

# Softball America

## Magazine

Winter 2010

2009 Year In Review

### Opening Day - March 22, 2010 A Look Ahead To The Softball New Year

The 2010 Softball America softball year is just around the corner. I look forward to Opening Day as the new season promises to be our best yet.

My insatiable desire to make the league better is as strong today as it was when I first took over the league in 1998. My determination to keep the games safe, fair and fun will never waiver.

Last year, we made a concerted effort to streamline the process that brings you league statistics and weekly game articles. There is no doubt the time it took to produce stats and articles improved dramatically last year. Further efforts to improve the process are in the works for this year.



The timely posting of game scores is something that needs to be more consistent. Involved league members clearly want to know which teams did what and by how many as soon as possible. Having game scores available early the next day will go a long way in satisfying that desire. Every effort will be made to reach that goal. Scorekeepers will be asked to be more proactive.

As is always the case with the start of the new softball year, a number of Softball America league rules and regulations will be added, amended, clarified and gone over at length at our winter manager meetings. Changes in how and where the games are played are forthcoming - all with the express intent of making the games better, safer, more fair and more fun for all.

As of this writing, the availability of Whistlestop Park ball field in Montgomery Township is questionable for 2010. I've heard conflicting reports from Parks & Recreation and Public Works. There's no news lately so as far as I'm concerned that's a good thing. Should Whistlestop not be available, we will be hard-pressed to find a place for the teams that were added to Sunday Men's and Wednesday Coed as a result of the Whistlestop acquisition. I've been in contact with Upper Southampton in an attempt to procure the use of the Schaefer Park facility under the lights - not only to replace Whistlestop if need be, but for the revival of the Thursday Evening Women's league.

The start time for the Quarry 2/3 championship series will revert back to 6:30 pm. New for 2010, pitchers in all leagues will have the privilege to make a batter's box appeal. In essence this appeal is a request for the umpire to monitor the current batter with respect to the batter's position in the batter's box. If the current pitcher, and only the current pitcher, makes a batter's box appeal, the umpire will then make a quick assessment of the batter's position in the batter's box. If the umpire feels the batter is legally positioned, the appeal will be denied. If the umpire deems the batter might be outside the box by more than a few inches (both feet must be within the confines of the box), the umpire will take a bat, use it as a yard stick, measure the width and/or depth of the box, draw a line in the dirt with the bat and direct the batter's

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### Sunday Men's Format Change Sunday Morning League To Feature 3 Seasons

The Sunday Morning Men's league format will now mimic the rest of the leagues by moving from 1 double spring and summer season and 1 fall season to 3 seasons of spring, summer, and fall. This will be effective with the spring season of 2010.

One of the most compelling reasons for the format change was the long downtime some teams had to endure between the regular season, post-season and start of the fall season. You see, with a double season comes 2/3 post season playoffs and championship finals. This 2/3 format extends the post season to a minimum of 4 weeks as opposed to 2 weeks in the

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### The Year Of The Rain Groundskeepers Are League MVPs

Running Softball America for more than 10 years now and I can say, without fear of contradiction, we have never had a weather year quite like the one we had in 2009. Don't get me wrong, we've had lots of rain in years past, but never with the frequency and poor timing of the rain we had this year. Sure, we've experienced rain where the schedule of a league or 2 were negatively impacted. This year... not one league was

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### Statistics

#### The Fuel That Burns The Game's Fire

There are loads of statistics to follow in other sports. Nowhere, however, are statistics more prevalent, more analyzed, or more pondered upon than in the great game of baseball [softball].

*"You see, you spend a good piece of your life gripping a baseball [softball], and in the end it turns out that it was the other way around all the time." ~Jim Bouton, Ball Four, 1970*

#### For The Record

Single season and yearly records have been tracked since 1996. Only 1 seasonal record was eclipsed in 2009 and that was accomplished by Jarred Gardner. Jarred completely obliterated the previous men's league HR mark of 11 in a season by pounding out no less than 18 in the spring Thursday Men's league this year. Had Jarred stretched 1 of his 11 singles into a double, he would have surely eclipsed the men's league slugging % mark of 2333. Jarred ended the season slugging 2324.

No less than 7 yearly marks were eclipsed in 2009. Erased from the books were 6 men's league and 1 coed league yearly records. Brian Penecale was responsible for 4 of the 6 new yearly men's league marks. Brian crossed the plate



152 times last year in the men's league, topping the old record of 142 set in 2001 by Steve Franchino. His 164 men's league base hits were 9 better than Steve Beagelman's 2001 mark of 155. Setting runs and hits marks are one thing, but Brian also set new yearly HR and RBI marks. His 45 men's league HRs were 3 better than Jarred Gardner's 2008 mark and his men's league RBI total of 164 was 9 better than Jarred's 2003 mark. Jarred did, however, extract some

yearly satisfaction as he smashed Paul Loveland's 2008 yearly slugging mark of 1897 by 419 slugging points (2316). Warren Grant hammered out a gaudy 781 batting average over the course of 21 men's league games which eclipses the previous yearly mark of 756 set by Frank Hackett in 2003 and John McCabe in 2007. Glen Hipple amassed 71 games-played, tying the marks of Rich Beck (2005) and John Kiefer (2007).

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### Players Of The Year Regular & Post-Season Standouts

Jarred Gardner bested all men's league Player of the Year candidates with a whopping 1,194 formula points. Jarred batted 719 and slugged better than 2300. His 59 RBIs in 58 ABs resulted in a 104 RBI%. Ryan Parfitt placed 2nd in the point totals. Ryan batted 684 while slugging 1754. His ability to get on base combined with explosive speed resulted in a run scored almost 3/4 of the time (74%). John McCabe had a fine year playing up in the A division as his 926 points were good for 3rd place in the POTY race. John's 745 batting average was 2nd only to Warren Grant's 781 who finished 4th in the point totals. Rounding out the top 5 was Dave Bishop.

On the coed side of things, the result for Core Player of the Year was much the same with Jarred Gardner taking top honors. In 35 games and 123 at-bats, Jarred batted a league-leading 740 and slugged a league-leading 1984. His RBI rate of 96% also led the league. Jarred became the first player in the history of the league to take both men's and coed league POTY honors in the same year. A big-time SBA congrats goes out to Jarred for a fine all-around year. Mike Chwieroth edged Ryan Parfitt for runner-up honors with a 704/1667 avg/slg. Mike's 89 RBI percent was second only to Jarred. Third in the point total was Ryan Parfitt. Ryan's ability to get on

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### Manager Meetings Monday & Tuesday, March 15th & 16th

For the 2010 softball year we will conduct 2 pre-season manager meetings—one each for men's and coed leagues. Both meetings will be held at Gavin's Tavern on Horsham Road in Horsham, PA. A map to Gavin's is located on the Softball America website.

The men's league meeting is slated for Monday, March 15, 2010. The coed league meeting will be held Tuesday, March 16, 2010. Each meeting will begin

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## Sunday Morning Men's

Muckdogs Sweep A Division, Squirrel Murphy's Sweep B North, 'Roos, Shenanigans Take B East, Bulldogs, Xtreme Solutions Garner B West Crowns, Bomb Squad Wins Summer/Fall Affair

Eight teams clashed in the A-division for the spring/summer coronation but the alpha male, Muckdogs, took no prisoners on their way to a perfect, no loss season. The Muckdogs easily set the bar, scoring 220 runs. Brian Penecale was top dog in the league for runs scored, 30, and RBIs, 35. The Muckdogs also smothered their opponents allowing only 5.9 runs and having the top division put-outs leader, Bill Yokobosky, with 68. POTY candidate, Bill was a maestro with his bat, conducting himself to the Sunday Men's average lead at .744. The Muckdogs carried the next two leading hitters as well: Frank Murray (.657) and Brian Penecale (.620, POTY candidate). Ferraro Computers, 8-6, ended second (3rd in regular season). Ross Levine vacuumed up just about everything near him with a league topping 36 assists and a healthy 40 put-outs. Mike Ferraro (.596), Andy Smallman (.596), Bob Ferraro (.585) and Andrew Abovitz (.583) just about cornered the 6-10 high average spots. The Big Dogs finished #2 seed at 10-4. James Mullen touched home as the high run scorer at 30 and Bill Cashman powered himself to the homerun kingship with 10 (.592 average). Mike Patterson hit .609 and Josh Mercedes tallied .605. Hitched (4th) and Thirsty's Beer (5th) each were very even throughout their lineups. Nick Reasner (24 runs, 15 RBI, .574) and Rich Beck (19 RBI, .482) drove Hitched wagons and Dan Viscovi made the most of his 12 games for Thirsty's nearly grabbing a bunch of offensive categories (18 runs, 22 RBIs, .533). Philly Soft Pretzel, GoodFellas and Rolling Hills filled out the division hoping for better things in the fall. Philly Soft Pretzel's Shawn Rush was 2nd for his team in runs (18), RBI (12) and average (.491). GoodFellas' John Kiefer drove in 29% of his team's tally. And Nick Cicchino topped Rolling Hills' "O" with 13 runs, 17 RBI and .542.

Nine teams squared off in the B-North division. The 4 and 5 teams sur-

## Sunday Evening Coed

Gavin's Tavern Cleans-up "A". Red Stallion Tramples B East in Spring & Summer. Crackers Wild in Fall. Big Heads, JT Bankers & Penguin Pub Swap B West Crown.

A Division: After sweeping 2008, Thunderbird Lanes was prepared to defend their 3 Championships this Spring with a lineup that included Bernie Marsh (6-BB\*), Keith Villers (696 Avg./1174 Slg., 22PO, 17A), Matt McReynolds (22PO, 25A), and Keith Keppley (8-2B\*, 739 Avg./1304 Slg.). They easily swept 5th-place Team Hangover, even with team leader Zack Morris (550 Avg./850 Slg.). Unfortunately, Gavin's Tavern's (107RS\*) efficient offense raced past Thunderbird through the season and playoffs to permanently place Thunderbird in 4th. Featuring league greats Christen Flaherty (6-BB\*, 438 Avg.), Linda Hartzell (429 Avg.), Rick Totans (800 Avg./1240 Slg.) and Steph Garrett (21PO, 21A), Gavin's cruised into 1st-place to await their Championship opponent. In the other bracket, Young Guns' sound defense (62RGU\*) and explosive offense guided them into 2nd-place with MVPs: Tara Murphy (360 Avg./400 Slg.), Joe Buglak (647 Avg./706 Slg.), Tim O'Shea (773 Avg./1091 Slg.), and Jarred Gardner (21-R\*, 23-H\*, 11-HR\*, 28-RBI\*, 852 Avg./2407 Slg.\*). Sadly, the weaponry of 3rd-place Fast Food (107RS\*), featuring Rob Welhaf's (655 Avg./1414 Slg.) MVP bat, jammed the Young Guns by 10-runs in the playoffs. Although Gavin's and Fast Food were offensive equals, Gavin's 2-year Title drought totally motivated them to clean-up this Spring Championship in two single-digit games!

In the Summer, Gavin's defended their title against 3 veteran teams and 1 newcomer, with Scott Leshak (4-3B\*) and MVP Bill Markward's (714 Avg./857 Slg.) great bats. With a better offense, Gavin's moved ahead of 5th-place Young Guns even with their BIG guns: Mary Ann Wade (333 Avg./500 Slg.), Mark Koenig (529 Avg./588 Slg.), Bill Yokobosky (682 Avg./909 Slg.), and Paul Loveland (824 Avg./1882 Slg.\*). With solid all-around play, Gavin's also passed-by 4th-place Fast Food, despite their MVP candidates: Kris Smedley (350 Avg.), Nicole Welhaf (389 Avg./444 Slg.), Ed Doyle Jr. (560

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## Most Valuable Players / Spring 2009

Offensive and Defensive MVP candidates/winners are chosen by statistical formula. The formula 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. MVP winners are highlighted in **bold**.

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
<b>A</b> Offense <b>Core</b>	Bill Cashman <b>Bill Yokobosky</b> Brian Penecale Frank Murray Mike Tareila  Andrew Kane <b>Andy Rinius</b> Bob Tumelty Frank Trymbiski Mike Strum Ray Bates	Ed Doyle, III <b>Jarred Gardner</b> Keith Keppley Rick Totans Tom Strowhouer  Kevin Noble <b>Mike Chwieroth</b> Paulie Muller <b>Randy Freeburg</b> <b>Scott Grabus</b>	<b>Marty Wetzel</b> Mike Richardson Ryan Parfitt Warren Grant	<b>Ed Soley</b> Greg Ochs Jarred Gardner Keith Keppley Ryan Parfitt	Bill Cashman Chris Cusano Chris VanLuvane <b>Randy Helsman</b>  Carl Durante <b>Jason Grenier</b> Larry LoPiccolo Curt Perry Mike Richardson Tom Corey	Bill Yokobosky Brian Penecale CJ Snyder Dave Bishop <b>Jarred Gardner</b> Paul Loveland Ryan Parfitt  Curt Perry <b>Frank Trymbiski</b> Glen Hipple Jason Grenier <b>Jeff Welty</b> John McCabe Matt Schaub Mike Chwieroth	Bill Yokobosky Ed Doyle III <b>Jarred Gardner</b> Keith Keppley Mark Cooper Rick Totans Tom Corey
<b>A</b> Offense <b>Male</b> <b>Eddie</b>		Joe Buglak Keith Villers <b>Rob Welhaf</b> Tim O'Shea Sr.  John Razzi <b>Rich Cordisco</b> Steve Hudson Tim Jenkins	Bill Roth Joe DeSousa <b>Rob Welhaf</b> Tim O'Shea Tom Weinmann		Bill Roth <b>Bob Cusano</b> Joe De Sousa John Seymour  <b>Charley Yuknus</b> Dave Gumkowski Frank Taverno Joe Gross John Razzi		<b>Frank Taverno</b> Bob Cusano Ed Doyle Jr Joe Buglak Mark Koenig Tim O'Shea
<b>A</b> Offense <b>Female</b> <b>Eddie</b>		<b>Christen Flaherty</b> Linda Hartzell Tara Murphy  Chrissy Conzulman <b>Lisa Wambold</b> Steph Hudson <b>Steph Thrasher</b>	Christine Kerrigan <b>Christine Razzi</b> Dawn Bieber Nicole Welhaf <b>Sue Migliore</b>		Becky Foley <b>Karol Ann Kinkelin</b> <b>Kelly Neill</b> <b>Mary Foley</b>  <b>Deb Dando</b> Julie Morris Kelly Mengel Stephanie Thrasher		Colleen Gilmartin Kris Smedley Lisa Silvestri <b>Tara Murphy</b>
<b>Defense</b> <b>Core</b>	Ed O' Neill Jeff Giulian <b>Phil Bandini</b> Ray Bates Ross Levine Tom Lydon	Matt McReynolds Michael Downey Nick Cordisco <b>Shane Purtell</b> Steph Garrett Vince Lehr	Chris Hesdon <b>Dave McDonald</b> Don Rotanz <b>Warren Grant</b>	<b>Chris Hesdon</b> Dan Scott Keith Keppley <b>Ron Bannister</b> Scott Mastromatto Steve Campbell	Adam Roman Dave McDonald Michael Canelli Mike Downey <b>Tim Ford</b>	Dan Zogg <b>Mike Canelli</b> Mike Downey <b>Rich Strapple</b> Wayne Wiley	Ben Soler Jarred Gardner Lowel Snyder Matt McReynolds Paul O'Connor <b>Tom Corey</b>
<b>Defense</b> <b>Eddie</b>		Christine Razzi <b>John Seymour</b> Keith Villers Rich Cordisco Ron Kulp Shannon Guzman Tom Hansen	Buddy Schwarz Linda Dart Newt Miles <b>Sarah Jacoby</b>		Charley Yuknus <b>Dawn Powidzki</b> Elliot Ridgeway <b>John Seymour</b> Lena Aikens		Amy Potts <b>Chanelle Lyons</b> Dawn Cardinal <b>Ed Doyle Jr</b> <b>Eliot Ridgeway</b> Karol Ann Kinkelin Pam O'Connor Tara Axenroth

## Monday Evening Coed

Carroll's Jewelers Garners Spring Title. Maple Glen Tavern Takes Summer and Fall Crown

The singer BJ Thomas sang it the best, "Raindrops keep falling on my head". That about sums up the 2009 softball season..The rain and cloudy skies did not put a damper on the spirits of the Monday coed peeps..They soaked up every inning as they spritzed and showered the field with hit after hit..8 teams blossomed in the spring and they never wilted...

