



WECSSO

WINDSOR ESSEX COUNTY SENIOR SPORTS ORGANIZATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**“It's time to hit the ball
and touch them all”**

Yes, it's that time of year again and were anxious to get out on the diamonds. Mother Nature has given us a rough go to start our season. It's the 5th week of May and we have only had 3 games so far; but we know the sun and heat are coming. A special welcome to the new players who have joined our league this year. You too, 'can hit the ball and touch them all' with the help of your teammates behind you. You'll be part of the team and you'll enjoy the friendship and camaraderie that we all experience in this great league.

Your WECSSO and Slo-Pitch executives had a busy winter with meetings preparing for this season. We're seeing an increase in numbers in all 3 divisions with the Red Division adding one more team to their division giving them 5 teams. The Blue and Green divisions remain healthy with 6 and 4 teams respectively. There are a lot more retirees out there that we can reach and we encourage you to invite them to take part.

New uniform Policy. All new players should now have received their shirts and hats. Returning players that need to replace a hat or shirt are to notify Bill Magone, our Uniform Manager. If your shirt and/or hat is worn out, you must hand them in before you receive a new issue. We are doing our best to keep costs down and we can't afford to give out uniforms every year or two. If yours is worn out, you deserve a new one – see Bill. Bill plays in the Blue Division.

I'd like to draw your attention to the Incident Report. The purpose of this report is outlined in our Code of Conduct Policy. In addition to reporting player violations to our Code of Conduct the form is now also to be used as an Accident Report Form to report any serious injury that has occurred. The safety of our players is of the utmost importance. If you are injured or you witness a serious accident, please make sure that an Incident Report Form is filled out so that the Slo-Pitch executive can follow up with the progress of recovery resulting from that injury.

For Insurance purposes, a reminder that you must be registered with NSA to get coverage beyond your own health coverage. If you haven't done this yet, please do so. Misplaced your instructions, email me.

Special thanks once again to Bernie Decaire for volunteering as our Safety Coordinator for this year. Bernie is always willing to accept help and if you are willing to help him, please let him know. His phone number and email can be found on the last page of the Slo-Pitch Schedule on our website.

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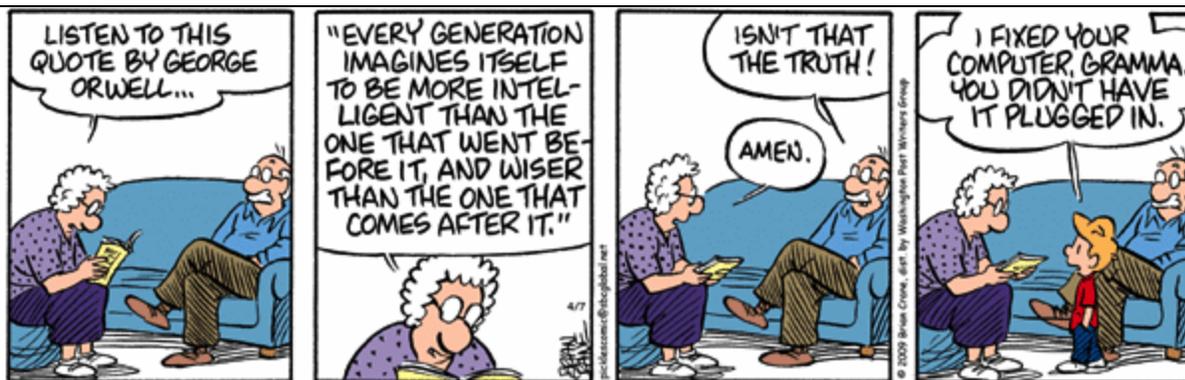
President's Message, Continued

WECSSO, Windsor Essex County Senior Sports Organization is presently organized and run by 2 executives, The WECCSO executive and the Slo-Pitch executive with 10 elected members on each executive. For many years the organization was run by one executive to carry out our mandate, "to develop and organize sports for people who are 55 years of age and older". We were actively involved in setting up sport activities such as baseball, hockey, volleyball, bowling and pickleball. We set up a Slo-Pitch Committee to handle our Slo-Pitch program which in time evolved into the Slo-Pitch Executive. This separate committee/executive allowed the WECSSO executive to direct more of their efforts to continue with organizing, supporting and seeding new senior sport activities. Our endeavours have been successful with these other groups; and now all are operating on their own, the latest being the Pickle Ball group which formed their own league in 2014 and disassociated themselves from WECSSO.

