

# Softball America

## Magazine

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2011 Year In Review

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#### A Look Ahead to the Softball New Year

A Happy and Healthy New Year to all!

Since December 20th, every day is getting just a little bit longer as the sun sets just a little bit later. It won't be long before we hear the sound of, 'Play Ball!'.

Ball players playing at the Quarry ball field will notice new sod has replaced old sod in left field. A 600 sq. ft. area has been completely reworked. Smaller

100 sq. ft. areas in left center and right center field received new sod as well. Infielders will notice the 6-8" lip along the area where the infield meets the outfield has been completely removed. 3-4 rows of new sod now cover a much smoother transition from infield to outfield.

Hatfield Township has informed me the cluster of port-a-potties at the School Road facility will be replaced by a brand new restroom facility in very close proximity to the softball field. League members and



spectators will now be able to actually flush. It is not clear whether this bathroom project will be completed in 2012.

Teams that incessantly argue judgment calls (fair/foul, balls/strikes, safe/out) will force an umpire into filing a grievance with the league against the team. Multiple grievances against a team will then force the league to place the team on the league behavioral radar. All league umpires will then be instructed to keep that team on a very short behavioral leash. Game ejections and/or additional suspensions will then be issued WITHOUT WARNING for ANY behavioral infraction from simple profanity to arguing balls and strikes. The last thing you want is for your team to appear on the league behavioral radar. For the sake of everyone involved, let's keep the game fun, not only for yourself, but for your teammates, opponent, and fans in the stands. Calls of all kinds, good, bad or otherwise, all have a way of evening out in the end.

One of the most unrecognized features of Softball America is roster monitoring. Few realize the effort that is put forth week after week to ensure that rosters are legal. It's nice to know that when the playoffs arrive, the team you saw in the regular season will be, for the most part, the same team you meet in the playoffs. I say 'for the most part' because short-handed teams are permitted, with penalty, to use subs in the regular season. Come playoffs, however, subs of any kind are strictly prohibited and a roster member must meet minimum game requirements to be playoff eligible. Keeping an eye on all of this is a full time job in itself.

Injuries and work issues can play havoc with a team's roster. However, a team does have a couple of options to resurrect a decimated roster. A manager can add new players to the roster. This can be done at any time and for any reason during the regular season with payment of a full league fee. Regardless of how many games remain, new players must pay the full league fee amount. This is not about money. It's about maintaining the integrity of all rosters and it falls under the heading of roster control. As much as roster restrictions may go against a team in a certain instance, it protects them in all other instances.

Les Greenstein

### Softball Change-Up

#### ASA Now Moves to Smooth Cover Ball

In 2010, 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. Now, in 2012, we will, once again, follow the ASA lead and move from our current 52/275 pebble-grain cover, optic yellow softball to a 52/300 smooth cover, optic

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### Conference Play

#### American/National League Setup Will Continue

This past fall season, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and to a lesser extent, the Sunday Coed league, saw a new conference format replace the old A/B division format. This conference format will continue into 2012. As of this writing, it has yet to be determined whether the Sunday Men's league will also shift to conference play.

With this new format, conferences are formed based on the prior season post season finish of teams in a given league. Following is an explanation

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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].

*"Well, boys and girls, it's a round ball and a round bat and you got to hit the ball square. ~Joe Schultz, 1969*

#### For The Record

The men's league saw 4 yearly records fall by the wayside in 2011. Brian Penecale topped 2 of his own power marks - HR's and RBI's. Pen bettered his 2010 HR total of 45 by 9 - topping out at 54 for the year. His RBI total was 1 better than last year at 190. Brian also moved into 1st place on the all-time men's league HR leader board with 214 dingers - passing Jarred Gardner's 207.

The coed yearly record for AB's was surpassed by Johnny Muntz who came to the plate 343 times in 2011, supplanting the 10 year-old mark of 340 set by Paul O'Connor back in 2001.

From a seasonal standpoint, Kevin Noble knocked in 42 runs (RBI's) during the Sunday Coed spring season which bettered by 2 the mark of 40 set by Jarred Gardner in 2006. Also during the Sunday Coed spring season, Vince Lehr tied both the AB and Hits marks of 41 and 30 respectively. Vince also set the single season 1B record of 29, bettering the 9 year-old mark of 24 by Frank Taverno.

#### Odds & Ends

From Wendy's KDH Sunday Morning Men's title in the fall of 1995 to the Misfits Friday Evening Coed title in



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### Players Of the Year

#### Regular & Post-Season Standouts

Brian Penecale and Brian Sassano each captured POTY honors in the men's league. Both players put together outstanding seasons. Penecale led all men's league players in AB's, Runs, Hits, HR's, and RBI's. Sassano led all in Batting Average and Slugging % and knocked in a run almost every time he stepped to the plate (86%). Congrats to both Brians on well deserved titles. Frank Hackett had a fine year batting 717 and slugging 1151. Frank's 134 runs scored and 152 hits were 2nd only to Penecale. He also chipped in with a league-leading 38 walks. Rounding out the top 5 point leaders were Greg Moylan who finished second in batting (717) and Jamal Covington who led the league in 3-baggers.

In the coed leagues, Mike Chwieroth and Beau Burris are the POTY winners. Mike led the league in clutch hitting by knocking in a run at an 87% clip. His 692 batting average and 1542 slugging put him among the league

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### Softball Rules Myths

#### Common Rule Misinterpretations

**The batter-runner must turn to his right after over-running first base.**

The runner is protected back to first base regardless of which way they turn as long as they don't make an attempt or feint towards second base (umpire judgment). Merely turning to the left does NOT put the runner in jeopardy of being tagged out unless they make an attempt to advance.

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### Manager Meetings

#### Monday & Tuesday, March 12th & 13th

For the 2012 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 12, 2012. The coed league meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13, 2012. Each meeting will begin

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## Sunday Morning Men's

NBI, Squirrel Murphy's, Skyline Tavern, and Jabroni Hunters Multiple League Champions. Philly Soft Pretzel, No Big Deal, Skyline Tavern II, Bomb Squad, DTA, Young Gunz, and Beef & Broccoli Win.

Sunday Morning Men's softball is SBA's largest undertaking consisting of over 40 teams in five different divisions, playing at eight different locations. The league was a model of consistency and competition as the number of teams always hovered above 40. No team earned sweatshirts for sweeping three series. Of the 127 team seasons, only two were undefeated 8 - 0 seasons. (Steps To Recovery, B-West Fall, NBI, A Spring)

### Spring - A

NBI finished first in the 10 team division posting an 8 - 0 record, leading the league in runs scored. Remax Signature Team actually had a better run differential than NBI but only finished fourth with a 5 - 3 record and did not reach the finals. In the finals NBI defeated third place Philly Soft Pretzel in two games.

As for individual honors, Brian Penecale of NBI and Mike Bianco of Hitched, tied for the lead in both home runs and RBI with five and 22. Paul Knapp broke up their triple crown bid by leading the league with a .750 batting average.

The individual teams best runs creators were: Hitched: Mike Bianco, 28.88, Philly Soft Pretzel: Paul Knapp, 24.69, Goodfellas: John Kiefer, 24.28, NBI: Frank Hackett, 23.3, Remax Signature Team: Maria Imle: Matt Crowell, 21.66, Thirsty's Beer: Steve Mendenhall, 17.9, Smokin' Aces: Eric Baker, 16.6, Ferraro's Computers: Steve Garstka, 16.58, Demons: Jack Fitzpatrick, 14.18, Yellow Jack-ets: Chris Mosca, 13.78.

### Summer - A

The division contracted to eight teams with the departure of Yellow Jackets and Thirsty's. The warm weather agreed with Philly Soft Pretzel as they made their move from third to first with a 7 - 1 record. Defending champ NBI fell to second at 5 - 2 - 1. Goodfellas made a nice move from a ninth place finish to a fourth place finish and a winning record. The Pretzels defended their #1 finish by sweeping NBI in the finals for the title.

Jamal Covington of the champion Philly Soft Pretzels led the league in both

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## Sunday Evening Coed

Renegades Take Spring & Fall A Titles. Ballhounds Garner Spring & Summer Wins. JT Bankers Captures Summer & Fall Titles. Been There Done That, Pitch Slappers, The Dutes, Team Hunt & Crab Cakes Win.

The Sunday Evening Coed leagues really showcased the inclusive nature of Softball America. Enlisting in 2011 as many as 30 teams in one season, the games took place on numerous fields across the area. The 4-division format gave any team an opportunity to compete regardless of experience level, and adjustments to the makeup of the divisions were made on a seasonal basis to maintain a balanced level of competition for everyone.

### SPRING

After a snowy winter, the Softball America Sunday Evening Coed Season began on March 27 with 24 teams taking the field.

A Division: The spring regular season in the A Division saw three teams finish within one game of each other, and it was the Renegades (6-1-1) who took the top spot with Gavin's Tavern (6-2) and Been There Done That (5-2-1) coming in close behind. Steve Reichling won the batting crown with a cracking .789 AVG, and Chris Chong's .731 OBP was tops. Sluggers Axel Alicea (1.448 SLG, 21 RBI) and Beau Burris (1.825 SLG, 18 RBI) showed their serious power, each hitting a division-leading 5 HR. Perennial MVP candidate Christen Flaherty led the way offensively among female eddies (.400 AVG, .550 SLG, 5 BB). But arguably the most notable offensive performance was that of male eddie Ron Pulli (.679 AVG, 1.500 SLG), who led all players in the division with 17 R, 24 RBI, and 42 TB. The championship series saw the top two seeds square off, and despite Burris's heroic playoff efforts (3 HR) for Gavin's Tavern, after 3 hard-fought games it was the Renegades who emerged victorious.

B Division North: A three-team race also occurred for the regular season title in the B Division North; Rockets (6-2) finished on top with SBA Ballhounds (5-3) and Ball Brawlers (5-3) both one game behind. Ball Brawlers' Tara Soler distinguished herself among female eddies in the division with a stellar .632 AVG, .789 SLG, and .650 OBP. Male eddie Roger Sternfeld of Tom's Tackle Shop led all players in the division with a .708 OBP. The batting title went to Mike Millner of the Phanatics

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## Most Valuable Players / Spring 2011

Offensive 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. MVP winners are highlighted in **bold**.

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
<b>A</b> <b>Core</b> <b>B</b>	<b>Brian Penecale</b> Dan Shaeffer Frank Hackett John Kiefer Mike Bianco Paul Knapp  Brian McHale <b>Brian Sassano</b> Chris Faber Dave Porco Gary Thompson Jeff Sywulak Matt Ruane Ryan Greene Zack Peppelman	<b>Axel Alicea</b> Chris Chong John Muntz Justin Kornock Mark Bernacki Randy Helsman Steve Reichling Tom Corey  Brian Chester Dave Dancer Greg Thompson <b>Kevin Noble</b> Mike Baranski Mike Sheridan Vince Lehr	<b>Dave McDonald</b> Greg Lavin Mike Cianfichi Mike Hagan <b>Warren Grant</b>  Bill Shipe Kevin Dryzga <b>Kevin Pritchard</b> Matt Refice Tom Egitto Tom McCarthy Tom Moyer	Bill McDonnell <b>Brian Penecale</b> Dave Boice Eric Damm Frank Hackett Keith Keppley Matt Schaub Pat Clark	Chris Vanlavanaugh <b>Jake Seymour</b> Jesse Kuiper Mark Cooper <b>Sonny Spargo</b>  Kevin Dryzga <b>Kevin Pritchard</b> Mike Zahradnick Tom Moyer	<b>Brian Penecale</b> Eric Damm Frank Hackett Greg Moylan Mike Brown  Bill McDonnell Jason Fisher <b>Kevin Mueller</b> Matt Godshall Mike Barainyak Mike Chwieroth Nick Ventrola Rob Manus Rob McKenna Troy Martzall	Bill Cashman Gary Thompson <b>Jeff Uter</b> Keith Keppley Kevin Pritchard
<b>A</b> <b>Male Eddie</b> <b>B</b>		Ron Bannister Ron Kulp <b>Ron Pulli</b>  Dave Leib <b>Jeff Huggins</b> Rich Cordisco Ron Margo Ted Rickner Walt Shead	Bill Roth Frank Taverno <b>Ron Bannister</b> Ron Pulli Steve Campbell Tim O'Shea Tom Weinman  Eliot Ridgeway John Razzi <b>Keith Bellinger</b> Mike McHale Ron Kulp Terry Leach Tom Wanders		Bernie Marsh Bob Cusano <b>Ron Pulli</b> Tom Egitto  Alex Page Doug Spier Mike McHale <b>Steve Campbell</b> Steve Ryan		Bernie Marsh Bob Cusano Mark Koenig <b>Ron Pulli</b> Tim O'Shea
<b>A</b> <b>Female Eddie</b> <b>B</b>		Christen Flaherty Christy Hinkle Jamie Burns Kelly Cameron Lora Hooven <b>Tara Soler</b>  Aubrey Baranski Colleen Holmes Jess Ruland Joanne Bechtel <b>Kristin Law</b> Melissa Becker Rose Lynch Stef Croasmun Teresa Grandzol	Anne M McDonald Christen Flaherty Lora Hooven <b>Tara Soler</b>  Angie Wehlau <b>Christine Razzi</b> Jen Hicks Karol Ann Kinkelin Kellie Hall	<b>Tuesday Women</b>  <b>Christen Flaherty</b> Dana Myers Jill Long Karen Gordon Stephanie Rudolph	Christen Flaherty Emilie Aitken Karen Gordon <b>Lora Hooven</b> Marian McCouch Tara Soler  Christine Razzi <b>Dawn Bieber</b> Dawn Powidzki Jill Long Trish Traub		Brittany Ullman <b>Christen Flaherty</b> Christine Razzi <b>Cindy Reed</b> Colleen Gilmartin Dana Myers Nicole Courduff

## Monday Evening Coed

Christian HVAC 3-Season Winners. Irish Car Bombs, Bomb Squad, and Tom's Tackle Shop win B and National Titles.

