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2010 Year In Review

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A Look Ahead To The Softball New Year

The 2011 Softball America softball year is just around the corner. It's time to start shaking off the rust Old Man Winter has deposited on your body. I look forward to Opening Day as the new softball season promises to be another good one.

Great strides were made last year with regard to the turn-around time of game stats and standings. On average, the amount of time it took to have them transcribed, formulated, and posted online dropped to about 4 days. Sunday leagues, because of the sheer weight in the number of teams, took a little longer. My hope is that will change for the better this year. The plan is to break up the workload of the Sunday leagues by assigning different divisions to different statisticians. This way, the completion of each division is not predicated upon the completion of any other division.



The posting of game scores improved dramatically last year. Aside from a few isolated incidents, game scores were posted online by the following morning. I am confident this trend will continue as scorekeepers will be urged to be even more conscientious this year.

As of this writing, league rules for 2011 should, for the most part, remain status quo. Unless change comes about as a result of our manager meetings in mid-March, there won't be much in the way of rule changes for the new softball year. As far as league protocol is concerned, interleague play will likely continue in multi-division leagues. Coed league eddie requirements will remain unchanged at 4-4-3. The yellow softballs we used last year will be used for this year as well.

One of the biggest downers of 2010 was the increased number of team forfeits. To put it bluntly, forfeits suck... especially for the team on the receiving end. In the 2009 magazine, I wrote an article on forfeits and announced I would make a concerted effort to reduce the number of forfeits in the year to follow. In 2010, I eliminated the free pass for the first forfeit and instituted a mandatory \$25.00 forfeit fee to be paid to the team receiving the forfeit. To my amazement, not only did the number of forfeits not go down, they actually increased. In an attempt to stem the forfeit tide for this year, \$50.00 will be the mandatory forfeit fee payable to the scorekeeper at the team's next game. This collected forfeit fee will then be distributed as follows: the team receiving the forfeit (\$25.00), the game umpire (\$20.00), and the scorekeeper (\$5.00). With the luxury of using as many as 4 subs, a team need only field 4 roster players in order to avoid a forfeit. And, the subs need not be league members, nor is there any cost for the sub to play. After all is said and done, there really is no excuse for a team to forfeit a game. Managers, I beg you to find a way to get each and every game played. It takes only a small effort to put together a make-shift team. If not for your team's sake, do it for the sake of the opposing team members.

In an effort to bolster the courtesy runner rule and minimize its abuse, the

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Softball Change-Up

New Balls Makes Big & Small Impact

12" Softball

In 2009, the Amateur Softball Association switched to an optic yellow softball as their flagship ball for all sanctioned tournaments. Being the ASA is the largest governing body of softball in the world, ball manufacturers wisely followed the ASA lead and began to produce predominantly yellow softballs. For 2010, Softball America had little choice but to follow the ASA lead as well and move to the yellow ball.

The ASA switch-over turned out to be a blessing in disguise as it gave us

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Interleague Play

Multi-Division Scheduling

Interleague play occurs when a particular division (usually the A division) comes up a little short relative to the number of teams within the division. Instead of forcing the smaller sized division to play the same teams over and over again, interleague play is scheduled.

The interleague schedule is deliberately scaled to reflect the disparity of talent between the lesser teams in the lower division and the better teams in the upper division. This year, the scale (strength of schedule)

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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].

"People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring." ~Rogers Hornsby

For The Record

Single season records went unscathed in 2010, but no less than 6 yearly records fell by the wayside in the men's leagues while 4 records were deep-sixed in the coed leagues.

In 2009, the record for the number of regular season men's games-played was set by John Kiefer and stood at 71. This year, John bettered that record by 1 and had company in doing so. Craig Henderson joins John Kiefer in playing the most men's games possible (72) in a single year. That's 3 leagues times 8 games times 3 seasons. In spite of the max number of games-played, neither John nor Craig could top Johnny Muntz's 2005 at-bat record of 278 - this done in only 66 games. That's 4.21 at-bats per game, making it one tough record to beat. As was the case with Muntz in 2005, one would have to bat lead-off, play on teams that turn the line-up over at a good clip, and make most every game.



Much the way he did last year, Brian Penecale is responsible for 4 new yearly marks - all of which he, himself set last year. Brian totally obliterated the base hit mark of 164 by hammering out an addition 29. The new yearly total of 193 might just be around for awhile. The same can be said for his new RBI mark. Brian knocked in an additional 25 runs this year which puts the RBI mark at 189. Do the math. That's almost 3 hits and 3 RBIs (2.72) each and every game over the course of 71 games. Additionally, Brian scored more runs (166) in a single year than anyone else before him. His 45 homeruns this year tie his own mark set in 2009. The last of the men's league seasonal records was accomplished by Rob McKenna. Rob is a great hitter and can flash the leather with the best of them at the hot corner. He also has great patience and an excellent eye at the plate. His 37 walks in the 2010 regular season was 4 better than George Dart's 33 in 2001 and

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Players Of the Year

Regular & Post-Season Standouts

After making numerous solid runs at the men's league top spot in previous years, Bill Yokobosky is now our 2010 Men's Player of the Year. Bill led the league with an impressive 732 batting average and was 2nd only to Pat Clark in slugging. A big-time congrats to Yok on a well deserved win. Brian Penecale had another fine year, finishing 2nd only 9 points back in the point totals. His 193 hits, 166 runs scored, and 189 RBIs were league bests. 3-time POTY Frank Hackett made a nice run with very respectable all-around production. Had it not taken him almost a full season to adjust to the new ball, who knows what may have happened. Rounding out the top 5 point leaders were slugging leader Pat Clark (1662) and Art Saenz who finished second in league batting average with a 699.

In the coed leagues, Warren Grant led all to capture his first Core Player of the Year title by batting 757 and slugging 1589. In 29 games and 107 at-bats, Warren knocked in a run almost every time he stepped to the plate (93%). Congrats, Warren. Not far back in the point totals was Beau Burris with a league best 199 base hits. Beau seemed to rip the cover off the ball with every at-bat in every league. His league leading slugging % topped off at 1642. Jarred Gardner ended the year in 3rd with solid production in all

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Manager Meetings

Monday & Tuesday, March 14th & 15th

For the 2011 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 14, 2010. The coed league meeting will be held Tuesday, March 15, 2010. Each meeting will begin

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Sunday Morning Men's

Yellow Jackets, Philly Soft Pretzel, 99 Restaurant Share A Titles, Rosengren Takes 2 in B North, Smorgasbord of Teams Share B East, West, and South Crowns

The Sunday morning men's league started with an A division and three B divisions, North, East and West, but expanded to a fifth division, B South in the summer accommodating 42 teams.

A DIVISION 99 Restaurants was the consistent winner, finishing with the top record in all three seasons. Yet this was not domination, as they only claimed one championship. At one time or another five different teams finished 6-2 records or better.

SPRING Four teams finished with identical 6-2 records, 99 Restaurants, Ferraro Computers, Yellow Jackets, and Philly Soft Pretzel Factory. Of these, the team that appeared least likely to win, did. Somehow the Yellow Jackets had won six games while scoring only four more runs than their opponents. In like fashion, they defeated the Pretzels in the finals by one and two runs for the championship. In a rare occurrence, Bill Yokobosky (99) won the triple crown batting .846 with 4 home runs and 23 RBI. He shared the home run title with Bob Ferraro (Ferraro Computer) and Pat Clark (Yellow Jackets). Pat also led the league in slugging at 1.448. Other team leaders were: (Thirsty's Worst Ever) Steve Mendenhall .704, (Philly Soft Pretzel) Steve Beagelman .667, (Hitched) Steve Mathe .640, (Ferraro Computers) Scott Masulis .625, (Big Dogs) Derek Strowhouer .591, and (Goodfellas) Alex Hejazi .583.

SUMMER Of the four teams that tied for first, only 99 Restaurants returned to the top spot again, tying Hitched at 6-2. 99 tied for the lead in runs scored and gave up the least, a great combination. Again, 99 had the only team batting average over .500. They did make the finals and matched up against last season's runner up, Philly Soft Pretzel. The Pretzels took the title in two tight games 12-10 and 12-11. Once again there was a triple crown winner. But Mike Bianco (Hitched) took it one step further. Besides leading the league in batting (.724), home runs (6) and RBI (25), he also led the league in slugging (1.552), a great all around season. Mike did share the home run crown with Bill Cashman (Big Dogs) and Scott Castner (Hitched). Other team leaders were: (99) Mike Brown was one off the home run pace with 5, hit .692 and

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Sunday Evening Coed

Gavin's Tavern Cleans-up "A"gain. B-North, B-East, & B-West Become a 9-Team Championship Swap Meet

Since we lost a Wednesday Coed field this year, Sunday Coed suddenly expanded to 4 Divisions with some team transfers.

A Division After cleaning-up 2009, MVP-manager Christen Flaherty (12-1B*, 481-Avg, 556-Slg, 3BB*, 39PO**, 3A) properly prepared Gavin's Tavern to defend their 3 Championship titles this year. With returning MVPs Kris Smedley (12-1B*, 519-Avg, 593-Slg), Rick Totans (5-2B*, 696-Avg, 1435-Slg), and Beau Burris (17R*, 5-2B*, 6HR**, 21-RBI*, 621-Avg, 1552-Slg), Gavin's tough offense and defense totaled 126-RS** and 43-RGU**, which catapulted them into 1st. At 7-1, they also captured MVP nods for eddie Ron Pulli (607-Avg, 1036-Slg) and Chris Courduff* (17R*, 19H*, 5-3B, 760-Avg*, 1600-Slg*, 3BB*). As expected, Gavin's easily swept 4th-place newcomer Faulkner Toyota, despite their top-seller's, Matt Gubicza's (11R, 11H, 3-3B, 2HR, 1500-Slg), efforts. In 2nd-place, the returning Renegades, managed by MVP-eddie John Seymour (480-Avg, 640-Slg, 15PO, 17A), had another great season. Although they received MVP nods for Colleen Gilmartin (375-Avg, 2BB) and Jamie Burns (368-Avg, 474-Slg), their Championship charge was halted by 3rd-place 99-Restaurant. Wanting to regain the title, 99-Restaurant, headed by MVP-eddie Bernie Marsh (471-Avg, 529-Slg), quickly burnt the Renegades in their one-game playoff. Being the only team to serve Gavin's a Spring loss, 99-Restaurant had the edge going into the Championships. In spite of that, Gavin's offense remained strong behind Pulli's MVP bat, (7-7, 6R, 2B, HR, 6-RBI, 1000-Avg, 1571-Slg), to bounce 99-Restaurant in 2 games for their 4th-Consecutive Title!

After losing the Spring Championship, 99-Restaurant was determined to oust Gavin's this Summer. Showcasing the offensive talents of Kelly Neill (571-Avg, 619-Slg, 27PO*), eddie Keith Villers (542-Avg, 1042-Slg), Mark Bernacki (4-3B*, 722-Avg, 1278-Slg), Matt McReynolds (586-Avg, 1034-Slg), and Keith Keppley* (19R*, 24H*, 13-2B**, 4HR*, 20-RBI*, 774-Avg*, 1710-Slg*), 99-Restaurant cooked their way into 1st. At 136-RS** and 74-RGU*, 99-Restaurant easily made a memory out of this season's 4th-place newcomer, America's Pastime. Finding themselves in 2nd again, the Renegades made another Championship charge behind the blazing bats of Emilie Aitken (429-Avg), March

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Most Valuable Players / Spring 2010

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
A	Bill Yokobosky Brian Penecale Frank Hackett Matt Schaub Scott Masulis	Beau Burris Chris Courduff Rick Totans	Mike Cianfichi Mike Hagan Mike Tarella Rob Johnson Ryan Scanlan Warren Grant	Art Saenz Brian Penecale Dave DeStephanis	Beau Burris Jake Seymour Jarred Gardner Paul Loveland Rick Totans	Bill Yokobosky Marty Murray Matt Kulp Warren Grant	Ed Doyle, III Joe Burke Mark Cooper Rick Totans Tony Cabot
Offense Core	Brian McHale Dave Edmond JJ Wunderlich Mike Canelli Ray Bates Rich Paolone	Jon Rubin Mike Chwieroth Sean Pinkerton Tim Mourer Tim O'Donnell Tom McCarthy Tony Walton	Ed Breen Joe Leone Larry Lopiccolo Mike Chwieroth Tom McCarthy Tom Moyer	Frank Hackett Mark Bernacki Rob McKenna	Adam Roman Brian Roth Chris Harrison Gary Thompson Mike Downey Vito Nigro	Dave Ward Frank Trymbiski Mike Zahradnick Nobel Unger Rob McKenna	
A		Bernie Marsh John Seymour Ron Pulli	Frank Taverno John Razzi Ron Bannister		Bob Cusano Joe Buglak Steve Campbell		Bob Cusano Joe Sharp Mike Muller Rob Welhaf Ron Pulli
Offense Male Eddie		Frank Taverno Rich Cordisco Steve Campbell Ted Rickner Tom Lane Wayne Jerdan	Guy Driesbach Keith Bellinger Mike McHale Ron Kulp Tom Lane		Alex Page Dave Gumkowski Doug Spier Frank Taverno Mike Jeffrey Rick Winters Wayne Jerdan		
A		Christen Flaherty Colleen Gilmartin Jamie Burns Kris Smedley	Christen Flaherty Krissey Cianfichi Lora Hooven Rachel Tuturice Steph Thrasher Tara Murphy		Christen Flaherty Helene O'Donnell Jamie Burns Karen Gordon		Christen Flaherty Colleen Gilmartin Danielle Olsen Dawn Doyle Kris Smedley
Offense Female Eddie		Aubrey Baranski C. Casavecchia Jessica Ruland Kelly Sisk Melissa Udowenko Pam O'Connor	Adeena Herry Chrissy Malone Dawn Bieber Janice Tanists Kelly Workman		Christine Razzi Dana Myers Jill Long Kelly Workman Terry Ryan		
Defense Core	Brett Lawhead Jeff Bush Mike Pekach Ray Bates Rob Hinchliffe Tom McCormick	Albert Perez Bob Volpacchio Mike Snowman Nick Cordisco Tom Corey Tom McCarthy	DJ Bleam John Cavet John Cruice John Milligan Mike Kulp Tom McCarthy	Chris Hesdon Dan Hayes Frank Hackett John Kiefer Ryan Stetler	Adam Roman Brian Roth Corey Rhoad Gary Thompson Jeff Jones Mike Downey Mike Snowman Nick Chesna Steve Albor	Ed O'Neill Greg Schuh Mike Canelli Mike Downey Paul Podubsky Ron Bannister Troy Martzall	Damion Covelens Dave Matz George Brownback Greg Wyckoff Matt McReynolds
Defense Eddie		Allison Byruch Christen Flaherty Jen Violi John Seymour Katie Shallcross Rich Cordisco Steve Campbell Tara Murphy Tom Foy	Bud Schwarz Christen Flaherty Guy Driesbach John Sanfratello Ron Kulp		Bill Roth Bob Cusano Christen Flaherty Heather Bintliff Rick Winters Steve Campbell		Bob Cusano Christen Flaherty Ed Doyle, Jr. Joe Sharp Kris Smedley Stephanie Thrasher

Monday Evening Coed

Totally Tee's Stops 99 Sweep With Fall Win. Mavericks, Tyndale, and Car Bombs Share B League Wealth

After a long and cold snowy winter, Monday coed softball finally sprung! A "B" division made it's SBA debut.