We are now, solely, a Slo-Pitch League and have been for 4 years. We don't have the resources (funds) to actively pursue the development of other sport groups in Windsor or Essex County and the interest to do so has waned partly because of this. Another reason is the fact that these groups, although thankful for our support, no longer feel they need to be members of WECSSO. Thus the WECSSO executive directs all their efforts to our own Slo-Pitch program.

We now only have two main areas of responsibility, marketing the recruitment of ball players and fundraising (bingos and Best Seller books) for the league. We are finding that many of the items that come up for discussion at the WECSSO meetings are the same as those that come up with the Slo-Pitch executive meetings. With less areas of responsibility and the redundancy of issues, the WECSSO Executive feels there is no need to have 20 elected directors to organize and run our Organization. We are thankful for our volunteers but we have a redundancy in positions. We are presently in preliminary discussions looking at the efficiency that we can expect by downsizing and merging the two executives into one, with 12 – 14 elected members. Should we decide to follow this through, a change in the Constitution would be required. The membership would be notified well in advance of our Annual General Meeting in October. We will continue to do what is best for our members and our ball program.

Have a safe, enjoyable season. Play the game as best as you can. Remember, if you are struggling at the plate, "Ninety percent of this game is half mental." - Yogi Berra



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CONVENOR REPORTS

GREEN DIVISION



Hi my name is Daniel Leithead and I am the Convener of "C" Div. my assistant is Mike Graham. This year has been a very slow start with all the rainouts, here's hoping for better weather yet to come. This year was very slow at getting people for our division, but late applications allowed us to be able to field 4 teams of 15 players. This year I would like to welcome the 12 new player who are just starting out, I hope you enjoy yourselves but don't try to overdo it. As I was saying I am the convener along with my assistant Mike, the team managers are Mike Graham, Tom O'Malley, Earl Sisson, and John Barron. If any problems occur during the season don't hesitate to go to Mike or Myself and we will see what we can do to help you out. Again thank you all for coming out to play ball, but don't overdo it. *Dan*

BLUE DIVISION

<u>Team</u>	<u>Manager</u>	<u>RECORD</u> (as of June 11)
Norsemen	Dan MacPherson	5 – 1
Broncos	Jim Miller	3 – 2 – 1
Fossils	Brian Adlam	3 – 3
Ancients	Mike Palenchar	2 – 4
Seniors	Len Dupuis	2 – 4
Rockers	Jack Bump	1 – 4 – 1

Three cancellations already; come on Mother Nature, play nice.



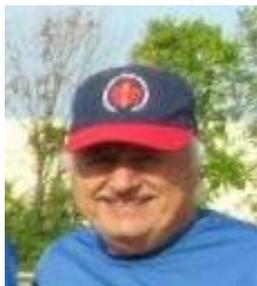
Many games have been played with 11/12 players, (even though all 6 teams started the season with 14 or 15 player rosters). Please advise your manager ahead of time when you will not be available so that he can plan as well as is possible.

At the Spring Draft, the managers do their best to draft players so that all teams have a fair chance at winning games. Drafting a team with a balanced infield and outfield is always a challenge and becomes more difficult as we get older, since more and more players want to play the infield. Following the draft, all teams look good on paper, but that doesn't always transpose to the field. Thus we have a secondary draft to help out a team(s) that needs help. You could be asked to move to another team. We try to move different players every year so that we are not always asking the same players. This secondary draft usually takes place when all teams have played each other once – mid to late June.

Just a reminder to everyone about the new rule regarding the use of a courtesy runner. If you cannot run to first base, you need to get yourself signed up on the list for players requiring a courtesy runner from the backstop. **You** must let Chris Brennan know you **need** to be on that list. If you are not on the list, you will be required to run or take an out. Telling your manager isn't enough. **You** need to personally talk to Chris.

Note the different format for the mid-season Appreciation Day; make plans to participate. Play safe, enjoy your season and the camaraderie of your fellow players. *Chris and Brian*

RED DIVISION



The Red Division has had an influx of players for this season. As a result, the division has five teams. Managers for this season are: Tom McNorton (Vikings), Gary Galli (Leisures), Lou Lafontaine (Cavemen), Jack Bump (Gladiators), and Ron Ottogalli (Dinosaurs).

Each team will consist of 13 or 14 players. If a team is short of players on a certain day, players from the bye team can be used to fill out their roster for the game.

The red division has one major rule change. Players will be running to the base not wide of the base. Players expressed their displeasure of this rule that had them running wide of second and third base. This fact was mentioned to the slo-pitch executive during the winter meetings and the executive listened to the players concerns and approved the change.