14 teams in two divisions make up the Monday coed schedule...Monday! Fun-day!

**CHRISTIAN HVAC.** A powerhouse of a team this 3 season champ team is managed by Steph Garrett. Warren Grant, Rob Johnson, Mike Hagan, Mike DeCristofano, Chris Hesdon and Mike DeGuido have been a consistent driving force at the plate. Mike Hagan led the team in the spring with a .815 avg. Rob a .714 .679 summer & fall. Kelly Neill led the ladies in the spring, .480. Lora Hooven, Sarah Jacoby and Nikki Martella Steph's f/e's. Warren, 3 season 57 rbi's...

**TEAM HAGAN.** With Pete Hagan at the reins, he took his team to the Fall Championship series...Core Jesse Kuiper is always a powerful force at the plate. Jesse a .762, 15 rbi's summer avg. Male Eddie Ron Pulli 3 season .667, .750, .700, 17rbi fall. Ron Bannister .724 spring, he belted out 4 homers and 19rbi's. Johnny Muntz hot in the fall with a .788 avg. Kerri Schlack a superb .660 summer, Stacey O'Shea .385 fall avg.

**COBRA WIRE & Cable.** Ray Pantano is the leader of the pact taking his team to all 3 championship finals. Core Mike Tarella joined the team in the summer. Mike led with a .727, 15 rbi's. Dave McDonald a .741 spring. Ann Marie McDonald,

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## Tuesday Evening Men's

Mike's Bar & Grill Spring & Summer Champs. Thompson, VW, Porsche, and Audi Nails Fall Season.

Tuesday Men's was a model of consistency and balanced competition. The same eight teams that started the season in the Spring finished in the Fall. Five different teams finished as first or second seeds during the year of a possible six.

### Spring

In the most balanced season of all, three teams, Philly Soft Pretzel, Preventive Maintenance Systems and Land Sharks finished tied for first with 5 - 3 records. In an amazing statistical aberration, the Pretzels actually scored less runs than they yielded, in fact, the lowest in the league, but finished as the #1 seed. Their lack of offense caught up with them as #5 seed Mike's York St. Bar & Grill got hot and defeated Preventive Maintenance Systems for the title in three games.

On an individual note, Brian Penecale was the league's offensive star securing the elusive triple crown. (.783/7/24) Bill McDonnell did tie him in the batting average category. The top run creators for their teams were: Thompson VW, Porsche, Audi: Brian Penecale 36.7, Preventive Maintenance Systems: Pat Clark 31.73, Land Sharks: Eric Damm 28.92, Vertex Pest Management: Matt

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## Tuesday Evening Women's

I'd Hit It Captures Spring, Summer, and Fall Seasons in Resurrected Women's League.

Baby Got Bats, Ball Busters, Dirty Dozen and I'd Hit It were on the schedule for the Tuesday Evening Women's league. Front and Center! Let the action begin!

**I'D HIT IT!** This team is managed by Stephanie Thrasher. The team won the triple crown. In the Spring, Christen Flaherty led the roster with her impressive .826, 19 rbi's, 4 doubles, 4 triples and one homerun. Dana Myers, .692, 22rbi's. The 2 Steph's were right behind. S. Rudolph .667 & S. Thrasher .600. Summer Season. This team went undefeated again with an 8-0 record. Leanie O'Donnell swung a hot bat, .786 avg. 15 rbi's. Christen 23 rbi's. Christine Razzi .700. Shanna Lilly right there with Christen, 22 rbi's. Tara Soler belted 2 doubles, 4 triples and a homer. Fall Season. Linda Dart joined the team in the spring. She was stellar on the pitcher's mound and at the plate. Way to go, Linda! Dana Myers had high avg. 759. Shannon Mariner .607, Christine Razzi .593.

**BABY GOT BATS.** In the spring Baby got Bats put 2 games in the win column. Top average was had by Karen Gordon with a .700, 17 rbi's, 8 rbi's. Becky Foley Canelli, .600 and Ali Matz racked up 13 rbi's. Summer. The team put an extra game in the win column in the summer. 3-5 record..Becky was top hitter with her .538, 15 rbi's. Julie McReynolds, .500. Fall. Shanna Lily and Nicole Courduff were unstoppable at the plate. Shanna led the way with a .696, 13 rbi's, 5 doubles and 2 triples. Nicole was a close second .667, 16 rbi's. Dale Gideon belted 2 triples. The team was winless in the Fall.

**DIRTY DOZEN.** The team went 0-7 for the spring season..Kristy and Tiffany had high averages for the DD's .571 7 .471. Caitlin Haggerty 467. SUMMER. Tiffany and Kristy again led the ladies in average with a .533 and .529. The DD's went 0-8. This team packed it in after the summer season.

**BALL BUSTERS.** Jill Long manages the Ball Busters. Jill continues to impress with her long ball. Trista DeLuca .571 14 rbi's. Sis Jamie "Eagle eye" Long 11 base on balls, ditto for Kim Radcliffe .5-2 record for the season..SUMMER..Karol Ann Kinkelin led the Busters with a .700, 15 rbi's. LeeAnn Kramer 3 triples and 12 rbi's. The team matched their spring record. FALL. After a long hiatus veteran SBA'er Diane Munsell Giannotti was back in action! Diane did not miss a beat. She pounded out a .696 avg. Welcome Back! Jill Long smashed 3 out of the park homeruns. LeeAnn Kramer .640, 11 rbi's. The team went 5-3 for the season.

Vicki Ponente

## Wednesday Evening Coed

Renegades Spring & Summer Champs. PA Auto Insurance Takes Fall Title. Chico's, Jamison Pourhouse, Mixed Nutz Win.

Spring is here and so is a new softball year. With a six team "A" division and another eight teams playing for the "B" division title there was plenty of softball going on Wednesday nights. When the dust settled in the "A" division, the Renegades were standing on top defeating the Mixed Nuts two games to one in the Championship Series, while in the "B" division Chico's Bail Bonds swept Warrington Wendy's to win their Championship. At 6-2 the Renegades finished first overall in the division and PA Auto Insurance (tied record wise with the Mixed Nuts) at 5-3 received the second seed. The Champion Renegades were lead by Mark Cooper's .720 regular season batting average (minimum of seven games played) while the Mixed Nuts were lead by Sonny Spargo's .769 average. As the playoff finished up, the Renegades were lead by male eddie John Seymour's .724 batting average and Axel Alicea's .769 was the Mixed Nuts leader...Respectively leading their teams in regular season batting average (with a minimum of seven games played) were: Beau Burris (PA Auto Insurance) .667, John Muntz (The Butcher) .676, Jesse Kuiper .679 (Assassins), Chris Walker (Stadium North Bar and Grill) .625. In the "B" division, Chico's Bail Bonds and Warrington Wendy's finished the season tied at 6-2 with Chico's finishing first and Wendy's second for playoff seeding purposes. Chico's offense was paced by Kevin Dryzga's .724 average and Gregg Robinson .625 got the job done for Wendy's (minimum of seven games played). In the playoffs Champs Chico's were lead by David Jones .667 average and Wendy's was

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## Thursday Evening Men's

NBI 3-Season Champions. Snipers, Anthony's Tree Service, and Country Tavern Take B and National Titles.

Thursday Evening Men's began the year divided into an A and B division. At the completion of the Summer season the two divisions were no longer A & B, but American and National with the team alignment scrambled to eliminate a two tier system. No matter what you called the divisions, NBI was the story posting a 23-1 record during the regular seasons and 6-0 in the playoffs. The B/National division was an entirely different story with the #1 seed never winning the championship, six different teams reaching the finals and no repeat winners.

### Spring - A

NBI dominated the league with an 8-0 record and a finals sweep of Vertex Pest Management. So dominant were they that they outscored the league average by 55 runs and allowed half the runs of the next closest team.

Individually, they dominated the stats as well. Of the five .700 hitters in the league, three were on NBI. Similarly, NBI claimed four of the top five home run hitters and three of the top five RBI men. Additionally, the top four run creators were from NBI. Brian Penecale not only won the triple crown (.767 / 7 / 25) but led the league in runs created too.

The top run creators for the individual teams were: NBI: Brian Penecale, 35.81, Country Tavern: Greg Moylan, 22.06, Vertex Pest Management: John Kiefer, 21.4, Thompson VW, Porsche, Audi: Matt Hutcheson, 18.74, Jim

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## Friday Evening Coed

Misfits Tops in Spring and Fall Seasons. RLD Takes Summer Jewel.

### Spring

When the winter snow melted from the spring warmth and the equipment was dusted off, softballs were once again flying through the air. The spring 2011 season started with 8 teams believing they were the top side in the league. When the regular season ended, Thirsty's Beer would be the one seed finishing 6-1 and RLD who was tied record wise (5-3) with the Misfits would be the second seed. Yet when all the games were finished being played, it would be the Misfits who would earn the first Friday Championship of the 2011 year. With Kevin Pritchard leading the way offensively batting .818 during the regular season and .643 through the playoffs, the Misfits swept the Levittown Crush 2 games to none in the Championship Series. The Crush were lead by Gary Thompsons .774 average throughout the regular season and Axel Alicias .545 during the playoffs. Levittown made it to the Championship series defeating Andy's Snack Bar in the first round and Thirsty's Beer in the semi's while the Misfits had to defeat both The Beer Drinkers and RLD to make their way to the finals series...Respectively leading their teams in batting (with at least seven games played) were: Ken Fetterolf .708 (Andy's Snack Bar), Mike DeCristofano .714 (Helio's Data Service), Jeff Uter .818 (Thirsty's Beer), James Rose .600 (The Beer Drinkers), Keith Keppley .690 (RLD), Phil Purchase .630 (Unwanted Softball Players)

### Summer

As the spring turned to summer and the weather heated up, so would the competition as the Misfits looked to defend their Spring Championship. With 8 teams again looking to be crowned number one by seasons end, it would be RLD that ended the season as Champs. While Thirsty's Beer (7-1) and Levittown Crush (tied with the Misfits at 5-3) headed into the playoff as the one and two seeds, respectively, RLD would be the team that swept their way to a Championship (defeating Levittown in two games). Runner-up

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## Softball Change-Up *(Continued from page 1)*

yellow softball.

According to experts in the field, the smooth cover ball will be less affected by wind currents and side spin. This means it should be easier to control for pitchers as well as fielders making throws across the diamond and from the outfield. The rise in compression from 275 to 300 psi should take a little of the bounce off the ball, hopefully bringing about a reduction in nasty hops and fly balls bouncing over the fence for ground rule doubles. The decrease in spin will likely reduce the overall carry, but the added 25 psi compression should more than make up for that.

One thing I've noticed with the 52 COR balls over the past 2 years is that they are affected by temperature in a completely opposite way than the previous ball. Prior to 2010, the ball we used had a 44 COR and a maximum compression of 375 psi. With higher compression and lower COR value, as the temperature drops the ball compression rises and so too the number of home-runs (and dented bats). Spring and fall homerun counts would always be higher than summer. With the new ball (2010, 2011) temperature has just the opposite effect. The hotter it gets, the more flexible the inner core (52 COR) becomes. This inner flex helps the ball compress and adds bounce to the ball

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## Conference Play *(Continued from page 1)*

of how it will work. The American Conference for this spring season will contain the winner of last fall's A division and the winner of last fall's B division. The National Conference for the spring season will contain the runner-up from the fall A division and the runner up from the fall B division. The 3rd place finishers from each fall division will be in the American Conference. The 4th place finishers from each fall division will move to the National Conference. And so on and so forth until the 2 divisions are complete. The American Conference should, in theory, be slightly stronger than the National Conference - effectively affording the non-winners in the National Conference an opportunity at a title.

