall 2005**

Offensive and Defensive MVP candidates/winners are chosen by statistical formula. The formulas takes into account runs scored, runs batted in, total hits, singles, doubles, triples, home runs, bases on balls, batting average, put-outs, assists, and errors.

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
<b>Offense</b>	A Division Brian O'Neill <b>Ed Thron</b> Mike Bianco Mike Brown Tom Strowhouer	A Division Bill Markward* Jarred Gardner* <b>Keith Keppley*</b> Keith Villers* Rob Welhaf  B Division Dave Noble <b>David Dancer</b> Glen Hipple	Bill Markward* <b>Chris Roccato*</b> Chris VanLeuwanee* Curt Perry* Rich Edmundson Sean Fisher	Andy Smallman <b>BJ Spigelmyer</b> Bobby Rossi Frank Hackett Mark Merschbach Tom Strowhouer	A Division Brian Ricci Ed Kelly <b>Jarred Gardner*</b> Jeff Overberger* Tom Corey* B Division Darrin Posavec* Dave Fehr <b>Keith Keppley*</b> Mike Reiser*	A Division <b>Frank Hackett</b> Greg Ochs Jarred Gardner Mike Bruton	Bill Yokobosky Brian Steeber* Ron Bannister* <b>Warren Grant*</b> Wes Tommassello
<b>Male Eddie</b>	B Division Adrian Marcewicz Brett Cohen John Tulaba Kevin Rosini Mike Gemberling Mike Patterson <b>Rick Bieber</b>	Andy Suder (me) Don Mayer Sr. (me) Jim Perkins (me) Joe Lynd (me) <b>John Razzi (me)</b> Steve Campbell (me)	<b>Bill Roth (me)</b> Frank Taverno (me) Joe Lynd (me) John Razzi (me)		A Division Andy Suder (me) Doug Speir (me) <b>Joe Lynd (me)</b> John Razzi (me) B Division Charles Yuknus (me) Ed Doyle Jr. (me) <b>Eliot Ridgeway</b>	B Division <b>Dave Bishop</b> Dave Michael Greg Moylan Mike Patterson	Bob Cusano (me) Ed Doyle Jr (me) John Razzi (me) <b>S. Campbell</b> Steve Jerdan (me)
<b>Female Eddie</b>		Christen Flaherty Colleen Gilmartin <b>Kelly Neill (fe)</b> Shannon Guzman	Becky Foley (fe) <b>Christen Flaherty</b> Joan Glass (fe) Kelly Neill (fe) Lisa Silvestri (fe) Sue Miglore (fe)		A Division Becky Foley (fe) Christen Flaherty (fe) <b>Jess Morak (fe)</b>  B Division <b>Erica Warters (fe)</b> Christine Razzi (fe) Dawn Wanner (fe)		Ann Marie McCabe Becky Foley (fe) <b>C. Flaherty</b> Jess Morak (fe) Nicole Welhaf (fe) Shanna Casey (fe)
<b>Defense</b>	<b>Adam Roman</b> Joe Hinchliffe <b>Paul Ferguson</b> Rick Pagan Tom Lydon	Dave Noble Keith Villers* <b>Rich Strapple*</b> Rob Pfeifer* Tom Strowhouer*	<b>Chris Hesdon</b> Dave McDonald* Larry Wagner Matt MacReynolds Sean Fisher	Chris Hesdon Eric Caliendo Mark Bernacki <b>Rich Beck</b> Steve Derrah	Adam Roman Dan Smith Dave Buonomo Dave Moll* Ed Doyle III <b>John Muntz</b> Michael Indico	Bobby Rossi Jr. Eric Gebhardt <b>Jim Plunket</b> <b>R. Pescatore</b> Scott Christy Scott Pataki	<b>Bill Hahl*</b> John Trippetti* Mike Carmody Tom Blackwell Warren Grant*
<b>Eddie</b>		<b>Bill Guerard</b> Don Mayer Sr. (me) Frank Carnival (me) Mary Kay Toto (fe)	Christen Flaherty (fe) Eliot Ridgeway (me) Joan Glass (fe) Joe Lynd (me) <b>Linda Dart (fe)</b> Tina Koch (fe)		Amy Earley (fe) <b>A. VanLeuwanee</b> Dawn Wanner (fe) Mike McHale (me)		<b>Ed Doyle Jr.</b> Bob Cusano (me) <b>C. Flaherty</b> Eliot Ridgeway Kim Ciepiela (fe)

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for the most part everyone is having a great time. There have been some great games I have written about in the past and I look forward to writing more great articles next year. I would also like to say congrats to all the teams that made it to the championships and to the teams that won it. Great Job!!!