At season's end, each team will play each other once-single round robin. All teams will qualify for the championship round. The results of the round robin round will determine the schedule. The 5th place team will play the 4th place team. Winner advances, loser is out. The winner plays the team ending up in first during the round robin. The second and third place finishers play each other. The winners of each game will play for the championship. *Ron Ottogalli*

Just For Laughs: David Feherty, CBS GOLF ANNOUNCER

Submitted by John Carpenter

Feherty is a CBS and Golf Channel announcer, who finds very unique, colorful and uninhibited ways of explaining or describing whatever is on his mind...(probably always on time delay these days).

Feherty Quotes:

"Fortunately, Rory is 22 years old so his right wrist should be the strongest muscle in his body."

"That ball is so far left, Lassie couldn't find it if it was wrapped in bacon."

"I am sorry Nick Faldo couldn't be here this week. He is attending the birth of his next wife."

"Jim Furyk's swing "looks like an octopus falling out of a tree."

"That's a great shot with that swing."

"It's OK - the bunker stopped it."

At Augusta 2011 - "It's just a glorious day. The only way to ruin a day like this would be to play golf on it."

"That was a great shot - if they'd have put the pin there today."

"Watching Phil Mickelson play golf is like watching a drunk chasing a balloon near the edge of a cliff."

On watching Tiger Woods hit a great shot: "Never has my flabber been so completely gasted."

"They're why the Hubble telescope is pointed away from the earth." describing John Daly's pants.

"They are like hot air dryers in public lavatories. They are a good idea, but take too long." When describing Jack Nicklaus designed courses.



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From the Commissioner



Well it's that time of year again. The WECSSO baseball season is under way. Hopefully the winter was kind to everyone, and now we can all enjoy playing the child's game, that many of us seniors still enjoy to this day. Everyone should compete as hard as they can, but remember it's just a game. Nobody's being called up to the big leagues any time soon. It's not worth losing a friend or teammate over who won or lost, or who made an error or who didn't. When it's over smile, congratulate each other, and be glad you can still participate.

There are a few rule changes this year. Hopefully each team manager has gone over them with his players. There are different variations of some rules in all three divisions. The rules are posted on the web site. If you have any questions, please don't be afraid to ask your managers, conveners or any one on the executive.

This year, because of insurance purposes, each individual player must register via computer with NSA Canada. A memo with "how to" instructions should have been given to each player prior to this article's printing. Failure to register could leave you without coverage in case of injury. If you are not "computer literate", just ask a friend or family member (probably a grandchild, LOL) to help you out. It only takes a few minutes.

This season, you may start to see players wearing batting helmets, at bat and while running the bases. Right now it's just a "suggestion". All major baseball associations in Canada, because of insurance liabilities, are making helmets a safety issue. There have been several players killed by errant throws on the base paths, over the past couple of years. Within the next year or so, batting helmets will be mandatory for all players. You might want to consider getting a helmet now, before the prices increase due to supply and demand.

In closing, and I know Ron Ottogalli, hates it when I say it, but this game is supposed to be about having fun. So let do just that. **HAVE FUN!!!! Thanks, Commissioner Rick Anderson**

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Gentlemen of our WECSSO slow pitch league,

As I am sure you are aware, the cost of running the slow pitch league continues to go up. We do our best to keep from raising fees by participating in various fund raising efforts. One of these is the sale of our Windsor Best Seller books. It has been worthwhile to continue to sell these each year. On average, we have made \$1500 profit each year. We would like to do better than that but that would

require that more people volunteer to buy these books. They are still only \$40 and well worth the price. By using three or four coupons, you could gain your money back. Therefore, it would actually cost you nothing for the book. If you go to restaurants at all, there are a good variety of restaurants which you could try. It would be a good way of sampling new restaurants. If you are a golfer, there are also ways to keep down the cost of your golf outings. Some coupons allow 2 to golf for the price of one. Others will give you at least \$10 off your golfing. This year, we still have a few books left. I would ask that, especially our new players try these books. You may discover that they will be of some help to you. I would ask also that those who have never bought one, give them a try. We are doing our best to keep down the cost of our slow pitch league which so many of you seem to enjoy. If you would like to help us out, **please call: Phil Ochs 519-800-6944 or email phildiane@hotmail.com**

You could also approach Brian Adlam or Jack Bump who would also be able to get a book for you. We ask that you give this your serious consideration.