99 RESTAURANT Spring and Summer championship titles were on the menu for this powerhouse of a team. Manager Steph Garrett leads the way. Core Mike Hagan had a great 3 season run leading the team in the spring with a .750 avg. Warren Grant 78 total rbi's & 15 homeruns. Gold Glove OF'er Keith Keppley 32 PO's. Sara Jacoby 3 season 92 PO's and SS Chris Hesdon sizzled in the summer with 15 PO's & 25 "A"s.

TOTALLY T's The Totally T's faced the 99 restaurant gang in the fall title series. The T's walked away the victor. Hat's off to veteran Drew Minko, who was the last mochian from the original team. "Nina, the tribe has spoken". The female eddies shined, Tara Murphy and Stephanie Thrasher a .417 & .423 spring season. Christen Flaherty had an outstanding summer with a .750, 2 3B's & 2 HR's. Beau Burris, 2 season 34 rbi's & 12 HR's. Jesse Kupier a 3 season 49 rbi's and a .720 fall avg.

COBRA CABLE & WIRE Formerly known as the Bamberger group this team is always in the thick of things. They played in the summer championship

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Tuesday Evening Men's

Mike's Bar & Grill Takes Spring and Fall Titles. Bones Grille Spoils Sweep by Nailing Middle Jewel.

Bones Grille and Mike's York Street Bar & Grill took control of Tuesday night. No, they didn't always finish in first place or have the best records, but the two teams met in the finals all three seasons.

SPRING

Bones were the offensive monsters of the season. Although they had the same record as Mike's and finished only one game ahead of Dominick's Side Door Pub and two ahead of 99 Restaurant, they led the league in every offensive category and usually by a lot. They hit 10 more homers than the next closest team and led the league in runs scored by 33. Mike's, using the league's best defense, turned the trick, defeating Bones in two straight in the finals. Brian Penecale (Bones) missed the triple crown, getting the home run (7) and RBI (32) titles but Art Saenz (Philly Soft Pretzel) had a great season, leading the league in batting, slugging and walks. Rob McKenna posted the top offensive season for Mike's, finishing second in the league in batting and slugging. But the champs won with defense and you have to mention Steph Garrett's league low 8.57 ERA. Of course this is a combination of pitching and team defense. Dave DeStephanis was the top performer for Dominics, batting .719 and among leaders in runs, hits and RBI. Other team leaders were Andy Smallman (Progressive Graphics) .708 BA, 1.083 Slg, Joe Lynd Jr. (Goodfellas) .688 BA, 1.000 Slg, Mike Pekach (99 Restaurant) .625 BA, 1.167 Slg. Ryan Stetler was the only Landshark to break the .500 barrier.

SUMMER

Dominic's, now playing as TBD, had finished one game out of first in the Spring, now grabbed the pennant by two games. Bones offense fell back to the pack. They still led in HR, RBI and AVG, but by much slimmer margins. TBD led

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Wednesday Evening Coed

99 Restaurant Reason #1: People Like Winners, Win All Seasonal A Division Championships. Follow Traxx to the B Division Spring Title. Mixed Nutz salt Away the Summer and Fall seasons.

Spring

(A division): 99 Restaurant only tasted victory on its way to an 8-0 regular season and playoff sweep. The Restaurateurs pounded their opponents by over 10 runs per game. It was truly a team effort as almost no one led any statistical category. Beau Burris (.710, 5hr, 23rbi), Chris Cusano (.680), Rick Totans (.667) spearheaded the attack. Christen Flaherty took the female hitting crown with a .600 mark. The Assassins contract to dispose of 99 Restaurant went unfulfilled as they ended up bridesmaids in the regular season (5-3) and playoffs. Jarred Gardner swept the triple crown categories for Wednesday men (.857, 7hr, 27rbi). Jarred needed to overcome his own teammate, Paul Loveland (.833, 5hr, 20rbi) in most of the categories. Team Keppley nailed down a third place finish (3-5). Keith Keppley (.625, 10r, 13rbi) and Eric Damm (.552, 16r, 13rbi) fired the big guns for the Keppleys. The Renegades and the Butcher rounded out the field at 2-6. Renegades' Jake Seymour (.633) led the league in doubles with 8 and Bill Cashman (21 rbi) drove in a fourth of the Renegades' runs, good for 2nd in the league. The Butcher took high honors on the defensive side, Bill Roth's 47 put outs and Steve Campbell's 20 assists topped the respective categories. Steve also fared best in male eddie average - .621.

(B division): Traxx Sports Pub claimed the regular season (7-1) and play-off titles with pitching and defense as they were stingiest giving up runs at 6.6 per game. Heather Bintliff's 48 put outs topped the B-division. Sean McNamara (.611, 16rbi), John Foley (.611, 5hr) and Mike Seal (.600, 15r) gave Traxx'ation to the offense. Disabled List limped into 2nd place finishes in regular season and play-off action. Mike Downey (17r, 17rbi) powered DL with a league best 7 homeruns. Darren Shaw set the table for Mike batting .667 and scoring 14 runs. Chico's Bail Bonds regular season (6-2) was an offensive show of force as 3 batters were ranked in the top 7 of the B-division - Adam Roman (.788, 17r, 17rbi, 7hr), Brian Roth (.731, 13r, 19rbi) and Matt Laird (.708, 13r). Bertucci's Italian Restaurant (5-3) placed fourth. Tim

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Thursday Evening Men's

99 Restaurant Rains on Country Tavern's A Division Parade in the Fall as does the Snipers on the Rhinos in the B League.

Thursday Men's A

Men's A was mostly controlled by two teams, Country Tavern and 99 Restaurant. I say mostly controlled because they did finish 1-2 in every season but the Fall. They did lead in most offensive categories except in the Spring, when Dominick's Side Door Pub took several honors. They did meet in the finals all three seasons. But the big story was the worst to first for Vertex Pest Mgmt., a team that had combined for one win in the first two seasons.

SPRING

Country Tavern finished in first place at 6-2, winning the runs allowed tie breaker over 99. In fact they had yielded the fewest runs in the league, but not by much as 99 and Dominick's were right behind them. In fact, Dominick's and 99 out scored the Tavern by more than 25 runs on the season and appeared to be headed for the finals. But when the dust cleared, Country Tavern took two of three from 99 to win the title. Perhaps the best offensive season was had by Marty Murray (Dominick's), who led the division in home runs (6), RBI (30), runs (19) and Slugging (1.371). Warren Grant completed the triple crown for Dominick's by batting .769. Matt Kulp (Jim Straughn Aquarium & Pond) finished right behind Warren at .741 followed by Larry Walsh (Country Tavern) hitting .739. 99's top hitter was Bill Yokobosky who batted .692 and slugged 1.308, just behind the leader. Vertex Pest Management who only managed one victory was paced by Matt Schaub, batting .625 and slugging 1.208.

SUMMER

99 really ratcheted up the offense, out scoring second place rival Country Tavern by 42 runs. Their home runs increased from 15 to 26, plus they now led the division in fewest runs allowed. With the best offense and defense, they seemed poised to take the title, but again, after dropping the first game, Country Tavern stormed back to win. The triple crown categories were totally split this season. Again, Warren Grant (TBD, formerly Dominick's) took the batting title with .818. Brian Penecale (99) led in RBI (26), while batting .667 and slugging 1.333. Mike Brown (99) took the home run title (7) while finishing second in RBI (24) and third in hitting (.735), a great all around season. A third 99 member, Bill Yokobosky lead the division in slugging (1.625). Dave DeStephanis paced Jim Straughn Aquarium batting .722 and slugging a hefty 1.556. Matt Schaub posted almost identical stats to last season (.615 BA, 1.231 Slg) to lead Vertex. Dave Bishop led the champs hitting .708 and slugging 1.250.

FALL

Vertex pulled an amazing about face, going from 0 wins to five and the top record. They did it by going worst to first in runs allowed. In another oddity, 99 went from 26 home runs to 41 yet managed to score 18 fewer runs. As history repeated itself, 99 met Country Tavern in the finals, but this

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Friday Evening Coed

RLD's Garners Spring Title. Misfits Don't Toy Around and Take the Summer and Fall Championships.

Spring

The Friday, spring regular season showed how competitive teams become. Tie breakers determined the first three slots for the 6-2 clubs. After calculating, the order ranked: Misfits, RLD and Andy's Snack Bar. RLD outlasted the Misfits in a three game final matching the closeness both had during the regular season with each scoring 17+ runs per game and only allowing about 5 runs per game. RLD accounted for most of the offensive awards in the league. Rob Welhaf slugged his way to the top average, .773. Rick Totans (.710), Brian Steeber (.708) and Keith Keppley (.706) had great seasons with Keith also marking the most doubles with 9. Chris Courduff garnered the most triples with 4 and Beau Burris smoked the most homeruns with 5. The Misfits also were an offensive powerhouse with Mark Cooper pacing the league in runs and RBIs, 21 and 19 respectively. Joe Burke (19r, 17rbi, 4hr) sprayed hits to the tune of a 708 average. Andy's Snack Bar carried the women's average leader, Christen Flaherty, batting .500. Dan Vescovi came up big as he tied for the RBI lead with 19. Matt McReynolds paced assists with 22. Helio's Data Service and The Beer Drinkers (each 4-4) finished in the middle of the pack. Mike DeGuida lined his way to a second place, .722, average. The Beer Drinkers' Tony Cabot (.679) tied for most runs (21) and Jim Molloy defensively had the most put outs with 28. Redline Motor Sports (3-5) placed 6th. Ron Pulli banged out hits to the tune of .720, good for third place. Levittown Crush and Unwanted Softball Players finished at 1-7. Mike Disantis (16rbi) carried the big stick for the Crush. USP's Phil Purchase batted in 13 and Abel Sautner scored 17 times.

Summer

Though Andy's Snack Bar and RLD went one, two in the regular season (7-1), the Misfits (3-5) took the summer championship from the long shot, 6-seed slot. The Misfits counted on Joe Burke's (.778) bat again as he ended up 2nd in the league in hitting. Steve Reichling (15rbi) and Mike Decristofano (13rbi) aided the Misfits rise to the top. Andy's counted the average leader, Dan Shaeffer (.875), among its members. Bill Markward (17r, 16rbi), Mike Chwieroth (14r, 16rbi), Bob Cusano (14r, 13rbi) contributed to Andy's summer success. RLD's Keith Keppley took top runs scored, 22, honors while hitting an even 700. Beau Burris reprised his spring homerun title with 7 while notching the top RBI total with 27. RLD had the top male eddie

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Softball Change-Up (Continued from page 1)

the opportunity to try a new kind of softball. This new ball was optic yellow in color, weighed ¼ ounce less, had more bounce (52 COR), and less hardness (275 compression) than balls used in previous years (44 COR, 375 compression).

What does all that mean? It means added safety. In a nutshell, and without being too technical, the new ball rebounds off the bat a little quicker, yet at the same time does not have the sustained ball speed of the balls previously used. It takes longer to get back to the pitcher, giving the pitcher more time to react. It takes longer for ground balls to get through the infield, giving the infielders more time to react. The higher COR value (rebound) makes the ball absorb more energy. As a result, the ball does a lot less damage when hitting the body. Now, I want to go on record as saying it will not hurt any less, because it won't. What I am saying is the impact severity will be less. In the end, it is the severity of impact that accounts for bodily damage.

I'm no physicist, and I don't profess to be any kind of expert here, but the following made a lot of sense when it was explained to me. A 375 compression ball can produce as much as 1,800 lbs of force when put into play. A 275 compression ball produces an average of around 500 lbs of force when put into play. It takes about

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used to pair teams has been further modified so as NOT to place the better teams in the lower division in jeopardy of missing their divisional playoffs. In a 14-team league with 5 teams in the upper division and 9 teams in the lower division, the best team in the upper division will play only 1 game vs. the lower division. The best teams in the lower division will play only 2 games each vs. the upper division. This keeps things fair and balanced for all.

Of the 53 managers that were, or anticipate they will be involved in leagues that incorporate interleague play, only 3 had any negative comments related to the scheduling. Suffice it to say, the upper division managers welcomed it because it afforded their teams scheduling variety. Many of the better teams in the lower division actually looked forward to interleague play and welcomed the challenge with open arms. Everyone else simply accepted it - knowing if they took care of business within their own division they would easily make it to the playoffs.

The seeding that determines the better teams in each division will be predicated upon the final standings and post season results of the previous season. By the time Opening Day rolls around, I will have put together and posted a seeding formula.

Les Greenstein

Players Of The Year

Winners are shaded in gray.