For the Spring Championships we had The Black-Jacks vs. The Dog Pound. This would be a three game series. Black Jacks would win the first game 18-3. The Dog Pound would win the second game 12-10. And for the final game the Black-Jacks would win 6-2. Congrats to the Black-Jacks for winning the Spring title. Brian McKeough, Eric Skillman, and Mark Merschbach each batted over .600 in the spring playoffs knocking in a total of 18 runs between them. Mark would go yard 3 times to help the Black-Jack cause. Greg Moylan batted .636 with 2 HRs and 8 RBIs in the Dog Pound losing effort. 'A' Division studs Frank Hackett and Warren Grant shared spring regular season offensive MVP honors while Sean Hollenbach flashed great leather at shortstop for the Black-Jacks.

For the Summer Championships we had Horsham Inn vs. The Snipers. This also would be a three game series with the games being close. Horsham Inn would win the first game 8-7, followed by another close game won by the Snipers 7-4. The third and final game would be won by The Horsham Inn, 12-7. It was a great series by both teams and congrats to the players of The Horsham Inn for winning the Summer Title. The total team effort by Horsham Inn was led by Steve Campbell and Matt Kulp. Bryan McGuire played flawless defense in the field. Free agent pick-up Rob Fox and league veteran Chris Nardone did all they could for the runner-up Snipers. Dave Steinback was the offensive regular season MVP in the 'A' Division while Rich Hoshack nailed offensive MVP in the 'B' Division. Dog Pound's Greg Trimbur won defensive MVP.

Last but not least we had the Fall Championships played by The Dog Pound and Dickey Moe's. This would be a hard-fought contest, but The Dog Pound would win the Championship. The two game series went 20-5 for the first game and 21-12 for the second. Congrats to The Dog Pound on winning the Fall Title. Greg Moylan, Bill Stone, Greg Trimbur, and Larry Walsh would speak softly, but carry big sticks. Moylan lead all with a whopping 15 RBIs (5 HRs) as Bill, Greg T., and Larry would consistently set the Dog Pound table. In the Dickey Moe's losing effort, Gary Valentine and Dave Boice each made their presence felt batted over .700. Frank Hackett rebounded in the fall to take sole possession of 'A' offensive MVP honors. Dave Bishop took top offensive honors in the 'B'. Two defensive standouts share fall MVP in Jim Plunket and Ralph Pescatore.

I look forward to playing against all of you this up coming year. Till next season be safe and have fun.

Jesse Garrison (MOAB) Master Baiters Tackle Shop.

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their best players, pitching very well, very effectively throughout the year. What a team!

In the fall of 2005, the B Division would really showcase something to the league. Consisted of only five teams...it was a great season in the making. Each and every week was intense. Everyone came to play, many came to watch and none were disappointed. Each week, the games were close, intense, and nail biting. All included played major roles, whether a beginner, or seasoned vet...or even the umpires calling the games, it was all worth the few weeks of fall. The one team that really stood out to me in the fall were the Irish Car Bombs. This team was crushed several times during the Summer, but they came back with a winning attitude and played the game very well. This team improved drastically on all fronts, making them a contending team at the end of the season. As a journalist and coach, it was a tremendous thrill watching this team so improved. They certainly were the surprise of the Fall Season. Not to be outdone though, would be those Snipers. They came back in the fall and really made some noise. Going 6-1-1, and winning the fall title. This title of course would come at the loss of my Long Shots, who for the second straight season reaches the Big Game, only to come a game short. But the Fall Season B Division Championship was what I believe a classic Softball America Event. It was the best few softball games I had ever been a part of as well as many other members. I remember coaching my team and thinking, this is what SBA is all about. The intensity, the sweat, the blood, and for some the tears... some tears of joy some of disappointment. This series was grueling in physical terms, but satisfyingly great in competition terms. It displayed the softball product that Softball America thrives to provide. An event for all to enjoy. No coach, player, ump, fan, or team who was out to see this one would leave disappointed. Sixty runs, and over five hours for just three games. Three games that any softball fan would never forget. If I could wrap up in just a few words to describe how great this league is...I would say B Division 2005 Fall Championship.

Softball America has been a great time for me. As a journalist, player, and coach. I've learned so much, met so many quality people, and shared in many good times. One of the most impressive things I encountered this year, is the environment and atmosphere that one can come in contact with. A competitive, laid back experience while playing a sport one so greatly loves. SBA strives to create that "family" atmosphere and for many it has become that. I'm glad to be a part, and look forward to many more good times. What a year 2006 should be. More new faces, more exciting games, more to experience and write about. If your not a part of this "Event", then you truly are missing an event.

Ben Soler (Latincontrol)

## Statistics (Continued from page 1)

drop in numbers, down from .519 in 2003. Combined eddies (male and female) produced an average batting average of .285 in 2005, down from .311 in 2003. Of course, the excessive heat of the 2005 season had something to do with this across-the-board decline. Outdoor temperature has a major effect on the compression of softballs. Heat lowers compression and softens the ball while cold raises the compression thereby hardening the ball. There is little doubt in my mind this excessive heat had a direct negative impact on player averages and slugging percentages in 2005.