BINGO COMMITTEE REPORT

Jim Bridge has decided to step down as the bingo co-ordinator. He has held this position for many years. He worked all the bingos for WECSSO. He also did the scheduling and all the needed paper work. This was a huge undertaking and our heartfelt thanks go to Jim for his efforts on behalf of WECSSO. The league benefited greatly from Jim's commitment. Without bingo revenue, fees would be much higher.

Ron Ottogalli and Brian Adlam have stepped up to administer the bingos. Ron will do the scheduling of workers and Brian will be the co-ordinator. Ron and Brian have also agreed to work the bingos.

Players will be approached from time to time to help out when needed. Their main job will be that of payout. Selling books at the front counter is very difficult for inexperienced bingo workers. As a result, Brian and Ron have changed their approach. Instead of asking players to sell books, they will be using experienced bingo workers to perform the task of selling books. Luckily, WECSSO has at least six workers available to work the bingos. Hopefully we can get each bingo covered using these workers. It is very important to the bingo hall that workers selling books are experienced and quick serving the customer. We agree, thus the change in bingo recruitment.

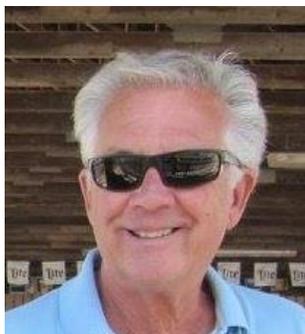
Below are the bingo assignments up until the end of 2018 (each date has 3 two hour sessions)

Monday, July 2nd- 10am, noon, 2pm
Monday, September 17th - 10am, noon, 2pm
Tuesday, November 6 - 4pm, 6pm, 8pm
Monday, December 31st- 10am, noon, 2pm

Wednesday, August 1 - 4pm, 6pm, 8pm
Monday, October 15th- 10am, noon, 2pm
Tuesday December 18th - 4pm, 6pm, 8pm

Bingo Committee: Brian Adlam 519-735-5438 b_adlam@hotmail.com
 Ron Ottogalli 519-944-5635 ronottogalli@yahoo.ca

GOODFELLOW REPORT



On behalf of the Goodfellows and myself I would like to thank the WECSSO organization and volunteers who participated in the November 2017 Goodfellow Paper Drive.

With the help of all the volunteers, Team #7 was able to collect over \$27,000. This amount was a record high for our team #7.

Thank you volunteers and hope to see you November 22, 23, 24, 2018.
Ken Dafeo, Team #7 Captain.

CHARITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by Brian Adlam

Christian Children's Fund of Canada Sponsorship

We are sponsoring a young boy, Jerson Gabriel Gonzalez Rodriguez, from Nicaragua. This is our ninth year sponsoring him. He is fourteen years old and is in grade 7. Jerson lives with his sister and parents in the small community of Oscar Turcios in the city of Esteli which is 150 kilometers north of the capital, Managua. His mother is a homemaker and his father is a subsistence farmer.

We usually receive a Child Progress Report from the Christian Children's Fund of Canada in the middle of May. It has been delayed. The reason for this is Nicaragua is currently experiencing civil unrest. CCFC is monitoring the situation and, at present, all sponsored children are safe.

Nicaragua's civil unrest began April 18, 2018 when President Ortega announced changes to Nicaragua's social security system. Protests, peaceful and aggressive, followed the announcement and continue to this day. CCFC will keep us updated with any changes to the situation

Hopefully the situation will be resolved soon and we hear good news from Jerson. In addition to the Child Progress report, Jerson always writes us a small letter telling us about his activities and interests. I will include this in the fall Newsletter...

Local Youth Sponsorships

This year we are again sponsoring the Windsor Police Community Services Branch with a \$500.00 sponsorship for "Camp Brombal" This is our 11th year sponsoring this camp. The Windsor Police run a summer camp program for less fortunate kids. The kids, about 40 every year, are chosen from the Grade 6 VIP Program that the Police Service coordinates in the elementary schools across the City. The kids attending camp, a week long, take part in sport and life skill activities and are given a bike and helmet as a parting gift.



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INDOOR BASEBALL

Once again this past winter, WECSSO offered indoor slo-pitch at the Novelletto Center. We had four teams of 10 players. Games were played on Tuesdays throughout the winter months from November to April. There are no standings and scores are kept only for "bragging" rights when we go back to Dominion House to socialize and enjoy one another's company. The "playing atmosphere" is completely different than summer ball. The aim is truly to have fun and not to take the game so seriously. If you have ever played indoor ball you could attest to the fact that it is indeed that our aim is achieved. The one other nice thing about indoor ball is that we do not have any divisions and all players of varying abilities are welcomed and do not feel out of place. They do not have to worry about being criticized for their play.

