

# Softball America

## Magazine

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2012 Year In Review

### Opening Day - March 18, 2013

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

A happy and healthy New Year to all.

A little more than 8 weeks. That's about how long we have until the start of the 2013 softball season. The nights are getting just a little bit shorter and the days a little longer. Opening Day is right around the corner. Get ready to 'PLAY BALL'!



If you would like to re-enter your team for the 2013 season, please send to the league office an email to that effect (softball@cuttingedgesports.net). I will be sending out confirmation emails, but if you can let me know beforehand, it will go a long way in helping me get the league underway.

Just a word of advice to league members; start working out a little. The last thing you want to do is run around like a crazy person on a cold and/or wet spring day after sitting on your duff for 3 long winter months.

The ball field situation for 2013 should remain status quo with the exception of the possible addition of a newly renovated, lighted ball field at Whistlestop Park in Montgomery Township. Located about a mile from the train station at the corner of Rt. 309 and Walnut, this ball field will allow us to add 3 games (6 teams) to a weeknight league. Based on demand, Wednesday night would be the first option, Thursday the 2nd choice. Unfortunately, I've just been informed this field won't be opened for use until September.

Speaking of ball fields, Schaefer ball field in Southampton has a no dog policy. The School Road ball field in Hatfield has a no dog, no smoking policy. They ALL have 'no alcoholic beverages' and 'pickup your own trash' policies. I realize the dog and no smoking rules are petty and a pain in the butt (no pun intended), but it's important that we do our best to obey park rules. Ball fields are difficult to come by these days. Losing one would put quite a few teams on the outside of the league looking in. New ground rules for Tohickon and Schaefer Park will be discussed at our league umpire meeting in February.

Inter-conference scheduling in multiple division leagues will continue into the new softball year. The feedback from 2012 has been very positive by the large majority. Teams that finished in one of the top 3 spots in the National Conference last fall will likely find themselves in the American Conference for the spring season. Teams that finished in the bottom 3 spots in the American Conference will likely find themselves playing in the National Conference this spring. I say 'likely' because if a team in the American Conference prefers not to move to the National Conference, they can stay in the American. There is no such option for the teams in the National Conference. As long as there's room, the move to the American Conference is mandatory. Teams in each conference will follow this protocol from season to season.

Game forfeits are on the rise and for the life of me I can't figure out why. I implemented a \$25.00 forfeit fee back in 2002 and saw a steady increase in forfeits in years to follow. I doubled the fee last year to \$50.00 and guess what... the number of forfeits increased. Try and make sense of that one. The forfeit fee for this year will drop back down to \$25.00 along with a plea from me to team managers to do everything in their power to field a team week in and week out. If you are struggling, shoot me an email or call the game line (option 9) and I will be happy to help you get the game played.

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### Subs & Illegal Players

#### Using Subs Under False Pretenses Will Draw 2-Game Manager Suspension & Team Loss

The use of subs in Softball America is perfectly legal. Subs are a great way to help get the games played. The sub does not have to be a member of the league, nor does the sub have to pay anything to play. A manager can go so far as to handpick the sub(s) they want to use off the Free Agent Wire. Once again, there is no fee that any sub has to pay. The team, however, must abide by certain rules and regulations when employing the use of subs. These rules and regulations are in place to govern a team's sub-use so they cannot become a better team with subs than with their regular roster team. Sub rules are clearly defined in our league rules. If ever you

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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].

*Baseball statistics are like a girl in a bikini. They show a lot, but not everything. ~Toby Harrah, 1983*

#### For The Record

The coed league saw 2 single season records become either tied or eclipsed. Andrew Kovach knocked in a whopping 45 runs in the Wednesday Coed league summer season to surpass the old RBI mark of 42 set last year by Kevin Noble. Bryan Bart and Matt McCleary both tied the single season 3B mark to join Steve Hagan and Curt Perry with 8. One yearly record was equaled this year. Axel Alicea tied Beau Burreis' 2010 coed RBI mark by knocking in 232 in 2012.

#### Milestones

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. Only 2 players in the history of the league have managed to earn a Triple Crown 500 in both the men's and coed leagues. That milestone was reached by Rob Johnson in 2010 and Keith Keppley in 2011. Move over guys and make room for Steph Garrett. Steph reached that plateau in 2012 and is now the 3rd to accomplish that incredibly phenomenal feat.



**Men's League** Frank Hackett became the first player in league history to earn a 1,000 Triple Crown in the men's league. That's 1,000 runs, hits and RBI's. Not an easy task. Nice job, Frank. Jarred Gardner, Matt Schaub, John Kiefer, Greg Ochs, Warren Grant, Rich Goin, and Mike Bianco each managed to earn a men's league TC500 in 2012. With just 52 runs scored in 2013, Brian Penecale will be the 2nd in league history to earn a men's league Triple Crown 1000. Mike Zahradnick and Ron Bannister need 41 and 52 runs respectively to earn a men's league Triple Crown 500. Personalized commemorative plaques will be awarded to each in recognition of their accomplishments.

**Coed Leagues** TC500 winners include Mike McHale, Jake Seymour, Steph Garrett, Paul Harvan, Matt Refice, Jim Flowers, Mike Richardson, Ron Pulli and Bernie Marsh. Joe Gross and Ed Doyle, Jr. need only 17 and

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### Players Of the Year

#### Regular & Post-Season Standouts

Brian Sassano and Mike Chwiroth each captured POTY honors in the men's league. Both players put together outstanding seasons. Brian led the men's league in hitting (716) for the 2nd straight year. His 1596 slugging % was 3rd overall. Mike was 2nd overall in slugging (1607). Congrats to both Brian and Mike on well deserved titles. James Rundance was not far behind in the point totals as he led all with a slugging % of 1765 and an RBI in almost every at-bat (85%). 3-time POTY winner Jarred Gardner was among the top 3 in HR% and RBI%. Another 3-time POTY winner, Frank Hackett, rounded out the top 5 men's league point leaders.

Andrew Kovach takes home the coed league POTY honors. Andrew led the league with a gaudy 2027 slugging and a whopping RBI% of 124. This means he knocked in an average of 1¼ runs each and every time to the plate. Congrats to Andrew. Only 11 points behind was 2-time coed POTY Jarred Gardner. His 759 batting average was 2nd only to Dan O'Brien (764) who finished 3rd in the overall

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### Manager Meetings

#### Monday & Tuesday, March 11th & 12th

For the 2013 softball year we will conduct 2 pre-season manager meetings one- each for men's and coed leagues. As of this writing, the venue for the meetings is questionable as Gavin's Tavern is rumored to be changing ownership.

The men's league meeting is slated for Monday, March 11, 2013. The coed league meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2013. Each meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. Team managers and/or representatives are urged to attend. Topics of dis-

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## Sunday Morning Men's

NBI/Jamison Pour House, AgentPA.com A victors. Lancer's Diner, Skyline top North. Jabroni Hunters, Doylestown Fitness East champs. Doylestown Fitness, Myrtle Beach Mermen, Balls Deep best in West. Isotopes, Shamrocks take South titles.

*"The point of the game is not how well the individual does but whether the team wins. That is the beautiful part of the game, the blending of personalities, the mutual sacrifices for group success. Even when you've played the game of your life, it's the feeling of teamwork that you'll remember. You'll forget the plays, the hits, and the scores, but you'll never forget your teammates." Author Unknown*

### Spring A Division

In the spring we had a tie at the top with a 7-1 record with AgentPA.com and NBI. AgentPA.com took the top spot because of a tiebreaker. A three way tie, for 3rd thru 5th was between Total Tank Care, Maggio's, and Philly Soft Pretzel @ 4-4. Bringing up the rear to make the playoffs, were the Demons. In the playoffs, we had Philly Soft Pretzel winning 12-9 over Maggio's, Total Tank Care over the Demons 11-8. In the Semi finals we had Philly Soft Pretzel upsetting the top seeded AgentPA.com 16-13 to make the finals, and rounding out the finals is NBI defeating Total Tank Care 22-14. In the Finals, Philly Soft Pretzel upset NBI in game 1, and as the saying goes don't poke the bear while he's sleeping. Well Philly Soft Pretzel did, and paid for it, by losing the next two games, 24-1, and 13-6 to give NBI another trip to the top of the mountain. Outstanding Seasons for the spring came out of Brian Penecale of NBI (.710, 4 HRs, 17 RBI's), Jamal Covington of Philly Soft Pretzel (.708, 3 HR, 16 RBI's), and Brian Sassano of Maggio's (.615, 4 HRs, 24 RBI's).

### Summer A Division

In the summer once again, AgentPA.com led the Division with a 7-1 record. Jamison Pour House (formerly NBI) finished in 2nd at 6-2, Maggio's @ 5-3, Philly Soft Pretzel @ 4-4. Goodfellas @ 3-5 and rounding out the playoffs was Hitched. In the Playoffs, we had Philly Soft Pretzel defeating Goodfellas 7-5, Maggio's just getting by Hitched 11-10. In the semi finals we had AgentPA.com this time getting by Philly Soft Pretzel 5-4, and the upset of the summer season was Maggio's beating

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## Sunday Evening Coed

Renegades 3-Season Champions. Bomb Squad Claim 2 Titles. JT Bankers, Irish Car Bombs, Jerzees Elite, Hotshots, Breakfast Club, North Central, and The Great Bambinos Win.

Taking place on numerous fields across the area and enlisting as many as 30 teams in one season, the Sunday Evening Coed leagues of Softball America provided a venue for hundreds of players to celebrate the game from the very beginning of spring until mid-October in 2012. The 4-tiered format gave all teams an opportunity to compete regardless of their level of play, and seasonal adjustments to the makeup of the divisions maintained balanced competition for everyone.

### SPRING

After a long winter with no softball, 28 teams were anxious to take the field on March 25th. Opening Day for the Softball America Sunday Evening Coed season.

**American Conference** Having won two titles in 2011 in the toughest division of play offered, the Renegades began the 2012 campaign as the favorites. They dominated the American Conference, posting an 8-0 regular season record with Gavin's Tavern (6-2), Rockets (4-4), and Scared Hitless (4-4) a few games off the pace. John Gessner of Ball Brawlers won the batting crown with a sparkling .833 AVG, also leading the division with .840 OBP; Kevin Jacoby's performance for the Rockets was also notable (.786 AVG, 1.250 SLG, 3 HR). Slugger Axel Alicea (1.520 SLG, 25 RBI) popped 5 HR for the Renegades in a solid season, but Jarred Gardner of Gavin's Tavern was operating on another level with an incredible 11 HR, 36 RBI, and 2.292 SLG. Scared Hitless's Cindi Heydet recorded a .636 AVG that was tops among female eddies, and teammate Steve Campbell's .682 AVG and 1.045 SLG led male eddies. The championship series saw the Renegades complete a perfect season with a two-game sweep of Gavin's Tavern, led by the bats of Jaime Burns (.857 AVG), Jake Seymour (10 H, .769 AVG, 1.308 SLG), and Axel Alicea (3 HR, .727 AVG, 1.545 SLG).

**National Conference** After winning two B Division East championships in 2011, JT Bankers now found themselves in the National Conference. They showed that they were the real deal, taking the regular season title with a 6-1-1 record. The Crackers (5-3) and PBR All-Stars (4-4) also made respectable showings. Todd

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## Most Valuable Players / Spring 2012

MVP candidates 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, and batting average. Offensive MVPs will be awarded in both A/American and B/National Divisions. MVP winners are highlighted in bold.