Player Of The Year / Men's League 2010

	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
Bill Yokobosky	56	213	117	55	156	102	48	13	6	1	0	40	19	164	77	732	1366	22	9	75	1.3	8	0.1	3	141	970
Brian Penecale	71	277	166	60	193	106	38	35	13	7	3	45	16	189	68	697	1361	18	6	164	2.3	57	0.8	22	268	963
Frank Hackett	58	223	140	63	154	91	41	34	15	4	2	25	11	120	54	691	1215	21	9	215	3.7	14	0.2	6	378	917
Pat Clark	22	77	41	53	49	7	9	20	26	7	9	15	19	43	56	636	1662	2	3	50	2.3	4	0.2	1	245	908
Art Saenz	22	73	37	51	51	29	40	13	18	1	1	8	11	57	78	699	1233	10	12	30	1.4	6	0.3	0	191	899

Player Of The Year / Coed League 2010

	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
Warren Grant	29	107	74	69	81	40	37	15	14	4	4	22	21	100	93	757	1589	10	9	57	2.0	29	1.0	5	328	801
Beau Burris	81	296	176	59	199	65	22	52	18	11	4	71	24	232	78	672	1642	13	4	162	2.0	92	1.1	21	323	765
Jarred Gardner	31	114	66	58	85	46	40	9	8	3	3	27	24	87	76	746	1588	2	2	53	1.7	10	0.3	5	171	733
Mike Chwieroth	36	124	89	72	81	30	24	14	11	10	8	27	22	103	83	653	1581	8	6	63	1.8	3	0.1	6	125	731
Keith Keppley	81	282	173	61	191	56	20	69	24	31	11	35	12	170	60	677	1514	13	4	182	2.2	15	0.2	7	227	728

Female Eddie Player Of The Year / 2010

	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
Christen Flaherty (fe)	86	265	97	37	147	120	45	12	5	13	5	2	1	99	37	555	721	35	12	327	3.8	13	0.2	5	387	766
Jessica Ruland (fe)	24	89	27	30	39	25	28	8	9	2	2	4	4	32	36	438	708	3	3	53	2.2	8	0.3	4	221	627
Kelly Cameron (fe)	21	69	38	55	35	28	41	5	7	1	1	1	1	8	12	507	652	11	14	24	1.1	1	0.0	2	86	608
Amy Miller (fe)	23	67	15	22	31	21	31	6	9	3	4	1	1	16	24	463	687	2	3	11	0.5	31	1.3	4	248	571
Steph Croasmun (fe)	19	57	14	25	32	31	54	1	2	0	0	0	0	9	16	561	579	9	14	13	0.7	2	0.1	1	68	570

Male Eddie Player Of The Year / 2010

	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)	32	104	44	42	58	32	31	10	10	3	3	13	13	59	57	558	1087	14	12	69	2.2	67	2.1	1	622	600
Steve Campbell (me)	31	99	40	40	62	42	42	8	8	7	7	5	5	51	52	626	1000	6	6	54	1.7	54	1.7	1	510	587
Ron Pulli (me)	61	202	101	50	119	68	34	29	14	15	7	7	3	75	37	589	985	12	6	101	1.7	5	0.1	7	136	565
Ted Rickner (me)	17	56	21	38	35	25	45	3	5	6	11	1	2	32	57	625	946	5	8	11	0.6	1	0.1	0	76	548
Frank Taverno (me)	48	167	71	43	100	72	43	11	7	17	10	0	0	51	31	599	868	1	1	44	0.9	4	0.1	3	83	513

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Kazmiroski (429-Avg, 810-Slg), and Jimmy Bode (20-H, 4-3B*, 18-RBI, 606-Avg, 1030-Slg). Unfortunately, they were again blocked in a one-game playoff, but by 3rd-place Gavin's. By reviving their Championship offense, which featured MVP Lisa Silvestri (421-Avg, 842-Slg), Gavin's was ready to defend their Title. Through 2 tough, single-digit games, 99-Restaurant with McReynolds's hot bat, (5-6, 4R, 3-2B, RBI, 833-Avg, 1333-Slg), relentlessly fought the Champions. Somehow, Gavin's defense regrouped to cut-off 99-Restaurant for their 5th-Consecutive Title!

In route to another sweep this Fall, Gavin's refused to "Clown Around!" Starring MVPs, eddie Ed Doyle Jr. (462-Avg, 577-Slg), Matt Refice (16-RBI*, 700-Avg, 1400-Slg, 3BB), and Jarred Gardner** (20H*, 7HR*, 833-Avg**, 1792-Slg*), Gavin's increased their offensive output to 131-RS*, landing them in 1st. This season, Gavin's defense (68-RGU*) easily threw-out 4th-place 99-Restaurant, which got a MVP nod for Lora Hooven (400-Avg, 520-Slg). Acquiring Axel Alicea's great stick (19H, 5-2B, 12-RBI, 704-Avg, 1148-Slg), the 3rd-place Renegades once again charged the Championship, but were again halted in a one-game playoff, but by newcomer Been-There-Done-That. Headlining eddies-extraordinaire Tim O'Shea (2-3B, 565-Avg, 783-Slg), and Bill Roth (2-3B, 474-Avg, 842-Slg), 2nd-Place BTDT was now focused on taking down the Champions, whom they tied during the season. With Frank Hackett's offensive prowess (8-10, 2R, HR, 9-RBI, 800-Avg, 1100-Slg), BTDT took Championship Game 1. Suddenly, the experienced Gavin's crew took advantage of BTDT's indifference, and refused to serve BTDT through Games 2 & 3 for their 2nd-Consecutive Three-Peat and 10th-Overall Championship!

B-North This Spring, the Fall 2009 Champion Crackers, with team leader Josh Lyons (8R, 13H, 13-1B, 619-Avg, 2BB), wanted to defend their Title, but their competitors quickly straight-jacketed them into 9th-place. Just ahead were 8th-place Yippie Kiya, the 7th-place Rockets, and 6th-place Tony's Place, led by Keven Gessner (11R, 3-2B, 3HR, 13-RBI, 1074-Slg, 18A), David Dancer (11R, 3-3B, 4HR, 14-RBI, 545-Avg, 1455-Slg), and Ron Zaberer (8R, 13H, 10-1B, 619-Avg, 810-Slg, 2BB), respectively. After losing the 2009 Fall Championships, the SBA Ballhounds, featuring MVP-eddie Wayne Jerdan (12-1B, 13-RBI, 667-Avg, 762-Slg), begged for another Championship attempt, but a very unfortunate set of circumstances permanently placed them in 5th. Benefiting from this situation, Red Stallion (50-RGU*) quickly galloped into 4th-place with MVP Tom McCarthy (20H*, 5-2B, 4-3B*, 15-RBI, 741-Avg, 1333-Slg, 8PO, 26A), but the Irish Car Bombs whoa-ed them in the playoffs. Showcasing the explosive offense of Kelly Sisk (619-Avg, 952-Slg), Claudia Casavecchia (423-Avg, 462-Slg), eddie Tom Lane (500-Avg, 611-Slg), Mike Sisk** (3-HR, 889-Avg**, 1667-Slg*), and Mike Chwieroth (16R, 17H, 4-2B, 773-Avg, 1409-Slg), the 7-1 Bombs blasted into the 1st-place final seed. In the other bracket, the Hit Squad, starring Katie Shallcross's golden glove (39PO, 9A), marched into 2nd, but newcomer Scaered Hitless caused them to break rank-and-file in the playoffs. Headlining eddie-phenom Steve Campbell (3-3B, 18-RBI*, 636-Avg, 1045-Slg, 22PO, 15A), this Wednesday

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title series. Ray Pantano 3 season avg's .577, .769, .560, Marty Wetzel .773, 21 rbi's and 4 HR summer season. Ann Marie McDonald .357, .444, spring & summer. L. ea Wiggins .577 fall. Bob Baginski pounded out a .739 with 27 po's under a harvest moon.

LA POOLS The team that never makes waves, a team guided by manager Rich Reinheimer. Mike Cianfichi splished and splashed his way to the top in the spring with a .655, 13 rbi's. Sis Krissy, a .520 avg. Mike also hot in the summer with a .682 and m/e Ron Arrighy with a 'cool' .667/.733 slg. Brothers Marc and Greg Webb round out the roster.

NEW AGE New Age is managed by Rich Petersen. Rich banged out a .458 avg. in the spring. Mike Tareila led the team with a .750 avg, 24 rbi's and 27 PO's. Jim Kennedy was a close second with a .609. f/e Sue Migliore always a consistent offense and defense player with a .500 avg. and 18 PO's summer season.

B Division

TOM'S TACKLE SHOP Manager Tom McCarthy had a whale of a year with a .697/.731 & .667 avg., 66 rbi's and 10 HR's. Ken Fetterolf hooked himself a .680 in the summer. Matt Refice came onboard in the summer, He pounded out a .652 & .630. Male eddie Roger Sternfeld always a fine job on the mound. Female eddies, Adenna Herrity, Margarita McCarthy, Corrie Garrison and Jen Haines complete the roster!

MAVERICKS Manager Joe Gross rounded up the gang and lassoed a spring championship title..John Gessner and Larry Lopiccio were the driving force in the spring and summer. Larry with an impressive .769, 18 rbi's and John .650. SBA Veteran m/e Mike McHale had a fine 3 season with .682, .542 & .500 avg's. Jeff Jones a combined 3 season 13 homeruns. f/e Kerri Schlack 69 PO's..

WHO'S YOUR AGENT The Agents booked themselves for the spring and summer season. In the spring the team was in the red with a 1-7 record but made a little profit in the summer with a 4-4 standing. Tony DeSumma a .560, 12 PO spring, pitcher John Sanfratello, 35 PO's and 30 assists. Pat Morris with a .524 in the spring. Lisa Narisi led the ladies with a .444 and .308 avg. The Lott brothers Tim and Randy rounded out the core players..

TYNDALE FLAMES This team is hot up and down the line-up week after week. They super ignited in the summer and walked away with a championship title. Tom Moyer and Chris Fuller sizzled at the plate. Tom with .679 and .619 avg and a combined 26 rbi's. Chris a .654 and .533 and 28 po's. m/e Guy Driesbach made his presence known on the mound and at the plate. 40 po's, 22 assists and a .579, .577 2 season avgs. f/e Marji Berg .474/684slg spring.. This team fizzled out for the fall, till the spring!!

IRISH CAR BOMBS The third was finally the charm for the Car Bombs as they exploded and took the Fall crown!..The team is managed by John Toto." The Bombarator Mike Chwieroth popped for 55 rbi's and 15 homeruns in 2 seasons!! Ed Breen led the team in avg in the spring with a .714. The 2 Kevin's showed their power at the plate. K. Mueller a .704 and .583 spring & summer. K. Pritchard back in the

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time 99 defeated them soundly in two games. Bill Yokobosky (99) led in batting (.818), Brian Penecale (99) in RBI (25) and Frank Hackett (99) in homers (10). Other team leaders were Greg Moylan (County Tavern) .750, Elmer Willey (Vertex) .737, Neal Britton (TBD) .727, and Mike Sheerin (Jim Straughn Aquarium) .600.

Men's Thursday B

Competition for the title was balanced as four different teams made appearances in the finals. The first place team never won a title.

SPRING

The Master Baiters Tackle Shop, Rhinos and Snipers looked like the class of the division with similar records and stats, with a slight edge to Snipers. But they didn't even make the finals as Rhino's took two of three from the Baiters for the title. In an incredible distribution of talent, the top six batters came from six different teams : 1. Nobel Unger (Ball Taps) .808, 2. Kevin Shinkunas (H&M Home Repair) .778, 3. Rob Wagner (Bluestone Bombers) .765, 4. Mike Chwieroth (Irish Car Bombs) .765, 5. Frank Trymbiski (Rhinos) .742, 6. Dave Bennett (Brew Crew) .719. Other team leaders were Rob McKenna (Master Baiters) .692, Rich Strapple (Snipers) .650 and Ryan Law (Winding Brook Farm) .632. Dave Ward led the division in RBI with 28 and Mike Chwieroth and Mike Zahradnick shared home run honors with 8. Mike also posted a stratospheric 2.471 slugging percentage. For those of you who don't follow that stat, 2.000 is rarely reached.

SUMMER

Master Baiters again posted the division's best record. H&R made a move from the middle of the pack to the number two spot. H&R led in runs scored and Rhinos in defense. But these were minor differences as the teams looked extremely close. Last season's offensive leader, Snipers, crashed scoring little more than half what they had previously. Fifth place Bluestone Bombers got hot at the right time and advanced to the finals against defending champs Rhinos. They extended the Rhinos to three games, losing twice in extra innings. They actually out scored the Rhinos in the series yet fell in three. The triple crown categories were split with Mike Contorno (Snipers) taking the batting crown (.800). The RBI crown went to Troy Martzall (Brew Crew) who shared the home run title with Curt Perry (H&M Home Repair). Mike Chwieroth (Irish Car Bombs) again led the division in slugging, but at a more mortal 1.750. Other team leaders were Mike Patterson (Master Baiters) .750, Mike Snowman (Bluestone Bombers) .731, Greg Hess (Rhinos) .714, Ray Pantano (H&M) .654, Mark Bennett (Brew Crew) .621 also 19 RBI, John Gagliardi (Winding Brook Farm) .591 and Chris Maldonado (Ball Taps) .550.