Garges Gang. Instead of milking the f/a, Farmer Bob beefs up his roster with family and friends. Bob cow-tailed his team to the win column in 2009.Bob's core player's Mike Richardson, Tom Egitto and Rick Schemm led the offense. Male eddie Joe DeSousa had a great 3 season run with a .714, .667,&.609. Janice Tansits always consistent defensively and offensively..

Mavericks. Manager's Mike McHale and Joe Gross are always trying to whip the Mavericks in shape..Basically a free agent team, this team is always ready to go out and play hard..Their wins are far and few but they are always ready to play hard..Rick Schenk led the team in the spring..636.eddies Vicki Ponente.375 and Joe Gross .550 spring..Larry

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## Tuesday Evening Men's

Goodfellas Captures Spring Title. Bones Grille Takes Summer And Fall Crowns

Spring

This eight team fight lived up to the competitiveness of previous years. Five teams either were tied for or within one game of division lead. The two seed had enough good "fellas" to nip Dickey Moe's for the championship. Goodfellas pounded out 130 runs on the backs of Player of the Year candidates Ryan Parfitt and Jarred Gardner. Each had stratospheric slugging percentages, 1.857 and 2.300 respectively. Ryan plated a league topping 17 times and also hit .762 while Jarred (.650) crushed 11 dingers and 25 RBIs to lead the league in both categories. Brian Penecale (.667), Chris Azzarito (.636) also broke the 600 barrier. Fourth place Dickey Moe's Damion Covelens rapped out an impressive .692 average and Mark Cooper recorded a league high 29 put outs. 99 Restaurants won the regular season division at 6-2 with Ron Bannister keeping the score down with his pitching, yielding a league low or 84 runs against, and fielding as he topped the league in assists with 25. Mike DiCristafano hit .667 and Steph Garrett .625 for the 99's. Mike's York St Bar and Grill tied for third in the regular season. Keith Keppley had the big bat, taking two offensive categories for Tuesday night – 19 runs and 26 RBIs (.731). Rob Johnson (.682) and EW Werner (.630) had pop in their bats. Brighten Place ended up in the 3 team 5-3 log jam at season's end. Greg Ochs was BP's multitool guy grabbing a Tuesday top 23 RBIs while gathering 16 put outs and 16 assists (.667). Topping 600 were Tom Ambolino (.630), Jamal Covington (.615) and Paul Knapp (.615). Progressive Graphics fell a bit short though they had the top two average hitters in the league, Ed Soley .852 and Jim Hahn .800. Rob Spencer also hit .652. Philly Soft Pretzel Factory and the

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## Wednesday Evening Coed

99 Restaurant Sweeps A. Scared Hitless Shocks B East in Spring. Chico's Bail Bonds Repeats in Summer & Fall. Gavin's Tavern, Traxx Sports Pub, & Red Stallion Share B West.

After trying numerous league variations in 2008, SBA finally decided to keep the three-division league for all of 2009.

A Division: This Spring, a familiar 99-Restaurant-1 squad defended its Fall 2008 Title against 6 other hopefuls. Acquiring all-star Keith Keppley (4-3B\*), the 99er's easily roasted the 7th-place Cannoneers and 6th-place 99-Restaurant-2, even with all-star Magdiel Rivera (600 Avg./960 Slg.), and future stars John Kichler (696 Avg./1000 Slg.) and Jay Watson (600 Avg./1250 Slg.). During the Spring, the 99er's were slightly burnt by Harrington Robb, led by MVPs Mary Foley (423 Avg.), Becky Foley (381 Avg./476 Slg.), and Michael Canelli (24PO, 18A). Fortunately for the 99er's, 5th-place Harrington was robbed by the 4th-place Outcasts, featuring Curt Perry's (720 Avg./1320 Slg.) MVP stick. However, the Outcasts were then cast-off by the Renegades with MVPs Randy Helsingman (9-2B\*, 24-RBI\*, 750 Avg./1357 Slg.), Bill Cashman (682 Avg./1545 Slg.), and John Seymour (500 Avg./773 Slg., 16PO, 18A). After their playoff victory, the Renegades anxiously awaited the 99-Restaurant-1/Butcher winner. Since they beat the Renegades during the season, the 3rd-place Butcher was given the edge in this playoff, especially with their great hitters: Kelly Neill (450 Avg./500 Slg.), Bill Roth (462 Avg./692 Slg.), Joe DeSousa (522 Avg./565 Slg.), Bill Damico (4-3B\*), and Chris Vanluvanee (9-2B\*, 633 Avg./933 Slg.). However, the equally-talented 99er's with MVPs Karol Ann Kinkelin (417 Avg.), Bob Cusano (636 Avg./727 Slg.), and Chris Cusano (667 Avg./1100 Slg.) dug deep to whack the Butcher by 10-runs. Having beat the veteran 99er's during the Spring, the 1st-place Renegades (43 RGU\*) were favored in this Championship, but 2nd-place 99-Restaurant-1 (106RS\*) dug even deeper through 2 games to repeat as Champions!

In the Summer, six teams tried to prevent 99-Restaurant-1 from three-peating. Even though they acquired all-star Ron Bannister (571 Avg./1048 Slg.), 7th-place 99-Restaurant-2 still missed the playoff-cut. In front of them, the 6th-place Butcher also fell short, even with Lora Hooven's (517 Avg.) and Joe D.'s (661 Avg./722 Slg.) MVP bats. With 5 MVP nods for

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## Thursday Evening Men's

99 Restaurant Spring, Summer & Fall A Champs. Snipers Spring & Fall B Champs; Rhinos Summer B Champs

Spring

Six teams vied for the A division crown and eight teams for the B division bragging rights. 99 Restaurant, 6-2, parlayed their second place regular season into a playoff crown. During the regular "A" season 99 Restaurant outpaced their rivals by scoring almost 22 runs per game. Jarred Gardner had a monster year topping all men in runs (26), RBIs (34), homeruns (18) and slugging percentage (2.324). Jarred missed a triple crown batting .757 to the leader's .789. Brian Penecale (.711, 25 runs, 27 RBI), Bill Yokobosky (.677), Frank Hackett (.640) and Ryan Parfitt (.639, 25 runs, 25 RBI) all were important cogs on the team. The regular season winner, Poole's Skyline Tavern, 7-1, took 99 Restaurant to three games but came up a little dry. Greg Ochs muscled 5 bombs and 21 RBIs. Warren Grant played slick defense with 39 put outs with no errors. Poole's also hit the apple with Tom Ambolino (.706), Warren Grant (.696), Greg Ochs (.682), Matt Hutcheson (.655) all besting 600. Country Tavern, 5-3, knocked down the third spot. CT's Dave Bishop outhit all leagues with a .789 average. Greg Moylan (.690-POTY candidate), Paul Loveland (.667), and Matt Stevens (.600) also hit very well. Master Baiters Tackle Shop snagged 4th. Jake Seymour reeled in most of his team's offensive categories; 13 runs, 8 RBIs, 5 doubles though Mike Patterson took team average at .600. Griffin Drywall nailed down the fifth with CJ Snyder marking a very solid year at .760, 15 runs, 19 RBIs and 6 HRs. Matt Poust (.619) and Dave DeStephanis (.615) also contributed. Horsham Inn rounded out the field. John McCabe stirred the Inn's offensive drink – 9 runs, 4 HRs, 15 RBIs, .684 – and earn Player of the Year consideration.

On the flip, B-division side, the Snipers ran the table during the lossless season and playoffs. They shot down the charging Rhinos for the title. The Snipers' 138 runs led the all teams with Glen Hipple ringing up a B division leading 19 (.633). Rich Strapple (.625) and John Connors (.600) added to the tally. They also gave up the least runs at an 8.3 pace/game. The second place Rhinos, 6-2, scored freely too, only 4 less than the Snipers. Frank Trymbiski rapped out a .690 average, second in B, to drive in 20 runs. Red Herring, 6-2, slotted next. Curt Perry slugged out 21 runs to lead the division and Mike Downey engulfed many a shot on his way to 30 assists. Sean Schwartz got high average honors in the B (.722). Roos Nutz ended even for the season. Matt Schaub put up impressive numbers with 12 runs, 6 HRs, 14 RBIs coupled with a .625 average. Winding Brook Farm led the second half of the division. Jeff Welty milked opponents with a .720 average, 11 runs, 18 RBIs and 4 bombs. Jason Cassel also hit .630. Blue-stone Bombers finished in 6th position – John Kiefer had 18 RBIs to go with his 5 blasts. Irish Car Bombs notched the next position. Mike Chwieroth amassed a .739 average and knocked in 14 RBIs; Nick Reasner matched the latter tally. Jason Grenier batted at a .643 clip. Rounding out the divi-

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## Friday Evening Coed

Thirsty's Beer Defends Spring and Summer Titles. Red Lion Diner Upends Them to Capture First Fall Championship

After sweeping 2008, Thirsty's Beer/Big Heads was ready to defend their 3 Championships in 2009. Looking to steal these titles were the 7 usual Friday Night suspects. Beginning the Spring with its 2008 lineup, Thirsty's handily beat Royal Rooters. Although in 8th, the Rooters received 3 MVP nominations for Colleen Gilmartin (467 Avg.), Ben Soler (10PO, 16A), and Lowell Snyder (17PO, 16A). Ahead of them was 7th-place Helio's Data Services, whose stars were Wes Tommassello (5-3B\*) and Eliot Ridgeway (19PO, 14A). Earning 6th-place was TBD, which showcased the defense of Dawn Cardinal (20PO, 12A), and Pam (23PO) and Paul (15PO, 14A) O'Connor. Although Andy's Snack Bar captured 5th, they beat 2nd-place Red Lion Diner during the Spring with their MVPs: Amy Potts (18PO, 7A), Karol Ann Kinkelin (5BB\*, 11PO, 8A), Bob Cusano (667 Avg./778 Slg.), Matt McReynolds (18PO, 19A), and Keith Keppley (654 Avg./1231 Slg.). The 4th-place Misfits were the only team to beat Thirsty's during the Spring. Lisa Silvestri's (471 Avg./529 Slg.) and Mark Cooper's (20R\*, 630 Avg./1333 Slg.) MVP bats got the Misfits to another playoff game, but Thirsty's paid them back. Beat out by Red Lion for 2nd, Levittown Crush finished in 3rd, thanks to Tara Axenroth's (23PO) MVP leather, and Angela Salomon and Danielle Olson's (5BB\*) sharp eyes. For the second time, Red Lion reached the Championships, just to face Thirsty's. Throughout the Spring, Red Lion was offensively and defensively strong with their league-tying 8 MVPs: Tara Murphy (619 Avg.), Chanelle Lyons (31PO\*, 1A), Ed Doyle Jr. (586 Avg./724 Slg., 19PO, 8A), Frank Taverno (600 Avg./867 Slg.), Ed Doyle III (21H\*, 9-2B\*, 5-3B\*, 750 Avg./1429 Slg.), and Tom Corey (615 Avg./1308 Slg., 15PO, 24A\*). However, 1st-place Thirsty's (127RS\*, 60RGU\*) easily countered Red Lion's play with their 8 MVP nominations: Kris Smedley (400 Avg.), Joe Buglak (529 Avg.), Mark Koenig (462 Avg./615 Slg.), Tim O'Shea (522 Avg.), Bill Yokobosky (750 Avg./1650 Slg.), Rick Totans (833 Avg./1125 Slg.), and Jarred Gardner (9HR\*, 24-RBI\*, 750 Avg./2080 Slg., 17PO, 6A). Although equally matched, Thirsty's vigorously protected its Championship by putting-away Red Lion in 2 games for its 4th Consecutive Title!

During the Summer, Thirsty's had greater difficulty maintaining its reign. As usual, they easily passed the three lowest seeds, TBD, Rooters, and Crush. However, Bill Martino (731 Avg./923 Slg.), Cindy Reed (400 Avg./480 Slg.), Lowell S. (17 PO, 18A), Ralph Camasso (15PO, 7A) and

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regular 3-season leagues. Add a forfeit, bye week and/or few rainouts and teams can sit out as much as 7 or 8 weeks without playing softball. That's a long time to have to wait to get back on the field. The Muckdogs played their last regular season game on the 19th of July. Because of the format, they did not play a playoff game until the 30th of August. Teams not in the playoffs will be forced to wait even longer. The last game of the spring/summer season was played on the 26th of July. Opening Day of the fall season wasn't until September 20th. The 3-season format allows teams to get back on the field in a much more reasonable period of time.

The long double season also eliminates any chance for teams to retool between spring and summer seasons and for players to find new teams - effectively tying the hands of managers and players alike. As is the case in all other leagues, the 3-season format offers teams and players an opportunity to be more flexible for a shot at a championship title. Instead of only 2 championships, 1 for spring and summer and 1 for fall, there are now 3 individual titles available.