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
<b>A/Amer Core</b>	<b>Brian Penecale</b> Brian Sassano Jamal Covington Mike Bianco Steve Garstka	<b>Jarred Gardner</b> John Gessner Kevin Jacoby Mike Millner Steve Bucher Todd Reckamp	Bob Argeros <b>Chris Hesdon</b> Dan O'Brien Jesse Kuiper Mike DeCristofano Mike Zahradnick	Bob Pierce <b>Brian Penecale</b> Eric Hamm Frank Hackett Matt Schaub Mike Brown Mike DeCristofano	Andrew Kovach Axel Alicea Dan O'Brien Jesse Kuiper <b>Kevin Dryzga</b> <b>Tom Moyer</b>	<b>Bill Yokobosky</b> Brian Penecale Frank Hackett <b>Jarred Gardner</b> Matt Schaub	<b>Axel Alicea</b> Beau Burris Dan O'Brien Jarred Gardner Keith Keppley <b>Mike DeCristofano</b>
<b>B/Natl</b>	Chris VanLuvane Frank Guido <b>James Rundatz</b> Jim Kelley Shaun Hockel	Brian Randazzo <b>Greg Strouse</b> Kevin Brown Matt McCleary Ricky Davis	Dan Vescovi <b>Jarred Gardner</b> Jon Logue <b>Mike Cianfichi</b> Mitch Diodato Phil Purchase Sean Fisher		Bill Shipe Brandon Snyder Corey Happel <b>Dan Raymond</b> Jeff Jones Mike Chwieroth <b>Scott Williams</b>	Brandon Snyder <b>Dave Dancer</b> Matt Godshall Mike Chwieroth Rich Powers Scott Grabus	
<b>A/Amer Male Eddie</b>		<b>John Razzi</b> Nick Mancini Paul Harvan <b>Steve Campbell</b>	Ron Bannister Tim O'Shea <b>Warren Grant</b>		Bill Roth Bob Cusano Charley Yuknus <b>Rick Sturgis</b> Tom Egitto		<b>Bill Martino</b> <b>Dan Shepard</b> <b>Ralph Camasso</b> Ron Kulp Tim O'Shea
<b>B/Natl</b>		<b>Mike Becker</b> Andy Suder Frank Taverno <b>Ron Kulp</b> Tom Collins Toni Gallo	Dave Gumkowski <b>Nick Mancini</b> Ron Arrighy Tom Egitto		Doug Spier Frank Taverno Jeff Bunch John Razzi <b>Mike McHale</b> Rick Winters Steve Ryan Tom Collins		
<b>A/Amer Female Eddie</b>		<b>Cindi Heydet</b> Jess Morak <b>Jill Long</b> Mary Hogan Teresa Grandzol	<b>Karen Gordon</b> Sarah Jacoby Stephanie Raieta	<b>Tuesday Women</b>	<b>Dana Myers</b> Jill Long Kristin White Lora Hooven	<b>Friday Men</b>	
<b>B/Natl</b>		<b>Jess Ruland</b> Kristin Colella Lindsay Evitts Theresa Groves	Angie Wehlau Colleen Holmes Kristen Bartynski <b>Kristi Rosa</b> Sara Headley Theresa Groves	Christine Razzi Dana Myers Faith Borrell Jill Long Karen Gordon Katie Cherba <b>LeeAnn Kramer</b>	<b>Carolyn Sullivan</b> Christine Razzi Kristi Rosa Tara Derstine	Ed Seeger John McMahon Mike Bianco Mike Chwieroth <b>Mike Haberle</b> Rob Arnott Sean Betesh	Kelly Neill Kristin White Lora Hooven Shanna Casey <b>Steph Thrasher</b> Tara Soler

## Monday Evening Coed

Tonelli's Spring & Summer American Champs. Tom's Tackle Shop Takes Fall. LA Pools, Carroll's Jewelers, Dominick's Side Door Capture National Titles.

Monday Coed 2012....14 teams kicked off the spring action and continued until the Fall....

**TONELLI'S** The perennial champs took the spring the summer and summer titles. Chris Hesdon had a banner spring sprouting a .867 avg. ME's Warren Grant .690 and Tim O'Shea .640. F/E Sarah Jacoby .583. SUMMER. Chief Neal Britton, nothing petty about a .773 avg.! Mike DeCristofano .640, Kelly Neill .421. FALL Warren Grant .722, 19 RBI's and Rob Johnson .630 with 16 ribbies.

**TOM'S TACKLE SHOP** Tom McCarthy captained his crew to a fall championship title..Beau Burris led the way in the series with a combined 10 rbi's. SPRING male eddie Joe Sharp .633, Tom McCarthy .607, Karen Gordon .583, Matt Reife .500, 3 hr's, 3 triples, 12 rbi's. SUMMER Beau pounded out a .692, 22 rbi's. Karen Gordon .591 and Christine Razzi .455. FALL Beau with a whopping 24 ribbies and 4 homers. Dana Meyers, .458 avg..

**MOTLEY KREW** This team is led by manager Pete Hagan. The Motley's had a winning 6-2 spring and summer season..He took the team to the summer title se-

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## Tuesday Evening Men's

Thompson VW, Porsche, Audi Spring & Summer Champs. Porsche of the Mainline Nails Fall Season.

Tuesday Men's, other than dragging into the cold days in the middle of November, was a model league. Seven of the eight teams kept their sponsors/names, while the eighth team, Conshohocken Brawlers, returned for the fall league as AgentPA.com, but fielded many of the same players. Of the eight teams, five of them reached the finals. That indicates very even competition.

### Spring

Mike's York Street Bar & Grill appeared to be the powerhouse of the league. They led the league in defense by a large margin, finished second in offense and their run differential was almost double the next closest team. However, finishing first at 7 - 1, they failed to reach the finals. That honor went to GMG Insurance and Thompson VW Porsche Audi. Thompson had finished 5 - 3 despite leading the league in offense. Their defensive stats were in the middle of the pack. GMG took the first game of the finals in a tight one 15 - 12. But then Thompson turned on the offense in the last two games winning it all 28 - 8 and 22 - 12.

Individually, the offensive honors were equally competitive. The Triple Crown categories, HR, Batting average and RBI, went to Mike Brown, Frank Hackett and

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## Tuesday Evening Women's

Team BP Captures Spring Championship. Ball Busters Grab Summer & Fall Titles.

So in trying to start this article for the end of the year for the Women's League, I tried to put find a quote that would be inspirational or would describe what these women put themselves through when they play. There was no better way to sum it up then this: "Softball is Life". It doesn't get much easier or more blunt than that.

A lot of work, time and effort went into this season. The ladies decided to have a draft for the 3 teams (which ended up being the teams that stayed for the whole year) and a fourth team (The Witches of Warrington) which hung around for only one unforgettable season in the spring.

### Spring

In the spring, the Jill Long led BallBusters, ruled the season with a 7-1 record. Team B.P., led by Karen Gordon, finished strong with a 5-3 record. The Purple people eaters aka Rusty's Peeps led by Karol Ann Kinkelin finished at 4-4. The "new" team, the Witches of Warrington, didn't get a win in the spring, but brought life and fire every week. In the playoffs, the BallBusters rolled over the Witches in the 1st semifinal 16-1, while Team B.P., joined the busters, and defeated the Peeps 11-2. In the finals, in what I believe was a first in SBA history, we had an 8 player versus 8 player final. Team B.P. swept the finals, winning the games 16-10, and 20-19 over the BallBusters. Great season out of Jill Long (.778, 16 RBI's) and LeeAnn Kramer (.774, 22 RBI's) for the BallBusters, Linda Dart (.722, 10 runs scored) for the Witches, Karen Gordon (.700, 19 RBI's) Faith Borrell (.654, 15 RBI's) for Team B.P. and Dana Myers (.645, 14 RBI's) for the Peeps.

### Summer

In the summer, we started playing doubleheaders, with the loss of the Witches. Once again, the BallBusters, finished with a 7-0-1 record led the pack. Team B.P. came in second at 3-4-1, while the Peeps of Rustyville, finished 1-7. Since we had only 3 teams, we had only one playoff game with the BallBusters getting a bye to the finals. Team B.P. defeated Rusty Peeps 14-8 to get the chance to defend their title. In a repeat of the finals from the spring, we once again had an 8 on 8 match-up. It appeared we were going to have a repeat of the spring, with Team B.P. taking game one 22-18; but the BallBusters, roared back to win game 2, 9-4, and game 3, 12-11. Great season out of Karen Gordon (.789, 10 runs) for Team B.P., Jill Long (.719, 27 RBI's) and Kristi Rosa (.656, 15 RBI's) for the BallBusters, Theresa Groves (.591, 11 RBI's) and Karol Ann Kinkelin (.588, 10 RBI's) for

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## Wednesday Evening Coed

Renegades Sweep American Titles. Gavin's Tavern, Titans, Jamison Pour House Take National Championships.

When the day of the week came to be Wednesday you could be sure of two things: a great night of softball and seeing some of the best players that Softball America has to offer. Across the board, the teams on Wednesday nights brought some of the most competitive and talented players that the league has to offer.

The Wednesday American Conference season could be summed up in one word: Renegades. The Renegades dominated from start to finish taking the title in each season. The spring regular season was won by the The Butcher with a 6-2 record. Leading the way for The Butcher was Chris Harrison's .762 averages. Rob Johnson, Mike Zahradnick, and Steve Campbell chipped in by driving in a combined 36 runs. Kevin Dryzga took home the batting title with .833. Andrew Kovach belted 8 homers and Tom Moyer drove in runs like it was his job, getting 31 RBI. Nobody did it better for the ladies than Dana Myers and Lora Hooven, batting .548 and .519 respectively. Male eddie Bill Roth proved age is but a number as he hit to the tune of .611. The Renegades brought their A game in the playoffs and championship, taking the spring title in 2 games over Jamison Pour House.

The National American Conference season could be summed up in one word: parity. Three seasons saw three different teams take the title. The Irish Car Bombs and Gavin's Tavern tied for first place with a 5-3 record showing how truly balanced the conference was. They had some explosive offenses, putting up 111 and 116 runs respectively during the season. Scott Williams led the hitting charge with a .826 average. Mike Chieworth brought the power with six homers and a healthy 30 rbi.

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## Thursday Evening Men's

NBI/Jamison Pour House 3-Season Champions. Car Bombs, Master Baiters, Bluestone Bombers Capture National Titles.

The Thursday Men's league consisted of two divisions. The A division of seven teams, played their games at the quarry, while the B division played at Hatfield with occasional games at the quarry. The top teams in the B division would rotate up to the A division, dropping the bottom performing A teams to B division.

The main story in the A division was New Britain Inn (NBI), who changed sponsor to Jamison Pour House in the Summer. NBI not only swept all three titles, they went undefeated all three seasons. They never lost a playoff game, sweeping all three finals. They led the league in scoring all three seasons. Their only blemish was that they failed to lead the league in defense in the Summer and Fall. It was total domination.

The B league was entirely different with three different champions. In fact, only one team, the Bluestone Bombers made the final twice.

### Spring A League

NBI dominated the season going 8 - 0. So lopsided were their victories that they fell just short of tripling their opponent's scores. Country Tavern finished second at 6 - 2 and met NBI in the finals. Vertex Pest Management

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## Friday Evening Coed

RLD Spring Winners. Misfits Grab Summer Title. Big Heads Nail Fall Jewel.

As we kicked off the Friday coed season some same faces return and name change occur and a new team was added. Tonelli's Pizza Pub finished last but had some outstanding players as Mike DeCristofano finished the top of the league batting .864 with 2 hr's and 16 rbi's. Andy's snack bar finished at 2-6 Andy's had Tom Corey who had a great season finished with a .714 with 1 hr and 17 RBI's. Crazy A's entered as the new team but some old faces had great season as Jarred Gardner batted .667 with 7 hr's and 27 RBI's alongside his bash brother Ax Alicia who added 5 hr's and 19 RBI's. The Beer Drinkers and Unwanted softball players both finished with 4-4 records right smack in the middle of the pack. Charlie kerns helped batting .650 with a Hr and 10 rbi's, Phil Purchase and Dave Nagel both added 1 Hr and 11 rbi's to help power their teams. RLD finished 3rd powered by Beau Burris's 5 Hrs and 22 RBI's. Dave Kreible and Stephanie Thrasher both helped Big Heads with 17rbis and 12 rbi's to take them into 2nd place. The top of the league was Misfits as the speedy Keith Keppley and Jake Seymour finished with 3 Hrs each and 18 rbi's and 13

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## Friday Evening Men's

Car Bombs Spring Champs, Blooming Glen Bombers Capture Summer & Fall Titles.

Friday Men's was a new league in 2012, playing its games at Stover Park. The league started with five teams and grew to six in the Fall season. As you would expect in a new league, there was team turnover as new teams are formed and reformed and traditions built. Only the Dirty Dozen and Irish Car Bombs kept the same name and played all three seasons. The Bombs, run by manager John Toto participate in many SBA leagues.

### Spring

The Express appeared to be the class of the new league going 8 - 0, scoring 170 runs, the most that would be scored by any team the entire year and finishing tied for first in defense. Yet they lost in the playoffs. Two teams without winning records, Irish Car Bombs and Fushbucks met in the finals. After splitting one run

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## Tuesday Evening Women's (Continued from page 3)

Rusty's Peeps.

### Fall

In the fall, we split the season between Hatfield and Stover Park in Telford. For the third straight season, the BallBusters finished with the top record, this time finishing 8-0. Team B.P. finished 3-5, with Rusty's Peeps bringing up the rear at 1-7. The semi-finals, decided that they were going to mirror the finals of the last two seasons, and be an 8 on 8 match-up. Team B.P. made their third straight final defeating Rusty's 18-11. Both teams (Team B.P. and Ballbusters) decided to play the finals the same cold blustery night as the semis. With that set-up ready to go, the BallBusters defended their summer title winning both games handily 23-4, and 26-9. The BallBusters, in the fall, posted 9 out of the top 10 averages on the season. Kind of reminds you of another team on another night, is Jamison looking for another team to sponsor? Great season for the aforementioned BallBusters by Jill Long (.846, 21 RBI's) and Emilie Aitken (.727, 18 runs), Kristen Glashoff (.636, 9 RBI's) for Rusty's Peeps, and Estee Olivera (.630, 13 RBI's) and Dorothy Andrews (.611, 8 runs) for Team B.P.

Congratulations to everyone that played. Hope everyone had fun and we hope to see all of you again next year!

Mike Hagan

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also finished near the top at 6 – 2. NBI did crush Country Tavern 13 – 3 in the first final game but only edged them 15 – 12 in the second game. In previous seasons NBI had demolished some of their opposition in the finals, but this was competitive.