If you would like to keep playing ball during the winter months in a very relaxed atmosphere, give indoor ball a try. You will not be disappointed and will find it a pleasurable experience. *Ron Ottogalli*



FIRST AIDE

Bernie Decaire

Welcome back everyone. The league has asked me to be the medic again this year, so if you have any existing health issues, please come and talk to me about it. For the new members, I'm the guy with the cowboy hat. I will be umping, so if someone needs anything I will ask one of you players to cover for me until I get back.

Remember to stretch before every game beginning when you get up, take your vitamins and have breakfast. Stretch when you get to the park, warm up your arm and hit some balls. **THAT'S AN ORDER!!! We would like to run another CPR & Defibrillator course, but need approximately 15 people to run one. If you are interested in taking this course, please call me (519 -727-5511) or talk to me at the diamond.**

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SOCIAL REPORT

Jack Bump – Social Director

I hope everyone had a safe and healthy winter and are looking forward to another slo-pitch season. We are trying a new format this year for our mid-season luncheon. It will be held at the ball diamond pavilion in mid-July. This might be a good avenue to enjoy the friendship of all your teammates along with others from your division. The Red and Green Divisions luncheon will be held Monday, July 16th right after your games. The Blue Division will follow on Tuesday, July 17th, again right after your games, weather permitting. All players, umpires, executive members and any volunteers can enjoy salad, pizza and chicken wings at absolutely no cost to them. All we ask is a definite count from each manager the week before on how many players or guests have committed to attend on your specific date. All guests will be required to pay \$10.00 to enjoy the luncheon and must be added to each team's number of how many will be attending. The food will be available to all beginning around 11:30 a.m. Remember this is not an all you can eat event so please try to make sure that no one goes away hungry. Please let me know what you think of this new format; good or bad, so we can keep improving on what WECSSO provides for you.

Jack Bump, Your Social Director, email: bumpersx@gmail.com Phone: 519-999-7958

YEAR END AWARD'S BANQUET

As of this writing, we have not yet set a firm date or facility for this banquet. Negotiations are ongoing using suggestions made from some of our WECSSO members, trying to get the best bang for our bucks. Mid-October is the target date. It will still be a late afternoon affair with a country style dinner served around 5:50 p.m. Tickets will go on sale Monday September 10th until Thursday, October 4th. That should be plenty of time to let your managers know how many total people are going to attend the banquet. The cost per person will be set by this time and any refunds given back when you arrive with your ticket. Enjoy your season and we hope to see you at the banquet.



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A History of WECSSO (part 3)

Windsor Essex County Senior Sports Organization

By Paul Thomas

LET'S GET SOME OTHER SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES GOING



To go back a bit, some timely things were going on. Slo-pitch was very strong and was growing rapidly so that the league included several teams. It all became too much for the executive to handle, so a commissioner was needed. **KEN GILBOW** was named to that position, and he proved to be an excellent choice, and the league and the sport flourished under his direction. But interest in other activities was exhibited by the members, and the executive tried to accommodate every request.

The first of these was **HOCKEY** under **JIM BROWNELL**. Several men played at Forest Glade Arena. The executive partly sponsored the sport, and the participants paid for the balance. The interest in this activity has been maintained over the years.

VOLLEYBALL was still going on, and growing, at Lincoln Road United Church. A welcome "new twist" occurred with the involvement of the ladies. Not only did they have their own league, but 'co-ed' volleyball started. **GEORGE ALLEN** became the volleyball commissioner - another excellent choice. This sport derived a lot of interest, and eventually became 'our second biggest sport' after Slo-pitch, and it has maintained that interest. (More about this later).

So activities were flourishing, and the financial picture was very rosy, and the picture for future growth was exciting and very optimistic. Both WECSSO and WRSA were benefiting tremendously from Bingo money. But, as always, with such wealth came problems. Requests for sponsorship for many different sports started coming in from all sides. Badminton, tennis, squash racquets, darts, etc. etc. all wanted to be funded.

It seemed that people would make requests for funds without knowing if there were any others of like interest; and some requests were quite frivolous. People couldn't understand why, since we had money, funds couldn't be used for their own particular purpose. For example, the following are samples of questions and requests raised at the time - Why won't WECSSO pay for my green fees or golf club membership fees? We need funds to rent indoor tennis courts (this request was from a husband and wife team but with no other tennis players involved). We need funds to have a year-end volleyball banquet, will WECSSO pay the shot? We won a provincial slo-pitch championship so WECSSO should buy us jackets. We need funds for our bowling league, why won't WECSSO sponsor the league? And the epitome came with an argument as to why WECSSO wouldn't pay for beer after the slo-pitch game. This then spread to a bigger group who wanted the canteen (both food and drink) paid for entirely by WECSSO. (Actually the beer request became quite heated and only settled down when it turned out that the requesters had refused and continued to refuse to work bingos).