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transfer frightened many a team, as they shocked their way into 3rd and a Championship berth. Having the best offense at 117-RS*, the Bombs were the Championship favorite, but Scared Hitless with Mike Hammerschmidt's scary bat, (12-14, 7R, 2B, 2-3B, 2HR, 11-RBI, 857-Avg, 1643-Slg), were anything but hitless, as they won their 1st B-North Championship in 2 games! Since Spring Champion, Scared Hitless transferred back to Wednesdays, the Summer Championship was now up-for-grabs. Leading the Title charge was the 7-1 Hit Squad and their MVP Chris Chong (20PO, 19A). Possessing the top defense (56-RGU**), the 1st-place Squad easily quelled 8th-place Yippie Kiya with John Gessner (18H, 15-1B, 2-2B, HR, 720-Avg, 920-Slg), and 6th-place Tony's Place with Chris Phy (13R, 4HR, 15-RBI, 625-Avg). The B-East Spring

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the league in slugging and defense. The result was that Bones fell to the middle of the pack. But in the end Bones and Mike's met in the finals. They traded one run victories in the first two games. Bones took the final 12-7 for the championship. Once again Brian Penecale (Bones) claimed two of the three triple crown categories, batting, .800 with RBI, 26. But this season 7 of Dave Boice's (TBD) 15 hits went for home runs. Among other league leaders, Rob Johnson (Mike's) led the league in slugging at 1.389 and Dave DeStephanis tied Brian Penecale in Runs at 18. Among team leaders, Bill Spencer (Progressive Graphics) finished second in the league and led his team in Batting at .737. Dave Steinbach (Philly Soft Pretzel) hit .733 while slugging 1.133. Ryan Stetler, the only Landshark to hit .500 last season, upped his game to .696 finishing eighth in the batting race, scored 16 runs, slugged 1.130 and was a major reason the Sharks almost doubled run production. Chris Hesdon led the defending champs by batting .682. 99, having fallen on hard times at 1-7 were led by Ryan Mur-

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Ford almost secured the "B" triple crown hitting .800 with 24rbis. Vito Nigro also was among the hitting leaders at .750 and 20 rbis. Mixed Nutz was the midpoint team (4-4) with Gary Thompson leading all B players with 19 runs and 8 triples (.719, 18rbi). Gavin's Tavern slipped to 3-5 in sixth place. Terry Ryan led the 'B' women smacking a .700 average. ADP (2-5-1), Casey's Saloon and Tavern (1-6-1) and Conroy Hill Home Services (1-7) rounded out the field. Shawn Betesh (.667, 14r, 13rbi) led the ADP attack. Casey's Doug Spier took top honors for male eddie average, .708. Conroy was paced by Chris Harrison (.667, 14r, 17rbi) and Steph Garrett (.667).

Summer

(A division): 99 Restaurant's first place regular season and play-off championships came much harder than in the spring. The Restaurant (5-3) and Team Keppley (4-2-2) both ended with .625 winning percentage, with very close runs scored and runs given up totals. 99 Restaurant's Beau Burris showed the A division the way with 13 runs, 6hr and 21 RBIs. Bill Markward also topped the A with 13 runs and 5 doubles. Reliable Christen Flaherty walked away with the women's batting title - .458. Team Keppley's Keith Keppley paced the A division average at a .722 clip and Eric Damm (20 rbi) was at the A division acme with 4 triples and 6 homeruns. The Assassins (3-4-1) fell to third in the 5 team race. Jarred Gardner (.667, 5hr, 16rbi) rified the most offense for the Assassins. The Butcher (3-4-1) finished fourth. Steve Campbell carved out the male eddie offense hitting award again at .684. The Renegades (1-3-4) played competitively with 4 ties. Randy Helsman (.720, 7doubles) led their way.

(B division): The B-division play-off results turned the regular season results on its head. The sixth seed, Mixed Nutz (3-5), vanquished the four seed, Warrington Wendys (5-3) for the championship. Axel Alicea headed the Mixed Nutz offense (.773, 10r, 16rbi, 5hr) with Sonny Spargo (.679, 12r, 20rbi) showing the B-division the way in homeruns with 7. Wendy's top gun was Jim Flowers (.800, 13r, 16rbi, 5hr). Mike Downey (.654) chipped in too. Regular season victors, Chico's Bail Bonds (7-1) continued their offensive prowess. Matt Laird (.720, 4hr, 17rbi) bested runs scored, 20, and triples, 5. Kevin Shinkunas (.692, 4hr) tallied the most RBIs with 24. Traxx Sports Pub and Jamison Pour House both went 6-2 to finish second and third. Traxx again garnered the defensive awards with Heather Bintliff reprising her put out title with 35 and Mike Seal taking assist honors with 19. Jamison Pour House swung the bats well having 3 of the top 9 in average. Tom Yezzi was awesome with a B-division best .900 average. Dave Buonomo (14rbi), .773, and Lee Anderson (12 rbi), .700 were also were part of the trio. Charlie Yuknus outdid all male eddies in average, .650. Conroy Home Services (4-4) was paced by Glen Hipple (.737) and Mike Penrose (.696). Carolyn Sullivan took the female crown for hitting at .611. Casey's Saloon and Eatery and Gavins Tavern each finished the year 2-6. Casey's John Schnabel (.682) tied for the most doubles with 5. Gavin's Paul Muller (11r, 14rbi, 4hr) batted a cool .737. Disabled List (1-7) rounded out the field. Tom Moyer (13r, 18rbi, 4hr) headed the team with an .800 average.

Fall

(A division): 99 Restaurant (7-0-1) again cooked its competition to sweep the three seasonal regular season and play-off titles. The victim in the play-offs was a very scrappy Renegades squad. 99 Restaurant easily outpaced its rivals scoring over 17 runs per game. Beau Burris

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

phases of the game. His avg/slg of 746/1588 was bettered only by the top 2. Mike Chwieroth and Keith Keppley rounded out the coed top 5. With a slugging % of 1581, Mike knocked in a run better than 80% of the time. Keith also had a fine season batting 677 and slugging 1514.

Female phenom, Christen Flaherty, was a run-away winner on the girl's side of things. Point totals for her unprecedented 6th Female Eddie Player of the Year were bolstered by a .555 batting average and .721 slugging %. In spite of having a bad wheel, she played in 86 games and logged 265 at-bats. She is one tough cookie. Congrats, Christen. Jessica Ruland finished 2nd in the point totals by pounding out enough extra base hits to produce a nifty .708 slugging percentage. The frequency with which she knocked in a run was 2nd only to the POTY winner. Kelly Cameron scored a run in better than half her plate appearances (55%). Her slugging % of .652 was 3rd best. Amy Miller and Steph Croasman rounded out the female top 5. Amy's .657 slugging was 3rd best. Steph's 516/579 was enough to take the 5th spot in point totals.

Second time winners Rich Cordisco and Steve Campbell will share Male Eddie Player of the Year honors. Rich racked up point-total honors by hammering out a league leading slugging % of 1087 in 32 B league games. Steve led all A league eddies by batting 626 and slugging 1000 in 31 games. Congrats to Rich and Steve. Newly-crowned eddie Ron Pulli ended up in 3rd while Ted Ruckner and ageless wonder, Frank Taverno, finished 4th and 5th respectively.

More times than not, when it come to the post season, the cream rises to the top. First time winner, Dave Bishop, led all in the men's league Playoff Player of the Year point totals. While batting 711 and slugging 1489, on average Dave knocked in a run each and every time he came to the plate in the

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Playoff Players Of The Year

Winners are shaded in gray.

Playoff Player Of The Year / Men's League 2010

	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
Dave Bishop	13	45	26	58	32	16	36	5	11	3	7	8	18	45	100	711	1489	5	10	60	4.6	1	0.1	0	477	1017
Rich Hosbach	8	29	21	72	21	9	31	6	21	1	3	5	17	21	72	724	1517	1	3	19	2.4	0	0.0	1	188	981
Frank Hackett	26	92	63	68	62	42	46	6	7	1	1	13	14	43	47	674	1185	12	12	101	3.9	5	0.2	0	427	886
Brian Penceale	29	117	63	54	81	47	40	14	12	3	3	17	15	65	56	692	1299	2	2	61	2.1	11	0.4	1	272	875
Bill Yokobosky	27	93	48	52	61	35	38	12	13	1	1	13	14	56	60	656	1226	11	11	7	0.3	0	0.0	0	26	838

Playoff Player Of The Year / Coed League 2010

	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
Tom McCarthy	11	41	24	59	35	20	49	5	12	5	12	5	12	37	90	854	1585	3	7	28	2.5	27	2.5	5	564	822
Beau Burris	31	96	56	58	67	26	27	15	16	4	4	22	23	80	83	698	1625	10	9	53	1.7	22	0.7	3	274	765
Jarred Gardner	9	31	16	52	23	4	13	6	19	2	6	11	35	26	84	742	2129	1	3	19	2.1	1	0.1	3	100	751
Warren Grant	14	45	28	62	29	14	31	10	22	0	0	5	11	40	89	644	1200	9	17	42	3.0	23	1.6	2	571	714
Mike Chwieroth	13	41	23	56	29	10	24	9	22	3	7	7	17	29	71	707	1585	2	5	32	2.5	4	0.3	5	154	699

Female Eddie Playoff Player Of The Year / 2010

	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
Stephanie Croasman (fe)	7	22	6	27	13	12	55	1	5	0	0	0	0	10	45	591	636	5	19	10	1.4	2	0.3	0	200	726
Christen Flaherty (fe)	28	81	26	32	44	37	46	4	5	3	4	0	0	22	27	543	667	9	10	106	3.8	2	0.1	3	350	657
Kelly Cameron (fe)	9	29	10	34	15	13	45	1	3	1	3	0	0	5	17	517	621	2	6	9	1.0	1	0.1	0	122	565
Karen Gordon (fe)	28	89	27	30	41	33	37	4	4	3	3	1	1	20	22	461	607	6	6	23	0.8	1	0.0	1	75	556
Sarah Cantento (fe)	8	22	8	36	9	7	32	2	9	0	0	0	0	6	27	409	500	2	8	32	4.0	0	0.0	0	400	543

Male Eddie Playoff Player Of The Year / 2010

	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)	16	49	24	49	25	10	20	7	14	5	10	3	6	29	59	510	1041	7	13	24	1.5	23	1.4	4	338	330
Ron Pulli (me)	21	75	38	51	41	27	36	5	7	7	9	2	3	23	31	547	880	1	1	31	1.5	3	0.1	0	176	251
Mike McHale (me)	10	30	11	37	17	16	53	1	3	0	0	0	0	9	30	567	600	4	12	28	2.8	10	1.0	1	440	229
Frank Taverno (me)	20	68	30	44	36	25	37	8	12	3	4	0	0	21	31	529	735	0	0	8	0.4	1	0.1	0	50	209
Ron Kulp (me)	24	70	27	39	29	25	36	3	4	1	1	0	0	9	13	414	486	8	10	43	1.8	32	1.3	1	429	205

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1,200 lbs of force to fracture a skull. Nobody should be consistently subjected to that kind of danger on a recreational level. By keeping the lbs of force to a safer level, we keep the ball player a little further out of harm's way.

All in all, it's a good softball and fits in well with the Softball America program. Power hitters are happy because the ball really travels. Get this, almost twice as many home runs were hit in 2010 (3,141) as were hit in 2009 (1,774). Yet, very few were hit by other than true home run hitters. The ball maintains its integrity with prolonged use and is more consistent in and much less susceptible to temperature changes. For most, the optic yellow color made it easier to pick the ball up, both on the ground and in the air, day and night.

The new ball; however, was not without its drawbacks. Because it rebounds a little more, infielders had to get used to the different bounce. Ground rule doubles (bouncing over the outfield fence) were at an all-time high last year. Because it weighs a little less, outfielders had to adjust to the affect wind had on ball flight. On very windy days, it was a real challenge for pitchers to get the ball over the plate, although a few of the really good pitchers played the wind to their advantage by throwing pitches that curved as much as 3 feet.

11" Softball

In an effort to elevate the status of the girls at the plate, a smaller ball was put into play on a trial basis during our Memorial Day 1-pitch tournament at the end of May. This smaller 11" ball was to replace the larger 12" ball during the game whenever a female batter came to bat. My fear that the process of changing the ball would add confusion and wasted time to the game quickly vanished when the proper guidelines for its use were employed.

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Rich Server's 33 in 2005.

The coed leagues were not without their own yearly superlatives. Keith Keppley not only hit the ball hard, he hit it hard often and in the gaps. His 69 doubles in 2010 easily eclipsed his own 2005 mark of 63. His 31 triples were 5 better than John 'Hooters' Razzi's 26 in 1999 and Paul O'Connor's 26 in 2001. There was certainly no power outage in the coed leagues this year - not with Beau Burris in the house. Beau completely demolished the 7-year-old yearly homerun record of 51 set by Tom Strowhouer in 2003 and he did it by no less than 20 - setting the new mark at 71. That's almost 1 HR (.88) per game for 81 games. Along with the HR mark, Beau topped his own 2008 RBI mark of 209 by knocking in an additional 23 in 2010. 232 RBI's over the course of 81 games equates to almost 3 RBI's (2.86) per game, every game.

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

Odds & Ends

When league divisions are unequal with, let's say, 5 in one division and 9 in another, the larger division will see as many as 7 teams make it into the post season. That being the case, the schedule will call for the 7th seed to play the 6th seed in an early game with the winner of that game traveling to another field to play the 3rd seed and the winner of that game traveling back to the original field to play the late game against the #2 seed. Needless to say it is a daunting task for the #6 or #7 seed to get to the league 2/3 finals. This format has come into play on numerous occasions in the past with not one team being able to run the playoff table and get into the finals. That is, until Mixed Nutz arrived on the scene as the 6th seed with a 3-5 record in the Wednesday Coed league this past summer. They beat Casey's 12-8 in the 6:30

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Sunday Morning Men's (Continued from page 2)

slugged 1.385, (Yellow Jackets) Matt Whitlock .680, (Philly Soft Pretzel) Tom McCarthy .679, (Thirsty's Beer) Pat Howieson .625, (Goodfellas) Matt Schaub .630, (Ferraro Computers) Scott Murray .600, (Big Dogs) besides leading the league in home runs, Bill Cashman also led his team in batting (.586), slugging (1.241) and RBI (15)

FALL For the third season in a row, 99 Restaurants finished tied for the best record, this time with Philly Soft Pretzel who completed a consistent year at or near the top. 99 did NOT lead the league in runs nor defense. For the first time they did not hit over .500. Offensive and defensive honors went to Hitched. Yet this is the season 99 broke through, defeating Hitched decisively in two games for the championship. Brian Penecale (99) had a big season taking two thirds of the triple crown, knocking seven home runs and batting .846. He also led the league in slugging at a hefty 1.769. Two others tied him for the home run lead, Pat Clark (Yellow Jackets) and former triple crown winner Mike Bianco (Hitched). Mike also had two thirds of the triple crown as he led the league in RBI (22). Other team leaders were: (Hitched) Scott Castner .677, (Yellow Jackets) Pat Clark .655, second in the league in slugging (1.759), (Big Dogs) Chris Green .636, (Demons) Don McGeary .607, (Philly Soft Pretzel) Andy Smallman .552 and (Goodfellas) John Kiefer .516 and 17 RBI. The year ended with three different champions and four different teams making the playoffs. Quite a good league.