As for individual achievement in the Triple Crown categories, Jarred Gardner led the league in home runs with 8 and RBI with 30. Bill Yokobosky captured the batting crown with a gaudy 848 batting average. On base percentage plus slugging percentage (OPS) is widely recognized as the best measure of offensive performance because it takes both the ability to hit for average and the ability to hit for power. Unlike RBI or runs, the stat is not affected by the strength of the other players on the roster. Matt Schaub of Vertex Pest Management captured the OPS title without leading in any of the Triple Crown categories. His ability to draw walks and gather extra base hits besides home runs gave him the edge. Team OPS leaders were: Matt Schaub, Vertex Pest Management, 2514, Bill Yokobosky, NBI, 2439, Dan O'Brien, SunScapes, 1741, Jason Hillenbrand, ATS Rhinos, 1655, Steve Campbell, Yum Yum Bake Shops, 1641, Larry Walsh, Country Tavern, 1522, Chris Tooher, Snipers, 1286.

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# Players Of The Year

Winners are highlighted in bold.

## Player Of The Year / Men's League 2012

	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>32</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>1596</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>980</b>
<b>Mike Chwieroth</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>1607</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>977</b>
James Rundatz	21	81	44	54	54	12	15	14	17	9	11	19	23	69	85	667	1765	0	0	970
Jarred Gardner	27	103	63	61	71	32	31	13	13	3	3	23	22	81	79	689	1544	7	6	959
Frank Hackett	64	241	136	56	168	101	42	29	12	8	3	30	12	184	76	697	1257	22	8	925

## Player Of The Year / Coed League 2012

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	Pts
<b>Andrew Kovach</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>833</b>
Jarred Gardner	54	187	126	67	142	46	25	36	19	7	4	53	28	191	102	759	1877	15	7	822
Dan O'Brien	35	123	78	63	94	42	34	25	20	9	7	18	15	81	66	764	1553	6	5	733
Keith Keppley	60	219	142	65	155	45	21	54	25	17	8	39	18	134	61	708	1644	8	4	733
Beau Burris	56	198	118	60	137	57	29	35	18	2	1	43	22	162	82	692	1540	12	6	727

## Female Eddie Player Of The Year / 2012

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	Pts
<b>Marissa Nagle (fe)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>719</b>
Jess Ruland (fe)	22	61	25	41	34	25	41	7	11	2	3	0	0	15	25	557	738	10	14	672
Dana Myers (fe)	59	217	107	49	114	97	45	5	2	10	5	2	1	46	21	525	668	11	5	647
Jill Long (fe)	91	308	112	36	136	112	36	12	4	9	3	3	1	85	28	442	568	24	7	605
Jamie Burns (fe)	43	151	66	44	61	49	32	9	6	2	1	1	1	52	34	404	510	13	8	578

## Male Eddie Player Of The Year / 2012

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	Pts
<b>Warren Grant (me)</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>1146</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>629</b>
Ron Pulli (me)	44	169	81	48	104	73	43	13	8	12	7	6	4	90	53	615	941	8	5	565
Mike Becker (me)	14	56	28	50	36	21	38	10	18	5	9	0	0	24	43	643	1000	4	7	560
Steve Campbell (me)	27	82	47	57	47	29	35	9	11	7	9	2	2	37	45	573	927	11	12	553
Nick Mancini (me)	19	62	29	47	39	25	40	7	11	4	6	3	5	27	44	629	1016	3	5	547

## Player Of The Year / Women's League 2012

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	Pts
<b>Jill Long</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>1224</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1114</b>
Karen Gordon	14	49	25	51	36	22	45	11	22	3	6	0	0	27	55	735	1082	9	16	980
Leeann Kramer	24	101	52	51	72	48	48	17	17	7	7	0	0	59	58	713	1020	4	4	946
Kristi Rosa	24	95	31	33	60	43	45	13	14	3	3	1	1	53	56	632	863	4	4	821
Lindsay Tuscano	14	48	27	56	24	13	27	7	15	3	6	1	2	20	42	500	833	10	17	767

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Reckamp of the PBR All-Stars took the division batting title (.818 AVG, .818 OBP), with The Phanatics' Mike Millner (.786 AVG, 1.071 SLG) not far behind. Mike Baranski produced some power numbers (3 HR, 17 RBI, 1.205 SLG) as a highlight for the Pitch Slappers. Jill Long (.773 SLG, 9 R, 10 RBI) led the female eddies offensively, and John Razzi slashed 18 singles for a .720 AVG that was top among male eddies. Again the top two seeds met in the championship series, and JT Bankers earned the spring title with a two-game sweep of The Crackers to claim their third championship in three seasons.

**B Division East** In this hotly contested division, Irish Car Bombs (7-1) took first place as they held the head-to-head tiebreak over Jerzees Elite (7-1). At 6-2, The Dutes were not far behind, powered by Greg Strouse's MVP-like performance; his 19 H and .792 AVG paced the division, and his 1.458 SLG was second only to that of Mike Kulp (1.591 SLG, 4 HR) of the Irish Car Bombs. Dan Wehlau smacked 5 HR for the Hotshots to lead the division, and Matt McCleary of Jerzees Elite also posted a strong campaign (.655 AVG, 1.414 SLG, 4 HR, 21 RBI). Phil Badali (.667 AVG) and Ron Kulp (.640 AVG, 1.000 SLG) well represented the male eddies, and Theresa Groves (.550 AVG) led the female eddies in hitting. The #1 and 2 seeds would meet again in the championship, but this time it was the latter that would triumph; Jerzees Elite rode the hot playoff bats of Mark Sudell (.818 AVG, 1.626 SLG, 2 HR), Dave Owens (.800 AVG), and Matt McCleary (3 HR, 1.455 SLG) to edge out Irish Car Bombs in two close games. B Division West The Breakfast Club was a team new to SBA, but they impressed in their first season, taking the B Division West with a 7-1 record. Their offense was pow-

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ries. SPRING Ron Bannister .700 avg., Jesse Kupier right there with a .690. Jill Long .448. SUMMER Pete .704, Ron Pulli .667, Jarred Gardner belted out 6 homers, 23 rbi's. FALL Axel Alicea 6 homers, 25 ribbies. Jake Seymour .625, Jill Long .516, 13 rbi's and Kristen Colella .400.

**IRISH CAR BOMBS** Bombs are managed by John Toto. In the SPRING, Tom Moyer .633, Kevin Mueller .600, 21 rbi's, 4 homers. Tara Soler .414. SUMMER The Bombanator Mike Chwieroth exploded with 5 homers and 19 ribbies. Male Eddie pitcher Ron Kulp .500 avg. FALL Matt Godshall and Mario DiLuca .600. Matt McCleary led the team with a .714, 16 ribbies

**DOMINICKS SIDE DOOR PUB** National league Fall Champs. SPRING, Mike Zahradnick with a .696 avg. and 23 ribbies. Mike Snowman .560 and Stephanie Raieta .520. SUMMER Mike Z. led again with a .720 avg. Keith Keppley, Ray Pantano, .552, .536. Stephanie Thrasher .370. FALL Keith Keppley was hot with a .840 avg. 22 rbi's and 9 homers! Dave McDonald .600. Jill Beck came onboard banging out a .333 avg.

**BOMB SQUAD** A young and powerful hitting team led by CJ Brancato. SPRING Bob Argeros and Nate Roman exploded with a .667 avg. Brandon Roman a .652 and Bill .615. Corrina Fleming .391. SUMMER John Didesidero top bomb with a .667. Bob Argeros banged out 4 homers. Newt Miles .391. FALL CJ Brancato .765, Bro Bill, 16 rbi's and Sis Brianna .389. Female sensation Marissa Nagle .476..

**CARROLL'S JEWELERS** A gem of a summer for Carroll's.. They were the summer National Conference Champs. SPRING Dan O'Brien sparked with a .704 avg. 22 rbi's. Dan Rotanz and Kevin Dryzga .667. SUMMER. Carroll's Jewelers core players shined brilliantly. Dan O'Brien with 4 homeruns, Curt Perry, 25 ribbies, Bryan Bart, Todd Krawchuk and Kevin Sinkunas all proved they were no diamond in the rough. Alison Liney .455 avg. FALL Bryan Bart .654 24 rbi's and the jewel of 'em all, Eliot Ridgeway .381.

**MAVERICKS** Like a box of chocolates, you never know what you are going to get. Mike McHale's team went to the spring and summer Big Show. They always battle week after week. SPRING Phil Purchase 'opened the gate' busting out with a .867, 19 rbi's. Nick Mancini .654..John Gessner .643. SUMMER. Mike Downey .613, Jeff Jones 22 rbi's, Jill Beck .308. FALL Jeff Jones .619, Mike Testa .483, 3 homers. Joe Gross .400

**SBA BALLHOUNDS** Ron Spillman and Vicki's Ballhounds had a 5-3 spring season record. SPRING One-season Ballhound wonder Jarred Gardner powered out 7 homers, 11 doubles, 25 rbi's and a .867 avg. Dan Vescovi .692. Dave Gumkowski led the male eddies with a .565. Kristi Rosa top female eddie .613. 13 rbi's. SUMMER. Jeff Perrone led the team with a .692. John Andres .630, 5 homers, Brian Sauers .583, 16 rbi's. Eddies Dave Gumkowski .577, Ron Spillman .565 and Wayne Jerdan .412. FALL Matt Nixon .632, Rob Weston "smurfed up" a .545, 16 rbi's. Donna Finlayson fills out the roster.

**ROOS.** Mitch Diodato took his Roos to the Fall Championship title series. SPRING Mitch led the way with an impressive .880 avg. Jim McDonald banged out

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### Summer A League

NBI returned with a new sponsor Jamison Pour House. Sunscapes had a new sponsor in Acres Auto Recycling. The Irish Car Bombs moved up from the B division by virtue of winning that league. Likewise Snipers went down. But history again repeated itself as JPH swept the field again, this time besting Vertex Pest Management in two games. Again, the playoffs were not a rout, but it was a decisive two game win for JPH. JPH managed to score even more runs than they did the previous season, but the run differential went down, indicating that teams were scoring more against them than in the past.

Again, no one player dominated the individual stats. Frank Hackett, Brian Penecale and Mike Chwieroth shared the home run title with 7. Jamal Covington took the batting crown by hitting 871 and Brian Penecale claimed the RBI title. By virtue of OPS, Frank Hackett had the most outstanding offensive season. Team OPS leaders were: Frank Hackett, Jamison Pour House, 2277, Greg Ochs, Country Tavern, 2251, Mike Chwieroth, Irish Car Bombs, 2243, Ray Pantano, Acres Auto Recycling, 2005, Matt Schaub, Vertex Pest Management, 1886, Mike Haberle, Rhinos, 1708, Steve Campbell, Yum Yum Bake Shops, 1523.

### Fall A league

The league remained stable with the only change being Master Baiters Tackle Shop moving up after winning the B division and the Rhinos moving down. Again, JPH ran the table with an 8 - 0 record. They met Country Tavern in the finals as they did in the Spring with the same result, a sweep, although the games were tight.

No Triple Crown winners this year as again competition was tight. Frank Hackett, Jarred Gardner, and Axel Alicea shared the home run crown. Chris Knechel took the batting title and Frank Hackett led in RBI. The best offensive season was had by Jarred Gardner as measured by OPS.

The short summary of the league was total domination by one team.

### Spring B League

The Irish Car Bombs took the title with a 6 - 2 record. That doesn't sound too dominant, but by virtue of inter-league play, they were the only team in the league with a winning record. They outscored the next closest team by 53 runs, and scored two and a half times as many runs as their opponents. This was an A team in the B division. This would be substantiated when they posted winning records upon reaching the A division. They met the Bluestone Bombers in the finals and defeated them 7 - 1 and 13 - 4. By the way they also easily lead their league in defense.

Mike Chwieroth clearly powered the Irish Car Bombs offense, sharing the home run title with Jim Rose and leading the league in batting. Teammate

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ered by the bat of Ricky Davis (.679 AVG, 1.500 SLG, 4 HR, 20 RBI). Team Cornerstone and Fritz's Bakery both finished one game back at 6-2, with Brian Randazzo (.645 AVG, 1.194 SLG, 19 RBI) and Kevin Brown (.667 AVG, 1.444 SLG, 4 HR) as their respective offensive threats. The division batting title went to male eddie Andy Suder (.680 AVG) of Belly Buster Poker. Female eddie Jess Ruland was another key to the offense of Fritz's Bakery, as she led her divisional peers with a .571 AVG and .630 OBP. It looked like a Cinderella story for #6-seeded The Wolfpack, who barely made the playoffs with a 3-5 record; they first eliminated #3-seeded Fritz's Bakery in a very close game, then handled #2-seeded Team Cornerstone to advance to the finals. However, they met their match with the top-

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Brian Penecale. One of the best measures of offensive prowess is OPS (On Base Plus Slugging) as it indicates both the ability to get on base as well as hit for power. The team leaders in that category were: Brian Penecale, Thompson VW Porsche Audi, 2429, Mike Brown, Mike's York Street Bar & Grill, 2332, Matt Schaub, Vertex Pest Management, 2227, John Kiefer, Goodfellas, 2045, Bob Pierce, Porsche of the Main Line, 2028, Eric Damm, GMG Insurance, 1961, Dave Steinbach, Philly Soft Pretzel Factory, 1888, Jeff Jones, Conshohocken Brawlers, 1751.

### Summer

In the Summer all eight teams returned intact. Thompson VW Porsche Audi established themselves as the class of the league, going 7 - 1, leading the league in offense again, scoring even more runs and winning their second championship. They swept Philly soft Pretzel in the finals by seven and five runs. Last season's runners up, GMG Insurance, fell to an ordinary 4 - 4 record and previous season's third place team, Goodfellas fell to a dismal 1 - 7. But 1 - 7 probably looked good to Vertex Pest Control, who failed to win a game for the second straight season.

