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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm writing this well rested from the extra hour of sleep last night with the time change. I hope everyone has adjusted to this fall weather and is looking forward to their fall and winter sports. Indoor ball will start this week and this year we have a full slate of 4 teams with some on a waiting list. I look forward to playing and to the camaraderie after the game back at the DH.

This past summer Slo-Pitch season was a success. We had 15 teams in all, one more than last year, and we hope everyone enjoyed the season and looks forward to coming back again next year. The season was longer than we had planned for because of the very wet September and with all the rain-outs we had to play into the first week of October. A number of players were committed to family vacations or a fall sport and were not able to play in the last games of the playoffs. This was unfortunate and the Executive will be looking at changing the schedule to make sure that our season ends (with possible rain-outs allowed for) the last or second to last week in September. Congratulations to the winning teams in the playoffs, the Musketeers in Green, Rockers in Blue and the Dinosaurs in Red.

The WECSSO Slo-Pitch Annual banquet was well attended this year. Special thanks to Jack Bump, our Social Director, for organizing the event. Winning teams in each division were given a travel bag with our logo, champions and year on it. This is the second year we have given away the travel bags they were well received by the members. Next year we will probably change things up for something different. Thanks to all members who were able to provide a door prize. Again this year we had over 50 prizes to give out. Door prizes were donated by;

Beau's Auto Everything, Essex (Dan Gelinas)	Shirley and Dave Chapman
Riverside Floor Hockey (Ron Ottogalli)	Tom Goebel
South Point Ford (Jerry Meloche)	Dale Renaud
Windsor Spitfires (Len Dupuis)	Steve Travis
Mary Ann Adlam	Gord Wright
Dale and Delores Atkinson	WECSSO

(apologies if I missed anyone)

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President's Message, Continued

The Annual General Meeting, was held on Monday October 30th. It was well announced in advance about the importance of this meeting and yet we only had 39 members out of 225 show up. I thank those members who came out to the meeting and for their interest and support of the executive. There would be no league if not for the dedicated members that have served on the both the WECSSO and Slo-Pitch executives over the years. What can we, the executive, do to get more of **you** to attend the AGM and be more involved? **Let us know**. When I first joined the league in 2003, there was ample support for the executive at the AGMs with 75 – 90 members attending. What has changed???

At the meeting, 2 motions were carried to consolidate both the WECSSO and Slo-Pitch Executives into **one new executive** of 12 directors and the Past President. Nominations and elections were held and the new Board of Directors has met to determine who will hold the various positions of responsibility.

Special thanks to the following members who served on the either the WECSSO or Slo-Pitch executive last year and are not returning on the executive this coming year. Their service to the WECSSO Organization is very much appreciated and when you next see them, be sure to thank them.

Ken Dafoe
Len Dupuis

Phil Ochs
Jack Westlake

Don Diubaldo
Gary Galli

Mike Patterson

Each year, members receive a team partnership card from National Sports. We receive 5% of all purchases back to our league. This year our members purchased \$2,200 in sports equipment and we received back \$110.00. This \$110.00 was given out as 11 door prizes to members attending our AGM. AGAIN, next Spring, hold off purchasing new equipment until you receive your partnership card.

Enjoy your fall and winter seasons. Have a save and wonderful holiday season as well.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Brian Adlam

NEW WECSSO EXECUTIVE 2018-2019

President: Brian Adlam

Past President: Bob Parent

V.P./Commissioner: Rick Anderson

Secretary/Registrar: Bill Magone

Treasurer: Jim Bridge

Red Convener/Bingo Coordinator: Ron Ottogalli

Blue Convener: Chris Brennan

Green Convener: Dan Leithead

Scheduler: Don Balkwill

Umpire-in-Chief: Bill Scheuerman

Uniform Manager: Tom Bois

Social Director/Marketing Chairman: Jack Bump

Director: Neal McKnight

CONVENOR REPORTS

GREEN DIVISION

Well, that wraps it up for another great season of ball and I hope everyone had a good time. For all the new players, if you enjoyed yourselves, encourage your friends or family members to come out. I would like to thank Mike, Tom, John, Terry and Earl for giving of their time to manage C division. Congratulations goes to The Musketeers for winning the playoffs this year.



Dan Leithead, Mike Bertrand, Richard Briffa, Don Hartleib, Gord Hillman, Dan Soulard, Herbie Desjardins, Eduardo Gaudario, John Barron, Art Highley, George Brooks, Nick Spoila, Don Giles

As for the banquet, we had a good turnout. There were some issues over the venue, but they will be addressed next year. Our general meeting was held after the banquet. Considering the number of players we have in this league, it was very poorly attended, especially in the C division, where we only had four players show up. If you want changes to be made, start showing up at these meetings. A new executive was voted in at the WFCU Centre, representing baseball only. With this change, a whole new set of rules will be made, so if any players want some of our old rules gone and some new ones made, send an email to either Mike Graham or myself and we can determine if it is a good fix for our division.