MEN B-NORTH DIVISION The B-North division contained ten and eight teams in the three seasons. Brickhouse Tavern, later renamed Rosengren Builders, had the run of the regular seasons, only losing two games.

SPRING Brickhouse Tavern Dominated by going undefeated, leading the league in both offense and defense, then sweeping Thunder by 20 runs in the championship. Thunder, BALCO, Squirrel Murphy's at 6-2 and No Big Deal at 5-3 made a core of winning teams, but unfortunately, two teams, Snipers and The Peter Northstars failed to win a game. Billy Markward (BALCO) led the division in batting (.770), Tom Lydon (BALCO) led in RBI (15) and three players Brian Sassano (Squirrel Murphy's), Jim Ulmer (Squirrel Murphy's) and Elmer Willey (Brickhouse Tavern) shared home run honors with 3. Other top team performers were: (Thunder) Mike Murphy .560, (The Peter Northstars) Jimmy Dempsey only batted .370 but led his team in RBI (12), and slugging, (Squirrel Murphy's) in addition to leading the division in home runs, Jim Ulmer also led the division in slugging (1.273) as well as leading his team in batting (.682), (Snipers) Dave Kennedy .583, (Shankapotomus) Steve Saulino .500, (No Big Deal) Frank Daley .565, (Eskimo Brothers) Frank Murray was second in team batting (.571), led in RBI (13) and Slugging (1.143), (Bulldogs) Rob Deem led his team in batting (.500), RBI (9) and slugging (.875), (Brickhouse Tavern) Steve Rosengren .633 and 12 RBI.

SUMMER Brickhouse Tavern fell back closer to the pack by going 7-1. They still led the league in runs scored by a wide margin and still surrendered the least. Squirrel Murphy's remained consistent, again finishing in second. BALCO took a big fall, turning in a losing 3-5 record and were outscored by their opponents by 16 runs. Previously winless Snipers were upwardly mobile, finishing at 4-4. Surprisingly, it was BALCO that met Brickhouse in the finals, but they were dispatched easily in two games. Although Mike Suda (Bulldogs) had a batting average below .500, he took two thirds of the triple crown, leading the division in home runs (6) and RBI (21). Usually it takes a higher batting average to get that many RBI. He must have been an extremely clutch hitter. Dave Robbins (No Big Deal) completed the triple crown with a lofty .727 batting average. Brian Sassano (Squirrel Murphy's) led the division in slugging at 1.429. Other team leaders were: (Thunder) Kevin Ralston .538, (Snipers) Mike Zahradanick .500, (Brickhouse Tavern) Matt Crowell .708, and (BALCO) Dan Shaeffer .640.

FALL The face of the league changed with the addition of Prestige Worldwide, Sexton Plumbing and Steps to Recovery. Two time champion, Brickhouse Tavern, was now competing as Rosengren Builders. For the first time, they did not lead the division in runs scored, that honor going to Squirrel Murphy's. Nor did they yield the fewest runs, No Big Deal did that. But they did finish in first for the third straight time, but this time BALCO tied them for that honor at 6-1-1. In a surprising development, a new team, Prestige Worldwide, with a losing record made it to the finals against BALCO. Not just happy to be there, Prestige dispatched BALCO in two games for the championship. Brian Sassano (Squirrel Murphy's) had a great season, leading the division in home runs (6), RBI (30) and slugging (1.808). Although he batted .731, Rick Bieber (Sexton Plumbing) kept him from sweeping the triple crown by hitting .783. Other team leaders were: (Bulldogs) Chris Matthews .571, (Rosengren Builders) Steve Rosengren and George Dart .600, (Thunder) Chris Day .567, (Steps to Recovery) Cory McDonough .500, (BALCO) Billy Markward .731, tied for second in the division, (Prestige Worldwide) Kevin Mueller .533 and (No Big Deal) Dave Robbins, batting .609 and 5 home runs good for runner up.

MEN B-EAST DIVISION This division exemplified even competition. Of the six possible final slots, five different teams appeared. Only Bomb Squad was able to repeat. In two of the three seasons, a team without a winning record made it to the finals. And most amazing, of the seven finals playoff games, only two were not decided by one run. This was truly a league where the championship was not preordained.

SPRING Bomb Squad, Dixon Cider, Philly Ball Busters, Mixed Nutz and 'Roos all finished within a game of the top with Bomb Squad winning the tie breaker. The Squad did lead the division in both offense and defense and would have to be considered the favorite in the playoffs, but they led by a small margin. The first and second seeds, Bomb Squad and Dixon Cider did reach the finals and played two games where they were tied entering the seventh inning. In each case Dixon Cider scored one run to win it all by the thinnest of margins. Just like the championship, individual stats were spread among several players. Ray Bates (Xtreme Solutions) led the division in batting at .714. Rich Paolone (Mixed Nutz) led in RBI with 25. Brian McHale (Dixon Cider) managed to take the home run crown with 7 and also led the division in slugging at 1.760. Other team leaders were: (Shenanigans)

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penalty for repeat offenders will move from, "Any player forfeiting their right to use a courtesy runner a 2nd time in **any one season** (all leagues) will lose their right to use a courtesy runner for the **balance of the season** (all leagues)" to "Any player forfeiting their right to use a courtesy runner a 2nd time in **any one year** (all leagues) will lose their right to use a courtesy runner for the **balance of the year** (all leagues)". Abuse it and you will lose it, not only for the season, but the entire year.

Added to league bylaws this year will be a designation of punishment for any league member employing the use of negative comments relative to race, creed, color, or religion. I'm not quite sure why, but there were no less than 3 outright and blatant instances where a league member attacked another by using racial or religious slurs.

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Wednesday Evening Coed (Continued from page 5)

(.767,22r,30rbi,10hr) took top A-division honors in runs, RBIs and homeruns. Andrew Kovach (.679,15r,21rbi,5hr) also contributed heavily to the offensive juggernaut. Christen Flaherty topped the 'A' with 45 put outs. She eked out her third women's batting title at .536 over the Renegades' Colleen Gilmartin at .533. The Renegades (5-2-1) won on the pitching arm of John Seymour and defense, yielding only 8 run per game. Randy Helsman (19r,6hr), to the contrary, muscled his way to the 'A' batting crown, .815, and tied in RBIs with 30. Tom Corey led the league in assists with 20. Team Keppley and The Butcher each finished 3-5. Keith Keppley and Rob McKenna each smashed averages over 700, .786 and .722 respectively, for Team Keppley. Bernie Marsh had the top-shelf, male eddie average at .619. The Butcher's Johnny Muntz (.692) and Tim Tobin (.688) paced their team. The Assassins (2-6) fell to the bottom of the division. Jarred Gardner (.720,15r,14rbi,6hr) had a very solid year.

(B division): Third seed, Mixed Nutz (5-3), once again pulled off play-off upsets to win the fall by canning the Disabled List (6-2). The Nutz had a mixed bag of offensive stars: Jimmy Catanzaro (.708), Wayne Thompson (.667,17r,13rbi) and Sonny Spargo (.667,11r,6hr,25rbi). Sonny fronted the league in homers and RBIs. Regular season winner, Disabled List, had the 'B' average winner - Tom Moyer (.842). Kevin Pritchard (.720,15r,21rbi,4hr) and John Rush (.714) also had outstanding batting years. Warrington Wendys (5-3) served up a second place regular season finish. Dawn Powidzki stroked the highest female average at a .611 pace. Four teams finished 4-4: Jamison Pour House, Chico's Bail Bonds, Gavin's Tavern and Traxx Sports Pub. The Pour House's Tim Ford (.762) did not come up poor with the 4th highest B-division average. He also led the division in triples with 3. Chico's Bail Bonds served notice with three high octane batters. Bryan Bart (.720,17rbi), Matt Laird (.714,13r,12rbi) and Kevin Dryzga (.667,19r,17rbi) all had outstanding years with Kevin front running runs scored and doubles (9). Gavin's Tavern counted heavily on Bill Shipe's (.783,15r,16rbi,5hr) bat to pace them. Steve Ryan topped male eddie average - .588. Traxx Sports Pub's Curt Perry (10r,18rbi,5hr) led his team's "O". Conroy Hill Home Services (2-6) and Casey's Saloon (1-7) settled to the bottom of the division. Casey's had two players with very high averages, Jason Jones (.800) and Mike Dura (.739). Conroy's Keith Bellinger (.667) capped his team.

Dave Gumkowski

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swing of things with a .833 fall season. Tara Murphy a .462/577slg. Jen Hicks and Theresa Groves always a contributing factor in this line-up.

PUNKS Always a fun group of peeps who love to play the game. Fran Quinn banded out a .625/1125 slg average in the spring. Patrick Burton is right there with Fran with a .625/938 slg. Tiffany Derstine lead the ladies with a .550 fall season.

TWSS The team filled out the B schedule in the spring and summer season. In the spring Joe Leone with a .652 avg, 6 homers and 14 rbi's..Kelly Workman lead the ladies with a .455 avg in the spring. Curt Perry joined the team in the summer where he exploded with 10 homers, 31 rbi's and a .724 avg. Phil Purchase .682 & Alex Lily .552

ADP ADP made their SBA Monday debut in the summer. Corey Rhoad, Sean Betesh and Jared Salkoff were Hot! Hot! Hot!..Corey brought his "A" game every week. A .613 and .769, 29 Po's and 40 assists says it all..Sean a .600 and .593 and Jared. 514 & .464. Nick Chesna had a fine fall with a .594 f/e Allision Tamoff a .407 fall and male eddie John Strobel 21 po's and 14 assists on the mound..

GARGES GANG Holy Cow!, it's Farmer Bob and his Garges gang!..Bob and gang made some hay in the B division with a 5-3 spring and 6-2 fall standings..Tom Egitto a hot .557 summer avg., Mike Richardson always Mike-like at the plate with a .500, 571 and .667..m/e Keith Bellinger a 538 spring. Curt Perry joined the team in the fall and lead with a .760 and 7 homeruns..Janice Tansits a .455 spring followed up by Dawn Beiber with a .429. Until the Spring!

Vicki Ponente

Manager Meetings (Continued from page 1)

at 7:30 pm. Team managers and/or representatives are 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 well after the fact rule and ONLY when if/when it negatively impacts them.

Our league commissioner and league umpires will be on hand to answer any questions you may have pertaining to ASA rules. Player of the Year trophies will be available for pick-up as will Championship Team shirts and plaques.

Les Greenstein

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This is exactly 3 more instances than we've had since the inception of the league and is not acceptable, nor will it be tolerated under any circumstances. Anyone found guilty of such will be immediately suspended from further play in any and all leagues for a period of time to be determined by the league.

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. Rich has informed me big changes are in the works for 2011. He will be making an announcement on the league message board once he has some samples to show everyone. Not everyone knows Softball America has a game line 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.

FYI #1: At the end of each league's regular season, you DO NOT have to wait for the league stats to be posted to know whether you've made the playoffs or what seeding you may have for the post season. League statisticians post the final standings on the league message board under the topic League Standings within a day or so of the league's last regular season game. FYI #2: Batting outs for any player not in attendance (or on the Disabled List) DO NOT count as at-bats for that player. The out is recorded as a team out and does not go against the player's batting average. FYI #3: To help get extra players into the game, managers are urged to make use of the ASA Re-Entry Rule which reads as follows: Any player may be substituted and re-entered once, providing players occupy the same batting positions whenever in the line-up. Players may not re-enter a second time. The starting player and their substitute may not be in the line-up at the same time.

As the league grows and more names are added to the database, it becomes increasingly more difficult to keep the league members names unique. Middle initials are being employed in some instances to differentiate players with the same names. Consistency with respect to spelling has become increasingly more important, especially when yearly and career stats are involved. I ask managers to please be careful when listing players on their line-up cards and scorekeepers to be careful when copying the names to the score sheet. Statisticians please use care when entering rosters into the stat program. Also, try and refrain from using nicknames.

Ball field usage should remain status quo for 2011. As always, the Quarry will be our home field. We should continue to have use of Hatfield for Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Sunday leagues will also play games in Horsham and Southampton Townships as well as a variety of Central Buck School District schools including CB South, CB West, Unami, and possibly Groveland Elementary in Doylestown and Tohickon Middle School, also in Doylestown.