As for individual honors, Brian Penecale and Frank Hackett switched roles this

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Carolyn Sullivan and Christine Razzi got it done for the girls hitting .500 and .429 respectively. Mike McHale led the way for the older men hitting a very nice .624. In a battle of first place teams, Gavin's Tavern got the best of the Irish Car Bombs, taking the spring title in 2 games.

With the summer season getting underway the temperatures rose as did the level of play in the American Conference, especially the Renegades'. They finished the regular season in first with a perfect 8-0 record. Individually, the season belonged to Andrew Kovach, of Tonellis. We were just lucky enough to witness it. Andrew hit for the triple crown, batting .815, slugging 11 homers, and driving in a coed record 45 rbi's. He also slugged an insane 2.259. It was easy to see who the MVP was for this season was. Dana Myers once again led the way for the ladies hitting a phenomenal .625. Super stud male eddie Ron Pulli hit .704 and had 17 rbi. A friendly rivalry has developed over the last couple years between the Renegades and the Mixed Nutz. There has never been any smack talk or physical altercations between the two squads, but when both teams take the field against each other the level of play and effort always seems to go up. Both teams have a handful of veteran players not only to Softball America, but to the sport of softball in general. Watching and being a part of this rivalry has been very exciting and made playing even more enjoyable. When all was said and done the Renegades got the best of the Mixed Nutz in this rivalry, finishing with a perfect 11-0 record (including postseason) and taking the summer title in 2 games.

The summer brought an exciting season in the National Conference yet again. Another competitive season ended up with the Titans taking first place with a 6-2 record, thanks to some impressive defense. Tom Moyer was Mr. Everything for the Titans providing the power and a lot of the run production. Dan O'Brien brought out his inner Ted Williams to hit an amazing .833. Sean McNamara jacked 7 homers and 20 rbi to head his impressive offensive season. Some ladies had impressive seasons including Rebecca Patenaude and Amy Walter who hit .444. and .440 respectively. Male eddie Doug Spier hit a respectable .667 to head his fine season. An exciting 3 game series between the Titans and Chico's Bail Bonds capped the season. The Titans won game 3 in dramatic fashion on a Ron Kulp walk off single to take the summer championship.

The fall season saw Tonelli's take over first place with their own undefeated 8-0 record. Jared Gardner had a monster season taking a triple crown of his own. He hit .840, jacked 10 bombs, and drove in 30 runs. Dana Myers had another stellar season hitting at a .586 clip and Jamie Burns drove in 15 runs. Ron Pulli hit .633 with 10 rbi to lead the male eddies. The Renegades waited until the postseason to play their best ball. They beat Tonellis in 3 games to complete their trifecta of championships and to sweep the 2012 Wednesday American Conference year. Congrats to all the Renegades!

The fall season in the National Conference saw some extremely evenly matched teams. Jamison's Pour House took first place at 6-2 with FOUR teams tying for second place at 4-4 records. Lee Anderson, Vito Nigro, Gregg Wilson, and Shawn Ortman handled the offensive load for Jamison's Pour House. Michael Rafferty hit a robust .857 to lead the conference. Matt McCleary smoked 5 balls into the trees for homers to pace the National conference. Alex Lilly and Lee Anderson tied for the lead with 22 rbi. Female Terry Ryan hit a nice .480 for the women

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point totals. Rounding out the top 5 is 2-time winner Keith Keppley and last year's POTY Beau Burris.

Free agent phenom Marissa Nagle is this year's coed league female player of the year. Her slugging percentage of 943 is by far the highest by a female in the coed leagues since Diane Munsell (Gianotti) hammered out a 754 twelve years ago (2000). As well, Marissa led the league in batting with a 566. Congrats to Marissa. Jessica Ruland was no slouch. If not for Marissa, Jessica's 557/738 would have been more than enough to take home the POTY title. Dana Myers, Jill Long, and Jamie Burns rounded out the female top 5. Jill led all girls in hits and RBI's. Dana scored most often (49%) and her batting average was 3rd behind the top 2. Jamie topped all females in R% by knocking in a run better than 1/3 of the time.

In the male eddie department, Warren Grant captures what will undoubtedly be one of many POTY titles. In many respects, Warren has been and will continue to be all-world in literally any category. His 691 batting average and 1146 slugging were tops in the male eddie group. His RBI% of 63 was also a male eddie best. Congrats, Warren. Ron Pulli edged out Mike Becker for 2nd place in total points. Ron led all male eddies in runs batted in and was 2nd overall in runs scored. Mike Becker finished the year batting 643 with a 1000 slugging %. Rounding out the top 5 are Steve Campbell (573/927) and Nick Mancini (629/1016).

Jill Long was tops in the women's league finishing on top in almost every major category. She finished the year batting 776 while slugging 1224. She scored a run better than 2/3 of the time and knocked one in 3/4 of the time. Congrats, Jill. Karen Gordon (735/1082) and LeeAnn Kramer (713/1020) finished 2nd and 3rd in the point totals. Rounding out the top 5 were Kristi Rosa (632/863) and Lindsay Tuscano (579/789).

The playoffs have a tendency to bring out the best in certain players. Mike Bianco is certainly one of them. Mike batted 820 through 13 men's league post season games. His power numbers were just short of 1800. While some may point to his games at Stover, a closer look will reveal he went 12 for 12 at the Quarry with 4 HR's and

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## Post Season Players Of The Year

Winners are highlighted in bold.

### Playoff Player Of The Year / Men's League 2012

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Sig	BB	BB%	Pts
<b>Mike Bianco</b>	13	50	31	62	41	19	38	9	18	0	0	13	26	48	96	820	1780	1	2	1085
Bill Yokobosky	12	33	25	76	23	17	52	1	3	0	0	5	15	30	91	697	1182	12	27	967
Brian Penecale	26	93	58	62	65	32	34	13	14	1	1	19	20	78	84	699	1473	10	10	966
Jarred Gardner	7	25	15	60	18	9	36	2	8	1	4	6	24	18	72	720	1600	2	7	960
Frank Hackett	21	73	51	70	54	41	56	3	4	0	0	10	14	49	67	740	1192	14	16	930

### Playoff Player Of The Year / Coed League 2012

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Sig	BB	BB%	Pts
<b>Mike Chwieroth</b>	10	31	26	84	23	6	19	3	10	4	13	10	32	32	103	742	2065	6	16	866
Curt Perry	8	26	17	65	19	9	35	4	15	0	0	6	23	19	73	731	1577	4	13	734
Dan O'Brien	8	30	17	57	24	14	47	5	17	2	7	3	10	24	80	800	1400	0	0	704
Beau Burris	26	77	43	56	56	25	32	15	19	5	6	11	14	51	66	727	1481	7	8	696
Jarred Gardner	13	40	23	58	28	14	35	3	8	4	10	7	18	25	63	700	1500	6	13	690

### Female Eddie Playoff Player Of The Year / 2012

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Sig	BB	BB%	Pts
<b>Marissa Nagle (fe)</b>	13	44	12	27	20	11	25	6	14	1	2	2	5	15	34	455	773	1	2	614
Terry Ryan (fe)	7	25	9	36	11	8	32	3	12	0	0	0	0	10	40	440	560	0	0	571
Stephanie Miller (fe)	7	20	11	55	10	10	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	500	500	4	17	528
Nicole Courduff (fe)	10	33	8	24	14	14	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	33	424	424	1	3	489
Dana Myers (fe)	27	88	40	45	36	32	36	3	3	0	0	1	1	14	16	409	477	4	4	486

### Male Eddie Playoff Player Of The Year / 2012

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Sig	BB	BB%	Pts
<b>Warren Grant (me)</b>	8	25	19	76	20	11	44	5	20	0	0	4	16	18	72	800	1480	4	14	772
Steve Campbell (me)	8	24	12	50	15	11	46	3	13	0	0	1	4	9	38	625	875	4	14	545
Ron Kulp (me)	17	54	13	24	29	23	43	2	4	4	7	0	0	18	33	537	722	6	10	435
Bill Roth (me)	10	28	9	32	15	14	50	0	0	1	4	0	0	9	32	536	607	3	10	427
Ron Pulli (me)	16	52	17	33	26	20	38	4	8	1	2	1	2	14	27	500	673	0	0	395

### Playoff Player Of The Year / Women's League 2012

<b>Kristin Colella</b>	3	11	11	100	8	5	45	3	27	0	0	0	0	3	27	727	1000	4	27	897
Lindsay Tuscano	5	18	16	89	13	11	61	1	6	0	0	1	6	5	28	722	944	6	25	858
Jill Long	8	37	21	57	26	18	49	4	11	3	8	1	3	28	76	703	1054	3	8	845
Karen Gordon	7	30	17	57	20	9	30	10	33	1	3	0	0	15	50	667	1067	5	14	800
Shanna Casey	4	14	7	50	10	8	57	1	7	1	7	0	0	7	50	714	929	2	13	777

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games, the Bombs defeated Fushbucks 13 - 10 for the first ever Friday title.

As for individual honors, the home run title was split three ways between Mike Haberle, Rob Arnott and John McMahon with eight. Ed Seeger led the league in batting at .821 and Haberle took the RBI crown. OPS (on base + slugging) is the best measure of offensive worth, taking both the ability to hit for average and power. That title went to Mike Haberle as well, giving him the finest offensive season in the spring. The individual team OPS leaders were: Mike Haberle, The Express, 2467, Rob Arnott, Dirty Dozen, 2393, Ed Seeger, Ennis the Menace, 2321, Mike Chwieroth, Irish Car Bombs, 2234, John McMahon, Fushbucks, 2103.

### Summer

Powerhouse Express was reformed and returned as Blooming Glen Bombers. Gone was last place Ennis the Menace, replaced by Las Flamas Blancas. With a new name, the Blooming Glen Bombers again took first place, but not as convincingly, with a 6 - 2 record. However, this time they defeated Dirty Dozen for the championship. But

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22 RBI's to nail a coed league Triple Crown 500. While that may seem like slam dunk, RBI's are a lot more difficult to get than hits or runs scored. To give you some idea, the league leader in coed league RBI's last year was Beau Burris and he only managed 51. Joe and Ed had 6 and 5 last year. If they get lucky, they can nail it this year. By the same token, it could take 3 or 4 more years to accomplish. Others with a realistic coed TC500 shot are Jesse Kuiper who needs 26 runs and 3 RBI's and Mike Cianfichi who needs 61 runs scored and 4 RBI's. Personalized commemorative plaques will be awarded to each in recognition of their accomplishments.

**Career Men's League** Andy Smallman (1304) and Steve Beagelman (1297) are neck and neck as the league's all-time hit leaders. The most prolific hitter of all-time remains Frank Hackett who just increased his life-time average from 681 to 683. Brian Penecale carries the all-time HR lead with 257 and Jarred Gardner's slugging percent of 1516 is by far the

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

Jamison Pour House 18-6. In the Finals, it was all AgentPA.com over Maggio's winning in two games decisively, 18-2, and 18-8. Outstanding Season for the Summer came out of Brian Sassano of Maggio's (.821, 5 HR's, 25 RBI's), Frank Hackett of Jamison Pour House (.815, 2 HR's, 19 RBI's), and Steve Rosengren of AgentPA.com (.810, HR, 13 RBI's). On a side note, SBA lost one of the "good guys" of the league during the summer. Bill Yokobosky though rough and brash when playing against him, was a gentle giant off the field. There wasn't a Sunday that went by after he died, that I wasn't looking for his red truck. God Bless Yok. You will be missed!

### Fall A Division

In the fall, Jamison Pour House got back to their winning ways to lead the division @ 7-1. AgentPA.com, coming off their title in the summer, end the regular season in 2nd at 5-3. Maggio's and Philly Soft Pretzel finished tied @ 4-4. The Village Tavern Demons and Hitched round out the bottom two playoff spots. In the playoffs, we have upset galore in the first two games as the Village Tavern Demons defeated Philly Soft Pretzel 13-6 and Hitched beating Maggio's 23-14. In the semi finals we had Jamison Pour House makes their second final of the year on Sundays by defeating the Village Tavern Demons 22-6, and Hitched almost gets their second upset of the playoffs but can't get by AgentPA.com, as AgentPA.com defeats them 21-20 to make their second final on Sundays. In the final, Jamison Pour House showed why they have been the dominant team on Sundays by defeating AgentPA.com in 2 games, 22-7, and 23-13. Congrats to Jamison Pour House on their 2nd final! Outstanding Seasons for the fall were brought by Brian Penecale of Jamison Pour House (.781, 7 HR's, 25 RBI's), Jamal Covington of Philly Soft Pretzel (.737, 13 runs, 11 RBI's), and Mike Bianco of Hitched (.724, 4 HR's, 15 RBI's).