So some rules had to be laid down. The executive made it known that - any sport or activity that was completely organized with a schedule, officials, directors, etc. (such as slo-pitch or volleyball) would be completely sponsored. Other sports could get some financial help to get started, and when they developed to the point of having a schedule, officials, etc., they would become completely sponsored.

Each activity had to make a proper formal request in writing and in person to the WECSSO Board of Directors outlining their plans and justification for consideration. The board then would weigh the evidence and allot funds as it saw fit in terms of how it fit into the overall picture. Activities receiving funds **were** required to have a 'leader and co-leader, and had to open a bank account with at least two signatures on each cheque or document. All of this might have seemed like a bit much, but if made for proper control and set the stage for proper growth. It also took care of the concerns that many members had about handling our 'new found wealth'.

LET'S INCORPORATE

With large amounts of money, the Board of Directors took every precaution about the handling of it. From the very start, WECSSO had their books examined annually by chartered accountants and did everything possible to keep the books proper and legal. Later, **BILL FLEMING** came on board. Bill was a retired accountant who was proud of his profession and wouldn't do anything to sully it. Also, **LOU DESCHAMPS**, a retired bookkeeper from Chrysler's, was a board member. So between Bill and Lou, we were as legal as could be. We made the books available for inspection by members and made annual reports. This seemed to take care of the 'frivolous' requests. Members, seeing that everything was on the 'up-and-up, accepted what the board was doing.

In addition, the board, to become legal arranged to INCORPORATE. **BOBBATEMAN**, the president at that time arranged for attorney **CRAIG STEVENSON** to take care of incorporating in the year 1995. Craig incorporated WRSA at the same time, so we all were as legal as can be. Craig was a wonderful choice for this item-he took a personal interest in the board and what we were doing. He not only kept us on the straight and narrow, but he donated his services. He has continued to be our attorney ever since, and all of our records are kept in his office.

The first 'annual meeting' of the membership was held in November 1996, and at that meeting the first 'official' Board of Directors was elected-

PAUL THOMAS (President)

DOUG SEUARS (Vice-President),

LOU DESCHAMPS (Treasurer)

BOB PARENT (Secretary)

BOARD MEMBERS - TOM SIMPSON, DON TROTT, BILL FLEMING, GORD GUNNELL, MIKE VORKAPICH, and BOB WILHELM

Board members were elected for a two-year term. However, in order to have continuity on the board, rather than elect a complete new board every year, half (five) of the members of this first board were elected for a one-year term. This was done so that five members of the board were elected each year, and half of the board would be returning members.

The officers of the board were then selected by the board from the members elected by the membership. So the members of the board were elected by the membership, and the officers of the board were selected by the board members.

With incorporation, the board established its fiscal year as November 1 to October 31.

(TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER. IF YOU HAVE ANY PICTURES, ARTICLES ETC. FOR OUR ARCHIVES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE GETTING A COPY OF THOSE. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN CONTINUE WRITING THE HISTORY OF WECSSO. THE HISTORY WRITTEN BY DOC THOMAS GOES UP TO 2013 AND WE WOULD LOVE TO CONTINUE IT. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT BRIAN ADLAM, PRESIDENT OF WECSSO.)

What's The Call?

Submitted by Don Balkwill



1. A batter hits a pitched ball on the ground. The batter-runner beats out the infielder's throw but misses 1st in crossing the base. Even though the first baseman catches the ball while in contact with 1st, the base umpire rules the batter-runner "Safe". *What's the call?*

2. A runner is caught in a rundown between 2nd and 3rd. He is obstructed by the 3rd baseman. The base umpire signals and

verbalizes "Obstruction". The shortstop then turns and throws to the 2nd baseman who tags the batter-runner (the one who just hit) as he slides into 2nd base. The runner who was obstructed is then thrown out at home. *What's the call?*

3. There are runners on 1st and 3rd with 2 out. The batter hits a ground ball to the 2nd baseman who fields the ball cleanly. Seeing the 2nd baseman coming toward him, the runner from 1st stops and just as he is about to be touched by the 2nd baseman, steps backwards two steps. The 2nd baseman then lunges at and tags the runner just after the runner from 3rd scored. The plate umpire allows the run because the runner crossed home plate before the runner from 1st was tagged out.