Each team will play each other team in their respective conference 1 time for a total of 6 conference games. In addition, each team will have 2 inter-conference games. Inter-conference match-ups will be determined by the team seed. The higher seeds in each conference will play the higher seeds in the other conference while the lower seeds in each conference will match up against one another. Each team will have a nice variety of games. The weaker teams will have a weaker schedule and play the majority of their games at the smaller ball field (Hatfield). The stronger teams will have a stronger schedule

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# Players Of The Year

Winners are shaded in gray.

## Player Of The Year / Men's League 2011

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	Pts
<b>Brian Sassano (B)</b>	24	77	47	61	58	15	19	19	25	4	5	20	26	66	86	753	1883	0	0	1054
<b>Brian Penecale (A)</b>	70	275	160	58	193	110	40	25	9	4	1	54	20	190	69	702	1411	19	6	953
<b>Frank Hackett</b>	59	212	134	63	152	99	47	32	15	3	1	18	8	137	65	717	1151	38	15	918
<b>Mike Chwieroth</b>	19	71	40	56	50	20	28	13	18	5	7	12	17	43	61	704	1535	2	3	914
<b>Greg Moylan</b>	23	90	47	52	65	37	41	16	18	5	6	7	8	54	60	722	1244	1	1	857

## Player Of The Year / Coed League 2011

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	Pts
<b>Mike Chwieroth (B)</b>	33	107	68	64	74	31	29	14	13	10	9	19	18	93	87	692	1542	10	9	728
<b>Beau Burris (A)</b>	63	225	119	53	150	53	24	40	18	10	4	47	21	175	78	667	1560	4	2	698
<b>Kevin Pritchard</b>	39	120	66	55	90	52	43	16	13	5	4	17	14	95	79	750	1392	12	9	718
<b>Brian Chester</b>	24	78	54	69	57	27	35	16	21	8	10	6	8	55	71	731	1372	7	8	712
<b>Greg Thompson</b>	23	85	50	59	62	32	38	14	16	6	7	10	12	69	81	729	1388	2	2	693

## Female Eddie Player Of The Year / 2011

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	Pts
<b>Jill Long (fe) (B)</b>	30	104	39	38	53	42	40	4	4	6	6	1	1	40	38	510	692	6	5	678
<b>Christen Flaherty (fe) (A)</b>	69	221	72	33	111	88	40	16	7	6	3	1	0	78	35	502	643	32	13	672
<b>Jess Ruland (fe)</b>	32	104	39	38	44	35	34	4	4	5	5	0	0	25	24	423	558	14	12	554
<b>Jess Puggi (fe)</b>	26	86	31	36	41	33	38	8	9	0	0	0	0	21	24	477	570	0	0	547
<b>Tara Soler (fe)</b>	43	141	24	17	68	62	44	5	4	1	1	0	0	35	25	482	532	8	5	532

## Male Eddie Player Of The Year / 2011

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	Pts
<b>Jeff Huggins (me) (B)</b>	20	84	41	49	59	38	45	9	11	4	5	8	10	60	71	702	1190	7	8	644
<b>Ron Pulli (me) (A)</b>	86	330	184	56	213	143	43	35	11	27	8	8	2	175	53	645	988	15	4	629
<b>Rich Cordisco (me)</b>	21	72	38	53	44	24	33	5	7	6	8	9	13	46	64	611	1222	8	10	609
<b>Steve Campbell (me)</b>	24	80	37	46	51	32	40	6	8	8	10	5	6	48	60	638	1100	1	1	571
<b>Ted Rickner (me)</b>	22	76	34	45	49	32	42	6	8	7	9	4	5	38	50	645	1066	2	3	561

## Player Of The Year / Women's League 2011

<b>Christen Flaherty</b>	14	48	35	73	37	22	46	8	17	5	10	2	4	42	88	771	1271	11	19	1213
<b>Dana Myers</b>	23	81	52	64	56	32	40	14	17	7	9	3	4	62	77	691	1148	12	13	1079
<b>Jill Long</b>	20	67	35	52	45	26	39	11	16	4	6	4	6	46	69	672	1134	10	13	1015
<b>Shanna Lilly</b>	16	50	25	50	33	20	40	11	22	2	4	0	0	35	70	660	960	10	17	965
<b>Becky Canelli</b>	14	46	29	63	26	13	28	10	22	3	7	0	0	21	46	565	913	12	21	853

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with a .690 AVG. But the most impressive offensive performance was that of the Rockets' Dave Dancer (.655 AVG, .667 OBP), who led the league with 8 HR, 28 RBI, 1.655 SLG, and 48 TB and finished 2nd with 19 H and 17 R. Again the top two seeds met in the championship series, and the SBA Ballhounds earned the spring title with a two-game sweep of the Rockets.

B Division East: The Pitch Slappers (7-1) finished the season on top of the B Division East, and were followed by Jabroni Hunters (6-2) and JT Bankers (5-3). On the way to the regular season title, the Pitch Slappers as a team posted a .555 AVG, leading the division in just about every offensive statistical category. It was a coed league record-breaking year for some members of the Slappers: Vince Lehr (.732 AVG) set new single-season marks with 41 AB and 29 1B, and his 30 hits tied a 5-year old record; and Kevin Noble (.725 AVG) set the single-season bar with 42 RBI while leading the division with 24 R, 11 2B, 7 HR, 1.575 SLG, and 63 TB. Other Pitch Slappers also had notable campaigns, including Mike Baranski (.615 AVG, 1.359 SLG, 5 HR, 17 R, 30 RBI, 53 TB) and batting crown-winning male eddie Jeff Huggins (.818 AVG, 1.424 SLG, .824 OBP, 4 HR, 18 R, 28 RBI, 47 TB). The female eddies were led by Fritz's Bakery's Jess Ruland (.621 AVG, .793 SLG). JT Bankers advanced through the playoffs to meet the formidable Pitch Slappers in the final series and actually took the first game before the Slappers bore down and put up the runs in bunches to take the spring championship - it was a truly remarkable season for the Pitch Slappers!

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

.500. Bob Baginski a .733, 21 rbi fall season. Stephanie Thrasher, Sheila March, Brittany McLaughlin are Cobra's eddies..Tom Weinmann always super on the pitcher's mound.

**BOMB SQUAD.**..Managed by CJ Brancato .Bro Bill, Sis Brianna and Pop Carmen is also on the roster."Now that's Amore"!..The Bomb Squad exploded in the spring taking home the spring title!..Bob Argeros & Nate Roman led the team both with a .650 avg. female eddie sensation Jess Puggi sizzled at the plate with a .467 summer & .652 fall, she belted out 5 doubles..Nate Roman, Steve Sable and Bill Cunningham all racked up a .700 fall season.

**ROOS.**The Roos made their monday coed debut in the summer..Mitch Diodato, the head Roo lead his team to a 6-2 record..He also led the way with a .750 avg. Jose Pittman .720 and an impressive 27rbi's..Jose a 2 season 12 HR's. Axel Alicia always a driving force, .692 summer. Faith Borrell an awesome defensive 1st basegirl! Faith a .333, .381 avg.

**NEW AGE.**..In 3 seasons New Age only had a total of 3 wins but the team comes out week after week and enjoys playing the game..Manager Rich Peterson has run the show for years. Jon Logue .706 fall and a 3season 53rbi's!..Neil Herbert, Fred Scales, Mark White round out the cores. Nancy Razzi, Beth Conduit and Maureen Grandzol are the eddies.

**LA Pool's.**..The team is run by Rich Reinheimer and has stayed afloat for years. Mike Cianifci and sis Krissy veteran LA Poolers. Mike led the spring with a .679 and 21 rbi's. Krissy .400, 7rbi's..Cores Greg Reilly, Greg Lavin and Sean Fischer all .667. Greg Lavin 25 rbi's in the spring. Greg Webb performs his backstroke on the mound!

**TOM'S TACKLE SHOP.**..Tom McCarthy the captain of the team reeled in a fall Championship Title!..Matt Refice, Jarrett Neely, Ben Pieczynski, Steve Reichling, Karen Gordon, Lisa Silvestri, Christine Razzi, Roger Sternfeld, Glen Hipple and Joe Sharp were all the starfish of the series..Tom led the team in avg in the spring, .774..Christine a .481 and Matt Refice a .630, 14 rbi summer. Steve Reichling .700 fall..Karen Gordon .391, 1 double, 1 triple, 7 rbi fall season..

**IRISH CAR BOMBS.**..John Toto managed his team to a summer title!..Mike "The Bombanator" Chiweroth exploded for a combined 11 homers & 44 rbi's in the spring & summer. Tara Soler shined with a .708, 12 rbi. Hubby Ben .652 spring..Kevin Pritchard, Dave Dancer, Kevin Mueller and Alex Lilly make up this dangerous hitting squad. Jenn Hicks and Samantha Lane always a contributing factor to the team.

**PUNKS.**..The Punks have been a SBA favorite, fun playing squad for years in SBA. They put 3 games in the win column in the spring..Chris Kebler, Jon Cavet and Patrick Burton are the big guns on the roster..Jon led the fall with a .667, Chris, a .636 13 rbi spring. Tara and Tiffany Derstine do a fine job defensively and offensively.

**THE BATS.**A one season wonder team who went 0-8 in the spring..They hung the bats up after the season ended..Tim Hall and Kyle Shelley were the top core players..female eddie Kellie Hall swung a hot bat racking up a .474 avg.

**CARROLL'S JEWELERS.**..Kevin Shinkunas runs this gem of a team..Their 3

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Straughn Aquarium & Pond Design: Matt Kulp, 16.43, SunScapes: Dan O'Brien, 14.09.

Summer - A

The summer lineup fell to five teams with second place Thompson VW, Porsche, Audi leaving. Otherwise, it was a repeat of the Spring league with NBI again going 8-0 and scoring and yielding only one run more than they did in the Spring. Country Tavern made a move from fourth place to second and gave NBI their only close game in the playoffs all year, losing by three.

Brian Penecale came close to winning the triple crown by leading in home runs (8) and RBI (26), but Frank Hackett was the only .700 hitter in the league and did so easily at .786.

The top run creators for the individual teams were: NBI: Brian Penecale, 32.89, Vertex Pest Management: John Kiefer, 28.56, Country Tavern: Greg Ochs, 18.32, SunScapes: Jesse Kuiper, 17.86, Jim Straughn Aquarium & Pond Design: Kyle Ladden, 12.15.

Fall - American

With the divisions now scrambled and the "A" division now known as American, NBI continued its dominance. However, they did suffer their only defeat of the year finishing at 7-1. Four teams migrated from the "B" division and one of them, Anthony's Tree Service finished second. Jim Straughn Aquarium & Pond Design, an "A" division holdover met NBI in the finals and was dispatched in two identical 27 - 6 games. For the first time, a name other than an NBI member appeared in the triple crown race as Greg Hess from Anthony's Tree Service won the batting title at .778. For the third straight season Brian Penecale led the league in home runs (9) and RBI (30).

The top run creators for the teams were: NBI: Brian Penecale, 40.7, Anthony's Tree Service: Jeff Hess, 26.82, Irish Car Bombs: Mike Chwieroth, 25.84, Jim Straughn Aquarium & Pond Design: Chris Knechel, 18.94, Vertex Pest Management: Matt Schaub, 18.93, Traxx Sports Pub: Jeff Welty, 9.2, Bluestone Bombers: Mitch Colletto, 7.67.

Spring - B

In a division with eight teams, four of them finished with either five or six wins making a real log jam at the top. Anthony's Tree Service prevailed with a 6-1-1 record. However they wouldn't make it to the finals as #2 seed Bluestone Bombers met the surprising #5 seed Snipers for the championship. In a tight three game final, Snipers took home the title.

In the race for the triple crown, Kevin Mueller took two legs leading the league with a .792 average and 23 RBI. But Nick Ventrola and Troy Martzell tied for home run honors with 5.