### Spring B North Division

In the spring, we had a tie at the top of the board with Lancer's Diner and Jackhammers at 7-1, with Lancer's Diner having the tiebreaker, Mixed Nutz and Snipers found themselves also tied below them at 5-3, with Mixed Nutz having the tiebreaker, with Bomb Squad and Bucks County Bank squeezing into the playoffs. In the playoffs, we had the Snipers defeating Bomb Squad 9-5, Mixed Nutz edging Bucks County Bank 15-14. In the Semi finals we had Lancer's Diner getting the first spot in the finals by winning 7-4 and Jackhammers sneaking in with an 8-7 defeat of Mixed Nutz. In the finals, it was all Lancer's Diner, winning in two games versus Jackhammers 16-1 and 16-3. Great Seasons for the spring came out of Matt Wood of Snipers (.737, 12 runs, 8 RBI's), Frank Guido of Mixed Nutz (.735, 3 HR, 26 RBI's), and Kiernan Macrone of Lancer's Diner (.696, 7 runs, 10 RBI's).

### Summer B North Division

In the summer, Lancer's Diner finished the season with an 8-0 record to lead the division. Skyline Tavern finished 6-1-1 to capture 2nd and finish just ahead of Bomb Squad (6-2) and Conshohocken Brawlers (5-2-1). The Snipers and Mixed Nutz rounded out the playoff picture. In the playoffs, we had the Snipers upsetting Conshohocken Brawlers 11-9, Bomb Squad more than doubling Mixed Nutz, 16-7. In the semi finals we had Lancer's Diner punching their ticket to their second straight final defeating Snipers 12-2. Skyline Tavern joins the party with a 19-13 defeat of the Bomb Squad. In the finals, we had a phenomenal three game final. Game 1 went to Skyline Tavern winning, 8-6, but Lancer's Diner came back and took the next two games and capture back to back titles, winning games 2 and 3, 11-10 and 6-4. Great Seasons for the summer came out of Jim Calpin of Lancer's Diner (.655, 12 runs, 15 RBI's), Nick D'Angelo of Skyline Tavern (.692, 6 HR's, 17 RBI's), and Bill Shallcross of Conshohocken Brawlers (.667, 4 HR's, 25 RBI's).

### Fall B North Division

In the fall, we had changes. Lancer's Diner would not be back to defend their title, and we had a new team move up. Doylestown Fitness Center was attempting their own three-peat on Sundays. They won the B West title in spring and the B East title in the summer, probably another first in SBA history. Well they didn't disappoint, finishing with an 8-0 record to lead the division. Skyline Tavern, Bomb Squad, and Jackhammers finished tied at 6-2, with the tiebreaker being decided by runs given up, with Bucks County Bank and the Dream Destroyers rounding out the playoff field. In the playoffs, Jackhammers defeated Bucks County Bank 27-15, Bomb Squad blew up the Dream Destroyers 28-7. In the semi finals we had Doylestown Fitness Center getting their closest game of the year to make their third straight final defeating Jackhammers 18-17, and in the other semi-final, we had Skyline Tavern making a second straight final by defeating Bomb Squad 12-7. In the finals, we had Doylestown Fitness Center going for a record, and a determined Skyline Tavern, going for their first title of the Sunday season. Well the final was anti-climatic, with Skyline Tavern winning in two straight games, 24-8 and 16-6. Great Seasons for the fall came out of Dale Curry of Skyline Tavern (.771, 6 HR's, 26 RBI's), Ben Shull of Doylestown Fitness Center (.750, 9 RBI's, 12 runs) and Kevin Rosini of Jackhammers (.727, 12 RBI's, 11 runs).

### Spring B East Division

In the spring, we had the Pigeon Boyz lead the division with a 7-1 record. Jabroni Hunters finished second at 6-2, with The Peter North stars finishing third at 5-3. The teams that rounded out the playoff format is No Glove, No Love, Bulldogs, and Callahan Auto who all finished at 4-4. In the playoffs, we had No Glove, No Love defeated Bulldogs 17-16, The Peter North stars defeated Callahan Auto 17-16. In the Semi finals we had Pigeon Boyz defeating No Glove, No Love 25-24, and finally Jabroni Hunters defeating The Peter North stars 19-18.

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

season with Penecale leading the league in batting average and Hackett taking the RBI crown. But a new name showed up among the leaders in John Krebs. He led the league in home runs and also took the OPS crown, indicating the finest offensive season. Krebs had quite an improvement from a .593 average and no home runs to .654 and seven homers. Individual team leaders in OPS were: John Krebs, GMG Insurance, 2305, Mike DeCristofano, Mike's York St Bar & Grill, 2157, Brian Penecale, Thompson VW Porsche Audi, 2095, Bob Pierce, Porsche of the Main Line, 1979, Matt Schaub, Vertex Pest Management, 1919, Jarrett Young, Philly Soft Pretzel Factory, 1841, Nate Ross, Goodfellas, 1749, Dan Shaeffer, Conshohocken Brawlers, 1577.

### Fall

Thompson VW Porsche Audi's reign ended as for the first time, they did not lead the league in scoring. GMG Insurance had that distinction. Finishing in second,

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a .708, Gene Walczak 15 rbi's. SUMMER Dan Wehlau red hot with a .652, Gene W. .643, 20 rbi's. Angie Wehlau .435. FALL Dan Wehlau, still hot from the summer, led with a .667, 11 rbi's, 3 homers. ulie and Jill Thomas, .250 avg. Angie Wehlau .364.

**LA POOLS** Rich Reinheimer's gang made a big slash in the spring winning a championship title. SPRING Mike Cianfichi always the lifesaver with a .897, 27 ribbies, 9 doubles, 2 triples and 27 rbi's!! Sean Fisher .724. SUMMER Sean Fisher .650. Ron Arrighy .609, Greg Lavin .591. FALL Still afloat in the fall, Greg put up a .720 with 18 rbi's. Deb Dando, Theresa Groves, Krissy Bartynski are Rich's eddies..

**MAIZE AT WINDING BROOK** It's the one and only amazing Farmer Bob and his Garges Gang. SPRING Maize's male eddie Tom Egitto led the way to a .696 avg. Following was Mark Holmes with a .593. SUMMER Mike Richardson top cob with a .769, 20-rbi season. Keith Bellinger .667 and son Brad .643, 12 rbi's. Katie Shallcross .385. FALL Tom Egitto .688, Phil Worthington .545. Welcome back, Joey Povlosky and Joe DeSousa!

**NEW AGE** An SBA veteran team managed by Rich Petersen. SPRING Jon Logue with an impressive .700, 22 rbi's and 7 homers. Sara Headley led the ladies with a .529 avg. SUMMER Jarred Cahon banged out a .750, Mark Maund .708, Keith Briggs, 19 ribbies. FALL Rich led his team to a 5-3 record season. Brian Hostetter and Jim Kennedy were back in action. David Hanrahan, a 8 game .625, 12 rbi's and 4 homeruns.

**CHASERS** After a long hiatus, Steve Palmer hopped back to SBA action in the spring managing the Chasers. SPRING, Bill Treichel .714 avg. John Rodriguez 11 rbi's. SUMMER John Rankin .591, John R. .552 and Morgan Palmer joined Dad belting out a .263. FALL John Rodriguez once again! with a .720, 13 rbi's 4 homers. John R. Jr. .476, Eric Campbell .625 and Morgan Palmer chased a .400 avg. Tina Milligan .316 and (me) Steve Leib took over the pitchers mound duty and he also banged out a .450 avg. Until the spring...

Vicki Ponente

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it wasn't easy, with the series going the full three games with the Bombers edging the Dozen 9 - 7 in the last game.

No individual dominated in the statistics arena. Joe Clemmer took the home run title, Ryan Ash led in batting average and Justin Trudell and Mike Bianco split the RBI title. Mike Chwieroth, who batted .708 with 5 homers and 17 RBI recorded produced the best OPS and thus, the best offensive production.

Individual team leaders in OPS were: Mike Chwieroth, Irish Car Bombs, 2408, Frank Murray, Blooming Glen Bombers, 2404, Justin Trudell, Dirty Dozen, 2186, Jason Brooke, Fushbucks, 2100, Joe Clemmer, Las Flamas Blancas, 2081

### Fall

In the Fall, Las Flamas Blancas returned as the Shockers. Fushbucks was gone and two new teams were added, C.S.L. Knights and McSchrandt's, bringing the league to six teams. Blooming Glen Bombers continued their fall from greatness, merely going 4 - 4 and were outscored by their opponents on the season. The two new teams finished tied for second at 5 - 3. The name change seemed to help as the Shockers improved from 0 - 8 to 2 - 6. Last season's runner up, Dirty Dozen posted the best record. The third and fourth seeds, C.S.L. Knights and Blooming Glen Bombers met in the finals with the series again going three games. The Bombers won their second title 17 - 15 in yet another tight series.

The Triple Crown was again split. Mike Bianco took the home run title, Bob Hartzell the batting title and Mike Bianco and Cary Sawyer split the RBI crown. The top offensive player by virtue of the highest OPS was Mike Bianco. Individual team OPS leaders were: Mike Bianco, Blooming Glen Bombers, 2357, Mike Chwieroth, Irish Car Bombs, 2234, Dave Watson, Shockers, 2195, Rob Arnott, Dirty Dozen, 2175, Andrew Fisher, C.S.L. Knights, 2102, Justin Hager, McSchrandt's, 1968.

The league featured good balance with two champions and four different teams in the finals. In the playoffs, all three championships went the maximum three games. Of the nine games played, five were decided by one run. The most lopsided game in the finals was 10 - 6, which is anyone's game.

Bob Cusano

## Manager Meetings (Continued from page 1)

cussion 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

# Opening Day *(Continued from page 1)*

The forfeit fee does not go to the league. The fee goes directly to the opposing team. Forfeits are a downer. The \$25.00 can at least pay for a few pitchers and some lifted spirits at a local watering hole.

I'm not going to make a big deal of it, but I can't help but mention the increased number of league members that have found themselves named under the heading of conduct unbecoming last year. From throwing the bat in anger to making terroristic threats toward a game official, it's gotten a little out of hand. In 2006, we had such 11 instances. Last year there were 41. I will ask league members to please show some self control. After all, it's only softball.

The official league softball will be the same as last year and hopefully remain as such for years to come. Trump manufactures the 52 COR, 300 compression ball. It has an optic yellow synthetic cover. Depending on what's available to me, I will in turn make them available for league member purchase (\$40.00/dozen).

If you would like to have your league fees covered and/or pocket some extra cash, consider becoming a league umpire, scorekeeper, journalist, groundskeeper, or statistician. Contact the league office if you are interested. Deadbeats need not apply.

The newly-formed Softball America women's league is struggling with only 3 teams. The future of women's softball across the region is diminishing little by little, year to year. We need to put a stop to that trend. My ultimate goal is to build women's softball and make our women's league one of the strongest around, but I need help. Women need to step up and join the league (better yet, enter a team). The league plays every Tuesday evening at Hatfield from April through September and in Telford Borough during October and November. It is still undecided whether existing teams will return intact or all new teams will be formed via a draft. Women's league ball is played on smaller, fenced ball fields using an 11" softball (12" is used in coed). The 11" ball travels further and is a lot easier for the girls to throw and catch. If you are interested in playing women's league ball this year, fill out a free agent form (link located on main page of the website) or contact the league office.

Telford Borough (Stover Park) is where the Friday Men's league plays their softball. The outfield fence is about 250' from home plate. To make it even easier to clear the fence, the ball field grade slopes downward from home plate to a 4' high fence. Being that 4th Street runs very close to the left and left-center field fence, the borough, along with local residents, have voiced concern over home runs hitting pedestrians walking on the sidewalk and/or cars driving by. Anyone that has played in the Friday Men's league will agree that this is a valid concern. As a result, the Friday Men's league will have no choice but to shift from a metal bat league to a wood bat league. I do realize the possibility does exist that teams may decide to not return as a result. It is possible the league may fold entirely. This remains to be seen. The Friday Men's league is a fun league and I sincerely hope the players in the league will at the very least give the Stover Park wood bat policy a try. However, if you will NOT be re-entering your team in the Friday Men's league this spring season, please be so kind as to let me know at your earliest convenience. The wood bat policy will include any and all bats that are comprised of a single type of wood. Fillers will not be permitted. Bamboo is also not permitted as it is considered a grass, not a wood.

A league rule was amended mid-year 2012 to reflect a 3rd exception when a batting out is passed over in the last inning of the game. ENDING THE GAME: A batting out shall NOT be taken if it is the last out of the last inning of the game. In that instance, the batting is passed over without penalty. EXCEPTION 1: The batting out is a result of an ejection or a player leaving the game for any reason other than injury. EXCEPTION 2: The batting out comes up in extra innings. EXCEPTION 3: The score is tied. In each of the 3 exceptions listed above, the batting out will apply.

A second league rule was amended as it relates to skipping an injured player's at-bat in the event of injury. Included in this injury reprieve will be any player needed to assist the injured player, i.e., ride to the hospital. PLAYER INJURY: If a team has chosen to start all roster players leaving no roster subs on the bench and one of the players gets hurt to the point where he/she obviously can't continue, that player and any player needed to assist that player shall be passed over in the batting line-up without penalty as long as all roster requirements are met.

I look forward to another year of great softball fun and competition. League member suggestions and input are always welcome.

Les Greenstein

## Most Valuable Players / Summer 2012

MVP candidates 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, and batting average. Offensive MVPs will be awarded in both A/American and B/National Divisions. MVP winners are highlighted in bold.