Players that want to play spring softball, but enjoy the shore in the summer

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## Year Of The Rain *(Continued from page 1)*

spared. Each and every league was pounded with rainouts. I went through almost a ream of paper and hours on end of schedule revisions. What a year!

Mother Nature saw to it the league groundskeepers didn't suffer from boredom. Not many weeks went by without ball field playability issues. In normal years and under ordinary circumstances it's merely a dragger spin around the infield and a batter's box touch-up. Not the case in 2009 as the ball field crews were forced to work their tails off. And I've gotta tell ya, these guys did an awesome job getting the fields ready time and time again. Tim O'Shea, Steph Garrett, Rob Johnson, Rusty Haywood, Curt Hensman, Beau Burris, Cale Carver and Craig Henderson each deserve one heck of a pat on the back. On the weekends, when it seemed to rain on cue, these guys were up at the crack of dawn every Sunday assessing the situation and doing what needed to be done.

Nobody likes game postponements and playing make-ups on a Saturday is right up there with getting a root canal on the league member scale of non-enjoyment. For the most part, however, league members were pretty cool about it all. And for that I am extremely grateful.

*Les Greenstein*

# Players Of The Year

Winners are shaded in gray.

## Player Of The Year / Men's League 2009

	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
Jarred Gardner	14	57	40	70	41	9	16	2	4	1	2	29	51	59	104	719	2316	1	2	27	1.9	11	0.8	0	350	1194
Ryan Parfitt	14	57	42	74	39	11	19	9	16	5	9	14	25	43	75	684	1754	6	10	43	3.1	0	0.0	1	279	1038
John McCabe	17	55	26	47	41	18	33	13	24	1	2	9	16	33	60	745	1509	2	4	42	2.5	5	0.3	3	235	926
Warren Grant	21	73	35	48	57	45	62	7	10	2	3	3	4	46	63	781	1055	9	11	91	4.3	8	0.4	0	510	900
Dave Bishop	28	85	50	59	52	20	24	13	15	5	6	14	16	54	64	612	1376	16	16	95	3.4	8	0.3	8	282	892

## Player Of The Year / Coed League 2009

	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
Jarred Gardner	35	123	83	67	91	30	24	12	10	6	5	43	35	118	96	740	1984	6	5	87	2.5	54	1.5	12	420	840
Mike Chwieroth	18	54	38	70	38	14	26	9	17	2	4	13	24	48	89	704	1667	4	7	43	2.4	19	1.1	6	317	769
Ryan Parfitt	20	77	56	73	54	16	21	14	18	4	5	20	26	58	75	701	1766	1	1	52	2.6	3	0.2	1	270	757
Kevin Noble	21	82	47	57	56	23	28	18	22	3	4	12	15	74	90	683	1415	0	0	52	2.5	2	0.1	1	248	693
Beau Burris	88	264	149	56	166	66	25	49	19	14	5	37	14	201	76	629	1341	21	7	116	1.3	30	0.3	15	132	691

## Female Eddie Player Of The Year / 2009

	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
Dawn Bieber (fe)	15	47	11	23	23	19	40	3	6	1	2	0	0	11	23	489	596	0	0	24	1.6	11	0.7	2	253	545
Lisa Wambold (fe)	20	69	22	32	29	22	32	6	9	1	1	0	0	14	20	420	536	4	5	70	3.5	26	1.3	5	510	536
Becky Foley (fe)	21	70	25	36	31	25	36	4	6	2	3	0	0	12	17	443	557	5	7	33	1.6	16	0.8	4	233	532
Heather Bintliff (fe)	22	71	20	28	31	28	39	3	4	0	0	0	0	20	28	437	479	2	3	75	3.4	3	0.1	4	295	527
Deb Dando (fe)	28	67	35	52	27	26	39	1	1	0	0	0	0	8	12	403	418	24	26	21	0.8	7	0.3	6	39	517

## Male Eddie Player Of The Year / 2009

	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
Rich Cordisco (me)	22	72	39	54	49	20	28	16	22	5	7	8	11	51	71	681	1375	8	10	70	3.2	62	2.8	1	864	729
Rob Welhaf (me)	43	147	68	46	97	41	28	25	17	15	10	16	11	89	61	660	1361	3	2	34	0.8	12	0.3	2	116	636
Charley Yuknus (me)	23	84	39	46	53	45	54	4	5	4	5	0	0	26	31	631	774	3	3	93	4.0	2	0.1	2	387	535
Keith Villers (me)	19	67	24	36	37	23	34	8	12	3	4	3	4	38	57	552	896	2	3	41	2.2	39	2.1	3	563	530
Frank Taverno (me)	62	222	82	37	131	107	48	14	6	8	4	2	1	78	35	590	752	5	2	60	1.0	4	0.1	6	71	505

## Sunday Evening Coed *(Continued from page 2)*

Avg./640 Slg.), and Ron Pulli (654 Avg./1000 Slg.). During the regular season, however, Gavin's could not overcome 2nd-place Thunderbird Lanes, sporting MVP Charlie Gardner (583 Avg./708 Slg.). Although they were ranked 3rd, Gavin's was determined to defend their Spring title, so they quickly caged Thunderbird with 14-runs in the playoffs. Now in the Championships, Gavin's had to face the newcomer, Renegades. Formed from a combination of "A" and "B" teams, the Renegades (95RS\*, 56RGU\*) surprised the entire A-division with their outstanding play, which garnered MVP nods for Dawn McGrath (318 Avg.) and John Seymour (500 Avg./550 Slg., 19PO, 12A). Allowing only a Fast Food loss and a Gavin's tie, the Renegades surged into 1st-place, where they averaged Fast Food by 1-run in the playoffs. With the clear advantage, the Renegades relentlessly battled Gavin's Tavern to split Championship Games 1 & 2, but Gavin's veteran force suppressed the Renegades' charge in Game 3 to repeat as Champions!

Determined to three-peat this Fall, Gavin's Tavern merged with Fast Food to create a juggernaut team. Showcasing MVPs Christen F. (471 Avg.), Kris S. (385 Avg./423 Slg.), Nicole W. (360 Avg.), Rob W. (682 Avg./1091 Slg.), Beau Burris (708 Avg./1792 Slg.\*), and Rick T. (714 Avg./1095 Slg.), Gavin's (118RS\*, 46RGU\*) Mega-roster quickly launched into 1st-place. Along the way, they handily beat the two newcomers, 6th-place Rolling Hills, which featured Matt Bonsall (833 Avg./1083 Slg.), and 5th-place Red Stallion, which starred Tom McCarthy (609 Avg./957 Slg., 14PO, 15A). Next, Gavin's again raced past 4th-place Thunderbird Lanes through the season and playoffs, despite the MVP efforts of Kelly Neill (440 Avg.), Lora Hooven (400 Avg.), Keith V. (500 Avg./857 Slg.), and Matt McR. (714 Avg./857 Slg.). However, the 3rd-place Renegades, led by MVP-manager John S. (652 Avg./870 Slg.), gave Gavin's their only regular season loss. Although they were ranked 3rd, the Renegades' strong defense also quieted the bats of 2nd-place Last Call during the season and playoffs, even with their firepower: Joe B. (625 Avg.), Tim OS (11PO, 15A), Jarred G. (7-HR\*), and Frank Hackett (21-R\*, 24-H\*, 857 Avg./1643 Slg.). With one season win versus Gavin's, the Renegades hoped to gain two more wins in this second Championship series, but Gavin's Tavern reigned supreme through 2 Championship games for the Three-Peat! Finally, this last Championship of the 2009 Coed-Season also marked Christen Flaherty's 50th Coed Championship Title!

B East Division: This Spring, the Fall 2008 Champion Long Shots were prepared to defend their Title with MVPs John Seymour (24PO, 19A) and Tom Strouhouer (704 Avg./1556 Slg.), but they were forced into 2nd-place by newcomer, Red Stallion. After winning Summer & Fall B-West Titles, Red Stallion

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## Monday Evening Coed *(Continued from page 3)*

Piccolo sizzled in the summer slugging a .650. Bros' John and Kevin Gessner joined the team in the Fall. Jeff Jones led the team in the fall.500 average..

99 Restaurant.Steph Garrett's team!.A power hitting team up and down the line-up starting with Warren Grant, Rob Johnson, Bill D'Amico, Mark Cooper, Keith Keppley & Chris Hesdon..Warren led the team with a combined 3 season 49 Rbi's. Mike Hagan had the high 3 season team average in the summer..765!. Kelly Neill & Sara Jacoby are always on top of their game. Sara 105 PO's..

Carroll's Jeweler's. Like a rare gem, this team has 2 father-daughter duo's..Christine & John Razzi & Nicole and Rob Welhauf..m/e Rob sparked at the plate all 3 seasons with a .720,619, &517 average..Christine led the f/e's in the spring.524.Christen Flaherty a 2 season 56 PO's.Beau Burris 54 rbi's..Jesse Kupier made his Carroll's debut with a .655, 19 rbi's and 2 hr's..Sidelined since the summer, Eliot Ridgeway will be back in the spring of 2010 in crowned glory..

New Age. Manager Rich Petersen's roster changed from 2008..m/e Ron Kulp was added and did a superb job on the pitcher's mound leading the team to the finals, he also belted out a .610 average. Josh Mercedes had a fine spring with a .654.In the summer John Seymour joined son Jake Charlotte. LaRose led the f/e/s in the summer.500.Sue Migliore a 2 season 46 PO's..Jim Kennedy led the cores in the fall belting a .741 with 20 rbi's..

Bamberger Group..Joe & Co have been together for years and they are always in the thick of things with a strong offense..The team is led offensively by Marty Wetzel. Marty had 24 rbi's in the fall and slugged a 667 average..m/e Bill Roth had a fine spring.667 and 10 rbi's..Newt Miles superb on the mound with a 3 season 40 PO's & 26 A's..Veteran Sheila March has been with the team for years..Sheila does a fine job holding down the 2nd base position, her 3 season PO's are 36 with 16 A's..

LA Pool's. A team that either sinks or swims..They were 500 in the win and loss column in the spring and summer..Core Marc Webb had an awesome spring slugging a .818.Krissy Cianific led the ladies in the spring & summer..Christine Kerrigan in the fall..Sean Fischer had a hot summer with a .704, 12 rbi's, Andrew Bartyynski dove in and joined Sean with a .519..Mike Cianifici a 3 season 31 rbi's..

Chugs and Tugs..Steve Kerrigan, Buddy Schwarz, Lance Henik, Greg Hood and Drew Minko and Pete Hagan have been the main core of the team..OF'er Greg Hood always the golden glove with 39 PO's and 12 out-field assists. Pitcher Buddy Schwarz 33 po's and 30 assists..Linda Dart a .357 and Shanna Lilly was a close second..Mike Patterson chugged it out one season in the summer with a .545, .864 slugging and 14 rbi's. Colleen Gilmartin had a fine summer, 409 average...

Until the Spring!

*Vicki Ponente*

## Thursday Evening Men's *(Continued from page 3)*

sion was the Brew Crew. Offensively they came up a little short but Troy Martzall had 30 put outs and Dan Zogg picked up 27 assists. Summer

In the A-division, 99 Restaurant, 4-4, barked loud enough to be top dog after finishing 4th during the regular season. Bill Yobobosky had heavy lumber for 99 as he topped the league in RBIs with 15. He also scored 16 times. Ricky MacLeod smacked .625 and Joe Shenko rapped .619. Dominick's Pizza 5-3, was the bride'smaid in both the playoffs and regular season. Dominick's Pizza cooked with Warren Grant's .800 high-average watermark. Matt Hutcheson's 18 runs scored topped all; Nicholas Britton's 28 put outs was a winning amount. Country Tavern was perfect until playoffs scoring the most team runs, 112, and being miserly by only allowing 55 runs against. Matt Ermigiotti (12 runs & .680) and Greg Moylan (14 RBI & 12 runs) powered most of the tavern's offensive categories. Griffin Drywall moved up a spot from spring. Nick Cappuccio swatted the #2 average in the league, hitting .722. Horsham Inn came in fifth with John McCabe hitting .750 in his five games. Master Baiters Tackle Shop settled at the bottom of the division. Dave Ward rapped out a .600 average and plated 13 times.

The B-division again had the Rhinos and Snipers aiming at each other in the finals. The Rhinos trampled the Snipers this time 2 games to 1. The 7-1 Rhinos boasted the B leaders in runs scored - Anthony Romeo 15, RBIs - Jeff Hess 15 (.625). Frank Trymbiski notched a .600 average. The third place Snipers, 6-2, possessed the B average leader, Mark Nevins, who smacked .720. He was followed by a .609 hitting (13 RBIs) Jason Hillenbrand. 4KidsInPA played to a second place regular season finish. Very balanced hitting and exceptional fielding by division leading Brett Cohen (25 put outs) and Mike Downey (17 assists) kept the "kids" in contention. Kevin Shinkunas led the 4Kids with a .625 average. The Bluestone Bombers, 5-3, 4th place, had John Kiefer smack the sphere for a top 15 RBIs and a .655 average, 2nd in B. Winding Brook Farm plowed into fifth. Low scoring games was their theme as they scored the least amount of runs but gave up the second least amount of runs. Mixed Nutz followed with Matt Schaub (14 runs, 3 HR, .552) pacing most of their offensive stats. Dave Herbst did have 13 RBIs. Brew Crew moved up a spot from the spring with Dave Keebler posting .519. Irish Car Bombs filled out the field. Andrew Wiley singled his way to a .565 average. Fall

The fall reconfigured the divisions with 5 teams vying for the A title and 9 for the B. 99 Restaurant, 7-1, served up a year trifecta taking the A top slot

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## Tuesday Evening Men's *(Continued from page 3)*

Land Sharks were building. Marc McKinney bested his Philly teammates in each offensive category (.632, 13RBIs) though Matt Wolf hit an even .600. Eric Damm was the Land Sharks leader (.607, 11 runs). Summer

The summer session pointed out how even Tuesday is as the spring finalists sank to the bottom of the division and a seventh place spring team almost brought home the bacon. Bones Grille tied Philly Soft Pretzel Factory up in knots to snag the championship. Bones Grille was the offensive summer juggernaut plating 129. Frank Hackett, 2009 POTY candidate, topped scorers with 18 runs and Greg Ochs topped the night with 19 RBIs. Nick Mayrides' sweetly swung a .750 average and Mark Ambolino (.677) and Ron Hopkins (.600) hit well too. Philly Soft Pretzel Factory got hot along with the August weather. They turned a 3-4-1 regular season mark into a finals appearance. Marques Bradham (.643/1.214) and CJ Snyder

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## Wednesday Evening Coed *(Continued from page 3)*

Trish Marlin (400 Avg.), Carissa Marlin (27PO, 8A), Tom Banas (8-2B\*, 625 Avg./1125 Slg.), and Todd Hangey (737 Avg./842 Slg., 17PO, 15A), the 5th-place Cannoneers extended their season, only to have 4th-place Harrington Robb oust them by 1-playoff-run. Again led by MVP Becky F. (600 Avg./800 Slg.), Harrington made the second-round, but they were robbed by 1st-place 99-Restaurant-1 with their producers Christen Flaherty (7-BB\*), Bob C. (448 Avg./517 Slg.), Rick Totans (16R\*, 636 Avg./955 Slg.) and Keith K. (21-H\*, 5-3B\*, 700 Avg./1333 Slg.). Enjoying the Summer sun, the 99er's awaited the winner of the Renegades/Assassins game. Tumbling slightly from the Spring, the 3rd-place Renegades still showcased 3 MVPs: Tara Murphy (565 Avg./609 Slg.), John S. (480 Avg./640 Slg.), and Bill C. (731 Avg./1423 Slg.\*). Although they split the Summer with the new Assassins team, the improved Renegades' (105RS\*) scoring could not rebel against the 2nd-place Assassins with big guy, Jarred Gardener (5HR\*, 21-RBI\*, 655 Avg./1310 Slg., 19PO, 21A). After splitting the Summer, the 99-Restaurant-1/Assassins Championship was also split through Games 1 & 2, but the tough veteran defense of the 99er's (45RGu\*) carried them through Game 3 to the Three-Peat!