The top team run creators were: Irish Car Bombs: Kevin Mueller, 25.92,

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B Division West: The PBR All-Stars rolled through the B Division West this spring with a perfect 8-0 record. Crab Cakes (7-1) suffered their only loss to the All-Stars, and Music Spectrum (5-3) placed third. Music Spectrum's roster contained some of the stars of the league, including female eddie Kristin Law (.677 AVG, .806 SLG), who led the league with 18 singles, male eddie Wait Shead, whose .800 AVG and .800 OBP were tops among all players, and core player batting crown-winner Greg Thompson (.759 AVG, 1.414 SLG, 3 HR), whose 22 hits and 22 RBI also led the league. Mike Sheridan (.759 AVG) of the PBR All-Stars shared the batting crown with Thompson and matched his 22 hits while also leading the division with 23 R, 1.448 SLG, .759 OBP, and 42 TB. Team Hunt's 14

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

Schaub 27.81, Porsche of the Main Line: Dave Boice 24.71, Mike's York St Bar & Grill: Keith Keppley 21.97, Philly Soft Pretzel Factory: Tom McCarthy 19.68, Goodfellas: John Kiefer 17.3.

Summer

Mike's continued to feel their oats going into the Summer. Their record improved to 8-0 from their previous fifth place finish. Their dominance was complete as they outscored the next best offensive team, Land Sharks, by 52 runs and allowed the fewest runs as well. Mainline Porsche made a nice move from seventh place up to second place. To complete their domination, Mike's defeated Thompson VW, Porsche, Audi for their second title.

Beau Burris had a big season tying for the lead in home runs (8) with Pat Clark and winning the RBI title with 25. Kurt Keppley led in batting at .783. The individual team leaders in runs created were: Mike's York St Bar & Grill: Beau

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

lead by Mike Downey's .750...Respectively leading their teams in regular season batting average (with a minimum of seven games played) were: Kevin Pritchard (Disabled List) .769, Tim Ford (Jamison Pour House) .682, Mike McHale (me) Gavin's Tavern) .667, Curt Perry (Traxx Sports Pub) .542, Mike Zahradnick (Allied Barton Security) .741, Doug Spier (me), Casey's Saloon and Eatery .636.

Ah yes, summer time, the weather that softball is supposed to be played in. While the "A" division still has a six team division, they find themselves with a new opponent when Stadium Sports North drops out and the Irish Car Bombs take their place. The "B" division also find themselves with a new member with Hipple Ripple replacing Allied Barton Security. The Renegades successfully defended their spring title winning the Championship series over the Mixed Nuts in two games while Jamison Pour House knocked off defending Champs Chico's Bail bonds in three to claim the "B" division title. At seasons end, the "A" division was won by PA Auto Insurance with a record of 7-1, with the Assassins finishing in second with a record of 6-2. The Renegades and the Mixed Nuts had to take the long way to the Finals each winning two games in the first week of playoffs before meeting in the Championship Series. The Renegades were lead in the regular season by Tom Corey .583 average and in the playoffs by Pete Hagan's .714. On the other side of the field, the Mixed Nuts were lead by male eddie, Tom Egitto's .724 and Tom again lead them in the playoffs hitting .667. Respectively leading their teams in regular season batting average (with a minimum of seven games played) were: Jarred Gardner (Pa Auto Insurance Outlet) .813, John Muntz (The Butcher) .588, Jesse Kuiper (Assassins) .750, Kevin Mueller (Irish Car Bombs) .586. With a 6-1-1 record, Jamison Pour House won the regular season "B" division title with Warrington Wendy's placing second at 6-2. So while Jamison only had to win one game to make their way to the finals, Chico's Bail Bond as the three seed had to win an extra game just to get the chance to defend their title. Leading number one Jamison throughout the regular season was Dave Buonomo's .667 and Joe Budaj's .650 lead Chico's. Throughout the playoffs, Jamison's title run was lead by Tom Yezzi's .750 while Chico's playoff leader was Adam Roman hitting .667. Respectively leading their teams in regular season batting average (with a minimum of seven games played) were: John Trippetti (Warrington Wendy's) .700, John Rush (Disabled List) .696, Brad Bolton (Traxx Sports Pub) .652, John Gesser (Gavin's Tavern) .700, Mike Zahradnick (Hipple Ripple) .783, John Schnabel (Casey's Saloon and Eatery) .633

Ahhh, the fall season, when the weather goes from warm and wet to cold and wet (and this year, half the season was played on Saturday). Doing away with the "A" and "B" divisions, SBA had a new look American and National league. In the American League and looking to three peat and win themselves some sweatshirts, was a Renegades team that finished as the three seed behind 8-0 PA Auto Insurance and 7-1 Butcher. To bad it was not to be as the Renegades would lose the Championship Series two games to one to PA Auto Insurance. In the National league the Mixed Nuts would sweep their way to a title. Needing an extra playoff game to even defend their Championship, the Renegades did just that, defeating both the Irish Car Bombs and The Butcher. Meeting them in the Championship Series would be PA Auto Insurance who had to defeat a scrappy Warrington Wendy's team. Leading the Renegades in the regular season (with a minimum of seven at bats) and the playoffs was Axel Alicea hitting a

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leaders. Beau led all in the power departments. His 47 HR's and 175 RBI's were impressive. Congrats to Mike and Beau. Rounding out the coed top 5 are Kevin Pritchard who led all coed players with a .750 batting average, Brian Chester whose .731 batting average enable him to get on base and score a run almost 3/4 of the time (league leading 69%) and Greg Thompson whose .729 average was 3rd best.

Jill Long and Christen Flaherty (now a 7-time POTY winner) each take home POTY honors for the females in the coed leagues. Jill's .510 batting and .692 slugging were league bests. Her RBI% of 38 was tops among the girls. Christen's 111 hits, 16 2-baggers and 6 3-baggers tied or led all. Add in 32 walks and this girl was on base more times than not. Rounding out the top 5 are Jess Ruland (.423/.558), Jess Puggi (.477/.570), and Tara Soler whose .482 batting average was 3rd only to the winning pair. Congrats to the girls.

Jeff Huggins and Ron Pulli each captured a POTY for the older gents (male eddies) in the coed leagues. Jeff's .702 batting was a league best. His 1190 slugging was 2nd best. At a league-leading rate of 71%, Jeff knocked in 60 RBIs in 84 at-bats. Ron led in AB's, Runs, Hits, 2B's, and 3B's. His Run% of 56% was a league best. Rounding out the top 5 are Rich Cordisco whose 1222 slugging was tops, Steve Campbell (.638/1100), and Ted Rickner (.645/1066). Congrats to the male eddie winners.

Along with her coed POTY, Christen Flaherty was also tops among the girls in the women's league. Her .771 batting was, by far, a league best. So, too, was her 1213 slugging. Her timely hitting knocked in a run almost 9 out of 10 times (88%). Once on base, she was able to score 73% of the time. Rounding out the top 5 are Dana Myers (.691/1148) whose Run and RBI percentages were 2nd only to Christen, Jill Long (.672/1134), Shanna Lilly (.660/960), and

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## Post Season Players Of The Year

Winners are shaded in gray.

### Playoff Player Of The Year / Men's League 2011

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	Pts
Frank Hackett	17	58	42	72	43	30	52	6	10	0	0	7	12	38	66	741	1207	9	13	935
Warren Grant	10	30	16	53	22	10	33	7	23	1	3	4	13	20	67	733	1433	5	14	926
Brian Penecale	27	100	58	58	65	32	32	8	8	1	1	24	24	67	67	650	1470	8	7	900
Brian Sassano	11	37	21	57	24	8	22	7	19	3	8	6	16	22	59	649	1486	0	0	862
Nick Gropp	8	34	19	56	21	8	24	6	18	0	0	7	21	23	68	618	1412	3	8	856

### Playoff Player Of The Year / Coed League 2011

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	Pts
Curt Perry (B)	10	32	17	53	22	10	31	2	6	2	6	8	25	34	106	688	1625	2	6	716
Joe Burke (A)	10	33	21	64	24	12	36	3	9	8	24	1	3	22	67	727	1394	1	3	677
Mike Chwieroth	8	28	18	64	21	11	39	4	14	2	7	4	14	11	39	750	1464	2	7	678
Kevin Mueller	10	33	18	55	22	11	33	5	15	1	3	5	15	27	82	667	1333	2	6	650
Dave Dancer	12	38	14	37	26	7	18	8	21	5	13	6	16	28	74	684	1632	0	0	641

### Female Eddie Playoff Player Of The Year / 2011

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	Pts
Christen Flaherty (fe)	18	49	12	24	22	19	39	2	4	0	0	1	2	14	29	449	551	3	6	531
Karen Gordon (fe)	14	49	11	22	22	21	43	1	2	0	0	0	0	12	24	449	469	2	4	485
Nicole Courduff (fe)	9	26	9	35	11	10	38	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	15	423	462	1	4	454
Colleen Gilmartin (fe)	11	30	5	17	12	12	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	27	400	400	2	6	442
Amy Potts (fe)	13	35	4	11	13	12	34	0	0	1	3	0	0	9	26	371	429	1	3	418

### Male Eddie Playoff Player Of The Year / 2011

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	Pts
Steve Campbell (me)	8	21	12	57	18	15	71	3	14	0	0	0	0	9	43	857	1000	3	13	675
Rich Cordisco (me)	11	43	17	40	28	21	49	1	2	3	7	3	7	36	84	651	1023	1	2	576
Tom Egitto (me)	23	78	36	46	55	48	62	5	6	2	3	0	0	28	36	705	821	3	4	550
Ron Pulli (me)	18	64	26	41	39	32	50	4	6	2	3	1	2	22	34	609	781	2	3	488
Dave Gumkowski (me)	8	23	8	35	13	10	43	3	13	0	0	0	0	8	35	565	696	4	15	470

### Playoff Player Of The Year / Women's League 2011

Karen Gordon	2	9	5	56	7	5	56	1	11	0	0	1	11	6	67	778	1222	2	18	916
Christen Flaherty	3	13	5	38	9	4	31	4	31	0	0	1	8	13	100	692	1231	1	7	867
Becky Canelli	3	12	7	58	7	4	33	2	17	1	8	0	0	6	50	583	917	4	25	746
Stephanie Rudolph	3	13	7	54	9	7	54	2	15	0	0	0	0	3	23	692	846	0	0	691
Karol Ann Kinkelin	6	9	4	44	5	5	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	44	556	556	4	31	632

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off the bat. Increased spin is another byproduct of the more flexible core. The ball then travels further.

In 2010, league members banged out 3,141 homeruns. That's a 44% increase from the old ball in 2009. In 2011, the homerun count was 3,031. From that total, 40% were hit in the summer while 30% were hit in each the spring and fall seasons.

According to the powers that be at Trump Softball, finding the right combination of COR and compression is a work in progress. One thing is for sure, the higher the COR value, the lower the impact severity to the body. While getting hit with the new softball isn't going to hurt any less, the ultimate damage produced by the hit will be a lot less. Where in the past a broken bone was the likely result of a hard hit, today it's more of an ugly black and blue mark the size of a large grapefruit. I don't know about you, but I'll take black and blue over broken any day of the week and twice on Sunday.

The women's league will continue to use the 11", 44/375 softball.

Les Greenstein

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2011, there have been a total 468 team championships won. Of all the different team names and sponsors, no name has been on more championship tee shirts and plaques than Gavin's Tavern who's managed to muster up a total of 25 championships over the years. Next in line with 22 titles is the 99 Restaurant. The Muckdogs come in at 3rd on the winner's list with 13 followed by Andy's Snack Bar with 12. The NBI managed to headline 10 championships.

League batting averages and slugging percentages rose nicely for the female and male eddies in 2011. Compared to 2009, male averages/slugging (.485/.595) and female eddie averages/slugging (.282/.301) each rose between 3% and 4%. Men's (.439) and coed core (.510) batting averages dropped a couple of percentage points, but men's slugging jumped from .614 to .634. Core slugging% remained unchanged at .760.

**Milestones**

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batting average and RBI. But Mike Bianco led the league in home runs for the second straight season.

The individual teams best runs creators were: Philly Soft Pretzel: Jamal Covington, 35.99, NBI: Brian Penecale, 31.5, Hitched: Mike Bianco, 25.51, Remax Signature Team Maria Imle: Steve Rosengren, 14.72, Smokin' Aces: Jim Molloy, 13.38, Goodfellas: Victor Millan, 12.38, Demons: Dave Stoneback, Jr., 12.29, Ferraro's Computers: Bob Ferraro, 11.63.

Fall - A

The division remained at eight teams. Ferraro's Computers who had fallen from the middle of the pack to last place, dropped out of the league, but Yellow Jackets, the Spring's second place finisher returned. The Jackets return was not successful as they failed to win a game, scoring the league's fewest runs by far and yielding the most. NBI returned to the top with the leagues best run differential, leading in both offense and defense. Their opponent in the finals would be the Demons, who had languished below .500 for two seasons then moved up from seventh to third place. NBI beat them in two games as none of the A division championship series reached three games the entire year.