The wait-list for weeknight leagues continues to grow. With kids' soccer, girls' softball, and a slew of other outdoor activities requiring lights, it is becoming increasingly difficult to acquire the use of lighted ball fields for adult softball. Our women's league needs a place to play. Corporate teams would like a league of their own. A 1-pitch league would be interesting. Such are the possibilities. If you know anyone that owns a ball field (with lights or with the potential of having lights added), be it a private entity,

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Most Valuable Players / Summer 2010

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
A	Brian Penecale Dave Robbins Mike Bianco Mike Brown Pat Clark	Beau Burris Jimmy Bode Keith Keppley Mark Bernacki Matt McReynolds	Beau Burris Jesse Kuiper Keith Keppley Marty Wetzel Warren Grant		Beau Burris Eric Damm Jarred Gardner Jesse Kuiper Randy Helsman	Mike Brown Bill Yokobosky Brian Penecale Frank Hackett Warren Grant	Beau Burris Bill Markward Dave Nagle Keith Keppley Phil Purchase
Offense Core	Dan Frydlewicz Dave Cimorelli Jim Keller Kyle Smith Matt Crowell Scott Hamlet Steve Rosengren	Dave Noble David Dancer Don Mayer, Jr. Mike Richardson Scott Grabus Tony Walton	Chris Fuller Corey Rhoad Curt Perry Kevin Mueller Mike Chwieroth Phil Purchase Tom McCarthy	Brian Penecale Bill Yokobosky Dave DeStephanis Frank Hackett Greg Ochs	Axel Alicea Dave Buonomo Jim Flowers Kevin Shinkunas Matt Laird Mike Downey Sonny Spargo Tom Moyer	Curt Perry Ed O'Neill Mike Chwieroth Mike Contorno Mike Patterson Mike Snowman	
A		Bernie Marsh John Seymour Keith Villers Ron Pulli	Ron Arrighy Ron Bannister Tim O'Shea Tom Weinmann		Steve Campbell Rick Sturgis Ron Pulli Bob Cusano John Seymour		Bob Cusano Ed Doyle, Jr. John Razzi Ron Pulli
Offense Male Eddie		Dave Gumkowski Frank Taverno Phil Brown Ted Rickner Tom Lane	Eliot Ridgeway Guy Driesbach John Razzi John Sanfratello Mike McHale		Charlie Yuknus Doug Spier Frank Taverno John Razzi Rich Cordisco Wayne Jerdan		
A		Christen Flaherty Colleen Gilmartin Kelly Neill Lisa Silvestri March Kazmiroski	AM McDonald Christen Flaherty Colleen Gilmartin Kelly Neill Krissey Cianfichi Sarah Jacoby		Christen Flaherty Helene O'Donnell Lisa Silvestri Tara Murphy Trish Traub		Christine Razzi Danielle Olsen Kelly Neill Lindsay McCarty Nicole Welhaf Steph Schanbacher Tara Murphy
Offense Female Eddie		Emilie Aitken Kate McMullan Kelly Cameron Nichole Fallon Shauna Hayes	Allison Tarnoff Kelly Workman Lisa Narisi Theresa Groves		Ann Marie McDonald Carolyn Sullivan Dawn Powidzki Heather Bintliff Kristi Rosa		
Defense Core	Chris Faber Dave Peppelman Jeff Bush Jeremy Hall Rick Cook Tom Egitto Tom McCormick	Bill Shallcross Chris Chong Kyle Walsh Mike Snowman Phil Gallone Scott Grabus	Beau Burris Chris Fuller Chris Hesdon Dave McDonald John Cruice Kevin Mueller Tom McCarthy	Dan Hayes Dave DeStephanis Ed Soley Eric Damm Rich Beck	Adam Roman Brett Cohen Gary Thompson Leo Ruffing Mike Downey Mike Seal Paul Loveland Tom Corey	Jim Mundy Matt Godshall Mike Canelli Tim Garrafa	Gary Thompson George Brownback Lowell Snyder Matt McReynolds
Defense Eddie		Allison Byruch Joanne Bechtel Katie Shallcross Phil Brown Shauna Hayes	Christen Flaherty John Sanfratello John Strobel Kerry Schlack Ron Bannister Ron Kulp Sarah Jacoby		Doug Spier Heather Bintliff John Seymour Kelly Workman Kris Smedley Ron Kulp Stephanie Thrasher		Christine Razzi Ed Doyle Jr Ralph Camasso Stephanie Thrasher Tara Murphy Tim O'Shea

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Champions. Mixed Nutz, headlining eddie-sluggger Frank Taverno (15R, 20H, 7-3B**, 667-Avg, 1233-Slg), also failed to crack the Squad's solid defense, landing them in 7th. Featuring MVPs Kyle Walsh (13PO, 21A), and eddie Dave Gumkowski (556-Avg, 630-Slg), the Ballhounds again begged for a Championship seed, but a controversial play-off game placed them in 5th. Again benefiting from their misfortune, 4th-place Red Stallion and their gold glove, Allison Byruch (11PO, 15A), reached the 2nd-round, but were lassoed by the Squad. On the other side, the 2nd-place Bombs led the division offensively (123-RS**), with the firepower of Kate McMullan (538-Avg, 654-Slg) and Scott Grabus* (19R, 22H, 7-2B*, 7HR**, 26-RBI**, 733-Avg*, 1733-Slg**, 29PO, 24A). However, as the Bombs exploded toward another Championship seed, they were abruptly diffused in the playoffs by the 3rd-place Rockets and their MVP Don Mayer, Jr. (12-1B, 5HR, 17-RBI, 700-Avg, 1333-Slg). With their impenetrable defense, the Squad had the initial edge going into the Championships and closely won Game 1. Unexpectedly, the Rockets' Kevin Jacoby (12-16, 13R, 6-2B, 4-RBI, 750-Avg, 1125-Slg), barged the Squad with hits to conquer Games 2 & 3 for their 1st B-North Championship!

After coming so close in the Summer playoffs, the Hit Squad regrouped this Fall to form the top offense (110-RS**) behind the MVP bats of Kelly Cameron (14R, 684-Avg, 895-Slg), and Bill Shallcross* (14R, 4HR, 22-RBI, 762-Avg*, 1524-Slg). Firmly in 1st, the 7-1 Squad (49-RGU**) easily outranked the 6th-place Rockets and the 5th-place Ball-Brawlers. Though, the Brawlers did receive a MVP nod for Tara Murphy (407-Avg). As the Squad marched toward the Championships, they were blind-sided by 4th-place Tom's Tackle Shop Sharks. In the other bracket, the golden gloves of Faith Borell (41PO**) and Dan Vescovi (19R*, 7HR*, 24-RBI*, 18PO, 26A*) tried to lead the 3rd-place Ballhounds to another Championship. Unfortunately, the 2nd-place Bombs controversially caged the Ballhounds in an 8-inning playoff game. Starring MVPs Kevin Mueller (26PO, 26A*), and eddie Ron Kulp (13-1B, 556-Avg, 630-Slg, 2BB), the Bombs were again favored for the Championship. Without warning, the Shark's Tom McCarthy (15-15, 13R, 3-2B, 3B, 3HR, 17-RBI, 1000-Avg, 1933-Slg), attacked the Bombs turning them into 2-game chum for the Fall Championship!

B-East After losing the 2009 Fall Championships, the Mixed Nutz were crazily determined to win a Title this Spring. Showcasing golden glove Mike Snowman (19PO, 15A), the Nutz went undefeated, 8-0, leaving their competition salty. Their defensive shell (49-RGU*) was no match for the 8th-place Hot Shots, and 7th-place Deuces Wild which starred James Elia (11R, 16H, 9-1B, 6-2B*, 667-Avg, 1000-Slg). Even with Mike Sheridan* (778-Avg), and MVP Jen Violi (38PO, 3A), the 6th-place PBR All-stars were still extinguished by the Nutz. Next, Lloyd Family Remodeling with eddie Tom Foy's big mitt (35PO, 2A), and the Phanatics with MVP Pam O'Connor (467-Avg, 533-Slg, 5BB), swapped 4th and 5th-place in the playoffs, but neither could crack the Nutz. On the other side, JT Bankers, featuring MVPs Rich Cordisco (4HR, 27-RBI**, 692-Avg, 1423-Slg, 19PO, 18A), Nick Cordisco (18R*, 6-2B*, 24PO, 25A*), and Jon Rubin (20H, 3-3B, 769-Avg, 1231-Slg), were completely vested in 3rd-place with 114-RS*. However, the tough defense of 2nd-place Lou's Handyman Service, with MVP Albert Perez (17PO, 24A), prevented the Bankers from increasing their Championship bid. Contracting a worker like Tim O'Donnell (18R*, 21H**, 7-3B**, 5HR, 19-RBI, 778-Avg, 1963-Slg), and a playoff-er like Perez (9-10, 5R, 3B, HR, 4-RBI, 900-Avg, 1400-Slg), Lou's hoped to build a Championship. As expected though, the Nutz's crazed defense tore down Lou's hopes to become undefeated Champions!

Since the defending Champion Mixed Nutz transferred to the B-North division, this Summer Championship was also up-for-grabs. Wasting no time, the B-West Spring Champions, Pitch Slappers, were the first to lunge. Headlining MVPs Nichole Fallon (12-1B, 591-Avg, 636-Slg, 3BB), and Dave Noble (16R, 21H, 22-RBI*, 677-Avg, 1516-Slg), the 8-0 Slappers quickly claimed 1st-place. With the top offense (112-RS**) and defense (65-RGU*), the Slappers easily smacked the 7th-place Dirty Bunts with Andrew Dovidio (8R, 13H, 3-2B, 565-Avg, 783-Slg, 15A), the 6th-place PBR All-Stars with eddie Tim Jenkins (10H, 9-1B, 769-Avg), and 5th-Place JT Bankers. This season, Lloyd Family Remodeling, managed by Michael Downey (15R, 13H, 4-2B, 4HR, 16-RBI, 1409-Slg, 14A), expanded to 4th-place, but they could not complete their playoff expansion. In the other bracket, the relocated Crackers, starring MVPs Joanne Bechtel (40PO*, 2A), and Mike Richardson** (18R*, 25H**, 9-2B*, 2-3B, 2HR, 20-RBI, 806-Avg**, 1419-Slg*), went wild in this division, capturing 2nd-place. Unfortunately, the 3rd-place Phanatics, pheaturing Mike Suda's big stick (6HR, 22-RBI*, 1591-Slg), spoiled the Crackers' playoff run. With this draw, the Slappers had the Championship, but the Phanatics, with Joe Povolosky (11-14, 7R, 3B, HR, 4-RBI, 786-Avg, 1143-Slg), continually pought the Slappers through 2 games for their phirst B-East Championship!

This Fall, the Phanatics, and MVP-eddie Steve Leib (11PO, 13A), were focused on defending their Summer Title. They easily extinguished 6th-place PBR All-Stars, who received a MVP nomination for Phil Jenkins (16R, 21H, 14-1B, 4-2B, 750-Avg, 1179-Slg). Starring MVPs Kristi Rosa (448-Avg, 552-Slg), and Rich Beck (24PO, 20A), the 5th-place Crackers split the season with the Phanatics, but crumbled in the playoffs. Although they had 4 MVPs in Sue Calabrese (481-Avg, 556-Slg, 7BB), Colleen Gavaghan (15PO, 12A), Jimmy Catanzaro (25H**, 14-1B, 3-3B*, 658-Avg, 1237-Slg), and Sean Degnan (23R**, 9-2B, 8HR**, 28-RBI**, 647-Avg, 1618-Slg), the 4th-place Fuzzy Balls were also relaxed by the Phanatics. In 3rd-place, the Phanatics only needed one playoff win against JT Bankers to defend their Title. Behind MVP Steph Croasman's priceless bat (652-Avg, 696-Slg), the Bankers denied the Phanatics' application, and reached the Championships to face Lloyd's. Featuring the offensive talents of Christine Razzi (577-Avg, 615-Slg), Jamie Leet (458-Avg), eddie John Razzi (571-Avg, 607-Slg), and John Trippetti* (21R, 25H**, 10-2B**, 833-Avg**, 1167-Slg), Lloyd's led the league with 149-RS** and finished the regular season undefeated, 8-0. Despite the efforts of Lloyd's Trippetti (9-10, 7R, 3-2B, 3B, 2-RBI, 900-Avg, 1400-Slg), the Bankers' tough defense (79RGU*) continually denied the rest of Lloyd's line-up to regain the Championship!

B-West Returning as defending Fall 2009 Champions, the Pitch Slappers (aka Penguin's Pub) prepared themselves this Spring, by showcasing MVPs Aubrey Baranski (542-Avg, 625-Slg), and Tony Walton (17R, 20H, 2-3B, 5HR, 17-RBI, 769-Avg, 1577-Slg*). The Slappers' line-up easily slide past 6th-place Spikes-up, even with team leader Jason Henry (14H, 12-1B, 2-2B, 6-RBI, 560-Avg, 26PO). Although they

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The smaller ball is easier for the girls to throw, gets through the infield quicker and, relatively speaking, travels a lot further than the 12" ball. Much to my surprise, not all the girls were in favor of the smaller ball. I do believe; however, the girls not onboard will get onboard once they become more accustomed to hitting, fielding, and throwing it.

The single biggest plus for the smaller ball is how its use elevates the batting status of the girls. Batting averages for the females rose this year by better than 20 percentage points (274 to 296). Slugging numbers rose by almost 40 percentage points (291 to 329). Because the ball travels further, outfielders must play back. Playing back opens up more outfield area for the girls to hit to - giving the girls more opportunity to 'drop one in' or 'drive one in the gap'. As an aside; congrats to Jill Long (Wednesday Coed Fall post season) for becoming the first female in SBA history to hit an over-the-fence homerun.

The men were not without additional softball perks this year. Men's league players saw their batting averages jump by 34 points on average (443/477) while the average slugging % jumped a whopping 110 points (614/724). Although male eddie averages and slugging % remained relatively unchanged (471/570 in 2009 vs. 465/566 in 2010), these are good numbers for the older gents. Their batting averages are on a par with the men's league players so I do not think anything has to be modified here as it relates to their batting status.

All in all, I am satisfied with what I see thus far from the new softballs. The new 12" model keeps ball players out of serious harm's way. The added pop of the 11" model gives the girls a lot more to say when they step up to the plate.

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hitter, Ed Doyle, Jr. (600). Helios Data Service compiled a 5-3 record and a 3rd place regular season finish. Glenn Strattis rocked opposing pitchers for a .750 average. Unwanted Softball Players wanted their top gun, Phil Purchase (15r), who clubbed a .720 average. Dave Nagle drove home 19 runs and Abel Sautner led the league in doubles with 8. Redline Motor Sports (4-4) ended the regular season in fifth. Sonny Spargo pointed the way for RMS smashing 4 HRs and 14 RBIs. Stephanie Thrasher gobbled up the most put outs in the league with 29. Levittown Crush (2-6) held down 7th place; Mick Disantis crushed hardest (12r,20rbi). The Beer Drinkers (1-7) filled out the field.