The Fall season was the last chance for 5 teams to dethrone 3-time Champion, 99-Restaurant. Although they tied the 99er's during the season, Harrington Robb ended in 6th-place with MVP nods for Buddy Schwarz (435 Avg./478 Slg., 10PO, 7A) and Mike DeGuida (737 Avg./1000 Slg.). Extending their season again was the 5th-place Cannoneers with their MVPs Kelly Mangal (333 Avg./444 Slg.) and Trish M. (375 Avg.). Sadly, the Cannoneers forfeited their playoff game to the 4th-place Assassins. Receiving 6 MVP nominations for Joe Buglak (440 Avg.), Tim O'Shea (462 Avg., 16PO, 17A), Ryan Parfitt (842 Avg./2158 Slg.\*), and Jarred G. (11-HR\*, 28-RBI\*, 692 Avg./2154 Slg., 22PO, 20A), this powerhouse team shot toward the Championships, but the veteran offense of 1st-place 99-Restaurant (103RS\*) out-shot the Assassins by an eighth-inning run to continue their reign. With their MVPs Bob C. (381 Avg./524 Slg.) and Beau Burris (650 Avg./1250 Slg.), the Champs awaited the winner of the lower bracket. Improving from the Summer, the Renegades' strong defense (70RGu\*) propelled them to 2nd-place with MVP nominations for John S. (423 Avg., 4PO, 11A), Mike Tareila (4-3B\*, 667 Avg./1222 Slg.), and James Mullen (27PO, 23A). Although the Renegades beat the 99er's during the Fall, the 3rd-place Butcher slashed their hopes with the MVP bats of Bill R. (600 Avg./1000 Slg.), Kelly N. (609 Avg./696 Slg.), and Lora H. (435 Avg.). Even though they were seated lower, the Butcher challenged 99-Restaurant through 2 Championship games. Continually improving from that last-place, all-female Icon team in Summer 2000, this veteran 99-Restaurant team, always led by manager Christen Flaherty, battled to a 12-run lead in Game 3 to win their 4th-Consecutive and 20th-Overall Championship!

B-East Division: Sporting MVPs Charley Yuknus (22H\*, 19-1B\*, 759 Avg./897 Slg., 36PO, 1A) and Tim Ford (27PO, 16A), the undefeated Just Sports Bar & Grill easily grilled the other 6 teams this Spring, including defending Fall 2008 Champs Chico's Bail Bonds. Becoming Just Sports' polar opposite, Casey's Saloon landed in 6th-place, despite the efforts of league leader John Andres (632 Avg./737 Slg.). Led by MVPs Deb Dando (533 Avg./600 Slg.), Julie Morris (500 Avg.), and Stephanie Thrasher (414 Avg.), the 5th-place Mixed Nutz made the playoffs, but 4th-place Chico's with golden glove Adam Roman (18PO, 22A) effortlessly cracked them. In the other bracket, the big bats of Darren Shaw (750 Avg./1063 Slg.), Mike Richardson (750 Avg./1458 Slg.), and Dave Gumkowski (538 Avg./577 Slg.) thrust the Disabled List into 3rd-place with (106RS\*). Unfortunately, a Championship-hungry Scared Hitless put a playoff hurting on the DL. Formed by some Sunday Coed veterans, 2nd-place Scared Hitless (63RGu\*) frightened the lower seeds with their tough defense and MVPs: Dawn Powidzki (40PO\*, 4A), Elliot Ridgeway (13PO, 17A), John Razzi (545 Avg./864 Slg.), and Mike Downey (16PO, 24A). Fortunately for Scared Hitless, who lost to Just Sports twice during the Spring, 4th-place Chico's got a chance to defend their Fall title by barring 1st-place Just Sports' from the Championships. Driven by pure desire, Scared Hitless continually shocked the defending Champs through 2 games to win their 1st Wednesday Championship!

During the Summer, the same 6 teams clashed to keep Scared Hitless from repeating. Like the Spring, Casey's Saloon again settled for 6th-place, even with the hard work of team leader Matt Coriarty (632 Avg.).

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## Players Of the Year *(Continued from page 1)*

base and his superior base-running talents produced a league-leading 70% run-scoring clip. Kevin Noble and Beau Burris rounded out the coed POTY top 5.

With an impressive performance in the female department, first-time winner Dawn Bieber garnered Female Eddie POTY honors by batting almost 500 and slugging almost 600 in 47 trips to the plate. In spite of playing most of her games on a much less than stacked Monday Evening Coed squad, Dawn managed to knock in a run AND score a run in almost 1 out of every 4 at-bats. Congrats to Dawn on a fine year. Only a few points apart in the point totals, Lisa Wambold and Becky Foley come in at 2nd and 3rd in the POTY tally. Lisa batted 420 and slugged 536. Her 70 put-outs and 28 assists are a testament to her fine defensive ability. Becky batted 443 and slugged 557 in 70 games. Heather Bintliff had a fine year at 437/479. Her RBI percentage of 28 led all girls. Deb Dando rounded out the top 5. Patience at the plate allowed Deb to draw a walk better than 1 in 4 trips to the dish - scoring a run 52% of the time.

First-time winners Rich Cordisco and Rob Welhaf will share Male Eddie POTY honors. Rich racked up point-total honors by batting a league-leading 681 and slugging a league-leading 1375 in 22 B league games. Rich produced an RBI almost 3/4 of the time and scored a run more than 1/2 the time. Rob led all A league eddies by batting 660 and slugging 1361 in 43 games. 2006 POTY, Charley Yuknus finished in 3rd with 2008 POTY Keith Villers right behind in 4th. Perennial superstar and ageless wonder Frank Taverno rounded out the top 5 in the older gents category.

Only 2 men's league players have ever won Player of the Year and Playoff Player of the Year in the same year. Frank Hackett did it in 2005. Jarred Gardner did it in 2006. Nobody has ever done it twice... until now. Jarred Gardner tops all for Men's League PPOTY honors. Batting 600 and slugging 1640, Jarred was clutch when it counted. The guy hit one out in better than 1 in 4 trips to the post-season plate. His RBI% of 86 was 2nd to no one. Brian

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## Playoff Players Of The Year

Winners are shaded in gray.

### Playoff Player Of The Year / Men's League 2009

	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
Jarred Gardner	7	25	15	60	15	5	20	1	4	2	8	7	28	21	84	600	1640	1	4	20	2.9	5	0.7	2	314	940
Brian Sassano	10	37	16	43	25	13	35	4	11	0	0	8	22	28	76	676	1432	0	0	11	1.1	6	0.6	0	230	879
Ryan Parfitt	7	29	15	52	17	2	7	8	28	1	3	6	21	17	59	586	1552	1	3	19	2.7	1	0.1	0	300	856
Bill Yokobosky	26	90	44	49	61	37	41	11	12	1	1	12	13	48	53	678	1222	7	7	49	1.9	1	0.0	1	181	837
Frank Hackett	17	61	41	67	39	23	38	7	11	0	0	9	15	30	49	639	1197	4	6	26	1.5	1	0.1	0	165	835

### Playoff Player Of The Year / Coed League 2009

	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
Kevin Noble	11	40	22	55	35	17	43	6	15	0	0	12	30	39	98	875	1925	1	2	34	3.1	1	0.1	0	327	845
Jarred Gardner	9	30	20	67	22	9	30	3	10	0	0	10	33	25	83	733	1833	2	6	26	2.9	21	2.3	8	400	789
Ryan Parfitt	12	36	25	69	24	8	22	6	17	2	6	8	22	23	64	667	1611	3	8	22	1.8	2	0.2	0	217	710
Beau Burris	36	98	57	58	65	29	30	17	17	3	3	16	16	77	79	663	1388	8	8	54	1.5	27	0.8	5	244	692
Curt Perry	9	27	12	44	19	11	41	3	11	0	0	5	19	18	67	704	1370	4	13	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	11	656

### Female Eddie Playoff Player Of The Year / 2009

	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
Lisa Wambold (fe)	9	32	6	19	14	13	41	1	3	0	0	0	0	9	28	438	469	0	0	28	3.1	13	1.4	0	600	515
Heather Bintliff (fe)	9	30	6	20	13	12	40	0	0	1	3	0	0	6	20	433	500	0	0	42	4.7	3	0.3	2	444	484
Amy Miller (fe)	8	23	3	13	8	6	26	1	4	1	4	0	0	6	26	348	478	2	8	5	0.6	6	0.8	1	163	448
Kelly Richardson (fe)	11	29	12	41	11	11	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	14	379	379	2	6	20	1.8	2	0.2	1	182	436
Kelly Neill (fe)	20	56	13	23	23	22	39	0	0	1	2	0	0	8	14	411	446	3	5	22	1.1	2	0.1	4	50	433

### Male Eddie Playoff Player Of The Year / 2009

	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
Rich Cordisco (me)	7	21	9	43	17	12	57	1	5	0	0	4	19	18	86	810	1429	3	13	19	2.7	22	3.1	0	900	787
Bob Cusano (me)	13	39	22	56	24	22	56	1	3	1	3	0	0	16	41	615	692	2	5	14	1.1	14	1.1	3	231	529
Rob Welhaf (me)	19	57	22	39	31	12	21	12	21	4	7	3	5	29	51	544	1053	2	3	18	0.9	3	0.2	2	84	509
Dave Gumkowsk(me)	10	29	14	48	16	13	45	2	7	1	3	0	0	4	14	552	690	2	6	6	0.6	4	0.4	0	140	455
Bill Roth (me)	11	31	4	13	16	13	42	3	10	0	0	0	0	9	29	516	613	0	0	44	4.0	8	0.7	3	436	390

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would have to make a choice to either forgo one or the other or pay for the double season and share time down the shore by playing only a fraction of the spring/summer regular season games. The 3-season format now offers the summer shore birds and others an opportunity to play spring and bypass summer softball. The same holds true for players that might choose to bypass the spring and play only summer ball.

When it came to seasonal accomplishments, the Sunday Morning Men's league used to be an island unto itself. The 16-game season would make it impossible to compare seasonal player and team statistics to any of the other leagues in Softball America. Now, each and every Sunday Men's league player will have the opportunity to challenge any one of the 13 seasonal records on file.

Sunday Men's scheduling will become both easier and more difficult. Easier in that it will add more flexibility in what can and can't be done. More difficult in that an extra (summer) schedule has to be produced. Anyone that has ever taken a close look at the Sunday Men's schedule has an idea of what I'm talking about.

It makes sense to move to the regular league format for a lot of reasons, but doing so may have a few concerned about what will happen to the cost of Sunday morning softball. The bottom line here is if you take advantage of the 3-season discount, which most do, the cost to play Sunday Men's softball will move from \$170.00 to \$180.00 per year for an increase of \$3.33 per season. That is per season. If you break it down to per game, it equates to between 28 and 37 cents per game, depending on whether you make the post season and how far you advance in it. Keep in mind this new format offers an opportunity at a 3rd championship title.

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On the coed side of things, 1 yearly record fell. No one in the history of the coed leagues crossed home plate more than Rick Totans did in 2009. Rick scored 191 times, besting Keith Keppley's 2005 mark of 181.

A complete list of seasonal and yearly records are located on the Softball America website, main page, left menu, Individual Records.

PLEASE NOTE: The current seasonal records require a minimum of 24 at-bats to qualify for batting average and slugging% consideration. The current yearly minimums require 54 at-bats to qualify for batting average and slugging % consideration. The seasonal minimums will remain unchanged; however, to keep things more in line and realistic, the yearly minimums have been moved to 3 times the seasonal or 72 at-bats. This change will not affect the batting average records and the yearly coed slugging leader will remain Marty Wetzel; however, the year and his slugging total will change from 2138 in 58 AB's in the year 2000 to 1900 in 80 AB's in 2002. The men's league slugging record holder will revert back to Frank Hackett whose 1813 in 133 at-bats in 2003 is within the required new minimum.