Frank Hackett of NBI, led the league in batting at .762. Jamal Covington of the Pretzels, repeated as RBI champ with 19, although he shared the title with Zaki Edwards. Zaki, playing for Hitched took the home run title with six. That meant that Hitched had a home run champion in all three seasons.

By team, the best run creators were: NBI: Brian Penecale, 29.12, Hitched: Zaki Edwards, 25.53, Demons: Jack Fitzpatrick, 17.11, Philly Soft Pretzel: Jamal Covington, 16.76, Remax Signature Team Maria Imle: CJ Snyder, 13, Goodfellas: Steve Mendenhall, 12.49, Smokin' Aces: Steve Reichling, 10.38, Yellow Jackets: Mike Pekach, 7.68.

Spring - B North

Squirrel Murphy's posted the best record at 7 - 1 and led the league in run differential, making them the favorites as the playoffs approached. Their opponent in the finals would be #2 seed No Big Deal. After dropping the first game, No Big Deal came back to win two close games and take the title. The division was competitive as no team failed to win at least two games.

Brian Sassano had a monster season winning the triple crown by batting .720 with 11 home runs and 30 RBI. The 11 home runs and 30 RBI were the most by any B division player in any Sunday B division.

The top run producers by team were: Squirrel Murphy's: Brian Sassano, 38.29, Thunder: Dave Porco, 26.59, No Big Deal: Dave Robbins, 22.89, BALCO: John Schwartz, 21.25, Mixed Nutz: Dave Herbert, 14.16, Roos: Brian Dayton, 14.01, Bulldogs: Mike Suda, 12.35, Philly Ball Busters: Jason Hill, 11.77, Snipers: Rich Strapple, 8.82.

Summer - B North

A new champion would be crowned in the summer with the departure of No Big Deal. All other eight teams remained. Three teams, Squirrel Murphy's, Mixed Nutz and Philly Ball Busters finished in a dead heat at 6 - 2, with Squirrel Murphy's again claiming the #1 seed by virtue of the league's leading defense. Again the Squirrels went three games in the finals, this time against the Ball Busters. But this time they came away with the championship. For the second straight season Brian Sassano won the triple crown, batting .778 with 6 home runs and 22RBI, a very rare feat.

The top team run creators were: Squirrel Murphy's: Brian Sassano, 36.39, Philly Ball Busters: Mike McGoldrick, 18.1, Bulldogs\*: Paul Burtis, 17.52, Snipers: Dave Shannon, 17.51, Roos: Ken Bauldree, 15.78, Mixed Nutz: Brian Fitzgerald, 14.1, BALCO: Tom Lydon, 12.25, Thunder: Chris Day, 11.56.

Fall - B North

The Bulldogs would depart for the East division and were replaced by a new team, No Glove No Love. Last season's top two seeds, Squirrel Murphy's and Mixed Nutz again finished tied at the top with the Nutz winning the tie breaker. The Philly Ball Busters, fresh off a 6 - 2 season and a finals appearance, tumbled all the way to 1 - 7 and last place. Four teams finished at 4 - 4. The Squirrels gobbled up the Nutz in two games for the championship.

The triple crown was won again this season but not by Brian Sassano. Mike Zahradnick batted .862 with 5 home runs and 24 RBI to win the crown. This was the highest batting average of all Sunday B division players all year. Mike batted into only two non-productive outs the entire season.

The top run creators for their respective teams were: Snipers: Mike Zahradnick, 43.58, Roos: Jose Pittman, 29.03, Squirrel Murphy's: Brian Sassano, 28.88, BALCO: John Schwartz, 25.74, No Glove No Love\*: Chris Guant, 18.2, Philly Ball Busters\*: Jason Hill, 16.04, Mixed Nutz\*: Axel Alicea, 15.94, Thunder\*: Kevin Downs, 15.71.

Spring - B East

The East division finished with four teams within one game of first place. The #1 seed, Hattrick's at 6 - 2 did not make it to the finals. That honor went to the #2 and #4 seeds, Skyline Tavern and Christian HVAC. Skyline took Christian HVAC in two games for the title.

Zack Poppelman of Christian HVAC won 2/3 of the triple crown batting .850, a Spring B high for all divisions and swatted 6 home runs. Skyline Tavern's Brian McHale led the league in RBI with 20.

The individual team run creator leaders were: Christian HVAC: Zack Poppelman, 35.55, Pigeon Boyz: Mike Gilbert, 25.44, Hattrick's Sports Bar: Mike Gers, 25.33, Skyline Tavern: Brian McHale, 25.33, Peter Northstars: Jimmy Dempsey, 16.82, Dark Horse: Bryan Reilly, 12.15, Bomb Squad: CJ Brancato, 11.92, Get To The Choppa: Brendan Burrows, 7.95.

Summer - B East

The East underwent big changes in the Summer losing Dark Horse, Chris-

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## Conference Play (Continued from page 4)

and play a majority of their games at the larger ball field (Quarry).

6 of 7 teams in the American Conference will make the post season. Only 5 of 7 in the National Conference will make the post season. This is a matter of logistics. We can only play 7 games between the 2 fields. Because the American should be a slightly tougher conference, they will receive the extra playoff seed.

With conference play, teams will have 3 choices: 1) get better to compete with the better teams. 2) play for the love of the game with friends and hope for a break or 2 come the post season. 3) look elsewhere for a league more suited to their style of play. I sincerely hope all the teams currently in Softball America will be willing to accept one of the first 2 choices, but I am not so naive to think this is a cure-all that makes everyone happy.

I've thought long and hard about how to handle our scheduling future and I truly believe this to be the best course of action for the betterment of the league as a whole. If it turns out not to be, we'll look elsewhere for a solution.

Les Greenstein

## Wednesday Evening Coed (Continued from page 5)

smooth .714 (regular) and .733 (playoffs). Jarred Gardner's .733 led PA Auto Insurance in the regular season and he also clubbed his way to a team best .909 through the playoffs...Respectively leading their teams in batting average (with a minimum of seven at bats) were: Vito Nigro (Jamison Pour House) .583, Steve Bucher (Warrington Wendy's) .708, Mike Chwieroth (Irish Car Bombs) .679, John Muntz (The Butcher) .760, Eddie Miele (Traxx Sports Pub) .500. In the National league, the Mixed Nuts found themselves alone on top at 5-1-2 while both the Disabled List and the Assassins finished the season tied at 5-1-1 with the Disabled List being rewarded the second seed for the playoffs. The Mixed Nutz did as they were supposed to do winning their game to move onto the Championship Series defeating Chico's Bail Bonds. On the other half of the bracket, the Assassins would knock off the Disabled list to earn their birth in the Championship Series as well. Leading the Mixed Nutz during the regular season was male eddie, Tom Egitto's .667 and Keith Keppley's .909 took the playoff honors. For the Assassins, male eddie Ron Pulli's .800 paced the offense in the regular season while Jesse Kuiper .833 did the trick throughout the playoffs...Respectively leading their teams in batting average (with a minimum of seven at bats) were: Bryan Bart (Chico's Bail Bonds) .708, Tom Moyer (Disabled List) .821, Mike Dura (Casey's Saloon and Eatery) .652, Dave Shannon (Hipple Ripple) .645, John Gessner (Gavin's Tavern) .783.

Randy Helsman

## Monday Evening Coed (Continued from page 5)

season record was 5-3, 5-3 and 6-2..Kevin Dryzga led the offensive in the spring with a .821 avg. Bryan Bart & Larry Lopiccolo was a close second with a .750 & .741..Curt Perry 3 season 46 rbi's & 18 homers..Trista DeLuca banged out a .304 fall avg. Eliot Ridgeway works his magic on the pitcher's mound..

SBA BALLHOUNDS..The Sunday coed Ballhounds made the leap to monday's in the fall season..The team is managed by Vicki Ponente..The Sunday hounds that followed were Brian Sauers, Dan Vescovi, Wayne Jerdan and Dave Gumkowski..Brian led the team with a .885, 3 hr's and 18rbi's..Rich Romeo, Chris Knechel, John Andres, Matt Nixon, Carlos Guzman, Craig Henderson, Samantha Pittman, Kristi Rosa and Shanna Lilly make up the roster..John Andres had a .700 , 23 rbi season..Kristi led the ladies with a .423.The Ballhounds had a 6-2 record in their Monday coed debut..

MAIZE..It's the one and only Amazing farmer Bob and his Garges gang!..m/e sensation Tom Egitto led the spring with a .862 avg. Tom also made hay in the summer with a .591 Core player Mike Richardson always consistent at the plate with a .700, .680 & .542 avg. Keith Bellinger a fine spring with a .762..Janice Tansits, Karol Ann Kinkelin, Katie Shallcross and Colleen Holes round out the roster...hee-haw!!

MAVERICKS..Giddy-up! Here comes the Mavericks!..Joe Gross the manager who wears the white hat lassoed his team with a 5-2-1, 4-4 and 3-5 three season record..Core player Bill Shipe had an outstanding spring with an .800, 11 rbi's. Kevin Gessner was right there with a .762..Not to be out shined by his bro, John Gessner racked up a .609, .630 & .640 3 season..Phil Purchase .750, 19 rbi fall..Jeff Jones banged out 4 homers in the summer. Nick & Joanne Mancini and Stephanie Raieta are the Mavericks eddies..

TYNDALE FLAMES..The team battled in the spring and summer and took a hiatus in the fall..The team is led by Chris Fuller..Flames had a 3-5 spring and a 6-2 summer record..Tom Moyer led in the spring in avg. with a .667 and 5 homeruns..male eddie Terry Leach .630 spring..Chris Fuller bat was hot in the summer with a .767, 5 home-run and 22 rbi's. Eddies, Andrea Mory and Jillian McDonald, a .421, 400 summer season.

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 and ONLY when it negatively impacts them.

Our league commissioner and all 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

**Softball Rules Myths** (Continued from page 1)

**If a batted ball hits the plate first it's a foul ball.**  
Home plate is in fair territory and a ball that first hits the plate is fair/foul based upon where it settles or is first touched.

**The batter may not switch batter's boxes after two strikes.**  
The batter may switch at any time in the count as long as she does not switch sides once the pitcher is on the rubber.

**The batter who batted out of order is the person declared out.**  
The batter who should have been at bat is the person declared out. Example: Able, Baker, Charlie due up. Baker bats in the place of Able and gets a base hit. Charlie then comes to the plate. The defense calls time and points out to the umpire that Baker batted out of turn before the next batter receives a pitch. The umpire will then declare Able out, remove Baker from the bases and it is now Baker's time at bat again. If Charlie received a pitch (legal or illegal) before the defensive appeal, Baker's time at bat would have been legitimized, making Charlie the correct batter. Able would have to wait until the next time around to bat again.

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**Most Valuable Players / Summer 2011**

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

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
<b>A</b> <b>Core</b> <b>B</b>	Brian Penecale Frank Hackett <b>Jamal Covington</b> Mike Bianco  <b>Brian Sassano</b> Dan Wehlau Greg Wyckoff Jeff Sywulak Keith Medveckus Matt McCleary Milton Hernandez Nick D'Angelo Tad Schantz	Axel Alicea Beau Burris Jeff Price <b>Keith Keppley</b> Matt Nixon  Bob Volpacchio Dave Dancer Jack Ayling Kevin Jacoby <b>Matt Quinn</b> Mike Richardson Mike Suda	Fred Scales Jesse Kuiper Mike DeCristofano Mike Tareila Rob Johnson <b>Warren Grant</b>  Chris Fuller Curt Perry Jose Pittman Michael McLaughlin <b>Mike Chwieroth</b>	<b>Beau Burris</b> Brian Penecale Chris VanLuvanee Dan Hayes John Krebs Keith Keppley Kurt Keppley Mark Bernacki	Andrew Kovach Beau Burris Ben Pieczynski <b>Jarred Gardner</b> Jesse Kuiper Mike Chwieroth  Dave Buonomo John Rush John Trippetti <b>Mike Downey</b> <b>Mike Zahradnick</b>	Bill Yokobosky <b>Brian Penecale</b> <b>Frank Hackett</b> John Kiefer Matt Schaub  Dom Ripa Fran Flanagan Jason Fisher Jason Hillenbrand <b>Mike Chwieroth</b> Ray Pantano Rob McKenna	Beau Burris <b>Jake Seymour</b> James Rose Jeff Uter John Muntz Tom McCarthy
<b>A</b> <b>Male</b> <b>Eddie</b> <b>B</b>		Ed Doyle Jr. <b>Ron Pulli</b> Tim O'Shea  Dave Gumkowski Jeff Huggins Nick Mancini Rich Cordisco Ron Kulp <b>Tom Egitto</b> Wayne Jerdan	Bill Roth Ron Arrighy <b>Ron Pulli</b> Tim O'Shea  Mike McHale <b>Nick Mancini</b> <b>Terry Leach</b> Tom Egitto		Bill Roth Bob Cusano Rick Sturgis Ron Pulli Tim O'Shea <b>Tom Egitto</b>  Doug Spier Mark Smith Mike McHale Rick Winters <b>Steve Campbell</b>		Bernie Marsh John Seymour Paul Harvan Ron Pulli <b>Tim O'Shea</b> Wayne Haas
<b>A</b> <b>Female</b> <b>Eddie</b> <b>B</b>		<b>Christen Flaherty</b> Jamie Burns Kelly Neill  <b>Aubrey Baranski</b> Christina Portelli Jackie Himes <b>Katie Shallcross</b> Kris Glashoff Nikki Needham Stef Croasmun	<b>Kerri Schlack</b> Sarah Jacoby Tara Soler  Andrea Mory <b>Jen Hicks</b> Jillian McDonald <b>Karen Gordon</b> Lisa Silvestri Megan Gorman	<b>Tuesday Women</b>  <b>Christen Flaherty</b> Christine Razzi Dana Myers Karol Ann Kinkelin Leanie O'Donnell Shanna Lilly Stephanie Thrasher Tara Soler	<b>Christen Flaherty</b> Jess Morak Lora Hooven Tara Soler Theresa Groves Trish Traub  Amy Walter <b>Dawn Bieber</b> Dawn Powadzki Jill Long		Brittany Ullman Christine Razzi <b>Dana Myers</b> Lisa Silvestri Stephanie Thrasher