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
<b>A/Amer Core B/Natl</b>	<b>Brian Sassano</b> Brian Penecale CJ Snyder Frank Hackett Mike DeCristofano Steve Rosengren	<b>Dave Dancer</b> <b>Jose Pittman</b> Matt McReynolds <b>Mike Chwieroth</b> Rob Johnson	<b>Beau Burris</b> Axel Alicea Jarred Gardner Mike Chwieroth Mike Zahradnick Neal Britton	<b>Brian Penecale</b> Eric Damm Frank Hackett Greg Ochs John Krebs Matt McReynolds Mike DeCristofano Warren Grant	<b>Andrew Kovach</b> Beau Burris Jeff Giulian Keith Keppley Mike Brown	<b>Jamal Covington</b> Brian Penecale Frank Hackett Greg Moylan Greg Ochs Matt Schaub Mike Chwieroth Ron Hopkins	<b>Axel Alicea</b> <b>Beau Burris</b> Gary Thompson Glen Hipple John Kiefer Keith Keppley Neal Britton
<b>A/Amer Male Eddie B/Natl</b>		Bernie Marsh Rich Cordisco <b>Steve Campbell</b> Steve Kohler Tom Collins  <b>Mike Becker</b> Ted Rickner Dave Leib Paul Bartholomai Brian Keller John Razzi	Newt Miles Ron Arrighy Ron Kulp Ron Pulli Tim O'Shea Tom Weinmann Warren Grant  <b>Dave Gumkowski</b> Eliot Ridgeway <b>Keith Bellinger</b> Ron Spillman Wayne Jerdan		Bob Cusano Charley Yuknus Mark Smith <b>Ron Pulli</b> Steve Campbell  <b>Doug Spier</b> Larry Kirschner Phil Badali Phil Derstine Terry Leach		Bernie Marsh Bud Schwarz Paul Harvan <b>Ron Pulli</b> Steve Grazioso
<b>A/Amer Female Eddie B/Natl</b>		Dawn Bieber Jaime Burns Katie Shallcross Rachael Kluska <b>Steph Lear</b>  Brook Tareff <b>Dana Myers</b> Jess Ruland Jill Long Kristin Colella Sam Iviliana	Christine Razzi <b>Karen Gordon</b> Kelly Neill Kerri Schlack Stephanie Thrasher  Alison Liney Angie Wehlau <b>Erin Fox</b> Katie Malinowski Katie Shallcross Kristi Rosa	<b>Tuesday Women</b>  Christine Razzi Jamie Long <b>Jill Long</b> Karen Gordon Karol Ann Kinkel Kristi Rosa Lee Ann Kramer Theresa Groves	<b>Dana Myers</b> Jamie Burns Jill Long Kelly Neill Lora Hooven Stephanie Raieta  <b>Amy Walter</b> Amy Potts Kelly Workman Michelle Fair <b>Rebecca Patenaude</b> Tara Derstine	<b>Friday Men</b>  Ian McNamara Jason Brooke <b>Jeff Hess</b> Joe Clemmer Justin Trudell Mike Chwieroth Ryan Ash	Christine Razzi Dana Myers Jess Morak Jill Long Karen Gordon Shanna Casey <b>Stephanie Thrasher</b>



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seeded Breakfast Club, who easily swept the championship series to cap a very successful debut season.

### SUMMER

The summer session got underway on June 10th, just as the days were nearing their longest – a perfect time of year for Sunday evening softball! 29 teams participated in the summer fun.

**American Conference** The Renegades (7-1) carried their momentum into the summer season, easily claiming the regular season title. Meanwhile, the remainder of the teams, led by Scared Hitless (5-3) and the Rockets (4-3-1), all finished within 2 games of each other, making for an exciting finish to the season with playoff entry and seedings on the line. Dave Matz of the Renegades earned the batting crown with a .773 AVG, while teammate Jose Pittman also put up some impressive numbers as well (.762 AVG, 1.524 SLG, 3 HR). Scared Hitless featured two standout eddies: Steve Campbell topped all male eddies in hitting (.714 AVF, .750 OBP, 1.143 SLG), and female eddie Dawn Bieber posted a solid campaign as well (.423 AVG, .538 SLG, 11 R). The Rockets' Dave Dancer swung the big stick, leading the division with 6 HR, 24 RBI, 45 TB, and a 1.667 SLG. Axel Alicea also hit 6 HR for the Renegades, and Ryan Davis 5 for JT Bankers. The championship saw Scared Hitless face off against the Renegades, but the defending champs were just too strong to be beaten, and completed the two-game sweep of the series.

**National Conference** In this well-balanced division, the Irish Car Bombs (6-2) emerged as the top seed, followed by The Phanatics (4-4) and Eminence Frient (4-4). Among hitters with at least 21 APP, perennial star Mike Chwieroth of the Irish Car Bombs claimed the batting crown with a .727 AVG to go with 4 HR, 26 RBI and 1.636 SLG. Matt McCleary (.577 AVG, 1.769 SLG) had an unreal season for Jerzees Elite, blasting 10 HR and notching 20 RBI. Tom Collins (.571 AVG, .714 SLG) of Ball Brawlers set the pace for male eddies, while Steph Lear (.563 AVG, .611 OBP) had a big season for Eminence Frient. In the semifinals, Eminence Frient jumped all over The Phanatics to earn a berth in the finals against Irish Car Bombs. However, the #1 seed prevailed on the strength of the playoff hitting of Mike Chwieroth (.778 AVG, 2.556 SLG), who garnered 5 HR and 16 RBI in just 9 AB over three games. Kevin Mueller (.727 AVG, .909 SLG) also turned in a great play-off effort to help the Irish Car Bombs secure the title.

**B Division East** Led by the hitting of Lonnie Snyder (.655 AVG, 1.345 SLG, 5 HR, 18 R) and Pete Hagan (.692 AVG, 1.115 SLG, 21 RBI), The Masterbatters (8-0) ran the table on the B Division East to claim the regular season title. The Wolfpack (7-1) finished strong behind the hitting of Steve Weirich (.778 AVG, .818 OBP), Adam Coleman (.750 AVG, .792 OBP, 1.200 SLG), Brendan McCoy (.615 AVG, 1.692 SLG, 6 HR, 19 RBI), and female eddie Dana Myers (.722 AVG, 1.389 SLG); the team's performance was all the more impressive based on the fact that they had just been promoted to a more competitive division. Cornerstone (5-3) rounded out the top of the division, benefiting from an outstanding season by batting title winner Brian Randazzo (.828 AVG, 1.621 SLG, 4 HR). Dave Leib of Crab Cakes led male eddies in hitting with a .542 AVG to go along with a .727 SLG. The #4-seeded Bomb Squad eliminated the top-seeded Masterbatters on their way to the finals while #2-seeded Wolfpack narrowly edged #3-seeded Cornerstone. In the championship series, the Wolfpack took Game 1, but C. J. Brancato's (.750 AVG, 1.688 SLG, 4 HR, 13 R, 19 RBI) playoff hitting powered the Bomb Squad to a summer title.

**B Division West** The West was easily won by North Central (8-0), a new team featuring the power-hitting Paul Chamaroute (.643 AVG, 1.393 SLG), who led the division with 5 HR and 19 RBI, and female eddie Brook Tareff (.522 AVG, .652 SLG, 15 R). Hotshots (5-3) and Music Spectrum (5-3) each finished 3 games behind, both teams offensively led by their male eddies; Ted Rickner of Hotshots hit for a .667 AVG with 1.133 SLG, but was narrowly edged out by Mike Becker (.682 AVG, 1.091 SLG) of Music Spectrum for the batting crown. Chris Candy (.654 AVG, 1.423 SLG) of Fritz's Bakery also wreaked havoc in the division; his 5 HR were tied for best and 17 RBI good for third. The top two seeds met in the championship series, and Paul Chamaroute (.700 AVG, 1.600 SLG, 3 HR) and Brook Tareff (.700 AVG, 1.700 SLG, 2 HR) again starred for North Central. Accordingly, North Central carried the day over Hotshots with a two-game sweep, capping an impressive perfect season in their first in the league.

### FALL

The league continued its slow growth, enrolling 30 teams for the fall season. In stark contrast to 2011, the weather was not a major problem on Sundays in 2012, and all of the league championships were completed on October 7th.

**American Conference** Having won the last 3 championships and 4 out of the last 5, the Renegades were the team to beat in the American Conference. It appeared that the Rockets intended to challenge the champs, as they rolled through the regular season to an 8-0 mark. The Renegades (7-1) were close behind, with JT Bankers (5-3) and Scared Hitless (5-3) a couple back. A number of Rockets posted notable seasons; Kevin Jacoby (.724 AVG, 17 R), Mike Dura (.714 AVG, 1.393 SLG, 4 3B), and Dave Dancer (.625 AVG, 1.406 SLG, 4 HR, 24 RBI, 19 R) all fueled the offense. The Renegades had some big bats too; Jarred Gardner (.737 AVG, 1.895 SLG, 5 HR), Chris Triolo (.677 AVG, 20 RBI), and male eddie John Seymour (.556 AVG, .636 OBP) all kept the team in contention. Rachael Kluska (.579 AVG, .632 SLG) of the Irish Car Bombs was tops among female eddies. Unsurprisingly, it was the Rockets and Renegades who advanced to the championship series. The Rockets took Game 1, but the experience of the Renegades allowed them to regroup and win the next two games handily. Congratulations to the Renegades for completing a 3-season championship sweep!

**National Conference** The hotly contested National Conference was won by the Bomb Squad (5-2-1), who had just been promoted from the B Division East after winning a summer championship. Female eddie Marissa Nagle (.667 AVG, 1.048 SLG) was an element in their success, as was Mike Koelzer (1.182 SLG), who shared the division lead with 4 HR. Not far behind were Harrigan's Pub (5-3) and Your Mother (4-4). Craig Richards had a stellar season for Harrigan's Pub, easily

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and Doug Spier hit a crazy .708 to lead the male eddies. Jamison Pour House finished their fall season with a championship over Gavin's Tavern in 3 highly entertaining games.

Some players just play well with others or play well on a particular night of the week. Andrew Kovach and Beau Burris of Tonellis turned Wednesday nights into their own personal playground. Through 3 seasons, these Bash Brothers hit a combined .711, 39 homeruns, and an insane 143 rbi. Wrap your head around that.

Unfortunately, defense always seems to take a backseat to offense when it comes to slow pitch softball. This is a shame because on Wednesday nights there was never a shortage of it. Pitchers like Bob Cusano, Steve Campbell, and John Seymour fearlessly defending the middle making it even harder for a hit ball to find a hole. Amazing shortstops like Johnny Muntz showing tremendous range. Girls like Lora Hooven, Jill Long, Jamie Burns, and Steph Raieta knocking hard hit balls down with any, and I mean ANY part of their bodies in order to make a play. Middle infielders partners like Mike Brown and Jeff Giulian showing incredible chemistry and turning sick double plays. Speedy outfielders like Jake Seymour and Jeff Uter running great distances into gaps and taking away extra base hits effortlessly. When played the right way, defense is an incredible strength to have and can carry a team to a victory some games.

See you suckas next year...

*Curt Hensman & Stephanie Thrasher*

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

respectively. Once spring wrapped up we had old faces back in the championship as RLD and Misfits went at it again RLD wins over Misfits in 2 games.

After the week off we kick it right back into the summer session. Dave Nagel had another impressive season for unwanted with 4 hrs and 16 rbi. Crazy's Axel Alicia had another great season with 5 Hr's and 18rbi. Tonelli's improved to 5th lead again by Mike DeCristofano with 12 RBI's and /833 avg. Big Heads powered by Stephanie Thrasher and Ron Pulli's RBI output. Andy's got some big bats this summer and John Kiefer smacked 4 Hr's and 24rbi to put them in 3rd place. Beau with another big season finished with 8 Hr's and 27 rbi to power RLD back in to 2nd place. Misfits back on top with Keith Keppeley having a stellar season with 9 Hr's and 25 RBI's. As the playoffs wrapped up looks like Misfits and RLD stood out again and were right back into the championship in a great 3 game serious Misfits prevail and take the summer championship.

As fall kicks into high gear teams trying to get that last taste of championship fever and regroup for fall. Unwanted finished at 1-5-2 again lead by Dave Nagel 3 Hr's and 12 rbi. Crazy's dropped lower but again had 2 huge offensive outputs by Axle and Jarred as they hit 7 Hr's and 4 Hr's between them. Misfits struggled in the fall but were again lead by Keith Keppeley with 4 Hr's and 15 rbi. Andy's finishes 5th powered by Kiefer again and Mike Suda. RLD finishes 4th having good seasons from Darrin Posavec with 2 Hrs and 15 rbi and Beau again with 5 Hrs and 20 more rbi. Tonellis pizza pub continued their climb to the top and finished 2nd overall lead by Rob Johnson 1 Hr and 20 rbi. Big Heads was lead by male eddies Warren Grant 2 Hrs and 22 rbi and Ron Pulli with 1 Hr and 23 rbi. As the playoffs kicked off the RLD and Big heads fought to get to championship and once Big Heads won they met Tonellis in the championship. Keeping their unbeaten season alive Big Heads won in 2 games and win the fall.

*Curt Hensman & Stephanie Thrasher*

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

a boatload of RBI's. Congrats, Mike! In a year tragically shortened by his untimely passing, Bill Yokobosky (697/1182), may he rest in peace, edged Brian Penecale (699/1473) for 2nd place post season honors in the men's league. Jarred Gardner, 2nd only to Mike Bianco in slugging, and Frank Hackett, 2-time PPOTY winner, rounded out the top 5.