Fail

The Misfits (8-0) stoked the summer play-off success and charged through a perfect regular season. That triumph parlayed into the fall season championship. The winning formula had terrific pitching, team offense and good defense. Eight persons went double figures in runs and 6 players had over 10 RBIs. Topping the team in each category was Jake Seymour (18r,19rbi) who led the league in doubles with 11. Dave Matz had the most assists with 23. RLD (6-2) ended the regular season in second but could not advance to the final play-off round. Nearly every offensive category leader came from RLD. The team had the top three averages: Beau Burris (.821), Warren Grant (.778) and Brian Steeber (.778). Beau Burris garnered the most homeruns (9) and RBIs (27) to take the triple crown. All chased Warren Grant's 20 runs. Redline Motor Sports (5-2-1) raced to third and played the bridesmaid to the Misfit's bride in the play-offs. Kent Smedley slashed his way to a .731 average followed closely by Mark Koenig's best male eddie average of .696. Christen Flaherty, at .682, bested the women's average and her 26 put outs paced all league members. Andy's Snack Bar (4-4) locked down a fourth place finish. Bill Markward (.750,18r,18rbi) and Kevin Pritchard (.741,15r,22rbi) had the most enemy salvos. Unwanted Softball Players (2-5-1) placed fifth. Phil Purchase led his team in almost all offensive categories. Helio's Data Service, Levittown Crush and The Beer Drinkers all finished with 2-6 records.

Donna Finlayson

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post season (100%). Congrats, Dave. Teammate Rich Hosbach was only 36 points behind Dave as he led the league in post season batting (.724) and slugging (1517). Rich either scored or knocked in a run almost 3/4 of the time (72%). Frank Hackett ended the year in 3rd place while Brian Penecale and Bill Yokobosky finished in 4th and 5th respectively.

Tom McCarthy and Beau Burris will share coed league PPOTY honors as Tom led all in the post season with a gaudy 854 batting average and a total of 822 points as he split time in the A and B divisions. Beau played strictly A ball and carved out a nice 688/1625. His 1625 slugging was 2nd only to Jarred Gardner. Congrats to Tom and Beau. Perennial post-season superstars, Jarred Gardner and Warren Grant settled in at 3rd and 4th while up and comer, Mike Chwieroth, rounded out the top 5.

Stephanie Croasman led all females with a point total of 726. Her league leading 591 was 2nd to none in the playoffs. As a result, she knocked in a run at a clip of 45%. Stephanie did her damage in the B league. Sharing PPOTY honors with Stephanie is Christen Flaherty. Plying her skills in the A division, Christen's 667 slugging was best among all girls in the post season. Christen is the only female to ever win POTY and PPOTY awards in the same season. This is the 3rd time she has accomplished that feat. Congrats to both Stephanie and Christen. Kelly Cameron (517/621), Karen Gordon (461/607), and Sarah Cantento (409/500) rounded out the female PPOTY top 5. Scoring a run at a clip of 36% place Sarah among the lead-

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phy's .652. Goodfellas, the other 1-7 team, was paced by Nat Ross at .680. Rob Spencer and Rich Server split pitching duties and shared the league low ERAs for Progressive Graphics.

FALL

Bones returned to their Spring offensive levels and as a result posted a 7-1 record, only matched by Mike's. Landsharks, Philly Soft Pretzel and Progressive Graphics clustered back at 4-4. The one and two seeds again made the finals, three straight for both teams. The match up looked different this time because Mike's had yielded an impressive 42 runs less than Bones. Mike's won both games going away to take their second title of the year. Beau Burris (Mike's) took two of the three triple crown categories, home runs (8) and RBI (25) while leading the league in slugging at 1.667. Nick Reasner (Goodfellas) lead the league in batting at .750. Bill Yokobosky (Bones) finished second in batting and was near the top in slugging and RBI. Bill was the only player to finish in the top three batting spots in all three seasons, a true testament to consistency. Unlike previous seasons, the top 10 hitters represented seven of the eight teams. Besides Reasner, Yok and Burris, John Krebs (Landsharks) .680, Tom McCarthy (Philly Soft Pretzel) .667, Andy Smallman (Progressive Graphics) .621, and Dave Boice (TBD) .611 made the top 10. Only 99 Restaurant's top representative, Bob McClintock at .588 failed to crack the list. Besides his terrific offensive season, Andy Smallman led the league in ERA for Progressive Graphics, the team that yielded the fewest runs.

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Quarry game, shifted over to Hatfield and bested Jamison Pour House 13-7 in the 8:15 game, then traveled back to the Quarry to take the 10:15 game 16-14 over Traxx. Quite a show! And for the record, Mixed Nutz went on to win the Wednesday Summer title in 2 games over Wendy's.

A Triple Crown in Softball America is accomplished when a league member reaches 500 runs, hits, and RBI's in either the men's or coed league. For a player with average talent, playing in 1 league over the course of 3 seasons, earning a Triple Crown would take almost 16 years. Obviously, the more leagues played in, the faster one would reach the Triple Crown plateau. Even still, an average player playing in 3 leagues each and every season would still need good, consistent production for more than 5 years to earn a Triple Crown. Maybe that will put into perspective what it is Rob Johnson accomplished this year. Rob became the first and only Softball America league member to earn a Triple Crown in both the men's and coed leagues. Rob doesn't always lead in a lot of the 'glory' categories so his name tends not to appear in the record books, but the guy can play. He is the Cal Ripken of SBA - an Iron Man that steps up to the plate and gets it done over and over and over again. Nice job outta you, Rob.

Not everyone participates in our league 1-pitch tournaments so many of you have no idea how difficult it is to be on a team that wins a title. Since the fall of 2001, we've had nineteen 1-pitch outings. Chris VanLuvane has been on the winning team almost 40% of the time. Chris has won no less than 7 titles, including 6 of his last 7. Moral of the story? Be sure to have Chris VanLuvane on your team if you want the odds to win a 1-pitch championship stacked in your favor.

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Most Valuable Players / Fall 2010

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
A Offense Core	Brian Penecale Mike Bianco Pat Clark Scott Castner	Axel Alicea Beau Burris Jared Gardner Matt Refice Rick Totans	Bob Baginski Jesse Kuiper Randy Helsman Ray Pantano Rick Totans Warren Grant	Beau Burris Bill Yokobosky Brian Penecale Dave Bishop Frank Hackett Greg Ochs John Krebs Nick Reasner	Andrew Kovach Beau Burris Jared Gardner Keith Keppley Randy Helsman Tom Corey	Beau Burris Bill Yokobosky Brian Penecale Frank Hackett Greg Moylan Mike DeCristofano	Axel Alicea Beau Burris Bill Markward Jake Seymour Kevin Pritchard Warren Grant
B	Bill Markward Brian Sassano Dan Schaffer Gary Thompson Jimmy Dempsey Matt Gibbons Matt Ruane Rick Bieber Wayne Thompson	Bill Shallcross Carl Ruland Jimmy Catanzaro John Trippetti Phil Jenkins Sean Degnan	Corey Rhoad Curt Perry John Gessner Kevin Pritchard Tom McCarthy		Bill Shipe Bryan Bart Kevin Dryzga Kevin Pritchard Sonny Spargo Tim Ford	Anthony Romeo Dan O'Brien Fran Flanagan Frank Trymbiski Mark Nevins Ryan Whitmarsh Tim Garrafa	
A Offense Male Eddie		Bill Roth Ed Doyle Jr. John Seymour Ron Pulli Tim O'Shea	Bill Roth Jack Tronosky John Seymour Ron Pulli Tom Weinmann		Bernie Marsh Bill Roth Joe De Sousa Ron Pulli		Bernie Marsh Dan Scheppard John Seymour Mark Koenig Ron Pulli
B		Frank Taverno Gary Dever Jay Harrar John Razzi Rich Cordisco Ron Kulp Wayne Jerdan	Joe Sharp Keith Bellinger Mike McHale Ron Kulp Tom Wanders		Alex Page Charlie Yuknus Doug Spier Eliot Ridgeway Paul Harvan Rick Winters Ron Kulp Steve Ryan		
A Offense Female Eddie		Christen Flaherty Jamie Burns Lisa Silvestri Lora Hooven Tara Murphy	Christen Flaherty Colleen Gilmartin Kelly Neill Lea Wiggins Lora Hooven Stephanie Thrasher		Christen Flaherty Lisa Silvestri Lora Hooven Melissa Creamer		Brittany Ullman Christen Flaherty Christine Razzi Karen Gordon Toni Szeliga
B		Angie Mourer Christine Razzi Diane Rennie Jamie Leet Jess Ruland Kelly Cameron Kristi Rosa Steph Croasmun Sue Calabrese Winnie Lowney	Janice Tansits Jillian Casey Kelly Workman Kristi Rosa Tara Murphy Tiffany Derstine		Amy Miller Christine Razzi Dawn Powidzki Diana Urban Janice Tansits Terry Ryan		
Defense Core	Alex Hejazi Don McGeary Matt Whitlock Mike Gilbert Phil Bandini	Beau Burris Dan Vescovi Jose Pittman Justin Baranyi Kevin Mueller Mike Downey Nick Cordisco Pat Palus Rich Beck	Corey Rhoad Jeff Jones Kevin Mueller Steve Bolak Tom McCarthy	Ben Pieczynski Dan Hayes Ed Soley Jim Weiss Rich Beck Steve Rosengren	Dave Grice Leo Ruffing Mike Brown Mike Downey Mike Snowman Steve Albor Tom Corey	Chris Heckler Fran Flanagan Matt Godshall Paul Podbutsky Ron Bannister Tim Garrafa Wayne Wiley	Chris Schaefer Dave Matz Kent Smedley Mike DeCristofano Tim Olsen
Defense Eddie		Alyson Byruch Colleen Gavaghan Faith Borrell Joanne Bechtel John Seymour Phil Brown Rich Cordisco Steve Leib	Joe Sharp John Seymour Kerri Schlack Ron Kulp		Christen Flaherty Eliot Ridgeway John Seymour Ron Kulp		Christen Flaherty Dan Scheppard Eliot Ridgeway John Seymour Kris Smedley Lora Hooven Ralph Camasso

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Matt Schaub .655, ('Roos) Brian Dayton .700, (Philly Ball Busters) Jay Hill .667 and Jay Taylor 17 RBI, (Fat Kids) Chris Hyland .600, (DTA) Greg Wyckoff .607, Dixon Cider) Mike Canelli .708 and (Bomb Squad) JJ Wunderlich .645.

SUMMER Out with the old and in with the new as Bomb Squad, Mixed Nutz, DTA, Shenanigans and Fat Kids departed and Christian HVAC, Paddy Whacks, and Horsham Phillies joined the league. Defending champion Dixon Cider led the division in offense and finished first at 7-1. There wasn't a crush at the top like last season and newcomer Christian HVAC finished second at 6-2. But it was third place Mixed Nutz and sixth place 'Roos that reached the finals. As had become customary for this league, the Nutz took the first game by one, 4-3. They then asserted themselves easily defeating 'Roos for the championship. Again statistical leaders were spread among multiple teams. Ed Ellis (Mixed Nutz) led the league in batting at .750. Tony Diodato ('Roos) led in RBI with 18. The home run crown was shared by Mike McGoldrick and Joe Hinchliffe of Philly Ball Busters and Mike Canelli (Dixon Cider) with 5. Mike also led in slugging at 1.350. Other team leaders were: (Xtreme Solutions) Jon Tischbein .565, (Paddy Whacks) Brian Bartholomew .586, and (Christian HVAC) Dave Peppelman .696.

FALL Again there was a reshuffling as Christian HVAC, Paddy Whacks, Xtreme Solutions, and Horsham Phillies departed. Bomb Squad returned along with newcomers Snipers, Kaos, Pigeon Boyz and Stokers. In an incredible display of balance, eight of the nine teams finished within two games of first place. Only one team had a losing record. The first place team was a new team, Snipers. Snipers did finish with the divisions leading offense by a significant margin. Second place was the returning Bomb Squad. The Squad did make an appearance in the finals when they were previously in the league in the fall and turned the trick again. Their opponent would be the Philly Ball Busters, a 4-4 team that was out scored during the regular season. In what had become a tradition, the teams traded 6-5 one run victories. Bomb Squad's triumphant return was complete when they defeated the Ball Busters 13-9. Mike Zahradnick (Snipers) had perhaps the most dominant season, leading the division in home runs (8), RBI (15) and slugging (1.464). Tom Ivers (Pigeon Boyz) took the batting title at .654. Other team leaders were: (Dixon Cider) Jim Calpin .577, (Kaos) Mike Dillon .538, (Mixed Nutz) John Komorowski .600, (Philly Ball Busters) Joe Hinchliffe .625, ('Roos) Ken Bauldree .522 and champion (Bomb Squad) JJ Wunderlich .609.

MEN B-WEST DIVISION The West division was a difficult league to track. Only one team, Nationwide Residential Mortgage, kept the same name and played in all three seasons. Two others had name changes with Red Rockets becoming Hatrick's Sports Pub and Dirty Dozen becoming Cannoneers. Many other teams moved to other divisions seeking the right fit for their team. Red Rockets/Hatrick's was the most successful team in the division, reaching the finals all three years, but coming up short until the final season.

SPRING Christian HVAC recorded the best record at 7-1, closely followed by 6-2 Red Rockets and Horsham Phillies. Offense was evenly distributed as five teams scored between 100 and 115 runs. Christian HVAC led in neither offense nor defense, those honors going to Dirty Dozen and Horsham Phillies. That would lead you to expect a tight final, and it was. Christian HVAC and Red Rockets split the first two games and headed into a one game showdown. Down 9-0, the Rockets roared back to take a 10-9 lead in the seventh. Dave Coughlin smacked a two run walk off homer to win the game and give Christian HVAC the championship. A really close miss for Red Rockets. Individual statistical honors were perhaps the most spread of any league. Dave Edmond (Dirty Dozen) led the league in batting at .655. Ryan Simeti (Christian HVAC) took both the home run (4) and slugging (1.269) titles. But the RBI crown at 15 was shared by five players: Bret Rumer and Matt Peppelman (Nationwide Residential Mortgage), Rob Arnott and Dan Kelly (Dirty Dozen) and Jeff Thurston (Sabres). Other team leaders were: (Christian HVAC) Jeff Olewine .652, (Doom Cats) Chris E. Jones .448, (Horsham Phillies) Jason Pane .542 and 14 RBI, (Nor'easters) Roman Grichener .520, (Red Rockets) Andrew Haner .621 and (Young Gunz) Joel Hunter .500.