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

HR were twice as many as any other team, their lineup including sluggers Chad Dooley (division-leading 4 HR), Anthony Hunt (3 HR), and Damien Reilly (3 HR). The top two seeds, PBR All-Stars and Crab Cakes proceeded through the playoffs to the championship series, where the Crab Cakes absolutely blitzed the All-Stars 25-1 in game 1, and cruised to a championship title in game 2 on the hot playoff bats of Jeff Perrone (.857 AVG, 2.000 SLG), Ryan Clancy (.889 AVG, 1.444 SLG), and Brett Woosnam (.875 AVG, 1.125 SLG).

### SUMMER

The summer season was marked by exceedingly hot stretches and prolonged by exceptionally wet periods, including Hurricane Irene on August 28. But there was softball through it all, as the league ranks swelled to 30 teams.

A Division: In the summer, it was the usual customers battling it out for the regular season title in the A Division: Been There Done That (6-2) edged out Gavin's Tavern (6-2) for the top spot on the tiebreak, and Renegades (5-3) placed 3rd. Keith Keppley of Gavin's Tavern added another batting crown to his collection with a crisp .900 AVG, and also led the league with 1.700 SLG and .885 OBP. Teammate Beau Burris (.759 AVG, 1.690 SLG) was no doubt happy to have Keith on-base so often, as he led the division with 22 hits, 6 HR, 28 RBI, and 49 TB. Christen Flaherty (.545 AVG, .727 SLG, .565 OBP) improved on her spring campaign, and male eddies Tim O'Shea (.655 AVG, .688 OBP) and Ron Pulli (.667, 1.190 SLG) also impressed. Gavin's Tavern narrowly defeated Renegades to advance to the finals to meet Been There Done That, who eliminated Tom's Tackle Shop Sharks to earn their berth. The finals played out excitingly, with the series split after two games each decided by one run, but it was Been There Done That who came out on top, and Gavin's Tavern had to be content with another 2nd place finish.

B Division North: The B Division North saw a logjam at the top, with three of the eight teams finishing with a 6-2 record. The tiebreak put the Rockets in 1st, Phanatics in 2nd, and Crackers in 3rd. Dave Dancer (.733 AVG, 1.633 SLG) continued his offensive domination of the division for the Rockets, leading the league with 22 hits, 8 2B, 5 HR, 20 R, and 49 TB. Mike Richardson (.783, 1.522 SLG, .792 OBP) of Crackers claimed the batting title. A group of male eddies including Tom Egitto (.765 AVG, 1.118 SLG), Wayne Jerdan (.684 AVG, .727 OBP), Jeff Huggins (.619 AVG, 1.286 SLG), and Nick Mancini (.632 AVG, 1.158 SLG) swung hot bats through the summer, as did female eddies Christina Portelli (.545 AVG, .565 OBP) and Katie Shallcross (.517 AVG, .563 OBP). The 3-seeded Crackers knocked off the Ball Brawlers and 2-seeded Phanatics to earn a finals berth, while the 5-seeded SBA Ballhounds topped the 1-seeded Rockets in their path to the finals. The Ballhounds took two close games over the Crackers, aided by the hot post-season bat of Tom Egitto (.875 AVG, 1.125 SLG, .900 OBP), for their second championship title in two seasons.

B Division East: The Irish Car Bombs (6-1-1) narrowly took the regular season title, finishing a half-game ahead of JT Bankers (6-2), with Hot Shots (5-3) and Jerzees Elite (5-3) close behind. The high-scoring Jerzees Elite offense (117 R) was powered by Matt McCleary (.531 AVG, 1.313 SLG), who led the division with 7 HR, 17 R, 20 RBI, and 42 TB. The batting title went to the Bomb Squad's Jack Ayling, who was tops with a sparkling .895 AVG, 1.789 SLG, and .905 OBP. Rich Cordisco (.650 AVG, 1.250 SLG) of JT Bankers was a head above the other male eddies, while teammate Stef Croasmun (.538 AVG, .586 OBP) and Irish Car Bombs's Kris Glashoff (.529 AVG, .588 SLG) led the female eddies. The final series was a three-game battle in which JT Bankers triumphed over Jerzees Elite for the summer championship, with the solid playoff hitting of Mike Moore (.786 AVG, 1.143 SLG, .824 OBP, 1 HR) making the difference.

B Division West: The Masterbatters (8-0) blew away the B Division West in the summer season, finishing two and a half games ahead of second place Team Hunt (5-2-1). Matt Quinn was an offensive juggernaut for BDF Welding, Inc., hitting 7 HR, a total greater than that of five of the other seven teams in the division! Matt led the division in almost all categories with 28 hits, 19 extra-base hits, 35 RBI, .824 AVG, 1.884 SLG, .824 OBP, and 64 TB. His 22 R were second to Bob Volpaccchio (.769 AVG, 1.077 SLG, .818 OBP), who scored 26 R for Fritz's Bakery during a notable season of his own. John Razzi led male eddies with a .560 AVG, .760 SLG, and .633 OBP. Krista Brigidi drew 10 BB on her way to a .567 OBP, and Jackie Himes turned in a .522 AVG to lead the women. The top two seeds advanced through the playoffs to the championship series, where Team Hunt dealt the Masterbatters their first loss of the summer. Though the 'Batters took game 2, Team Hunt rode the smoking playoff bat of Gary Ehly (.857 AVG, 1.357 SLG, 1 HR) in the decisive final game to the summer title.

### FALL

The fall season came with a slight realignment of some of the divisions, as the A Division and B Division North became the American and National Conferences.

American Conference: The fall season also saw the formation of a powerful new team, the Famous Eddies (6-2), who stormed the American Conference, racking up an impressive 142 runs. But Tom's Tackle Shop (6-2) held the tiebreak and were thus the regular season champions. The Renegades (5-3) also had a successful regular season campaign. The Famous Eddies were led by batting champion Clarke Farrell (.759 AVG, 1.448 SLG, 12 2B, 42 TB), the legendary Warren Grant (.667 AVG, 1.333 SLG, 3 HR, 31 RBI, 44 TB), and Mark Bernacki (.742 AVG, 1.097 SLG, 24 R). Axel Alicea of the Renegades led the power hitters with 5 HR, and teammate Allison Matz (.500 AVG, .563 SLG, .556 OBP) posted strong numbers. In the semifinals, the Renegades bounced the Famous Eddies and faced off against Tom's Tackle Shop Sharks, who had defeated the 4-seeded SBA Ballhounds, ending their hopes for a third title in 2011. The 2/3 series was a rather one-sided affair, with the Renegades outscoring the Sharks 37-6 in the 2-game sweep behind Jake Seymour's strong playoff performance (.692 AVG, 1.538 SLG, 3 HR).

National Conference: No team matched up well against Gavin's Tavern (8-0), as the Rockets (5-3) finished 3 games back in 2nd place. Gavin's Tavern's offense was again led by Beau Burris (.708 AVG), who led the conference with 1.750 SLG, 7 HR, and 26 RBI. Teammate Christen Flaherty (.500 AVG, .650 SLG, .593 OBP)

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## Softball Rules Myths *(Continued from page 8)*

**A runner is out if he/she slaps hands or high-fives other players after an over the fence homerun.**

A runner is only out if a player (who is not a runner) or coach physically assists a player in running the bases.

**A runner is out if he/she runs out of the baseline to avoid a fielder who is fielding a batted ball.**

A runner is declared out for running out of the baseline if, and only if, he/she is trying to avoid a tag by a fielder with the ball.

**If a fielder holds a fly ball for 2 seconds or more it's a catch.**

Time matters not. In the judgment of the umpire, the fielder must hold the ball long enough to prove complete control for a legal catch to be declared. It is not a catch if a fielder drops the ball as a result of a collision or falling to the ground.

**Tie goes to the runner.**

As much as people might believe this to be myth, it is truth. Rule 8, Section 2B of the ASA Official Rules of Softball reads, 'A batter-runner is out when after hitting a fair ball the batter-runner is legally put out before reaching first base'. Rule 8, Section 7C states, 'A runner is out when, on a force play, a fielder contacts the base while holding the ball or tags the runner before the runner reaches the base'. Notice that in both cases the liability on the defense to put the runner out BEFORE the runner reaches base is made very clear. Many times the ball and the runner reach first base at the same time. That being the case, one MUST conclude the put-out was NOT made BEFORE the runner reached the base. Therefore, by the letter of the written rule, the runner must be safe. Moral of the story - tie goes to the runner.

Les Greenstein

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

Levittown was led offensively by Gary Thompson in the regular season batting .765 but when it came to playoff time it was male eddie, Tom Egitto leading the way batting .778. On the other side, Champions RLD were led by Chris Courdoff blasting a .909 batting average throughout the playoffs while Beau Burris batted .615 through the regular season... Respectively leading their teams in batting (with at least seven games played) were: Tom McCarthy .684 (Andy's Snack Bar), Paul Harvan .522 (Helio's Data Service), Jake Seymour .690 (Misfits), Jeff Uter .633 (Thirsty's Beer), James Rose .677 (The Beer Drinkers), Derrick West .571 (Unwanted Softball Players)

### Fall

Down to the last season of the year, the fall is always an interesting time due to the weather. This year was no different as plenty of rain caused more than one game to be made up on Saturdays. Even the change of days couldn't slow down the Misfits becoming the fall Champions. RLD and the Misfits both finished the season 7-1 making them the one and two seeds for the playoffs and that would prove to make a difference since both teams only had to win one game each to make it to the Championship Series. The Misfits were up first and would defeat Andy's Snack Bar, directly after, RLD would defeat Levittown Crush to set up a showdown of the top two teams from the regular season. A hard fought best of three series would go the distance and find The Misfits coming out on top. Throughout the regular season the Misfits were led by Steve Reichling's .826 and Beau Burris lead the way for RLD hitting .731. When it came to the playoffs, Joe Burke lead the Misfits batting .700 and Beau Burris again lead the way for RLD hitting .636... Respectively leading their teams in batting (with at least seven games played) were: Jarret Neely .741 (Andy's Snack Bar), Mike Suda .696 (The Beer Drinkers), Mike DeGuida .591 (Helio's Data Service), Tom Egitto .714 (Levittown Crush), Jeff Uter .667 (Thirsty's Beer), CJ Windish .636 (Unwanted Softball Players)

Congratulations to all our Champs, Spring and Fall: Misfits, Summer: RLD.

Randy Helsman

## Players Of the Year *(Continued from page 6)*

Becky Canelli (565/913). Congrats girls!

The playoffs can often bring out the best in a lot of players. Frank Hackett is no exception. His 741 batting average was a men's league post season best. His ability to get on base and score runs was bettered by no one (72%) and his RBI% of 66 was right there among the best in the league. Congrats to Frank on a fine post season and PPOTY winner. Rounding out the top 5 are Warren Grant (733/1433), who is certainly no stranger here, POTY winners Brian Penecale (650/1470) and Brian Sassano (649/1486), and Nick Gropp (618/1412). Congrats guys!