On the coed side of things, adding to his regular season title, Mike Chwieroth was all by himself from a numbers standpoint in the post season. His power number (2065) was almost 500 points higher than anyone else and he scored a run (84%) or knocked in a run (103%) at a clip higher than anyone in the coed leagues. Nice job, Mike. Curt Perry was 2nd in slugging only to the top one (1577) and Dan O'Brien led all with a gaudy 800 post season batting average. Beau Burris and Jarred Gardner rounded out the top 5.

To go with her regular season coed POTY title, Marissa Nagle can now add the female eddie post season player of the year award. Her 773 slugging was a league best. She was in the top 3 in multiple other categories including RBI% and total RBI's. Once again, congrats go out to Marissa. Terry Ryan led the league in producing an RBI 40% of the time. Her 560 slugging was 2nd only to Marissa's. Stephanie Miller was tops in runs scored – scoring a run better than every other time to the plate. Her 500 batting average and 17% walk rate contributed greatly. Nicole Courduff (424/424) and Dana Myers (409/477) rounded out the top 5.

Adding to his regular season male eddie POTY, Warren Grant is the run-away post season Player of the Year. Warren was the league leader in every major offensive male eddie category including a batting average of 800 and a slugging % of almost 1500. Way to go, Warren.

Talk about stepping up when it counts, Kristin Colella did so in a big way in the women's league this past year to earn PPOTY honors. Her 727 batting was a league best. She scored a run at a rate equal to the number of times she stepped to the plate. Congrats, Kristin. Lindsay Tuscano had a fine year as she knocked in a run better than ¾ of the time she stepped to the dish. Jill Long (702/1054) was 2nd in slugging only to Karen Gordon (667/1067). Completing the top 5 is Shanna Casey who's 714 batting was 3rd in the league.

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

*Les Greenstein*

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

Thompson failed to make the finals for the first time. This season's finalists were Porsche of the Main Line and Mike's York Street Bar & Grill, both finishing with a 4 – 3 – 1 record. As the last league to finish, this championship was played on a brisk November night, going the full three games. No game was decided by more than two runs, with Porsche of the Main Line prevailing in the final game 9 – 7. The improbable champions had only out scored their opponents by four runs the entire season. GMG Insurance returned to prominence with a 7 – 1 record, but were upset in the playoffs. Vertex Pest Management finally did manage to win a game. So, no sweat-shirts for Thompson and a great conclusion to the season getting two new teams into the finals.

The individual honors were not nearly as competitive. Sporting an 828 batting average, walloping six home runs and driving in 35 RBI, earned Mike Brown the Triple Crown. His 35 RBI were 10 more than the next closest player, Frank Hackett, with 25. Not surprisingly, Mike also led the league in OPS, clearly giving him the premier Fall offensive season. Individual team leaders in OPS were: Mike Brown, Mike's York Street Bar & Grill, 2537, Bob Pierce, Porsche of the Main Line, 2327, Jarett Young, Philly Soft Pretzel Factory, 2233, Jarred Gardner, AgentPA.com, 2230, Matt Schaub, Vertex Pest Management, 2190, Scott Carroll, GMG Insurance, 2060, Frank Hackett, Thompson VW Porsche Audi, 1992, John Kiefer, Goodfellas, 1809.

Bob Cusano

## Statistics (Continued from page 6)

league's all-time best. While Rich Server owns the lifetime mark for bases on balls, nobody has a better eye than George Dart who draws a walk almost 20% of the time.

**Career Men's League** John Razzi increased his stranglehold on the coed hits lead with 2179, more than 300 better than his closest pursuer. Jarred Gardner has moved into the coed league batting lead with a .716 average, up 9 points from 2011. Jarred just eclipsed the 300 home run plateau for the all-time coed HR (310) and slugging lead (1721).

### 1-Pitch Tournaments

After more than 11 years and 24 1-pitch tournaments, Mark Bernacki remains the top hit-getter with 120. Jarred Gardner is the all-time 1-pitch batting leader (.584) with Brian Penecale right there (.580).

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

Chris VanLuvanee is still the most successfully drafted 1-pitch player of all-time, having been to the winner's circle 6 times. Chris Hesdon is 1 behind with 5 titles. Jarred Gardner, Joe Burke, and Mark Bernacki also have 5 1-pitch titles off of their wins this past year.

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## Most Valuable Players / Fall 2012

MVP candidates 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, and batting average. Offensive MVPs will be awarded in both A/American and B/National Divisions. MVP winners are highlighted in bold.

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
<b>A/Amer</b> <b>Core</b> <b>B/Natl</b>	<b>Brian Penecale</b> Brian Sassano Chris Knechel Jamal Covington Matt Schaub Mike Bianco  Brian Autenrieth Chris VanLuvanee <b>Dale Curry</b> Jeff Kulp Matt Grill Matt Monk Vince Vescio	Chris Triolo <b>Craig Richards</b> Dave Dancer Joe Povlosky Kevin Jacoby Mike Dura Mike Suda  Anthony Hunt Brian Chester Brian Randazzo Dan Wehlau Eric Pincus Matt McLaughlin Mike Taggart <b>Vince Taggart</b>	Axel Alicea <b>Beau Burris</b> Bryan Bart Glenn Strattis Jake Seymour Mike Koelzer  Greg Lavin John Rodriguez <b>Keith Keppley</b> Kevin Mueller Matt McCleary	Andy Rinius Bob Pierce Frank Hackett Jarred Gardner Matt Schaub <b>Mike Brown</b> Mike DeCristofano Scott Carroll Warren Grant	Andrew Kovach Dan O'Brien <b>Jarred Gardner</b> Jeff Giulian Keith Keppley Tom Moyer  Alex Lilly Eden Harvest Lee Anderson Matt McCleary Mike Chwieroth <b>Mike Downey</b> Vito Nigro	Axel Alicea <b>Brian Penecale</b> Brian Sassano Chris Mosca Dave Bishop Frank Hackett Mike DeCristofano  <b>Fran Flanagan</b> Dan Wehlau Jason Hillenbrand <b>Mike Haberle</b> Paul Podbutsky Ryan Law	Axel Alicea Dave Nagle Derrick West <b>Jarred Gardner</b> Keith Keppley
<b>A/Amer</b> <b>Male</b> <b>Eddie</b> <b>B/Natl</b>		Bernie Marsh Ed Doyle Jr. John Seymour <b>Paul Harvan</b> Richard Cordisco  <b>Bob Creedon</b> Bob Jackson Jay Harrar Joe M. Gross Lew Wisnoff	Ron Spillman Joe Sharp Roger Sternfeld Tim O'Shea Ron Pulli <b>Warren Grant</b>  Ed Landau Keith Bellinger Ron Arrighy Ron Kulp Steve Leib <b>Tom Egitto</b>		Bob Cusano John Seymour Rick Sturgis <b>Ron Pulli</b> Terry Leach  Charley Yuknus <b>Doug Spier</b> John Razzi (de) Larry Kirschner Phil Derstine Steve Ryan		Bernie Marsh Carl Motts Sr. Eliot Ridgeway Paul Harvan Ron Pulli <b>Warren Grant</b>
<b>A/Amer</b> <b>Female</b> <b>Eddie</b> <b>B/Natl</b>		Dawn Bieber Janet Vincent <b>Joanne Bechtel</b> Katie Shallcross <b>Rachael Kluska</b> Shanna Casey  Alexa Bell Angie Wehlau Erica Myles Jess Ruland Jill Long Kristen Glashoff <b>Marissa Nagle</b>	Christine Razzi Colleen Gilmartin Dana Myers <b>Jill Long</b> Kelly Neill Kristin Colella Lisa Silvestri Marissa Nagle  Angie Wehlau Haley Connaughton Katie Shallcross Lauren Sklodowski Morgan Palmer Sara Headly <b>Stephanie Thrasher</b>	<b>Tuesday Women</b>  Amanda Gordon Christine Razzi Emilie Aitken <b>Jill Long</b> Kristi Rosa Lee Ann Kramer Shanna Casey	Alison Liney Amy Walter <b>Dana Myers</b> Jamie Burns Janice Tansits  Christine Razzi Jill Beck Karen Wallace Kristi Rosa Lauren Sklodowski Rebecca Patenaude <b>Terry Ryan</b>	<b>Friday Men</b>  Bob Hartzell <b>Dan Wilson</b> Dave Watson <b>Mike Bianco</b> Mike Chwieroth	Brittany Ullman <b>Dana Myers</b> Dawn Cardinal Jill Long Karen Gordon Lora Hooven Shanna Casey Stephanie Thrasher

## Sunday Morning Men's (Continued from page 7)

In the finals, we had Jabroni Hunters versus Pigeon Boyz, with the Jabroni Hunters winning in two straight games, winning 9-4, and 9-8. Great Season for the spring came out of Derek Ketterer of Callahan Auto (.750, 11 runs, 17 RBI's), Matt Burns of Jabroni Hunters (.647, 11 runs, 8 RBI's), Matt Grill of The Peter North stars (.643, 4 HR's, 19 RBI's).

### Summer B East Division

In the summer, we had the Jabroni Hunters leading the division at 7-1, Azzatori Chiropractic finishing second at 6-2, the aforementioned Doylestown Fitness Center in third at 5-3, and the Peter North stars, Callahan Auto, and Hawks finishing at 4-4, rounding out the playoff picture. In the playoffs, we had Callahan Auto defeating the Peter North stars 23-8, Doylestown Fitness Center winning by forfeit over Hawks 7-0, because of use of an illegal player by the Hawks (shame, shame). In the semi finals the Jabroni Hunters, going to their second straight final, defeating Callahan Auto 13-8, and Doylestown Fitness Center, making their second straight final (first one in B West), upsetting Azzatori Chiropractic, 19-5. In the Final, both teams, Jabroni Hunters and Doylestown Fitness Center were going for their second straight final, in the series did not disappoint. Jabroni Hunters won the first game 18-17, but Doylestown Fitness Center, roared back to win the next two games, 8-7, and 12-5, to capture their second title on Sundays! Great Season for the summer came out of Justin Miller of Hawks (.750, 2 HR's, 10 RBI's), Matt Grill of the Peter North stars (.656, 6 HR's, 17 RBI's) and Matt McCleary of Jabroni Hunters (.655, 4 HR's, 16 RBI's)

### Fall B East Division

In the fall, we had the 'Roos leading the division with a 6-1-1 record, the Peter North stars just behind them at 6-2. No Glove, No Love and Azzatori Chiropractic finished tied at 5-3, with No Glove, No Love taking the tiebreaker. The Playoff picture was rounded out by the Hawks and Jabroni Hunters at 4-4. In the Playoffs, we had Azzatori Chiropractic defeating the Hawks, 17-2, Jabroni Hunters upsetting No Glove, No Love 24-4. In the semi finals we had Azzatori upsetting the 'Roos 16-1, and Jabroni Hunters with their second upset of the playoffs, defeating the Peter North stars 16-1. In the finals, we had Jabroni Hunters, playing in their third straight final, versus Azzatori Chiropractic. Jabroni Hunters captured their second title of the year, defeating Azzatori Chiropractic in two games, 8-7, and 12-6. Great Season for the fall came out of Brian Autenrieth of No Glove, No Love (.758, 14 runs, 16, RBI's), Matt Grill of Peter North stars (.690, 7 HR's, 19 RBI's), and Kyle Welsh of 'Roos (.652, 8 RBI's).

### Spring B West Division

In the spring, we had a tie at the top of the division, with Balls Deep and Beef & Broccoli finishing at 6-2, with Balls Deep taking the tiebreaker. A Three way tie in the middle had Nationwide Disasters, Young Gunz, and Doylestown Fitness Center (yes, this is where they started) finishing at 5-3, with the runs given up going as shown. The Doom Cats rounded out the playoff picture at 4-4. In the playoffs, we had Doylestown Fitness Center defeating Young Gunz 13-9, the Doom Cats upsetting Nationwide Disasters 7-5. In the semi finals we had Doylestown Fitness Center upsetting Balls Deep 18-15, and Beef & Broccoli defeating the Doom Cats 14-12. In the finals, it was all Doylestown Fitness Center as they won game one by forfeit and game two 23-4, over Beef & Broccoli. Great Seasons for the spring came out of Jeff Kulp of Doylestown Fitness Center (.789, 12 runs, 11 RBI's), Jim Keller of Nationwide Disasters (.708, 6 HR's, 15 RBI's), and Tim Sexton of Young Gunz (.667, 13 runs, 10 RBI's).

### Summer B West Division

In the summer, we had the Doom Cats leading the division at 7-1, with the Myrtle Beach Mermen and the Amber Inn finishing tied at 5-3, with the Myrtle Beach Mermen taking the tiebreaker. Rounding out the rest of the playoff picture was Balls Deep (4-3-1), Young Gunz (4-4), and Nationwide Disasters (3-5). In the playoffs, we had Young Gunz upsetting Balls Deep 16-5, Nationwide Disasters upsetting Amber Inn, 11-3. In the semi finals the Doom Cats punched their ticket to the finals with 12-9 defeat on Young Gunz and in the bottom bracket, we had Myrtle Beach Mermen getting into their first final with a 20-5 defeat of Nationwide Disasters. In the Finals, Myrtle Beach Mermen kicked sand in the face of Nationwide Disasters with a two game sweep, winning 14-2 and 12-5. Great Season for the summer came out of Pete O'Hara of Myrtle Beach Mermen (.667, 17 runs, 19 RBI's), Kevin Noone of Amber Inn (.654, 9 runs), and Steve Lord of Young Gunz (.615, 12 runs, 9 RBI's).