### Odds & Ends

At the end of 2006, female eddie batting averages plummeted to an anemic 249 while slugging fared just as poorly (269). Approving the use of the hotter bats for the girls in 2007 improved averages and slugging percentages. Last year, eddie poles/cones were increased by 5 paces (15 feet) to a total of 30 paces from 1st and 3rd base along each foul line. This resulted in close to a 2% increase in female eddie batting averages (274). Slugging % remained unchanged (291). For the record, men's league averages dropped 1% to 443. Men's slugging saw the largest decline of any group at 4% (614). Coed core players saw their batting averages remain

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

prised their higher seeded brethren to fight for the division title. Squirrel Murphy's, 9-5, knocked down Rosengren Builders, 8-6, by two runs in each final game. Chris Beatty scooped up 45 assists to lead the North and Brian Sassano had the loudest bat on the team with 3 dingers, 23 RBIs, .500. Anthony Braciszewski also hit .500. Steve Rosengren paced his namesake team in runs (19), RBIs (29) and average (.587). Elmer Willey knocked home 22 and hit .528 while Dave Stromberg hit .528 and scored 15. Thunder reigned with the season's best record, 11-4. Dan Frey scored the most B-North runs with 23 and also piled up 54 put outs. Chris Day punched in 18 runs and Vince Taggart batted home 17. No Big Deal notched a 10-4-1, second place finish by scoring most in the North. Frank Trymbiski (.617, 22 runs, 21 RBIs), Bob Tumelty (.574, 26 RBIs, 24 runs) and Mike Strum (.531, 26 RBIs, 27 runs) all were offensive highlights for Deal. Paul Podbutsky breathed defense to the tune of 43 assists and 21 put outs too. BALCO injected high competitiveness throughout and seized third, 10-5. Dan Shaeffer took North high average tribute, banging out a .677 average and Tom Lydon grabbed the most North assists with 48. Major League took 6th place; Matt Grill led his team offensively, 15 runs, 16 RBI, .511. The Snipers followed; Mike Zahradnick lined a .556 average and Glen Hipple scored 14 and hit in 13. Buttermakers possessed the 2 and 3 average hitters in the league, CJ Snyder (.643) and Andy Rinius (.630), and the top HR and RBI man, Andy Rinius (10/46) but couldn't turn that firepower into wins. Christian HVAC fell to the bottom of the division. Dave Peppelman seized his team's triple crown (6HR, 21 RBI and .581).

The East also had end of year shock as the 4 (K-Built Ball Busters) and 6 ('Roos) seeds battled for the title with the 'Roos busting K-Built's balls in a sweep. The 'Roos, 7-8, Jason Madden took the triple crown of his team with 3 HR, 21 RBI and .609 average. Brian Gourley grabbed 18 RBIs and Brian Dayton scored 16 times. K-Built Ball Busters', 9-5-1, Rob Gaffney surpassed all others for the East HR crown (6); he also hit .551, had 19 runs and RBIs. Brian Hughes touched 61 put outs to lead the East. Mike Dillon was solid, 15 runs, 12 RBI, .549. The regular season crest was the Mixed Nutz, 12-3, posting the most team runs, 191. Jeff Giulian (.554) fronted the East in runs scored with 26 and Sonny Spargo tied for the HR lead, pasting 6 dingers (27 RBIs). The Shenanigans, 10-4-1, ended in the two-spot. Rob Spencer smacked a hot .629 and Matt Schaub solidly put up 29 RBIs. Xtreme Solutions finished third, 9-4. Ray Bates accepted the hypothetical silver bat award by hitting .667 in the East. Ray also had 46 assists. Kevin Meiklejohn hit .523 and drove home 15. Cleveland Steamers floated between the finals foes. Brian McHale bested the East with 30 RBIs (.535). Russ Freed sizzled for a .651 average. The Red Rockets and the Stats for Fat Kids rounded out the field. Josh Steff, Robert and Bob Oswald led the Red Rockets attack in runs and Bob Oswald and Shawn McDevitt in RBIs. Mike Brunelli led Stats for Fat Kids in put outs with 45.

The West showcased the #1 seed Bulldogs, 11-3, chewing up the #7 seed Horsham Yankees, 6-8, by twin 9-7 scores. The Bulldogs scored the most and gave up the least amount of runs in the West (221/90). The Bulldogs players controlled many West leading statistics. Andrew Kane took runs scored, 32, average, .607 and assists, 39. He also had 26 RBIs. Rob Deem led RBIs with 27 (.574) and Mike Suda paced the West with 6 HRs (25 RBIs). The Horsham Yankees played less offense but had good defense as Tejas Bodiwala tied the assist lead with 39 and Bob Jackson snagged 62 put outs to reign supreme. Dirty Dozen, 11-4, solidly came in 2 during the regular year. Benny Krasnisky (17 runs, .541), Tad Schantz (15 runs, 20 RBI, .537) and Rick Cook (20 runs, .510) each put up good numbers. The Nuthouse ranked next at 9-6; Glen Roetman (17 runs, 13 RBI, .488) and Brian Moyer (14 runs, 16 RBI, .450) paced the team. Young Guns fired out to 8-7. Evan and Alex Gruber had hot sticks at .577 and .576. The Jackasses positioned next. Marc Nigro smacked 18 RBIs and hit and even 600 for the year. The Doom Cats, Sabres and Phurians slotted in 7-9 places. Rufus Davis led the Cats in RBI, 13, and average .520. A trio of Thurstons, Jason, Brian and Bob, led the Sabres in average. Brett Rumer donned the Purians' triple-crown with 2 HR, 19 RBI and a .533 average.

The fall had compressed numbers of teams but the action sprang as furious as the spring/summer had. In the A division, the NBI Muckdogs, 7-1, wrested top honors from regular season winner Philly Soft Pretzel, 7-1. Again, Bill Yokobosky swatted best, slugging a .813 batting average. Brian Penecale kept honors for most runs scored (21) and added most homers (7) to his ledger. Philly Soft Pretzel scored the most runs, 126, in the league with Mark McKinney garnering 22 RBIs, winning that category. Art Saenz blitzed to a .762 average to finish 3rd. Hitched, 4-4, ended the year in 3rd. Mike Bianco led all comers with 35 put outs. Matt Craig, .714, and Mike Bianco, .679 & 21 RBIs, ended up 4 and 5 in the A. The D-Bags leveled at fourth with Paul Lizzi (18 runs, .593) and CJ Snyder (13 RBI, .536) carrying most of their offensive stats. Thirsty's Beer finished fifth; Don McGearry topped all A foes with 25 assists. Steve Mendenhall clubbed at a .667 rate for the year. Goodfellas rounded out the field with Don Hone coming in second in average, tallying .769.

In the B-North, Squirrel Murphy's (#1 seed, 5-2-1) swept the year by vanquishing No Big Deal (#2, 5-3). Squirrel Murphy's, Jim Ulmer garnered the North's most homers, 4, and most put outs, 33. Chris Beatty (.588) and Brian Sassano (.586) had great hitting years too. No Big Deal's, Bill Richards banged the ball well earning a .654 average and a team high 14 RBIs. Rosengren Builders, 5-3, locked into the 3 position.

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Now led by defensive MVPs Glenn Henderson (39PO\*) and Curtis Hensman (24PO, 28A\*), the 5th-place Mixed Nutz saw the playoffs again, but this time 4th-place Scared Hitless broke them. Content with their Spring title, Scared Hitless' defense relaxed this Summer, but their offense (106RS\*) improved with the great bats of Allison Bullene (467 Avg.), Dawn P. (423 Avg./462 Slg.), John R. (500 Avg.), John Trippetti (17-1B\*), and Rob Pfeifer (16R\*, 17-1B\*). Unfortunately, their enhanced offense was held-at-bay by Chico's better defense (70RGU\*). With MVPs Amy Potts (24PO, 10A), Adam R. (10PO, 24A), and Matt Laird (773 Avg./864 Slg.), Chico's landed in 1st-place to wait for the other bracket winner. The Disabled List finished in 3rd-place again, but they received 3 MVP nominations for Wayne Jerdan (667 Avg./778 Slg.), Ron Kulp (13PO, 13A) and John Rush (690 Avg./1207 Slg.). During this playoff, 2nd-place Just Sports immobilized the DL, with their MVP candidates: Charley Y. (552 Avg./655 Slg.), Mark Smith (700 Avg./900 Slg.), and Tim Ford (26PO, 13A). With the Championship up-for-grabs, Chico's and Just Sports brawled through 3 games until Chico's successfully detained Just Sports to win their 2nd Championship!

In the Fall, the 5 original teams were shocked when transfer Traxx Sports Pub railroaded into 1st-place. After winning the Summer B-West title, Traxx successfully transported its team into this division and was rewarded with MVP nods for Amy Miller (500 Avg./654 Slg.), Heather Bintliff (346 Avg., 27PO), and Curt Perry (708 Avg./1583 Slg.). Since Casey's Saloon moved to another division, 6th-place was firmly taken by the Mixed Nutz, fronted by MVP Chris Kelly (16PO, 16A). Spiraling even further this Fall, Scared Hitless slipped into 5th-place, despite the MVP efforts of John R. (611 Avg./722 Slg.) and Mike D. (654 Avg./1231 Slg.). Although Scared Hitless reached the playoffs, 4th-place Just Sports easily frightened them away with MVPs Danni Pannepacker (11PO, 7A), Mark S. (800 Avg./867 Slg.), and Charley Y. (577 Avg./769 Slg.). However, 1st-place Traxx then ran over Just Sports to anxiously wait for their Championship opponent. For the third time, the Disabled List ended in 3rd-place through the efforts of Donna Finlayson (8-BB\*), Ron Kulp (16PO, 4A), and Tom Moyer (760 Avg./1200 Slg., 26PO, 32A). Despite leading the league with (109RS\*), the DL sadly lost their playoff game by 1-run to Chico's. Posted by Jill Long (360 Avg./560 Slg.), Kelly Workman (12PO, 11A), and Brett Cohen (36PO\*), Chico's slid into 2nd-place behind Traxx's better defense, even though they split the Fall. Although Traxx's defense (55RGU\*) was like steel, Chico's offense bent them enough through 3 Championship games to win their 2nd-Consecutive and 3rd-Overall Championship!

B-West Division: Although Traxx Sports Pub (aka Tonelli's Pizza) was prepared to defend their Fall 2008 title, Gavin's Tavern, led by MVPs Joe Gross (556 Avg./741 Slg.), Jason Grenier (4-3B\*, 810 Avg./1762 Slg.\*), and Larry LoPiccolo (22R\*, 692 Avg./962 Slg.), stunned the entire division by going undefeated. Gavin's easily passed-by the 7th-place Bats, even with team leader Tim Hall (579 Avg./789 Slg.), and 6th-place Don Len, in spite of the MVP efforts of Frank Taverno (645 Avg./839 Slg.) and Tom Corey (5HR\*, 640 Avg./1400 Slg.). With MVPs Kelly Mengel (389 Avg./444 Slg.) and Dave McDonald (27PO, 27A), Focus Forward beat Don Len to secure 5th-place and captured another playoff game with a win over 4th-place Team Toyota, despite the MVP bat of Carl Durante (679 Avg./1214 Slg.). Unfortunately, Focus Forward was sent back by 1st-place Gavin's. On the other side, defending Champions Traxx, featuring team leader Chris Kowalewski (588 Avg./882 Slg.), chugged into 3rd-place, but 2nd-place Red Stallion quickly halted their playoff run. With some Sunday Coed Championships, Red Stallion formed another Champion-ready team with big contributors: Lena Aikens (31PO, 8A), Steve Crowell (7-BB\*), and Tom McCarthy (4-3B\*). However, Gavin's Tavern (61RGU\*), who led the league defensively with 2 wins over Red Stallion, again restrained Red Stallion's (114RS\*) explosive offense through two close 1-run games to become undefeated Champions!

In the Summer, Traxx set out to recapture the Championship and quickly rolled into 1st-place with their leaders: Heather Bintliff (577 Avg./654 Slg.), Amy Miller (458 Avg./708 Slg.), and Curt Perry (5HR\*). Leading the league both offensively and defensively, Traxx (113RS\*, 55RGU\*) easily steamrolled the 7th-place Punks and 6th-place Harrigan's Pub. Although they missed the playoffs, both teams received MVP nominations for John Cavet (28PO, 13A), Mike Penrose (739 Avg./1130 Slg.), and Dave McD. (13PO, 26A). This season, MVP Frank T. (762 Avg./810 Slg.) helped lead 5th-place Don Len into the playoffs, but 4th-place Gavin's Tavern barred their advancement. Although they featured MVPs Mike McHale (565 Avg.), Larry L. (21-H\*, 778 Avg./1333 Slg.), and Mike Convery (762 Avg./1143 Slg.), Gavin's could not beat 1st-place Traxx for a second time this Summer. In the lower bracket, 2nd-place Red Stallion cruised into the Championships when 3rd-place Team Toyota, who featured team leader Paul Muller (727 Avg./1091 Slg.), forfeited. With the great play of MVP Tom McCarthy (16R\*, 760 Avg./1040 Slg., 14PO,

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## Manager Meetings (Continued from page 1)

at 7:30 pm. Team managers and/or representatives are strongly urged to attend. Topics of discussion will be league rules, league policy, and league protocol. If you are not satisfied with the league rules as they are, make it your business to be heard BEFORE the softball year begins. Too often a manager will take issue with a league rule ONLY when the rule negatively impacts them. Subsequent cries of 'it's not fair' are heard county-wide. Please don't be a 'result manager'.

Our league commissioner and league umpires will be on hand to answer any questions you may have pertaining to ASA rules. Managers may collect championship team shirts and plaques. Award winners may collect their trophies.

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position accordingly. The umpire does not have to honor a batter's box appeal if in his/her opinion the pitcher's request is without merit. Umpires will be instructed to frown upon nit-picking and/or abuse of the pitcher's privilege to appeal. Opponents will say there is no batter's box; however, much like the imaginary foul line we use in many of our games there is, and has always been, a batter's box. It's just that the actual boundaries of the box were never enforced. This now changes with the new softball year. Keep in mind this pitcher privilege is just that - a privilege. It is not a right. It has been instituted in the name of pitcher safety. I urge pitchers to use this appeal sparingly and only when a batter blatantly disregards the imaginary confines of the batter's box.

When is a forfeit not a forfeit? When rain makes the field unplayable at game time. If a manager knows in advance his/her team cannot make a certain game, the considerate thing to do is to notify the league office of the impending forfeit. This way the umpire, scorekeeper, and opposing team can be notified. However, should inclement weather make the field unplayable at game time, the pending forfeit becomes null and void and the postponed game is then rescheduled. It happened on a number of occasions last year, much to the dismay of more than a few managers. This is, and has always been, league protocol. Remember, a forfeit does not become a forfeit until game time.

There are numerous league-sponsored events that too many league members are unaware of. Each Memorial and Labor Day Sundays, Softball America conducts a 1-pitch tournament for league member participation. It's a great day of fun for everyone. Sign-up is on a first come, first served basis. Look for the announcements on the SBA website in late April and early August. Off-season bowling is available from November to March. It's a laid-back bowling league held every Sunday evening. As a newbie bowler recently commented, "If I knew it was this much fun I would have joined a long time ago". For more info, follow the link for the Bowling America website from the SBA home page. A league-sponsored golf outing is held every October at Mainland Golf Course. All proceeds collected are returned to the participants in the form of cash prizes. There are 3 flights of competition so everyone has a chance to win. I hope to conduct our first-ever Horseshoe Tournament this summer (July) at the Quarry ball field. Keep an eye open for an announcement.