On the coed side of things, post season standout Curt Perry and Joe Burke take home PPOTY honors. Curt's post season slugging% of 1625 was 2nd best and he knocked in more than a run every time to the post season plate. Joe Burke (727/1394) tied for the coed post season lead in scoring runs at a clip of 64%. Rounding out the top 5 are POTY winner Mike Chwieroth (750/1464), Kevin Mueller (667/1333), and Dave Dancer whose 1632 slugging was a coed post season best. Congrats to all the coed league standouts.

To go with her POTY titles in both the coed leagues and women's league, Christen Flaherty can now add, for a 5th time, female eddie coed league post season PPOTY. Christen led in batting (449), slugging (551), and RBI% (29). Karen Gordon had a fine coed post season batting 449 and slugging 469. Rounding out the top 5 are Nicole Courduff (423/462), Col-

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## Tuesday Evening Men's (Continued from page 5)

Burris 35.23, Land Sharks: John Krebs 24.07, Preventive Maintenance Systems: Pat Clark 23.94, Thompson VW Porsche Audi: Mark Bernacki 21.88, Vertex Pest Management: Matt Schaub 20.98, Goodfellas: Tom Egitto 12.94, Philly Soft Pretzel Factory: Jarett Young 12.02, Porsche of the Main Line: Christian Scott 10.7.

### Fall

Once again there was carry over from the previous season. Thompson VW had moved from sixth place in the Spring to the finals in the Summer. Now they finished in first with a 7-1 record and swept Philly Soft Pretzel Factory in two lopsided games for the championship. Goodfellas, who had only won three games all year moved out of last place to the middle of the pack with a 4-4 record. Mike's missed out on sweatshirts by finishing third.

Brian Penecale returned to triple crown contention by winning home runs with six and tying Matt Homka with 20 RBI. Matt Kulp led the league in batting at .789. The top run creators by team were: Thompson VW Porsche Audi: Brian Penecale 31.49, Philly Soft Pretzel Factory: Jamal Covington 22.28, Porsche of the Main Line: Dave Boice 20.15, Mike's York St Bar & Grill: Mike Brown 19.21, Goodfellas: Matt Kulp 16.21, Vertex Pest Management: Matt Schaub 15.58, Land Sharks: John Krebs 14.76, Preventive Maintenance Systems: Glen Hipple 9.23.

Bob Cusano

## Statistics (Continued from page 6)

Any player that reaches a career plateau of 500 or 1,000 career runs, career hits and career RBI's shall earn a 500 or 1,000 Triple Crown award.

Rob McKenna, Rich Beck, Bill Yokobosky, Keith Keppley, Jim Weiss, Steve Derrah, Cal Bohannon, and Mike Brown each managed to earn a men's league TC500 in 2011.

Coed league winners include Tim O'Shea, Ron Pulli, Beau Burris, Jarred Gardner, Bob Baginski, and Chris Courduff.

Personalized commemorative plaques will be awarded to each in recognition of their accomplishments.

Only one player in the history of the league had managed to earn a Triple Crown in both the men's and coed leagues. That milestone was reached by Rob Johnson in 2010. Move over, R.J. You have company in the double triple club. Keith Keppley now joins R.J. on that exclusive and very short list.

In the men's league, Andy Smallman (1244) and Steve Beagelman (1242) are neck and neck as the league's all-time hit leaders. The most prolific hitter of all-time is Frank Hackett who tops all with a 681 lifetime batting average. Brian Penecale carries the all-time HR lead with 214 and Jarred Gardner's slugging percent is by far the league's all-time best.

John Razzi has a stranglehold on the coed hits lead with 2085, 250 better

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## Most Valuable Players / Fall 2011

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	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
A Core B	A Division <b>Brian Penecale</b> Frank Hackett Jack Fitzpatrick Jamal Covington <b>Zaki Edwards</b>	<u>Amer Conference</u> Axel Alicea <b>Mark Bernacki</b> Mike Christendoal <b>Warren Grant</b> <u>Natl Conference</u> <b>Beau Burris</b> Dave Dancer Jeff Uter Kevin Jacoby Matt McReynolds Mike Suda  <u>B Division</u> <b>Eddie Gurt</b> Eric Gremager Greg Thompson Lonnie Snyder Scott Ramirez	<u>Amer Conference</u> <b>Jose Pittman</b> <b>Bill Cunningham</b> Greg Lavin <b>John Muntz</b> Nate Roman Phil Purchase Rob Johnson  <u>Natl Conference</u> Bob Baginski <b>Brian Sauers</b> Bryan Bart Chris Knechel John Andres Kevin Dryzga	<b>Bill Yokobosky</b> <b>Brian Penecale</b> Frank Hackett Jamal Covington Mark Bernacki Mike Brown	<u>Amer Conference</u> <b>Andrew Kovach</b> Axel Alicea Chris Cusano Jarred Gardner Mike Chwieroth Ryan Parfitt  <u>Natl Conference</u> Dan Keller Dave Shannon Jesse Kuiper John Gessner Keith Medveckus Sonny Spargo <b>Tom Moyer</b>	<u>Amer Conference</u> <b>Brian Penecale</b> Jamal Covington Jeff Hess Kevin Mueller Mike Chwieroth  <u>Natl Conference</u> <b>Greg Moylan</b> Jesse Kuiper Matt Homka Rich Hosbach Rob McKenna Ryan Whitmarsh	Axel Alicea Beau Burris <b>Chris VanLuvanev</b> Mark Cooper Ron Hopkins Ryan Parfitt
	A Male Eddie B	<u>Amer Conference</u> <b>Clarke Farrell</b> Jeff Huggins Ron Bannister Ron Pulli Tim O'Shea Tom Egitto  <u>Natl Conference</u> Bernie Marsh <b>Ed Doyle Jr.</b> Jim Perkins Paul Harvan Ray Brittingham, Jr.  <u>B Division</u> Gary Dever Jay Harrar Rich Cordisco <b>Ted Rickner</b> William Ramirez	<u>Amer Conference</u> <b>Nick Mancini</b> Ed Landau Ron Arrighy Ron Kulp Ron Pulli  <u>Natl Conference</u> Alex Page Bill Roth Dave Gumkowski Keith Bellinger <b>Tom Egitto</b> Tom Weinmann	<u>Amer Conference</u> Bob Cusano John Seymour Mike Jeffrey <b>Rick Sturgis</b> Steve Campbell  <u>Natl Conference</u> Alex Page Doug Spier <b>Ron Pulli</b> Terry Leach Tim O'Shea Tom Egitto	Bill Martino Joe Sharp John Seymour Paul Harvan <b>Ron Pulli</b>		
A Female Eddie B	<u>Amer Conference</u> <b>Allison Matz</b> Angie Huggins <b>Donna Finlayson</b> Stephanie Raieta  <u>Natl Conference</u> Carol Homa <b>Christen Flaherty</b> Katie Shallcross Kerri MacNeal Lora Hooven Pam O'Connor Shanna Lilly  <u>B Division</u> <b>Jill Long</b> Kristen Colella Martha Suder Rose Motley Wendy King	<u>Amer Conference</u> <b>Jess Puggi</b> Kerri Schlack Nikki Martella Shannon Marriner  <u>Natl Conference</u> Karen Gordon <b>Kelly Workman</b> Kristi Rosa Vanessa Myers	<b>Tuesday Women</b>  <b>Dana Myers</b> Diane Jannotti Jill Long LeeAnn Kramer Nicole Courduff Shanna Lilly  <u>Amer Conference</u> <b>Christen Flaherty</b> Dawn Powidzki Heather Bintliff Jamie Burns Samantha Lane Shanna Lilly  <u>Natl Conference</u> Angie Wehlau Christine Razzi <b>Jill Long</b> Stacey O'Shea Stephanie Raieta <b>Terry Ryan</b>	Christen Flaherty Kelly Neill Steph Raieta Allie Matz Stephanie Thrasher <b>Nicole Courduff</b> <b>Dana Myers</b>			

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tian HVAC and Get to the Choppa, but gaining Callahan Auto, Big Dogs and Crusaders. But the biggest move was by Pigeon Boyz, who went from a losing record to 7 – 1 and a first place finish. Although Skyline Tavern improved by one game to 7 – 1, they still finished second again. Hatrick's fell to the middle of the pack. Skyline and Pigeon Boyz split one run games in the finals, Skyline totally dominated the Boyz in the third game for their second title of the year.

Mike Snyder form the new Callahan Auto team led the league in batting at .737 while Matt Grill of Peter Northstars took home run and RBI honors with 7 and 23. It was unusual that the triple crown category leaders came from teams in the bottom half of the standings.

The top run creators for their teams were: Skyline Tavern 1: Frank Foye, 26.27, Pigeon Boyz\*: Mike Gilbert, 25.44, Hatrick's Sports Bar\*: Bob Oswald, 22.83, Peter Northstars: Matt Grill, 21.15, Bomb Squad: Gary Konefal, 19.73, Callahan Auto\*: Mike Snyder, 14.49, Big Dogs: Mark Walsh, 11.4, Crusaders: Matt Shields, 5.6.

### Fall – B East

The division swelled to 10 teams in the fall with the addition of two more taverns. New were Skyline Tavern 2 and Hawkeye's Tavern. Without a doubt the biggest surprise was that Pigeon Boyz fell from first to last. On the other hand Bomb Squad, who had jumped from fifth to third place last season, jumped again from third to first place. The new Skyline Tavern 2 finished second, running away with offensive honors, outscoring the rest of the division by a wide margin. Defending champs, Skyline Tavern fell to fourth place. Sixth place Christian HVAC who had scored 99 runs but yielded 97 got hot at the right time and advanced to the finals against #1 seed Bomb Squad. After splitting the first two games, the Cinderella story ended as Bomb Squad prevailed for the championship.

JJ Wunderlich of the champion Bomb Squad led the league in batting at .769 while Skyline Tavern 2's Nick D'Angelo captured both the home run and RBI titles with 7 and 23.

Individual team run creators were: Skyline Tavern 2: Nick D'Angelo, 32.96, Bulldogs: Mike Suda, 26.15, Bomb Squad: JJ Wunderlich, 25.83, Peter NorthStars: Matt Gibbons, 24.11, Pigeon Boys: Tom Ivers, 23.73, Christian HVAC: Jeff Tragone, 23.7, Callahan Auto: Alex Hejazi, 21.39, Skyline Tavern 1: Brian McHale, 15.85, Hawkeye's Tavern: Jessie Unangst, 13.57, Hatrick's: Josh Steff, 11.48.

### Spring – B West

Now this is the way a league should be. The top team, DTA, posted a 5 – 3 record, while the worst team, Dirty Dozen went 3 – 5. Every league director's dream. Oddly enough, despite the even competition, there were no upsets in the playoffs and the #1 and #2 seeds, DTA and Fat Kids, met in the finals. DTA swept the finals for the crown.

Gary Thompson of DTA led the league with a .692 batting average. Fat Kids' Shaun Hockel took the home run crown with 4. The RBI title was split three ways at 14 between Gary Thompson and Sabres teammates Sean Degnan and Paul Chiconski.

The top team run creators were: Nationwide Residential Mortgage: Brian Moyer, 8.18, Fat Kids: Angelo Verillo, 10.13, Team Toyota: Sean Pinkerton, 10.67, Dirty Dozen: Jason Thackray, 16.99, Doom Cats: Matt Hatch, 17, Sabres: Sean Degnan, 19.2, DTA: Gary Thompson, 23.17.

### Summer – B West

Gone was the picture perfect division of the Spring. The division was turned upside down and inside out. Three new teams, Skyline Tavern 2, Rim Rider and Hawks swept the top three positions. Last season's champs, DTA, finished eighth and finalist Fat Kids finished sixth. When the dust cleared Skyline were champs.

The triple crown was split between Doom Cat Milton Hernandez who hit a lofty .810 and Skyline Tavern 2's Nick D'Angelo who blasted 8 home runs and drove in 25 runs.

The top team run creators were: Fat Kids: Matt McGinnis, 13.91, Doom Cats\*: Milton Hernandez, 13.94, Nationwide Residential Mortgage: Jim Keller, 20.12, Hawks: Brian Sexton, 20.34, Dirty Dozen: Tad Schantz, 22.51, Rim Riders: Paul Chiconski, 25.61, DTA: Greg Wyckoff, 27.06, Skyline Tavern 2: Nick D'Angelo, 31.87.

### Fall – B West

The Fall version of the West bore little resemblance to the Spring division where 2 games separated first and last place. An influx of five new teams changed the nature of the division and once again a new team was the #1 seed. No longer dead even, teams finished with 0,1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7 losses. Newcomer Steps to Recovery was the only Sunday team besides NBI, in the A division, to complete an 8 – 0 regular season. But the regular season is one thing and the playoffs are another. Despite holding a huge run differential over the rest of the league, STR never made the finals. Jabroni Hunters defeated fourth place newcomer Bad News Bears for the title.