SUMMER In an off season of turmoil, Christian HVAC and Horsham Phillies headed East, Sabres and Doom Cats went South, Nor'easters disbanded, Young Gunz and Nationwide Residential Mortgage remained the same. Red Rockets were now Hatrick's Sports Pub and Dirty Dozen were now Cannoneers. New to the eight team division were Fat Kids, The Peter Northstars, Get to the Choppa and Cracker Jacks. Hatrick's turned in the division's best record, going undefeated and substantially leading the league in offense. Right behind were Cannoneers who allowed an amazingly low 33 runs. This was well under half of all other teams except Hatrick's. Defense trumped offense as Hatrick's could only score 11 runs total in the three championship games. Cannoneers claimed the Fall title and again Hatrick's came up short. Individual statistical leadership was split by two players. Dave Cimorelli (Hatrick's Sport Pub) led the division in batting (.714) and RBI (23). Jim Keller (Nationwide Residential Mortgage) led in home runs (7) and slugging (1.625). Other team leaders were: (Cannoneers) Ryan Ash .607, (Cracker Jacks) Ant Barone .500, (Fat Kids) Ethan Hibbs .538, (Get to the Choppa) Ken Zaborowski .500, (The Peter Northstars) Rick Constantine .643 and (Young Gunz) Jeff Sywulak .619.

FALL The division was much more stable with only three new teams, ACE, Beef & Broccoli and Joey O's. Sabres returned to the division. Hatrick's appeared to be the class of the league, going undefeated for the second straight season. Again they led the division in offense, but only by one run over their closest rival, a much improved Peter Northstars. Statistically these two teams appeared to be the strongest and both did advance to the finals. The Northstars had a small roster and had made a habit of playing and winning shorthanded, not something you want to try in the finals. But that's exactly what happened. Playing with nine, PNS dominated Hatrick's in the first game until a severe injury forced them to play with eight players. Hatrick's roared back, but PNS held on for an 18-15 win. When Hatrick's blasted PNS 18-2 in the second game, it was clear that using eight was too heavy a burden to overcome. But PNS extended Hatrick's in the final game, forcing them to score four in the final inning to win 17-16. Finally,

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FALL

The Bluestone Bombers proved they were no fluke finishing at the top of the heap. But you have to keep your eye on two time champ Rhinos who had come from second and third to claim titles. This season they finished fourth, although they did lead the division in runs scored. Snipers returned to form to finish second. Two time leader Master Baiters, dissolved and reformed in part as Stadium North Sports Bar & Grill, but they fell to sixth place and appeared not to be a factor. Snipers rode their division best defense into the finals against, you guessed it, Rhinos. When Rhinos dispatched the Snipers in the first game 16-8, it looked like it was time to get measured for sweatshirts. But Snipers crushed the Rhinos 22-6 setting up a dramatic final, which was won by Snipers 6-5. In the triple crown categories, Rhinos Frank Trymbiski took the batting crown at .864 only making three outs all season. The home run crown was split three ways between Bill Shallcross (Irish Car Bombs), Axel Alica (H&M) and Mike Snowman (Bluestone Bombers) with 6. Mike also claimed the RBI title with 21. Bill Shallcross led the league in slugging with a 1.435 mark. Team leaders were Fran Flanagan (Bluestone Bombers) .750, Rob McKenna (Stadium North Sports Bar & Grill) .737, Dan O'Brien (H&M Home Repair) .720, Mark Nevins (Snipers) .704, Scott Grabus (Irish Car Bombs) .652, Mike Bilinskas (Ball Taps) .600, Brad Atkins (Brew Crew) .583 and Dom Ripa (Winding Brook Farm) .556.

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Milestones

Up and coming statistical milestones will be monitored by league statistician, Paul O'Connor. When a league member is close to and ultimately reaches a milestone, Paul will make an announcement on the message board.

With a big year, Andy Smallman can become the first player to earn a Triple Crown 1000 in the men's league. He needs 171 hits. Tough task, but not impossible. With 6 runs scored, Bill Yokobosky will nail the TC500. With 12 runs and 2 RBI's Steve Derrah gets there too. Just 13 runs puts Jarred Gardner in the men's TC club. Warren Grant needs to cross the plate less than 50 times and a TC500 is his. 64 runs and Mark Ambolino makes the grade. So too for Ron Bannister who needs only 66 runs.

On the coed side of things, John Razzi needs only 23 base hits to reach 2,000. That's a lot of hits by any standard. 62 hits puts Rob Johnson into the exclusive TC 1,000 club. With 67 runs and 34 RBI's, Steph Garret will be the 2nd league member to make a double triple - Triple Crown 500 in both the men's and coed leagues. 46 hits places Jim Flowers onto the TC500 plateau. With 7 runs and 17 RBI's, Chris Courduff gets there as well. A TC500 is waiting for Bob Baginski if he can knock in another 44 runs.

Les Greenstein

Opening Day (Continued from page 8)

church, or local township, help me get my foot in the door. Any effort on your part that culminates in our use of a lighted ball field will not go unrewarded.

Running Softball America can be quite a challenge for even the most patient and tolerant of individuals. You see, everyone has their unique perspective and opinion on everything from bats to stats. And I am fine with that. I pride myself on my ability to keep an open mind and look at things from all possible angles. If you should have a league issue and become overwhelmed with anger because of it, all I ask is please don't shoot first and ask questions later. Ask questions first. More times than not, there are plausible explanations for why things are the way they are. Those that insist upon shooting first, keep in mind there's a loaded gun on the other end.

On the agenda for next's year's edition of the SBA Magazine is a segment on Players of the Decade. I will process yearly stats for players in the decade of the 90's and 00's and come up with POTD's for the men, core, female and male eddies. Plaques and/or trophies will be awarded. Also not too far away is the formulation of a Softball America Hall of Fame. League members will be inducted into the HOF based on their past efforts, accomplishments and tenure in the league. Plaques and/or trophies will be awarded. I want to thank league member Matt Hutchenson for the POTD idea.

Due to excessive transaction fees, the American Express credit card will no longer be accepted. Just a reminder, a \$25.00 service fee is charged each and every time a league member issues a check returned by the bank unpaid. Please be careful. This is both a waste of time and money.

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ers in girl's run-scoring.

For the older gents in the post-season, and for the second time in as many years, Rich Cordisco ran the table by taking the POTY and PPOTY titles. His 1041 slugging along with a penchant for driving in runs (59%) in the B division was more than enough to secure the win. Sharing PPOTY honors with Rich is Ron Pulli. Ron batted 547 and slugged 880 in A division competition. His ability to score runs (51%) is only surpassed by his ability to get on base. Congrats to Rich and Ron. Long-time league member, Mike McHale, had a very fine post season. His 567 batting average during the playoffs was a male eddie best. Rounding out the top 5 for the male eddies are Frank Taverno and Ron Kulp. Frank's 529/735 was 3rd best among older gents.

POTY and PPOTY winners will each receive trophies and laminated certificates. Once again, congrats to all the winners.

Les Greenstein

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Hattrick's had its championship. There's no doubt who had the finest season. Matt Gibbons (The Peter Northstars) won the triple crown with a .731 average, 24 RBI and 5 home runs. He did have to share the home run crown with teammate Jimmy Dempsey and Beef & Broccoli's Kyle Smith. Bob Oswald (Hattrick's Sports Pub) led the division in slugging (.1650) while batting .700. Other team leaders were: (Cannoners) John Ristine .450, (Fat Kids) Chris Hyland .571, (ACE) John DeLuca .500 (Nationwide Residential Mortgage) Jeff Mullaly .455, (Sabres) Jeff Thurston .483 and (Beef & Broccoli) Kyle McDonnell .552.

MEN B-SOUTH DIVISION The South division was formed in the Summer with a mixture of new teams and teams from other B divisions. Sabres and Beef & Broccoli were the only teams to post winning records in the summer and left for stiffer competition in the fall.

SUMMER Sabres and Beef & Broccoli out classed the rest of the division finishing first and second in the standing, in runs scored and runs allowed. As expected, they met in the finals where the undefeated Sabres took B&B in two games. Both teams then moved on to the West division. Kyle Smith (Beef & Broccoli) had the strongest season leading the division in home runs (5), RBI (18) and slugging (.1423). Greg Wyckoff (DTA) led the division in batting, hitting .727. Other team leaders were: (Beef & Broccoli) Scott Hamlet .667, (Doom Cats) Chris Palma .593, (Here Come the Runs) Pat O'Keefe .542, (Megjlos Furs) Kyle Roland .565, (Sabres) Sean Degan .565 and 4 HR and (Wolfpack) Nick Guppy and Matt Mandel finished at .500.

FALL Three new teams came into the division, Shamrocks, Regulators, and BG Bullies. Young Gunz migrated from the West. With the top two teams gone, the resulting division was very close in talent. There were no gaudy records as DTA at 6-2 took first place followed by Doom Cats at 5-3. As is so frequently the case, the top offensive team has to deal with the top defensive squad, in this case, Doom Cats. This time offense ruled as DTA took two of three lopsided games from Doom Cats for the title. Individual honors were spread among three players. New team Shamrock's Adam Allard led the division in RBI (27) and tied for the lead in home runs with 6. Matt Ruane of another new team, The Regulators, was the player that shared the home run crown with Adam. Matt also led the division in slugging with 1.452. A returning team, DTA, claimed the batting title in the person of Wayne Thompson, hitting .739, just edging out teammate Gary Thompson at .714. They were the only two players to top .700. Other team leaders were: (Doom Cats) Joel Franjuli .571, (Here Comes the Runs) Joe Kachurak .600, (The Wolfpack) Keith Medveckus .640 and a 1.280 slugging %, (Young Gunz) Keith Medveckus .556 and (BG Bullies) Hector Aviles .636.

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finished in 5th-place. Fritz's Bakery did smack the Slappers 2-times this Spring, which got MVP nods for Jessica Ruland (.481-Avg, .741-Slg), Tim Mouter (12-1B, 2HR, 13-RBI, 773-Avg*, 1273-Slg), and Bob Volpachio (18PO, 18A). Fourth-place Don Len, with MVP Tom Corey (17PO, 22A*), also counter-slapped the Slappers with a tie this season. Finding themselves in 3rd-place, the Slappers smacked-down the defense of the 2nd-place Fuzzy Bulls (75-RGU*), with MVP Weissza Udowenko (524-Avg, 619-Slg), to defend their Title against the 1st-place Chumpies. Behind the MVP bat of Sean Pinkerton (20R*, 21H**, 5-2B, 22-RBI, 677-Avg, 1290-Slg), the 7-1 Chumpies created the best offense with 108-RS*, which took them through Championship Game 1. However, Pitch Slapper Kevin Noble (10-12, 9R, 2B, 3HR, 14-RBI, 833-Avg, 1667-Slg), made Chumpies an easy target in Games 2 & 3 to repeat as Champions!

After the departure of the Pitch Slappers to the B-East division, the B-West Championship was now open. Sliding into 1st-place was Spikes-Up, starring MVP Eddie Phil Brown (13-1B, 619-Avg, 27PO, 9A). Possessing the top (.57-RGU*) defense, Spikes-Up easily spiked 6th-place Incognito with Anthony Hunt (7R, 13H, 3-2B, 591-Avg), 5th-place Jugs-&-Trugs with Paule Mclaughlin (8R, 11H, 9-1B, 2-2B, 18PO, 11A), and 4th-place Fritz's Bakery. In the other branch, the Hotshots' top offense (107-RS*), bulletted into 3rd-place, thanks to MVP-eddie Ted Rickner (17R* 18H, 14-1B* 720-Avg*, 1000-Slg). Featuring Dan Wehlauf's smoking playoff bat (10-13, 10R, 3-2B, 2-3B, 2HR, 10-RBI, 769-Avg, 1769-Slg), the Hotshots deregulated the 2nd-place, Regulators in the playoffs, despite the efforts of their MVPs Phil Galione (39PO*, 17A*), and Shauna Hayes (500-Avg, 20PO, 14A). Although they were the underdogs, the Hotshots' offense downed Spikes-Up in 2 for their 1st Championship!

This Fall, the Hotshots, starring MVPs Diane Rennie (500-Avg) and Gary Dever (467-Avg, 533-Slg), stuck around to defend their Title. Finishing in 4th-place, the Hotshots shot past 6th-place Feaster Villains with team leader Dan Coyle (10R, 14H, 583-Avg, 14A), and 5th-place Incognito with MVP Winnie Lowmey (8-1B, 500-Avg, 556-Slg). For a chance to defend their Championship, the Hotshots upset 1st-place Fritz's Bakery (129-RS*, 78-RGU*), despite the efforts of MVPs Angie Mouter (500-Avg, 536-Slg), Justin Barany (17-1B*, 21PO, 26A), and Carl Ruland (21H* 6-2B*, 3-3B, 6HR*, 25-RBI*, 656-Avg, 1594-Slg*). On the other side, the 2nd-place Crab Cakes, headlining MVP Pat Palus (27PO, 14A), were tied for the top defense (78-RGU*). Unfortunately, their defense was fired in the playoffs by Spikes-Ups MVP-eddie, Jay Harrar* (17H, 13-1B, 810-Avg*, 1048-Slg). Following Brian Chestler's smoking bat, (8-10, 4R, 2B, 3B, 6-RBI, 800-Avg, 1100-Slg), the Hotshots tried to shoot past 3rd-place Spikes-Up to repeat as Champions. Unexpectedly, Spikes-Up, with Jose Pittman's MVP defense (13PO, 32A**), cooled-down the Hotshots in 2 games for their 1st Championship!

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