There are numerous league amenities that, much to my surprise, quite a few of you know nothing about. League photographer, Rich Edmundson, makes his rounds throughout the softball year taking digital photos of league members in action. His finished product is located at sbaphotos.com. Here you can see and/or download any photo at no charge. For a nominal fee, Rich can produce a professional 8x10 copy for yourself or to give as a gift. Not everyone knows Softball America has a phone number to call (215-822-8777) for weekly game schedules and game cancellations. A free text messaging service called Cell Alert is also available which lets you know via a text message when games are postponed. You can sign up for the Cell Alert service by following a link on the Softball America home page. Also on the home page is a link to becoming a free agent or entering a full team. The Free Agent Wire is a free service for team managers that lists each and every available free agent as they sign up to become free agents. Managers looking to utilize the Free Agent Wire would need to register for the league message board. The link to the board is, once again, located on the main SBA home page.

There is no doubt playing softball in Softball America costs more than in other leagues. There is also no doubt league members get a whole lot more here than elsewhere. Without the amenities, the cost to play would drop by more than 1/2 - not something I think league members want to see. It is the amenities that make

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## Most Valuable Players / Summer 2009

Offensive and Defensive MVP candidates/winners are chosen by statistical formula. The formula 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. MVP winners are highlighted in **bold**.

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
<b>Offense Core</b>	Ben Borgeson Dan Roman Eric Vogelman J.J. Wunderlich Mark Gualtlen <b>Mike DeGuida</b> Sean Fleming	Bill Markward Bill Yokobosky <b>Paul Loveland</b> Ron Pulli  Brian Autenrieth Dan Vescovi <b>Dave Noble</b> Greg Wycoff Randy Freeburg <b>Tim Mourer</b>	Beau Burris <b>Bob Baginski</b> <b>Jesse Kuiper</b> <b>Keith Keppley</b> Mark Cooper Warren Grant	<b>Chip Fennell</b> <b>John Kiefer</b> Mark Ambolino Marques Bradham Nick Mayrides	<b>Bill Cashman</b> Jarred Gardner Keith Keppley Rick Totans Todd Hangey Tom Banes  John Rush <b>Larry LoPiccolo</b> Matt Laird Mike Convery Mike Penrose Tom McCarthy	Bill Yokobosky Dave Ward Dick Moody Matt Ermigiotti Matt Hutcheson Nick Cappuccio <b>Warren Grant</b>  Anthony Romeo Curt Perry Jason Hillenbrand Jeff Hess John Kiefer <b>Mark Nevins</b> Matt Schaub	<b>Beau Burris</b> Bill Martino Glenn Strattis Keith Keppley Rick Totans Ron Pulli
<b>Offense Male Eddie</b>		<b>Charlie Gardner</b> Ed Doyle, Jr. John Seymour Mark Koenig  <b>Greg Wyckoff</b> Rich Cordisco Ron Spillman Ted Rickner	Bill Roth Joe DeSousa John Seymour <b>Rob Welhaf</b> Ron Arrighy Tim O'Shea Tom Weinmann		Bob Cusano <b>Joe De Sousa</b> John Seymour  Charley Yuknus <b>Frank Taverno</b> John Razzi Mark Smith Mike McHale Wayne Jerdan		Bernie Marsh Ed Doyle Jr Frank Taverno <b>John Razzi</b> Tom Foy
<b>Offense Female Eddie</b>		Dawn McGrath <b>Kelly Neill</b> Kris Smedley Mary Ann Wade Nicole Welhaf  Carol Mahoney <b>Deb Dando</b> Lisa Wampole Steph Croasmun	Charlotte LaRose Christen Flaherty Dawn Bieber Janice Tansits <b>Karol Ann Kinkelin</b>		<b>Becky Foley</b> Lora Hooven Tara Murphy Trish Marlin  Allison Bullene Amy Miller Dawn Powidzki <b>Heather Bintliff</b>		Andrea Axenroth <b>Christine Razzi</b> Cindy Reed Kelly Neill
<b>Defense Core</b>	<b>Bryan McMenamin</b> CJ Brancato <b>Dan Roman</b> Mark Gualtlen Tom DiGiti	<b>Curtis Hensman</b> Dan Dougherty Mike Snowman Nick Cordisco Paul O'Connor	Chris Courduff Craig Wheeler Ed Doyle, III <b>Sean Fisher</b> Warren Grant	<b>Dan Hayes</b> Mark Miller Mike Brown Mike Zahradnick Rich Beck	Adam Roman <b>Curtis Hensman</b> Dave McDonald Jarred Gardner John Cavet Tim Ford Todd Hangey Tom McCarthy	Dave Herbert Ed O'Neill Jeff Giulian Jim Mundy Mike Canelli <b>Sanket Kapadia</b> Scott Mastromatto	<b>Ben Pieczynski</b> Glen Hipple Lowel Snyder Scott Mastromatto Steve Mendenhall
<b>Defense Eddie</b>		Aubrey Peranteau Gary Dever Joanne Bechtel John Seymour Linda Cordisco <b>Rich Cordisco</b> Ron Kulp	Britt Bretz Christen Flaherty John Seymour Lauren Davidson <b>Rachel Tuturice</b> Sara Jacoby Sue Migliore		Amy Potts <b>Carissa Marlin</b> Glenn Henderson Ron Kulp		<b>Amy Potts</b> Bob Cusano Eliot Ridgeway Kris Smedley <b>Lora Hoovan</b> Ralph Camasso Tim O'Shea

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transferred their entire team to B-East and quickly stamped into 1st-place, garnering MVP nods for Chrissy Conzulman (533 Avg.), Tom Hansen (41PO, 1A), and Randy Freeburg (783 Avg./1565 Slg.). With this line-up, Red Stallion easily trampled 7th-place Pyramid Tech with MVP-manager Michael Downey (20PO, 28A), and the 6th-place Rockets with all-star Kevin Jacoby (696 Avg./1087 Slg.). Even with the MVP bat of Ed Doyle III (857 Avg./1571 Slg.), the 4th-place Crackers still fell under Red Stallion's hoof. However, 5th-place Giovanni's Pizza, sporting MVPs Christine Razzi (42PO\*), John Razzi (556 Avg./741 Slg.) and Ron Kulp (16PO, 16A), tied Red Stallion during the season and almost upset them in the playoffs. In the other bracket, Mike Chwieroth (778 Avg./2056 Slg.) and Scott Grabus's (750 Avg./1583 Slg.) MVP sticks helped the 3rd-place Irish Car Bombs defeat both the Long Shots and Red Stallion during the season, but the Bombs could not repeat their Long Shot performance during the playoffs. Determined to repeat, the Long Shots' (54RGU\*) solid defense easily took Championship Game #1. However, this loss only unified the Red Stallion (108RS\*) team and strengthened their bats through Games #2 & #3 to win their first B-East Championship!

This summer, the defending Spring Champions Red Stallion with MVP Randy F. (727 Avg./1318 Slg.) were quickly overcome by the heat of Giovanni's Pizza, which tossed Red Stallion into 3rd-place. With the talents of Ron Spillman (607 Avg.), Ron K. (18PO, 19A), Rob Weston (4-3B\*), and Dan Vescovi (704 Avg./1444 Slg.), Giovanni's continually placed pressure on the entire division, which delivered them 1st-place. Along their route, Giovanni's passed-by the 8th-place Angry Wizards with team leader Zack Morris (533 Avg./1400 Slg.), the 7th-place Phanatics with MVP Paul O'Connor (23PO, 14A), and the 4th-place Irish Car Bombs, featuring Jim Lawson (9-BB\*) and Ed Breen (650 avg./750 Slg.). Now unstoppable, the 5th-place Rockets, starring Kevin J. (9-2B\*), also succumbed to Giovanni's heat during the season and playoffs. In the other bracket, 6th-place Pyramid Technical, with team leader Ed Lozano (714 Avg./1429 Slg.), captured a playoff spot, but defending Champ Red Stallion trampled them again. With a tough defense that tied Giovanni's during the season, the Crackers (30RGU\*) rose into 2nd-place, collecting MVP nominations for Carol Mahoney (522 Avg./565 Slg.) and Joanne Bechtel (42PO\*). Sadly, the Crackers' defense crumbled from the numerous Red Stallion hits during the playoffs, allowing Red Stallion to defend their Title. Leading the league with (108RGU\*), 3rd-place Red Stallion maintained their offensive strength through 3 Championship Games against 1st-place Giovanni's to repeat as Champions!

Since Red Stallion moved to the A-division, the Fall B-East Championship was now up-for-grabs. Leading the charge again was the 1st-place SBA Ballhounds (aka Giovanni's Pizza), which captured MVP nominations for Donna Finlayson (364 Avg.), Ron K. (13PO, 17A), Kyle Walsh (17PO, 34A\*), and Rob W. (826 Avg./1043 Slg.). In route to the Championships, the Ballhounds passed-over 6th-place Pyramid Tech, managed by MVP Michael D. (16PO, 28A), and the 5th-place Phanatics, led by Paul OC (625 Avg./917 Slg.). Splitting their season with the Ballhounds, the 4th-place Rockets were a tough opponent with MVPs Tracy Eckert (375 Avg.) and David Dancer (773 Avg./1409 Slg.), but even they were unable to stop the Ballhounds' Championship drive in the playoffs. On the other side, Kevin Mueller's (29PO, 24A) golden glove helped the 3rd-place Irish Car Bombs defeat both the Crackers and the Ballhounds during the season. However, the 2nd-place Crackers defused the Bombs during the playoffs with the wild bats of Joanne B. (560 Avg., 37PO\*, 3A), Alex Colon (4-3B\*), and Mike Zahradnick (17-1B\*, 815 Avg./1074 Slg.) to reach another Championship. Hungry for another Title, the Ballhounds and Crackers viciously fought to split the first two Championship games by a handful of runs. However, the Crackers (83RS\*, 52RGU\*) revived their league leading offense and defense in Game #3 to runaway with the Championship!

B West Division: With the departure of the 2008 Fall Champions, Red Stallion, the B-West Spring Title was now free-for-the-taking. Unfortunately, 8th-place GFY and 7th-place Fritz's Bakery finished outside the playoff bubble, but both teams received MVP nominations for Shannon Guzman (22PO, 11A) and Shane Purtell (31PO, 32A\*). With the great offense of Steve Rubino (6-BB\*) and Tim Jenkins (700 Avg./800 Slg.), the PBR Allstars shot into a 6th-place playoff spot, but they imploded under the offensive shower of the 3rd-place Mixed Nutz (105RS\*), led by MVP Stephanie Thrasher (500 Avg./583 Slg.). However, 2nd-place Deuces Wild with their aces, Steph Hudson (478 Avg.) and Steve Hudson (565 Avg./609 Slg.), split the Nutz's hopes for a Championship. In the higher bracket, Paulie Muller's (759 Avg./1345 Slg.) MVP stick helped the Chumpies' beat 1st-place JT Bankers during the Spring to capture the 4th-seed. However, the Chumpies' defense was an easy target for 5th-place Big Heads and their MVPs, Lisa Wambold (500 Avg./607 Slg.), Vince Lehr (20PO, 21A) and Kevin Noble (28-RBI\*, 655 Avg./1552 Slg.), which suckered the Chumpies out of a playoff game. With this playoff win, Big Heads' ego swelled to Championship-levels, allowing them to easily break the defense of 1st-place JT Bankers (61RGU\*), even with their major contributors Matt Bechtel (23-H\*, 19-1B\*), Rich Cordisco (611 Avg./1278 Slg., 24PO, 16A), and Nick Cordisco (38PO, 20A). With a strong defense, 2nd-place Deuces Wild took the Championship Game #1 pot from 5th-place Big Heads. However, this loss did not deflate Big Heads' stronger offense, which busted Deuces Wild in Games #2 & #3 to triumphantly win the Spring Championship!

Retaining their stars, Lisa W. (579 Avg./842 Slg.), Aubrey Peranteau (14PO, 15A), Vince L. (9-2B\*), and Dave Noble (34AB\*, 22R\*, 24H\*, 9-2B\*, 706 Avg./1294 Slg.), for the Summer, Big Heads proceeded to defend their Spring title. With a league leading offense, Big Heads (114RS\*) retired many teams, but the 1st-place Mixed Nutz quickly passed their 3rd-place

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22A), Red Stallion charged through Championship Game #2 to tie Traxx, but Traxx railroaded them 19-6 in Game #3 to reclaim the Championship!

Since defending Champion Traxx transferred to another division, the Fall Championship was completely up-for-grabs between 5 teams. Leading the charge was 1st-place Red Stallion and their MVPs Gretchen Seiferth (538 Avg./615 Slg., 14PO, 8A), Tom McC. (22H\*, 6-2B\*, 733 Avg./1200 Slg.), and Jarret Neely (29PO, 10A). With a stellar offense and defense, Red Stallion (110RS\*, 70RGU\*) handily beat 5th-place Gavin's Tavern, but Gavin's still received an MVP nod for Mike McH. (18-1B\*, 720 Avg.). With the bats of Matt Hottenstein (6-2B\*) and MVP Frank T. (18-1B\*, 677 Avg./839 Slg.), 4th-place Don Len gave Red Stallion their only regular season loss, but sadly Don Len could not repeat this performance in the playoffs, sending Red Stallion to another Championship. On the other hand, newcomer Casey's Saloon finished in 3rd-place with MVP nominations for Dawn Cardinal (467 Avg.), Jill Ruth (23PO, 1A), and Doug Spier (522 Avg./870 Slg., 12PO, 14A). Unfortunately, 2nd-place Harrigan's Pub and their stars Tom Foy (4-3B\*) and Chris Harrison (818 Avg./1045 Slg.) ended Don Len's playoff run. Although both teams wanted this Title, Red Stallion stayed strong and stamped Harrigan's through 2 games to win their 1st Wednesday Championship!