### Fall B West Division

In the fall, we had a three way tie at the top of the division with Balls Deep, The HK's, and Amber Inn all finishing with a 6-2 record, with the tiebreaker (runs given up) giving us our order. The Pigeon Boys would finish 4th with a 5-3 record with Doom Cats (4-4) and the now (3-5) rounding out the playoff scenario. In the playoffs, we had Doom Cats winning by a forfeit over Pigeon Boys 7-0, Amber Inn also moved into the semi finals by forfeit over nWo, 7-0. In the semi finals we had Balls Deep defeat the Doom Cats 23-4 to make their first final of the season, and The HK's making their first final also defeating Amber Inn 21-10. In the finals, we had a full three game final, with The HK's winning game one 16-6, and Balls Deep wins game two 10-6. In the deciding game three, we had Balls Deep defeat The HK's 8-4 to win their final of the season. Great Seasons of the fall came out of Vince Vescio of Pigeon Boyz (.760, 8 HR's, 26 RBI's), Milton Hernandez of Doom Cats (.679, 14 runs, 12 RBI's), and Tim Wagner of The HK's (.654, 6 HR's, 13 RBI's).

### Spring B South Division

In the spring, we had the Isotopes leading the pack with a 7-1 record. The Shamrocks and Spikes Up finished tied at 6-2 with the Shamrocks taking the

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

Scott Grabus prevented Mike from capturing the Triple Crown by taking the RBI title. Only Rich Powers of the Jager Bombs could crack the top six spots in the race for the batting title as the other five spots were held by Irish Car Bomb players Mike Chwieroth, Dave Dancer, Matt Godshall, Brandon Snyder and Scott Grabus. As measured by OPS and common sense, Mike Chwieroth enjoyed the best offensive season. Team leaders in OPS were: Mike Chwieroth, Irish Car Bombs, 2733, Rich Powers, Jager Bombs, 1893; Jim Rose, Doom Cats, 1702, Jason Cassel, Garges Gang, 1615, Mike Barainyak, Brew Crew, 1526, Mitch Colletto, Bluestone Bombers, 1458, Greg Reilly, Master Baiters Tackle Shop, 1450.

### Summer B League

The makeup of the league stayed mostly unchanged with the exception of the Irish Car Bombs moving up to A and the Snipers coming down. Surprisingly the Snipers failed to flourish in B, posting a losing record. With the Bombs gone, the league was open for anyone to win. Master Baiters Tackle Shop posted the best record at 6 - 2. The Bluestone Bombers upped their offensive production from the Spring by almost 50 runs, finished with the second best record but failed to reach the finals. Third place seed Brew Crew faced Master Baiters in the best two of three. The Baiter swept them in two 15 - 0 and 18 - 10, to be promoted to the A league. Of note, not only was the 15 - 0 game a shut out, but pitcher Bob Cusano threw a one hitter, allowing only a fifth inning double.

John Connors batted 765, leading the league and preventing Chris VanLuvanee from claiming the Triple Crown. He led the league with 7 home runs and 21 RBI. But the most productive offensive season was performed by Scott Masulis who posted a 2160 OPS. Team OPS leaders were: Scott Masulis, Master Baiters Tackle Shop, 2160, Ryan Law, Garges Gang, 2086, Sean McNamara, Brew Crew, 2001, John Connors, Snipers, 1972, Rich Powers, Jager Bombs, 1929, Fran Flanagan, Bluestone Bombers, 1818, Dan Wehlauf, Doom Cats, 1391.

### Fall B League

The Master Baiters were gone to the A's and the Rhinos fell to the B's, all other teams remained stable. But had you tried to predict the outcome of this season, you would have certainly been wrong. After finishing in sixth place twice, the Jager Bombs claimed the top spot with a 5 - 3 record. Former A teams Rhinos and Snipers claimed second and third with identical 4 - 4 records. The Snipers had posted a dismal 2 - 6 record the previous season. The biggest surprise was that the Doom Cats, who had previously posted a 1 - 15 record jumped to fourth place at 3 - 5. Yet another surprise was that the Bluestone Bombers, having finished in second the two previous seasons fell to fifth place with a losing record. Their offense was below average just a season after having the league's best. One last oddity was that the Brew Crew, who had made the finals in the Summer, recorded only one win. What a Bizarre season. To top it off, the Bluestone Bombers finally claimed their first championship in a season where they were outscored by their opponents. They defeated the Snipers in two tight games 17 - 13 and 7 - 6.

It was a great year with three different champions and five different teams reaching the finals.

Bob Cusano

## Statistics (Continued from page 10)

### Odds & Ends

Men's league batting averages and slugging percentages increased a few percentage points this year from last year - 439/634 to 443/639. The same was true for the men in the coed leagues - 510/760 to 513/781. This trend; however, did not continue for the girls (fe) and older gents (me) as each group showed a marked decline in both batting average and slugging % - dropping from 282/301 to 265/288 for the girls and 485/595 to 463/566 for the guys above the age of 52. What to make of it? The official league softball ball was basically the same from 2011 to 2012. The lone difference in the softball was the move from a pebble-grained cover in 2011 to a smooth cover in 2012. The 'dimpled' covered ball from 2011 was supposed to carry a little further than the smooth covered ball of 2012. If that was the case, men's slugging percentages should have dropped. They actually rose a bit. Is it possible the hitters with slower bat speeds couldn't get the ball with less carry out of the infield or into the gaps? It's anyone's guess. It may very well be a simple matter of there being better overall men's hitters this year than last and lesser overall male and female hitters this year than last.

Such is the world of statistics. Much like a girl in a bikini, they show a lot, but not everything.

Les Greenstein

## Subs & Illegal Players (Continued from page 1)

have questions, feel free to email the league office and I will get back to you promptly.

This past year we saw a number of managers attempt to deceive their opponent, the scorekeeper, and the league by using subs under the name of missing roster players with the express intent of circumventing the rules and gaining an unfair advantage. In an effort to lessen the temptation to circumvent sub rules, the penalty for such an infraction will increase from a 1-game to a 2-game suspension for the team manager or acting team manager. Additionally, any team win as a result of using a sub under false pretenses will be overturned. For action to be taken by the league, an official protest must be lodged by the manager of the opposing team, game umpire, or game scorekeeper BEFORE the defensive team leaves the field of play to end of game.

I sincerely hope the rash of violations last year was an aberration. Sub use is permitted to help avoid the dreaded forfeit while giving the short-handed team a fighting chance to win. If, as manager, you hate to lose due to playing short-handed, make it your business to find roster players that are committed to playing softball instead of sleeping off a drunken stupor.

Les Greenstein

## Sunday Men's (Cont. from page 11)

tiebreaker. The Wolf pack finished 4th with a 5-3 record, with Team Trevoze and Big Bats rounding out the playoff picture. In the Playoffs, The Wolf pack defeated Team Trevoze 13-2, Spikes Up won by a forfeit over Big Bats 7-0. In the semi-finals, we had the Isotopes defeated the Wolf pack 7-3, and the Shamrocks barely upended Spikes Up 12-11 to make the final. In the finals we had a three game final, with Isotopes winning game one 11-10. The Shamrocks came back to win game two 8-5. In the decisive final, the Isotopes won 8-4 to capture the first final of the spring. Great Seasons for the spring came out of Brian Keller of Spikes Up (.750, 8 runs, 11 RBI's), Steve Torpey, Jr. of Isotopes (.722, 8 HR's, 21 RBI's), and Jim Kelley of Shamrocks (.679, 8 HR's, 30 RBI's).

### Summer B South Division

In the summer, we had Philly's Pinest lead the division with a 7-1 record. Second place went to Get to the Choppa at 5-3, with the Shamrocks coming in third at 4-3-1. Meglio's Furs finished fourth at 4-4, with Spikes Up (3-4-1) and Team Trevoze rounding out the playoff picture. In the playoffs we had Meglio's Furs getting by Spikes Up 2-2-1, Shamrocks just edging by Team Trevoze 16-15. In the semi finals, we had Philly's Pinest defeating Meglio's Furs 13-3, and the Shamrocks beating Get to the Choppa 25-23. In the finals, the luck of the Irish was with the Shamrocks as they defeated the top seeded Philly's Pinest in two games, winning 10-5 and 15-5. Great Seasons for the summer were brought by Justin Holland of Spikes Up (.708, 6 HR's, 21 RBI's), Rob Wagner of Get to the Choppa (.692, 5 HR's, 23 RBI's), and Wayne Boyd of Philly's Pinest (.625, 5 runs).

### Fall B South Division

In the fall, we had once again Philly's Pinest leading the division with a 6-2 record. Newcomer Chickles & Petes came in with a 5-1-2 record to come in second, with defending champs the Shamrocks finishing in third at 5-2-1. The Spring Champions, Isotopes finished the season at 5-3, with returning BDF Welding and Spikes Up rounding the playoff image. In the Playoffs, we had BDF Welding upsetting the Isotopes 23-6, and the Shamrocks defeating Spikes Up 23-16. In the semi finals, Chickles and Petes punched their ticket with a 18-17 defeat of upset minded BDF Welding, and the Shamrocks upsetting top seeded Philly's Pinest 13-10 to reach their third straight final. In the finals, it was like the song Henry the Vill, "second verse same as the first", the Shamrocks captured their second straight final with a two game sweep winning 15-8, and 11-10 over a game Chickles and Petes. Great Season for the fall came out of Matt Monk of BDF Welding (.719, 4 HR's, 20 RBI's), Matt McDonald of Philly's Pinest (.680, 8 RBI's, 13 runs), and Paul Miznitowicz of Isotopes (.655, 4 HR's, 14 RBI's).  
Congratulations to all of our Champions.

Mike Hagan

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winning the batting title with a .893 AVG to go along with a 1.536 SLG. Mike Suda (.800 AVG, 1,850 SLG, 4 HR) and Joe Povolovsky (.720 AVG, 1,400 SLG, 3 HR) of the Phanatics also made a splash this fall. Male eddie Jay Harrar (.682 AVG, .773 SLG) provided some nightingals for the Alcobalics. Your Mother knocked off Harrigan's Pub to advance to the finals against Bomb Squad. What ensued was an all-time classic 3-game series: Bomb Squad edged Your Mother 15-14 in Game 1 on a walkoff double by Tristan Pearce. With Game 2 tied 8-8 after 7 innings, the Bomb Squad put up 4 runs in the top of the 8th. But with their season on the line, Your Mother roared back for the 13-12 win on a walkoff double by Russ Greway. In the deciding game, Your Mother took a 16-12 lead into the bottom of the 7th. Bomb Squad would not be denied the championship, and it was again Tristan Pearce who got the walkoff hit, a 2-out single. Congratulations to the Bomb Squad for their two titles in 2012!

**B Division East** Now in a more competitive division, the Hoishots (8-0) showed that they were the real deal in the fall season, led by batting champion Brian Chester (.731 AVG, .759 OBP, 1,308 SLG), Eric Pincus (.679 AVG, 23 R), Dan Wehau (.607 AVG, 1,607 SLG, 8 HR, 37 RBI), and female eddie Angie Wehau (.500 AVG, .567 OBP, .577 SLG). Masterbatters (7-1) and Cornerstone (6-2) rounded out the division's elite teams. Teammates Brian Ranzazzo (.704 AVG, 1,333 SLG, 3 HR) and male eddie Joe Gross (.708 AVG, .731 OBP, 833 SLG) both made noteworthy performances for Cornerstone. But it was the top two seeds who advanced to the championship finals, where the Hoishots took it in two from the Masterbatters, aided by the playoff hitting of Daniel McDowell (.750 AVG, 1,875 SLG, 2 HR).

### B Division West

The Great BAMbinos managed a perfect 8-0 regular season record to pace the B Division West, trailed by Team Hunt (6-2) and Music Spectrum (6-2). The batting title went to male eddie Bob Creodon of the Great BAMbinos with a cracking .852 AVG and 1,444 SLG. Teammate Vince Taggart (.714 AVG) had a phenomenal season, leading the league with 1,543 SLG, 25 H, 6 HR, 25 RBI, 22 R, and 54 TB. Mike Taggart (.636 AVG, 1,212 SLG, 3 HR, 18 RBI, 17 R) and Matt McLaughlin (.606 AVG, 1,485 SLG, 3 HR, 20 RBI, 17 R) also provided a lot of support to the cause. Elsewhere in the division, Anthony Hunt (.727 AVG, 1,409 SLG) was instrumental to his team's success, and female eddie Jess Ruland (.667 AVG, 889 SLG) had an excellent season for Fritz's Bakery. The #6-seeded Crush upset both #3 Music Spectrum and #2 Team Hunt to earn a berth in the finals against the still undefeated Great BAMbinos. But here the #1 seed was just too dominant - Crush fell in two games, and the Great BAMbinos earned the championship.

Bill Shipe

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