What's the call?

(Answers found on page 19)

Can You Determine the Team Names from the Clues Given (*answers on pg. 17*)

Clue	Team Name
Jolly Rogers	
Duplicate children	
Courageous ones	
Young bears	
Swordfish	
City dwellers	
Rattlesnakes	
Seraphim	
Space explorers	
People with physical acumen	
Uncolored footwear	
Mountain ranges	
Red birds	
People from the subcontinent	
Latin American priests	
Bengals	
Young female horses	
Orange and black birds	
Beer makers	
Monarchs	
Scarlet footwear	
Ones who live in a country	
People from the Northeast U.S.	
Huge people	
Avoiders	
Annoying birds	
Park patrollers	
Flat fish	
Primary colors	
Seamen	



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Slo-Pitch Fans: At one point during a game, the coach said to one of his players, "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?" The player nodded with affirmation. "Do you understand that what matters most is whether we play together as a team and put forth our best effort?" The player nodded yes. "So," the coach continued, "When a strike is called, or you're out at first, you don't argue or curse or attack the umpire. Do you understand all of that?" Again the player nodded. "Good," said the coach, "Now go over there and explain it to your wife."



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Our 2018 umpiring season has begun. We met in early April for our annual umpiring workshop led by Don Balkwill. As always, it proved to be valuable, as a number of changes had been made by the slo-pitch executive committee earlier.

Thus far, we have 15 volunteer umpires, however our list has been depleted almost 30% due to injuries and surgeries. This impacts significantly in our on-going wish to field two umpires in each game. I

appreciate those who are available daily in the heat and humidity we have experienced thus far this season.

As usual, I welcome any new fellows who might be interested in helping out. That would include anyone having a bye game. Thanks again for your help and looking forward to a great summer.

Bill Scheurman



TWO GOOD STORIES – (AND BOTH ARE TRUE)

Submitted by Don Bracken

Many Years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic. He was notorious for enmeshing the windy city in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder. Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." He was Capone's lawyer for a good reason. Eddie was very good! In fact, Eddie's skill at legal manoeuvring kept Big Al out of jail for a long time.

To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. Not only was the money big, but Eddie got special dividends, as well. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago City block. Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him.

Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object. And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give his son; he couldn't pass on a good name or a good example.

One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. Easy Eddie wanted to rectify wrongs he had done. He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone, clean up his tarnished name, and offer his son some resemblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against The Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. So, he testified.

Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago Street. But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he could ever pay. Police removed from his pockets a rosary, a crucifix, a religious medallion, and a poem clipped from a magazine.

The poem read: "The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own. Live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in time. For the clock my soon be still.

STORY NUMBER TWO

World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific. One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet.

As he was returning to the mother ship, he saw something that turned his blood cold; a squadron of

Japanese aircraft was speeding its way toward the American-fleet. The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet. Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted 50 calibers blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent. Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible, rendering them unfit to fly. Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction. Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier.

Upon arrival, he reported in and related the event surrounding his return. The film from the gun-camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had, in fact, destroyed five enemy aircraft. This took place on February 20, 1942, and for that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of W.W.II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Medal of Honour.

A Year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His hometown would not allow the memory of this WW II hero to fade, and today, O'Hare airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great man.

So, the next time you find yourself at O'Hare International, give some thought to visiting Butch's memorial displaying his statue and his Medal of Honour. It's located between Terminals 1 and 2.

SO WHAT DO THESE TWO STORIES HAVE TO DO WITH EACH OTHER?

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Butch O'Hare is Easy Eddie's Son.

WHAT'S THE CALL ANSWERS:

1. The base umpire's call is correct. When a batter-runner beats a throw to 1st and misses the base, he shall be ruled "Safe". The runner is not out unless the defense appeals the missed base before the batter-runner touches the base. The runner is safe based on the fact that the runner is not out until appealed.
2. Both outs stand. On an "obstruction" call, the ball remains alive. The umpire makes an immediate decision as to the base the runner would have reached if there had there been no obstruction [in this instance, 3rd base]. The runner may proceed further but is then liable to be put out.
3. The run does not count because the 3rd out is a force out.