Donna Finlayson

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Andrea Axenroth (429 Avg.), each received MVP nods for their teams. This season, 5th-place Helio's made the playoffs with 5 MVP candidates: Kelly Neill (409 Avg.), Lora Hoovan (15PO, 11A), Eliot R. (10PO, 13A), Glenn Stratits (789 Avg./947 Slg.), and Glen Hipple (27PO\*, 19A\*). However, the 4th-place Misfits stole Helio's hopes with the great bats of Mike Downey (3-3B\*), Mark C. (5HR\*), and MVP Tom Foy (563 Avg./625 Slg.). Their hopes were then taken by 1st-place Andy's and their 7 MVPs: Christine Razzi (455 Avg.), Amy P. (18PO, 11A), John Razzi (647 Avg./824 Slg.), Bob C. (15PO, 9A), Ben Pieczynski (24PO, 15A), Beau Burris (750 Avg./1292 Slg.\*), and Keith K. (18-RBI\*, 720Avg./1200 Slg.). In the other bracket, 2nd-place Red Lion again faced Thirsty's. Sadly, the MVP sticks of Ed DJ (462 Avg./692 Slg.) and Frank T. (600 Avg./667 Slg.) could not overcome this adversary. After losing 5 Spring players, 3rd-place Thirsty's fought their way to another Championship with 7 MVPs: Kris S. (308 Avg.), Bernie Marsh (529 Avg.), Tim OS (5PO, 23A), Scott Mastromatto (6-2B\*, 11PO, 16A), Steve Mendenhall (33AB\*, 15-1B\*, 17PO, 8A), Ron Pulli (722 Avg./1056 Slg.), and Rick T. (33AB\*, 20R\*, 21H\*, 6-2B\*, 636 Avg./1182 Slg.). Slightly under-dogged by Andy's (103RS\*, 32RGU\*), Thirsty's battled through 3 tough games to preserve its Championship run with its 5th Consecutive Title!

The Fall was the toughest for Thirsty's, with each opponent strengthening its game. Although they played hard, Thirsty's still by-passed the three lowest seeds, TBD, Crush, and Rooters. Each team received MVP nods for Dawn C. (22PO, 4A), Ben S. (20PO, 16A), Andrea A. (417 Avg./458 Slg.), Abel Sautner (28PO\*, 4A), and Lowell S. (26PO, 23A\*). Although they beat the Misfits and tied Andy's during the Fall, 4th-place Helio's (118RS\*) stopped its streak in the playoffs, even with its 5 MVPs: Jess Morak (417 Avg.), Kelly N. (700 Avg./750 Slg.), Lora H. (17R\*, 467 Avg./500 Slg.), Paul Harvan (11PO, 10A), and Glen H. (20H\*, 16-1B\*, 769 Avg./1000 Slg.). Smashing Helio's hopes again were the 5th-place Misfits with Mark C.'s (4-3B\*, 722 Avg./2111 Slg.\*) MVP bat, but they were no match for Red Lion. After losing 5 Summer players, Red Lion (61RGU\*) gained 6 huge hitters, which propelled them to 1st with 5 MVP selections: Tara M. (500 Avg.), Ed DJ (593 Avg./704 Slg.), Rob Welhaf (6-2B\*, 810 Avg./1571 Slg.), Keith K. (727 Avg./1273 Slg.), and Beau B. (6HR\*, 21-RBI\*, 684 Avg./1789 Slg.). On the other side, 2nd-place Andy's was still a dangerous rival with its MVPs: John R. (474 Avg.), Mike Decristofano (739 Avg./1217 Slg.), and Matt McR. (737 Avg./1263 Slg., 13PO, 22A). Although Andy's revised team closely matched 3rd-place Thirsty's, Thirsty's determination pushed them through to another Championship with MVP candidates: Kris S. (348 Avg., 4BB\*), Kent Smedley (19PO, 18A), and Tim OS (640 Avg./680 Slg., 13PO, 6A). In this third Thirsty's-Red Lion Championship, Red Lion's overwhelming play quickly snatched Thirsty's title in 2 games to end Thirsty's run and to win its first Fall Championship!

Donna Finlayson

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Sassano finished 2nd in the point rankings with a 676/1432. His clutch RBI efforts resulted in an RBI% of 76. Ryan Parfitt finished 3rd. Bill Yokobosky was 4th and rounding out the men's league top 5 was Beau Burris.

The coed league PPOTY point total leader was Kevin Noble. His league-leading 875 batting average and 1925 slugging paced Kevin's way to PPOTY over the course of 11 B league games. Kevin's 98 RBI% was an overall league best. Jarred takes a share of the coed league PPOTY. His 733/1833 was an A league best. While teams in the regular season felt the wrath of Hurricane Jarred, so too did the teams in the post-season. Jarred has the distinction of being the only player in league history to win POTY and PPOTY in both leagues. That's an honor that may be equaled, but it will never be bettered. Way to go, Jarred!

Lisa Wambold had a super fine year. She now has a Female Eddie PPOTY 1st place finish in the post-season point totals to go along with her 2nd place regular season finish. Her 438 batting average topped all and a

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(.619/.1.190) led offensively stroking 600+ averages and 1100+ slugging percentages. Mike Barainyak (.619) and Marc McKinney (.600) had stellar seasons. Again, 99 Restaurant took the division (7-1) but couldn't pull the trigger in the play-offs. 99 Restaurant stuffed their opponents only giving up 62 runs. Mike Brown typified the year with 17 RBIs, 26 POs and 15 assists. Adam Barouh smacked .778 and Mike Hagan hit .650. Mike's York St Bar and Grill had the biggest plus run differential at 6.1/game. Player of the Year candidate, Keith Keppley, was their offensive dynamo again with 14 runs and 14 RBIs and a .571 average. Mike DeGuida hit .615. Progressive Graphics ended the season in fourth at 4-4 with Matt Schaub forging the offensive way for his teammates - 14 runs, 11 RBIs, 3 doubles, 4 triples, .625. Steve Rosengren hit .630 and Ed Soley hit .625. The Land Sharks moved up playing strong defense with Mark Miller having the league's zenith at 43 put outs and Dan Hayes front running the way with 29 assists. Eric Damm hit .600. The Goodfellas dropped hard though Chip Fennell swatted his way to the league average apex, .793. John Keifer finished third in average at .722. Dickey Moe's also fell down as they couldn't quite get the offense going. Christian Scott scored almost 20% of his team's runs.

Fall

Bones Grille, 7-0-1, made it two in a row by barbecuing Mike's York St Bar & Grill, 6-1-1. Bones Grille pounded the opposition into submission, scoring an amazing 23 runs/game. Four of the top six average hitters (Bill Yokobosky (.750), Ron Hopkins (.750), Frank Hackett (.743) and Greg Ochs (.694)) sizzled for the Grille. Mark Ambolino (.654) and Mike Valentine (.607) rifled many hits too. Bill and Frank each found home a league high 21 times and Brian Penecale paced the league in HRs (9) and RBIs (28).

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unchanged (524) while slugging dropped almost 3% (762). Male eddie averages and slugging each dropped by about 1% to 471/570. The previous numbers were formulated using only the players with a minimum number of at-bats - 54 for core and 45 for eddies.

Six teams managed the 3-season sweep by winning titles in each of a particular league's seasons. The Sunday Men's Muckdogs and Squirrel Murphy's, the Sunday Coed Gavin's Tavern, the Monday and Wednesday Coed 99 Restaurant, and the Thursday Men's 99 Restaurant teams. All will be entitled to their choice of championship hoodies, v-neck pullovers, or button-down warm-up jackets.

### Statistical Milestones

The Triple Crown can mean different things in different sports. In Softball America, the Triple Crown is a magical milestone that is reached when a league member amasses a certain number of runs scored, hits and RBI's. Steph Garrett became only the 4th player in the history of the men's league to have won Triple Crown 500 - amassing 500 runs, 500 hits, and 500 RBIs over the course of his career.

With only 4 men's league runs scored in the coming year, Rob Johnson will nail the men's league Triple Crown 500. With 34 runs and 42 RBIs, Keith Keppley will have accomplished the same. One of those guys will lay claim to being the first in the history of the league to have acquired a Triple Crown in both the men's and coed leagues. With a good year at the plate, Rob should get there first. When Keith nails it, along with 7 more RBIs in the coed league, he will have reached that dual plateau with a TC500 in the men's league and a TC1000 in the coed league. Others within earshot of the men's league TC500 are Rich Beck, Jarred Gardner, Mark Ambolino, Cal Bohannon, Ryan Hankinson, Brian Penecale, Bill Yokobosky, Steve Derrah, Warren Grant, Steve Beagelman, and Ron Bannister.

Tom Corey needs only 3 coed league RBIs to reach a plateau that only 3 before

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## Most Valuable Players / Fall 2009

Offensive and Defensive MVP candidates/winners are chosen by statistical formula. The formula 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. MVP winners are highlighted in **bold**.

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
<b>A</b> <b>Offense</b> <b>Core</b>	Art Saenz <b>Bill Yokobosky</b> Brian Penecale Don Hone Mike Bianco	Beau Burris <b>Frank Hackett</b> Matt McReynolds Rick Totans	Jesse Kuiper <b>Jim Kennedy</b> Marc Webb Marty Wetzal Rick Totans	Arthur Saenz Bill Yokobosky Brian Penecale Dave Bishop <b>Frank Hackett</b> Greg Ochs	Beau Burris Jarred Gardner Mike DeGuida Mike Tarella <b>Ryan Parfitt</b>	Bill Yokobosky <b>Frank Hackett</b> Greg Moylan Rich Hosbach Ron Hopkins Warren Grant	Beau Burris Glen Hipple Keith Keppley <b>Mark Cooper</b> Matt McReynolds Mike Decristofano
<b>B</b>	Dan Shaeffer <b>Gary Thompson</b> Jon Tischbein Paul Cichonski Rob McKenna	David Dancer <b>Kevin Noble</b> Mike Baranski Mike Zahradnick Phil Jenkins Rob Weston			Chris Harrison Curt Perry Mike Downey <b>Tom McCarthy</b> Tom Moyer	Dave Ward Frank Guido John Connors <b>John Kiefer</b> Ryan Law Tim Garrafa	
<b>A</b> <b>Offense</b> <b>Male</b> <b>Eddie</b>		Joe Buglak John Seymour Keith Villers <b>Rob Welhaf</b>	Bud Schwarz <b>Frank Taverno</b> Joe DeSousa Newt Miles Rob Welhaf		<b>Bill Roth</b> Bob Cusano Buddy Schwarz Joe Buglak John Seymour Tim O'Shea		Ed Doyle Jr John Razzi <b>Rob Welhaf</b> Tim O'Shea
<b>B</b>		John Razzi <b>Rich Cordisco</b> Ted Rickner Tim Jenkins			Charley Yuknus Doug Spier <b>Frank Taverno</b> John Razzi Mark Smith Mike McHale		
<b>A</b> <b>Offense</b> <b>Female</b> <b>Eddie</b>		<b>Christen Flaherty</b> <b>Kelly Neill</b> Kris Smedley Lora Hooven Nicole Welhaf	Christen Flaherty Christine Razzi Janice Tansits <b>Krissy Cianfichi</b> <b>Nicole Welhaf</b> Shannon Guzman		Kelly Mangal <b>Kelly Neill</b> Lora Hooven Trish Marlin		Andrea Axenroth Jess Morak <b>Kelly Neill</b> Lora Hoovan Tara Murphy
<b>B</b>		Angie Mourer Donna Finlayson <b>Joanne Bechtel</b> Linda Cordisco Rhiannon Wells Tracy Eckert			Amy Miller Dawn Cardinal <b>Gretchen Seiferth</b> Heather Bintliff Jill Long		
<b>Defense</b> <b>Core</b>	<b>Don McGeary</b> Elmer Willey John Seymour Kevin Rosini Mike Zahradnick Rick Cook Tom Lydon	Kevin Mueller Kyle Walsh <b>Michael Downey</b> Mike Snowman Vince Lehr	Brian Wilde Chris Courduff <b>Chris Hesdon</b> Dan Vescovi <b>Dave McDonald</b>	<b>Brian Penecale</b> <b>Dan Hayes</b> Mark Bernacki Matt McReynolds Rich Beck	Chris Kelly James Mullen Jarred Gardner Jarret Neely <b>Tom Moyer</b>	<b>Dick Moody</b> Greg Schuh Rich Strapple Ron Hopkins <b>Sanket Kapadia</b> Tim Kulp Wayne Wiley	Abel Sautner Ben Soler Kent Smedley <b>Lowel Snyder</b> Matt McReynolds
<b>Defense</b> <b>Eddie</b>		Joanne Bechtel Lisa Wambold <b>Rich Cordisco</b> Ron Kulp Tim O'Shea Sr.	<b>Bud Schwarz</b> John Seymour Mike McHale Newt Miles Sara Jacoby		Buddy Schwarz Danni Pannepacker Doug Spier Gretchen Seiferth Heather Bintliff Jill Ruth John Seymour Kelly Workman Ron Kulp <b>Tim O'Shea, Sr.</b>		<b>Dawn Cardinal</b> <b>Kris Smedley</b> Paul Harvan Tim O'Shea, Sr.

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him have obtained - Triple Crown 1000. Other coed league participants knocking on the TC500 door are Ron Pulli, Matt McReynolds, Beau Burris, John Muntz, Chris Courduff, and Bob Baginski.

HR King Jarred Gardner became the first-ever to reach the 200 HR plateau. He has done so in both the men's and coed leagues. Frank Hackett is the current all-time men's league batting leader with a career average of .672 in 1057 at-bats. Bob Baginski is the coed league's all-time career average leader with a .705 over the course of 706 at-bats.

The player with the most regular and post-season Player of the Year honors is Jarred Gardner who has accumulated a total of 11. Christen Flaherty has 7 of her own awards and Frank Hackett owns 6. Christen holds the mark for consecutive POTY honors with 4, from 2004-2007.

### The Best Ever?

I'm often asked which team was the most prolific over the years. That's a hard question to answer because of the different 'eras' involved. Previous to 2001, there was no bat restriction. Previous to 2004, the league softball was a lot livelier. Curiosity got the best of me so I went back over the archives and was able to draw a few conclusions. The team with the most hits in an 8-game season was Rob Johnson's 1999 Bullfrog Café who pounded out no less than 228 hits in the Tuesday Men's spring league. Leading the assault was Don Rotanz, Mike Bianco, Rob Johnson, and Brian Kreider. In the fall of 2000, Steve Mendenhall's Schlepville Inn posted a whopping 649 as a team batting average. This was over a 7-game Sunday Men's season and featured the likes of Dick Moody, Joe Mayo, Keith Williams, and Warren Grant. In the fall of the same year, J&J Deck knocked in 192 runs. Mike Sobock, Steve Kalbach, John Krier, and John Proietto led the charge in the Thursday Men's league.

In the post-bat restriction era, Mark Ambolino's 2003 County Line Fence managed to score a record 210 runs in a single spring Tuesday Men's season. Mark led all with 39 runs scored while Frank Hackett set a seasonal record of 39 RBIs. Dick Moody, Joe Robinson, and Mike Valentine chipped in significantly. In the fall of the same year, Tim O'Shea's Protech Roofing maintained a 1240 slugging % through a 7-game Thursday Men's fall league. Ripping the cover off the ball for Protech was Scott Vogel, Frank Hackett, Craig Claycomb, and Jimmy Waltman.