The triple crown categories were split by three players. Joe Williams of Steps to Recovery took the batting title with a .765 title. The home run title went to Nationwide Residential Mortgage's Jim Keller with 5. Jabroni Hunter Matt McCleary's 20 RBI were enough to lead the league.

The top team run creators were: Jabroni Hunters: Matt McCleary, 23.46, Hawks: Justin Miller, 20.61, Steps to Recovery: Matt Foreman, 20.18, Fat Kids: Shaun Hockel, 15.93, Nationwide Residential Mortgage: Jim Keller, 15.04, Bad News Bears: Mo Rodriguez, 14.64, Doom Cats: Keith Hernandez, 14.61, Balls Deep: Gene Walczak, 12.45, Amber Inn: Brian Demby, 10.07.

### Spring – B South

The South consisted of 7 teams. Two played good defense, two average and three yielded about 17 runs per game. As you would expect Shamrocks,

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Brew Crew: Troy Martzall, 24.03, Master Baiters Tackle Shop: Dave Yates, 23.71, Anthony's Tree Service: Jason Fisher, 21.6, Snipers: Nick Ventrola, 19.05, Winding Brook Farm: Bob Kahil, 17.82, Bluestone Bombers: Frank Guido, 16.68, Ball Taps: Chris Weaver, 10.3.

### Summer - B

In the Summer the league swelled to nine teams. Gone were Winding Brook Farm and Ball Taps. New additions were Traxx Sports Pub, Doom Cats and Jaeger Bombs. Master Baiters Tackle Shop, who had previously finished fourth, finished with the best record at 7–1 and the new Traxx team settled in at #2. The biggest move was the Bluestone Bombers falling from 6–2 to 2–6. Anthony's Tree Service, last season's #1 seed, vindicated them selves by g r a b - bing the title from this season's #1 Master Baiters.

There was no race for the triple crown as the talent level is so even. Not a single category winner from last season appears in this season's list. Mike Chwieroth from Irish Car Bombs won the batting title at .792. Bill Kahil from Traxx, was the home run champ with 6 and Master Baiters' Rob McKenna led the league in RBI with 22.

Individual team honors for runs created went this way: Irish Car Bombs: Mike Chwieroth, 32.46, Master Baiters Tackle Shop: Rob McKenna, 29.82, Bluestone Bombers: Fran Flanagan, 22.96, Anthony's Tree Service: Jason Hillenbrand, 21.65, Traxx Sports Pub: Dom Ripa, 21.54, Snipers: Ryan McLaughlin, 21.48, Brew Crew: Mike Zepp, 16.61, Jaeger Bombs: Steve Wahal Jr., 12.14, Doom Cats: Matt Hatch, 10.72.

### Fall - National

The "B" division was now the National division and dropped from nine teams to seven. Gone to the Americans were Traxx, Anthony's, Irish Car Bombs and Bluestone Bombers. Arrivals from the "A" division were Country Tavern and SunScapes. The two "A" teams did not dominate the former "B's" as you might expect finishing second and fourth, but they did meet each other in the finals. The Snipers had risen from a fourth place finish to a 7 – 1 record and #1 seed. But as so often happens, the #1 seed did not make the finals. Country Tavern swept SunScapes for the championship.

Greg Moylan won 2/3 of the triple crown batting .818 and driving in 28 runs. It was the only .800 average in either division in any Thursday night season this year. Steve Wahal Jr., Nick Ventrola and Ray Pantano shared home run honors with 5.

The top run creators for each of the teams were: Country Tavern: Greg Moylan, 44.68, Master Baiters Tackle Shop: Rob McKenna, 26.28, SunScapes: Jesse Kuiper, 26.16, Snipers: Ryan Whitmarsh, 21.74, Jager Bombs: Nick Shattuck, 19.64, Doom Cats: Matt Hatch, 19.33, and the Brew Crew: Troy Martzall, 17.41.

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than his closest pursuer. Warren Grant (710), Jarred Gardner (707), and Bob Baginski (704) are among the coed league's top career hit men. Despite not playing in multiple leagues, Jarred Gardner (257) has no competition for the all-time coed HR and slugging lead.

With just 61 runs scored in 2012, Frank Hackett will earn the first-ever men's league Triple Crown 1000. With 135 runs scored, Andy Smallman will do the same. Most players that chase a league Triple Crown, do so trying to catch up in one of the 3 categories. Leadoff and small ball hitters have a lot of hits and runs scored, but struggle with the RBI total. Power hitters have no problem with hits and RBI's. They tend to struggle with runs scored. Very few hitters have runs scored and RBI's on such an even keel. Frank Hackett is one such hitter with 939 runs, 1016 hits, and 1021 RBI's.

### 1-Pitch Tournaments

After more than 10 years and 21 1-pitch tournaments, Mark Bernacki emerges as the top hit-getter - surpassing the 100 career 1-pitch hit mark (101). Chris Hesdon is only 4 behind at 97.

The winningest team number is Team 6 with six 1-pitch titles. Team 2 and 8 each have 3 wins. Teams 1, 3, and 4 have garnered 2 wins each. Teams 5, 7, and 9 have won only once.

Chris VanLuvanee comes in as the most successful 1-pitch player of all-time, having been to the winner's circle 6 times. Chris Hesdon is 1 behind, having been on a winning team 5 times. Dave Matz, Ed Doyle, III, Jarred Gardner, Joe Burke, Mark Bernacki, Chris Cianfichi, and Tom Weinmann each have 4 1-pitch titles.

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leen Gilmartin (400/400), and Amy Potts (371/429).

For the 3rd time, Steve Campbell steps up when it counts most to take PPOTY in the male eddie department. His gaudy 857 batting average was, by long shot, a league best among older gents. His 1000 slugging was 2nd. Two-time winner Rich Cordisco was 2nd in the points total with a league-leading RBI% of 84 and 1023 slugging. Rounding out the top 5 are Tom Egitto who led all with 39 RBI's, Ron Pulli (609/781), and Dave Gumkowski (565/696). Congrats to Steve and company on a fine showing.

When it came to do or die in the women's league, Karen Gordon stepped up big-time. With her 778 batting, 1222 slugging, and runs and RBI percentages among the league leaders, it was no wonder she took home PPOTY in the girl's post season. Christen Flaherty (692/1232, 100% RBI rate) made a nice run at it, but fell a little short. Rounding out the top 5 are Becky Canelli (583/917), Stephanie Rudolph (692/846), and Karol Ann Kinkelin (556/556).

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

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Antelopes and Nor'easters occupied the bottom of the standings and Young Gunz and Jabroni Hunters finished #1 and #2. Again, as expected, the two best defensive teams made it to the finals. It took three games for Young Gunz to defeat Jabroni Hunters and take the Spring title.

Jabroni Hunter Matt Ruane's bid for the triple crown was clipped by Wolfpack member Ryan Greene's .706 batting average. Matt led the league with 7 home runs and 21 RBI. He only trailed in batting by a few points.

The top team run creators were: Antelopes: Chris Bartuska, 8.89; Nor'easters: Alex Albinsky, 12.14; Shamrocks: Mike Skrzat, 23.19. Here Comes The Run: Chris Faber, 23.78; Young Gunz: Jeff Sywulak, 27.01; Jabroni Hunters: Matt Ruane, 31.51; Wolfpack: Ryan Greene, 35.03.

Summer - B South

Five new teams joined the division, but the same two teams, Jabroni Hunters and Young Gunz each finished 7 - 1 to secure the #1 and #2 seeds. Previous third place finisher Wolfpack fell to last place. But this time the expected two teams did not make it to the finals; Jabroni Hunters did their part, but Young Gunz fell as upstart newcomer Isotopes, sporting a losing record and a sixth place finish made it to the finals. Jabroni Hunters ended their surge by sweeping the finals.

Jabroni Hunter Matt McCleary took 2/3 of the triple crown with 6 home runs and 22 RBI, but for the second straight season a Jabroni Hunter was blocked by batting average. Despite batting .750, Young Gun Jeff Sywulak topped him at .778 for the batting title.

The top team run creators were: Jabroni Hunters: Matt McCleary, 32.47; Get to the Choppa: Ryan Fisher, 24.33; Wolfpack: Keith Medveckus, 24.25; Spikes Up: Matt Keller, 24.16; Philly's Pinest: Fran Kober, 22.41; Megalos Furs: Gary Truchel, 21.95; Isotopes: Paul Mizytowicz, 20.44; Young Gunz: Jeff Sywulak, 19.84; Shamrocks: Billy Hartman, 15.91.

Fall - B South

Jabroni Hunters was gone, but perennial Young Gunz was still here and again finished in the top two. Philly's Pinest made a nice move from the middle of the pack to the #1 seed with a 6 - 2 record. Four new teams were added and three of them promptly fell to the bottom of the standings, winning no more than 2 games. But newcomer Beef and Broccoli finished a respectable 5 - 3 good enough for a third place finish. In the playoffs Beef and Broccoli passed Young Gunz and defeated Philly's Pinest in a sweep to secure the championship.

This time no one was close to winning the triple crown. Matt Keller of Spikes Up led the league in batting at .652. BG Bully Joey Castellar and Joe Tillman of Spikes Up both hit 4 home runs. Castellar and Young Gun Dan Curran shared the RBI title with 14.

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was at her usual best, and Ed Doyle, Jr. (.591 AVG, .773 SLG) also gave Gavin's Tavern a boost. The Rockets also boasted some outstanding hitters, with Dave Dancer (.607 AVG, 1.571 SLG, 6 HR) garnering a superlative 7 2B and 44 TB and Kevin Jacoby taking the batting title with a stellar .826 AVG. The Phanatics saw Mike Suda (.720 AVG, 1.480 SLG, 19 R, 7 3B) put up some big numbers as well. The Rockets managed to deal Gavin's Tavern their first loss of the season in Game 2 of the championship series, but it wasn't enough to topple them, as John Murtz and Jeff Uler stepped up for Gavin's Tavern, both posting a sizzling .778 AVG during the playoffs.

Eastern Conference: Hot off of a summer championship, JT Bankers (8-0) cruised through the conference this fall, scoring 136 runs total and distancing themselves from the PBR All-Stars (5-2-1, .93 runs) and the Masterbatters (5-3, .94 runs). Mike Moore (.688 AVG, 1.094 SLG, .706 OBP) scored 23 of those runs for JT Bankers to lead the conference and was also best with 10 2B. Todd Reckamp (.710 AVG, 1.000 SLG) posted a solid campaign for the PBR All-Stars. Male eddie Jay Harrar of Spikes Up won the batting title with a .750 AVG. Power-packing female eddie Jill Long (.556 AVG, .741 SLG) of the Masterbatters was true to form with 4 extra-base hits. But the individual performance of the season was that of her teammate Lonnie Snyder (.667 AVG, 1.667 SLG), who led the conference with an amazing 9 HR, 24 RBI, and 57 TB. JT Bankers were unstoppable in the playoffs, steamrolling the Hot Shots in the semis and sweeping the Masterbatters to claim back-to-back titles.

Western Conference: In the fall, the West was won by Music Spectrum (7-1), with Steps To Recovery (6-2), Fritz's Bakery (6-2), and The Duties (5-3) not far behind. Eddie Gurt of Music Spectrum took the batting title with a .852 AVG and also led with a .871 OBP, narrowly edging Scott Ramirez (.828 AVG, .839 OBP) of BDF Welding, Inc. whose 24 hits were tops. William Ramirez (.692 AVG, .731 SLG) set the standard among male eddies, as did Rose Motley (.579 AVG, .600 OBP) and Kristen Colliola (.524 AVG, .667 OBP, 9 BI) for the female eddies. Eric Greninger (.727 AVG) had a monster season for Steps To Recovery, matching Scott Ramirez's 24 hits and leading the way with 1.727 SLG, 4 B, 7 HR, and 57 TB, and Music Spectrum's Greg Thompson (.724 AVG, 1.517 SLG) also put together a noteworthy campaign, scoring a conference-leading 21 R with 21 RBI to boot. 3-seeded Fritz's Bakery and the 4-seeded Duties fought their way into the final series by each eliminating two other teams, including the top two seeds. Game 1 was an epic, lasting 11 innings until a walkoff double by Tim Mouter clinched it for Fritz's Bakery. In the game, Mouter was 5-6, hit for the cycle, and had 4 R and 8 RBI! The tide subsequently turned, and The Duties took the next two games, thus securing the fall championship.

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