KITCHEN CORNER

Old Fashioned Molasses Cookies

Submitted by Diana Trott

2 cup all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon ginger
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt

¾ cup shortening
2 cups white sugar
1 egg
¼ cup molasses



Mix the first 5 ingredients together.
Beat shortening, add sugar
Add egg and molasses mix well
Add dry ingredients ¼ cup at a time, mixing after each addition
Roll into balls and roll in sugar (optional)
Flatten with a fork

Bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes. (Check to make sure they are done)

Pineapple Pie Submitted by Betty McManus

1 graham pie crust (store bought)
Bake crust at 375 for 5 minutes, Cool Completely

1 container of regular sour cream (DON'T use light)
1 tablespoon sugar
1 can crushed pineapple, well drained
1 package of vanilla pudding

Mix all ingredients together and put in pie shell.
Chill for at least 2 hours
Serve with whipped cream or cool whip



Sloppy Joe

Submitted by Diana Trott

- 1 can tomato soup
- ½ cup ketchup
- 2 cups tomato juice or 1 can whole tomatoes
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 green pepper chopped
- 6 or 7 drops of sweet pickle juice
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 2 pounds ground beef



Brown ground beef, drain grease. Add all other ingredients
Simmer for 1 hour in pan or use a slow cooker
Add thickening before serving if necessary. Serve in split hamburger buns.

Golumpki Soup (Cabbage Roll Soup)

Submitted by Carla Johnson-Hicks

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 regular head of cabbage, chopped into small pieces
- 1 large onion, diced
- 28 oz. crushed tomatoes
- 28 oz. beef broth
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup brown sugar (optional)
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1/2 cup long grain rice



In a large pan over medium heat, cook the ground beef and onion until the ground beef is cooked through and no longer pink. Add the cabbage and cook for 4 minutes stirring frequently.

Add the rest of the ingredients, except for the rice, stirring to combine.

Bring to a boil stirring frequently.

Reduce heat to a low boil, cover and cook for 15 minutes or until cabbage is tender.

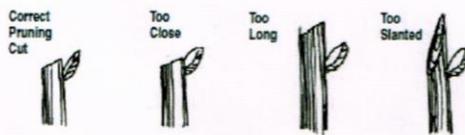
Pruning for the Home Gardener

by Bethany MacLachlan

Now that winter is finally behind us and we're beginning to see the first glimpses of green again, our thoughts are naturally turning towards our yards and gardens. We ask ourselves what we can do to improve or enhance our yards each year. Sometimes that answer can be as simple as pruning your existing trees and shrubs, but the average homeowner is often intimidated by this aspect of garden maintenance. Working in the landscape and garden centre industry for over 20 years, the question I get asked most often is: How do I prune my tree? Or, when should I prune my Lilac/Rosebush/Evergreens?

While improper pruning can weaken or greatly reduce a plant's landscape potential, proper pruning will greatly enhance its beauty. Here are some basic tips for pruning your trees, shrubs and evergreens:

- Pruning should follow a definite plan. Consider the reason or purpose before cutting begins
- Removing any dead, damaged or diseased branches should always be the first step
- The best time to prune most trees and shrubs is in very late winter to very early spring before the leaf buds open up. Spring flowering trees and shrubs (lilacs, azaleas, forsythia) should be pruned only after they have finished flowering
- Limit the amount of pruning done late in summer, as pruning encourages new growth. This growth may not have time to harden off before winter which will result in cold damage or winter kill
- Use the proper tools for the proper job: Hand pruners are best used on branches approximately the size of your thumb. Larger branches should be removed with loppers (long handled pruners) or a pruning saw. Hedge shears should be used for maintaining hedges or formal shapes
- When pruning diseased plants, disinfect your pruning tool after each cut to prevent spreading disease to healthy plants. Use alcohol or bleach and mix at a rate of one part bleach/alcohol to nine parts water
- Clean and oil tools regularly
- To encourage rapid healing of wounds, make all cuts clean and smooth. Never leave stubs. They will die back which is an open invitation for pests and diseases
- When pruning, always make a 45° cut just above an outward facing bud



- Reshaping of large shade or evergreen trees is best left to a professional. Contact your local arborist

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January 26, 2018**



**Ken Shaw
February 8, 2018**

Our Remembrance Day is held the third Saturday in August on a yearly basis. This year it is being held on Saturday, August 18. It is very important that we make every attempt to attend this celebration of our past WECSSO members and teammates. The celebration of their lives is so important to their families and friends. It shows the families that they were well thought of as teammates and friends. Our celebration takes about one hour and is held in Dieppe Park at the foot of Ouellette Avenue in front of the fountain. We have reserved many stones to be used for deceased WECSSO members. This year we will be remembering the people pictured above.



**Randy Chedour
March 3, 2018**

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