In current era, which features a 44/375 softball and bat restrictions, 2 teams are worth mentioning - Mark Ambolino's 2009 Bones Grille and Joe Shenko's 2009 99 Restaurant. In the Thursday Men's spring season, 99 Restaurant ended with an 8-game team slugging % of 1219 which included a record 53 home runs. Leading the massacre was Jarred Gardner, Brian Penecale, Bill Yokobosky, Frank Hackett, and Ryan Parfitt. The Tuesday Men's Bones Grille team had one of the finest all-around offensive seasons in the post bat-restriction/post-44/375 softball era by scoring 184 runs and knocking in 172 more on 207 hits with a team batting average of .611. Bill Yokobosky, Frank Hackett, Greg Ochs, Brian Penecale, and Mark Ambolino were the main 'hitmen'. With a total of 208 hits, the fall 2009 99 Restaurant team made a serious offensive statement in the current era. Frank Hackett, Ron Hopkins, Bill Yokobosky, Drew Dimino, Brian Penecale, and Steve Derrick all had more than 20 base hits during that season. Next year I'll take a look at the coed side of things.

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The Builders brandished the top North average hitter, Kevin Carlson (.684) and the top RBI man, Elmer Willey (24), who also tied for the lead in assists with 23. Alex Colon posted a .636 too. BALCO, 4-4, ended up in fourth with the division's top run scorer - Dan Shaeffer with 16 - and the assist leader, Tom Lydon (23-tied). Dan hit .676 and Rob McKenna hit .618. In order, Thunder (4-4), Major League (2-6) and Snipers (2-5-1) filled out the competition. Thunder's lightning in a bottle was: Chris Day, 12 runs, .600 and Mike Murphy 13 runs, 17 RBI, .556. Jimmy Dempsey and Paul Koch came up with the big hits for Major League with 10 RBIs each. David Shannon was a bright spot for the Snipers, machine gunning out a .667 average.

B-East had a trifecta of teams finish 6-2. The Shenanigans (1 seed) dropped the 'Roos (#3) in the finals. Matt Schaub powered the Shenanigans during the year by smacking an East high 8 homeruns and 18 RBIs. He also tied for most runs scored with 15. The Shenanigans played exceptional defense and pitched very well, suffocating opponents to a paltry 5.1 runs/game. The 'Roos' Adam Linch tied Matt for the lead in runs scored and Jim Gorman had an outstanding year at the plate with a .625 average to place second. The Bulldogs ended up the odd man out of the 6-2 triad as they finished the regular season in second and scored the most runs as a team in the East. Rob Deem inflicted the most damage as he won the Bulldogs' triple-crown (.560, 4 HR, 16 RBI). K-Built Ball Busters came in fourth with a 5-3 record. K-Built had the East's top hitter, Rob Hinchliffe, who finished with .630. Fat Kids positioned 6th

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ranking. With great performances by Deb Dando (579 Avg., 9-BB\*), Greg Wycoff (25-RBI\*, 667Avg./1444 Slg.), Curtis Hensman (25PO, 28A\*), and Mike Snowman (21PO, 15A), the Mixed Nutz cracked numerous teams, including 9th-place Armageddon with league leader Brandon Kirk (667 Avg./767 Slg.), 8th-place Spikes Up with league leader Jason Henry (682 Avg.), and 7th-place PBR Allstars with team leader Bill Larkin

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again. 99 Restaurant averaged winning by 12 runs per game. Frank Hackett sprayed the ball everywhere hitting .870 to lead all hitters. Bill Yokobosky and Drew Dimino each had 19 runs scored to pace the league. Brian Penecale topped the A with 24 RBI. 99 had Ron Hopkins at .774 and Bill Yokobosky at .714. 3 hitters topped 600: Drew Dinino .676, John Kichler .633 and Brian Penecale .600. The runners up, Country Tavern, 6-2, also scored runs in bunches. Greg Moylan topped all A comers with a 1.607 slugging percentage to go with his 6 HR, 17 runs and 18 RBIs. Rich Hoshbach (.750) and Matt Ermigiotti (.720) had awesome seasons. Four other players topped .600 - Greg Moylan .679, Matt Stevens .679, Ron Bannister .630 and Tim O'Shea .615. TBD, 3-5, finished squarely in the middle. Warren Grant, 2009 POTY candidate, hit better than his league leading summer tally as he hit .840 in the fall. Matt Hutcheson (.682) and Jim Lelli (.667) also hit hard. Horsham Inn, also 3-5 had John McCabe hit .800 to finish third. Griffin Drywall ended up last. Seve Keeley cranked out a .667 average and Mike Baronick a .636 average for Drywall.

In the B, the Snipers, 5-3, took home the bacon, sweeping the finals over H & M Home Repair, 5-3. The Snipers 4th place regular season was led by Jason Hildebrand's 17 runs scored, 21 RBIs and .633. John Connors bested 600 by 30 points. H & M Home Repair's bridesmaid finish came atop a third place regular season finish. Mike Downey played good D with 22 assists and Jesse Kuiper and Curt Perry each topped 600 (.619/.609). Regular season division winner, Master Baiters Tackle Shop, 7-1, showcased the top B average. Dave Ward ripped at a .741 stroke. Dan Frey drove in 15. The Rhinos, 6-2, took second. Tom Corey hit at a .750 pace during his 4 games and Bob Tumelty grabbed 22 RBIs. Greg Hess (.630) and Brian Myers (.611) were important offensive players. The Bluestone Bombers, 5-3, were mid-pack though John Kiefer smacked an amazing 10 HRs, 30 RBIs, 18 runs, 1.806 slugging pct and a .677 average. Frank Guido and Tom Garrafa both hit .625. Sanket Kapadia was at the summit for assists with 24. The Irish Car Bombs came back stronger and finished 6th. Russ Elia had 47 put outs for the Bombs. Mike Chwieroth ended the year with a .625 average. Mixed Nutz followed with Matt Schaub taking his team's offensive categories once again (14 runs, 19 RBI, .607). Brew Crew and Winding Brook Farm ended up in the basement of the division. Mike Zepp drove home 20% of Brew Crew's runs and Winding Brook Farm's Jeff Welty banged in 22% of his teams runs. The Farm had 3 players top .600: Tom Egitto, Ryan Law and Dom Ripa.

Dave Gumkowski

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Mike's York St Bar & Grill was second in scoring and stingiest in giving runs up. Mike's lineup included 4 players at .600 or better, Ron Tommassello (.682), Ed Doyle III (.652), Neal Britton (.625) and Mike Brown (.600). Matt McReynolds' leather was sticky as he topped assists with 16. Philly Soft Pretzel Factory, 4-3-1, had two of the top 5 average hitters. Arthur Saenz smacked his way to the top average and slugging percentage (.800/1.650) and Tom McCarthy swatted .743. John Brittingham hit .625. The Land Sharks moved up again in the standings. Eric Damm led the way with 13 runs, 15 RBIs, 5 doubles, 3 dingers and .692. Progressive Graphics finished in the middle of the pack at 4-4 again. The evenness extended to teams runs, 13.1 for and 12.6 against, and roster hitting with the core lineup between .444 and .571 (Rob Spencer). Dominick's Side Door Pub had Bill Walker make the top ten in average, hitting .680 and knocking home 20 while scoring 26 times. Dave Boice also hit .600. Goodfellas had another tough season though Rich Beck made slick fielding plays to tie for the lead in assists (16) to go with his 20 put outs. Average hitters, Don Hone (.750), Dave Bishop (.652, 24RBIs, 2009 POTY candidate), Tom Egitto (.600) and John Keifer (.600) didn't translate into wins. 99 Restaurant fell the hardest to the bottom of the division. Bill McClintock was a bright spot hitting .667. Mike Hagan (.615), Steph Garret (.609) and Keith Clements (.600) also chipped in.

Dave Gumkowski

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the league what it is. Numerous opportunities exist for league members to subsidize their league fees through scorekeeping, journalism, stat-keeping and umpiring. Contact the league office for more info.

It had more nooks and crannies than an Thomas' English muffin. An 800 sq. ft. section of the Quarry left field now sports sod. So too for a 200 sq. ft. section in right center.

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469 slugging put her right up there with the best of her peer group. Heather Bintliff finished up in 2nd with Amy Miller in 3rd. Heather slugged a league-leading 500 while Amy's 478 was right there. Lisa and Heather's 600 and 444 fielding % led all. Kelly Richardson and Kelly Neill rounded out the top 5.

For the older gents in the post-season, Rich Cordisco and Bob Cusano will share top PPOTY honors. Rich now joins Keith Villers as the only male eddie players in league history to win POTY honors in both regular and post-season in the same year. Rich topped all with a gaudy 810 batting average. His 1429 slugging was a league best. Hitting when it counted in the post season is what it's all about and Rich knocked in a run 86% of the time he stepped to the plate. Rich led all in the point totals over the course of 7 B league post-season games. Bob Cusano, on the other hand, managed his PPOTY win over the course of 13 A league games. Bob batted 615 and scored a run at a league-leading clip of 56%. Rob Welfah, Dave Gumkowski, and Bill Roth round out the male eddie post-season top 5.

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With Chris Highland leading the charge for his team (8 runs, 6 RBI, .577). Horsham Yankees drifted to the bottom with line-up continuity problems. Steve Tow's 4 games were high; he had a .600 average.

The B-West Xtreme Solutions (#1 seed, 7-0-1) shot down the Red Rockets in a three game set to take the crown. They had the extremes of runs scored (126), least runs against (48) and best run differential (9.8). Gary Thompson had no equal in the West as he won the triple crown by leading average, .710, homeruns, 3, and RBIs, 17. He also led runs scored with 19 and triples with 3. Jon Tischbein also hit very well with a .655 average (2nd) and Paul Cichonski belted a .625 average. The Red Rockets, 4-4, improved upon their 3rd place regular season finish during the playoff run. Derek Federsel rapped his way to a .577 average. The Nuthouse positioned second during the year with balance throughout the lineup. Connie Georgiadis (.542) and Dave Renner (.531) hit well and Jeff Mullaly cleaned the bases well with 15 RBI. The Sabres, 4-4, ended in fourth. Brian Thurston took top West assist honors with 24. He also had a .536 average, just 2 point behind his teammate, Brian Bird. Young Guns, Dirty Dozen and Doom Cats filled the bottom of the division. Young Guns' Tony Renna (9 runs, 7 RBI, .522) and Jeff Sywulak (10 runs, 8 RBI) shot to the top of their team's offense. The Dirty Dozen's Rob Annot was the top West put out leader with 36; additionally he hit .550. Chris Horan hit a cool .600 to finish fourth highest in the East for the Doom Cats.

### Bomb Squad Wins Summer/Fall In A Walk-over.

The Summer Morning Mens summer season matched 4 teams against each other. The Bomb Squad, 8-7-1, took the year, rising from their second place regular season finish. Eric Vogelman topped the summer entrants with 24 RBIs and Dan Roman (.563) slickly fielded his way to 28 assists, tying for top dog. Schrandt & Associates Insurance finished first during the regular season, going 10-6. Steve Higdon paced the hitters with a .619 batting average. Mike DeGuida (.583) led the league in homers with one and spanked out 9 triples. His 1.222 slugging percentage was #1 too. Russ Greway put out the most runners with 43. Balls Deep, 7-9, grabbed third place. Vince Messner (13 runs, .432) and George Fox (12 runs, .406, 12 walks) led the team in average and notching runs. Master Batters ended up fourth. Adam Swartz scored the most runs in the league, 25, in part, by walking an amazing 23 times. Mark Guaiten tied for most assists, swallowing up no less than 28 of them.

Dave Gunkowski

(542 Avg./583 Sig.). Although the next teams made the playoffs, 6th-place GFY with MVP Ted Rickner (600 Avg./1000 Sig.) and 5th-place Fritz's Bakery with MVP Tim Mourer (6-HR\*, 25-RBI\*, 731 Avg./1731 Sig.) were also broken by the Nuts. However, 4th-place JT Bankers with MVPs Steph Crossmun (500 Avg./1241 Sig., 18PO, 26A), and Nick C. (18-1B\*, 667 Avg./800 Sig.), saved many games, including a season game against 2nd-place Deuces Wild and a big playoff game versus the 1st-place Mixed Nutz to earn a Championship spot. With league leading defense (32R/GU\*) and great players, Gary Dever (36PO, 7A), Brian Beuregard (727 Avg./1182 Sig.), Brian Autenrieth (633 Avg./1300 Sig.), and Dan Dougherty (17PO, 16A), 2nd-place Deuces Wild was projected to be Bankers' Championship opponent, but they unfortunately forfeited their playoff game to 3rd-place Big Heads. Wanting to repeat as Champions, Big Heads tried to remain in control, but JT Bankers raised their game to another level to collect the Summer Championship in 2 games!

This Fall, 1st-place JT Bankers, featuring MVPs Linda C. (353 Avg.) and Rich C. (800 Avg./1600 Sig., 28PO, 20A), defended their Summer title for awhile. Bankers easily collected some wins from 7th-place Deuces Wild with team leader Gary Ehy (706 Avg./1412 Sig.) and 8th-place Spikes Up, even with the great offense of Jason Brown (8-BB\*) and MVP John Razzi (667 Avg./857 Sig.). Bankers accumulated a few more wins from 6th-place Fritz's Bakery with MVP Angie Mourer (364 Avg.) and 5th-place GFY with MVP Ted R. (813 Avg./1438 Sig.). However, in a strange twist of fate, the 4th-place Mixed Nutz with the great play of Rhiannon Wells (368 Avg.), Greg W. (4-3B\*) and Mike S. (25PO, 20A), robbed a Championship spot from the 1st-place Bankers. In the other group, PBR Allstars, starting the great offense of Tim J. (571 Avg./619 Sig.), Mike Jenkins (17-1B\*), and Phil Jenkins (667 Avg./1067 Sig.), shot through the rankings this Fall to a 3rd-place finish. Having a regular season win over 1st-place Bankers, PBR hoped to continue this winning streak in the playoffs, but 2nd-place Penguin Pub (aka Big Heads) extinguished their fire with MVP performances from Lisa W. (26PO, 8A), Vince L. (17-1B\*, 15PO, 28A), Mike Baranski (643 Avg./1429 Sig.), and Kevin N. (9-2B\*, 25-RBI\*, 741 Avg./1370 Sig.). With a league-leading defense, the 4th-place Mixed Nutz (51R/GU\*) hoped to capture their First Championship, but the league-leading offense of 2nd-place Penguin Pub (109RS\*) outscored the Nuts by 1-run in two games to reclaim the Championship!

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