Softball America stat tracking has added AB's, 1B's, Batting Average, and Slugging % for player seasonal bests. Also new for this year is the tracking of yearly records. Just like the seasonal records we already follow, it's time we look at who's made the grade over the course of an entire year.

In the seasonal department, the most AB's for a men's league player in any one season (8 games) is 40. This record is shared by Jeff Schwartz, Joe Robinson, and Kent Smedley. The most in a coed season is 39, held by Paul O'Connor. 23 is the single season record for singles (1Bs) and it has been reached 3 times. This was accomplished in the Spring Tuesday men's of 1999 by Steve Franchino and twice by Rich Goin - once in the Fall Tuesday men's of 1999 and the Summer Tuesday men's 2 years later. Ageless phenom Frank Taverno accomplished his own version of this record for the coed leagues with 24 1Bs in the Fall Wednesday coed league of 2002. Highest seasonal batting average and slugging % records are based on a minimum of 24 at-bats. On the men's side of things, the spring of 2003 was a monster season for Frank Hackett. Frank set a single season record with a batting average of .903 and a gaudy slugging % of 2333. On the coed side, this past Fall Wednesday coed (2005) saw Keith Keppley go 25/26 and carve out a batting average of .962. The coed slugging % record will, for now anyway, be graced with an asterisk. In the Fall Monday coed season of 1998, Mike Bianco erupted to produce a 2290 coed slugging %. While this was no small feat, it was our first season at the quarry field and the fences were only 260-265'. A HR limit was in effect so his HR record and slugging % should not be taken lightly, however, because the playing field was so much different, the asterisk must apply. In the Fall Sunday coed season of 2004, Rob Welhaf carved out an impressive slugging % of 2200 giving him a share of the single season coed slugging record.

Yearly bests require a minimum of 54 at-bats to qualify for consideration. The best batting average in the men's league for a solid year is .756 produced by Frank Hackett during his magical 2003 year. Mr. Hackett also holds the yearly slugging record of 1813, accomplished in the same year. The coed best yearly average is .824, carved out by Bob Baginski back in 1999. In the following year, teammate Marty Wetzell hammered out a slugging % of 2138, a record that stands to this day. A few other notable yearly records include Jarred Gardner's 39 men's league HR's along with his record setting 144 RBI's in 2003. Tom Strowhouer popped a record 51 coed HR's in 2003, but the coed RBI record holders are Paul O'Connor (201) in 2001 and Jeff Overberger (201) in 2004.

The complete list of seasonal and yearly records will be posted on the Softball America website at some point after this magazine has been mailed and received by most.

Les Greenstein

## Career Notables

### Men's League

Andy Smallman (742) moves into 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the all-time hit list surpassing Rich Goin (677) in the process. Steve Beagelman remains the top dog in hits with 835. Frank Hackett (97) and Tom Strowhouer (95) are perched in fine position to crack the 100 HR mark in the early spring. An eagle eye with lots of patience, George Dart (24%) earns a base on balls almost once in every 4 trips to the dish. Brian O'Neill is the most reliable defenseman among active players with a fielding % of 562. Paul Reibold (555) and Matt Hutcheson (548) are right there.

Likely candidates to reach 500 hits in 2006 include Rob Johnson (490), Brian Warner (479), Bob Gray (451), Shawn Rush (427), Scott Holloway (448), and Tom Strowhouer (422).

### Coed League

John (Hooters) Razzi stepped up to the plate more than 2400 times thus far in his SBA career scoring over 1000 runs in the process. Bill Markward (98) and Wes Tommassello (94) are at the doorstep of the 100 HR plateau. Frank Carnavil (31%) gets a free pass almost 1/3 of the time. The most prolific defensive put-outer, Christen (PO Queen) Flaherty cracks the 2,000 mark for career put outs. Nobody in the history of SBA has put out more. Chris Hesdon is the most steadfast of active defensemen with a fielding % of 639. Rob Pfeifer (633) is not far behind.

Bill Markward needs 50 hits to reach the magical 1000 hit mark, accomplished by only 3 before him - John Razzi (1377), Paul O'Connor (1348), and Tom Corey (1112). Likely candidates to reach 500 hits in 2006 include Joe Lynd, Sr. (485), Joe Gross (465), John Trippetti (464), Tim O'Shea, Sr. (462), and Mike Patterson (447).

### Softball America

As a league we've amassed almost 200,000 base hits and 150,000 runs scored since 1996. The way I figure it, we will reach our 1 millionth base hit somewhere in the early fall of 2031. Scoring our 1 millionth run probably won't happen until the late spring of 2046.

Les Greenstein

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