Happy Holidays! Dan Leithead

BLUE DIVISION

Chris Brennan and I would like to thank the managers that worked with us throughout the season. Jack Bump, Len Dupuis, Dan MacPherson, Jim Miller and Mike Palenchar along with their assistants and scorekeepers made for an enjoyable season. Job Well DONE!!! There will be openings for managers next season. Jim Miller is taking a year off and there are two others yet undecided. If you would like to consider taking on a manager position, contact Chris as he will again be the Convener for our division.

For the most part, players in the Blue Division enjoyed ball this year. All 6 teams were in the hunt for a playoff berth in the second round with 4 teams all tied for the 3rd and 4th spots. This deadlock result had to be broken by the tie-breaker rules resulting in the Ancients, Broncos, Fossils and Rockers

advancing to the semifinals. The Ancients and the Rockers advanced to the final in a well-played game that the Rockers won. Congratulations to the Rockers and to all the teams for a great playoff series.



Front Row: left to right. Bill Magone, Roger Denomme, Chuck Parent, Gord Wright

Back Row: Bruce Tennant, Ron Morrison, Gerry Mayea, Art Dube, Frank Kotow, Gray Otton, Jack Bump, Bill Lamb and Bruce Carter

There were a number of players that expressed dismay that the season went on too long and that it affected the playoffs both in the round robin and the final games. Players had other commitments starting in October and were not able to participate at the end. The final game was most affected with one team fielding only 9 players and the other 14. This was most unfortunate and hopefully will not happen again to that extreme by having the playoffs end well before the end of September taking in to account possible rain-outs.

Playoffs or no Playoffs?? That question keeps popping up each year from a few players in the blue division. I also hear it from players in the other divisions. Should we have them or not? Why not play the entire season as a recreational exhibition season just like many players do in pick up hockey or volleyball for their entire season? With no playoffs, there are less contentious issues that arise as players are simply playing for the “love of the game” and are not “stuck” on “what is fair and what is not fair” for one team over the other. If we went with no playoffs, would that affect your decision on whether you would sign up to play or not? Could we have playoffs in one division and not in another? In what direction do you want to see our division and our league move? We need your input.

Having made the above comments/questions about the playoffs, here are my thoughts. I enjoy both parts of our season, the recreational exhibition games through most of the season and the playoffs in the last month. In the playoffs, I'm not out there to win an award at the end, but to manage/play as a team, step up the game and put our skills together to work for that goal of winning that final game in our division. Sure I get a little tense at times, anxious about going to bat and making a play in the field – but that's just me. I find the camaraderie stays the same; and win or lose - that's what it's all about – having a positive outlook, a good attitude to enjoy the game and the fellowship with your teammates at the end. Email me on your thoughts about playoffs. I hope you all have a healthy off-season and look forward to playing next year. *Submitted by Brian Adlam*

RED DIVISION

The red division went with five teams this past season. Teams that were shorthanded for a particular game were able to get players from the bye team to play for them. It seemed that most of the players enjoyed having games off during the season and readily accepted the bye situation. Others who did not like the bye offered to play for other teams during the season. Even though having a bye is not an ideal situation, with the co-operation of the players it worked out very well.

As in past seasons, most of the games were competitive and good sportsmanship was displayed by the players throughout the season. The managers were very co-operative when it came to making decisions that would be for the betterment of the division. This was very evident in our secondary draft and in our round robin playoffs. Decisions were made that helped out the division sometimes to the detriment of their particular team.

The playoffs began with a round robin amongst the five teams. All teams advanced after the round robin, which was used to seed the teams. Teams that finished 4th and 5th played a wild card game to determine who went on to the semi-final round. Team Bump defeated Team Lafontaine to advance to play the number one seed- Tom McNorton's team. Tom McNorton's team was the dominant team during the season. The team was strong both offensively and defensively. Team Ottogalli played team Galli in the other semi-final game. Team Bump surprised everyone by defeating Team McNorton. Team McNorton not only ended up in first place during the regular season but also went undefeated in the round robin round. Team Bump ended their hopes for a trip to the finals. Team Ottogalli defeated Team Galli in the other semi-final game to advance to the finals against Team Bump. As a side note, Team Galli had defeated Team Ottogalli last season to win the championship.

In the final game, Team Ottogalli defeated Team Bump to claim the championship for the 2018 season. Congratulations to The Dinosaurs on winning the playoffs for the 2018 Season.



Front row: Jim White, Bud Renaud, Roger Denboer, Ron Ottogalli

Back row: John Crispo, Tony D'Andrea, Larry Renaud, Dennis Renaud, Rick Anderson, Mark Gelinas, Terry Johnston, Brian Schauer

Absent: Ken Drew, Dan Maguire

Due to the length of the season, both the semi-finals and finals were played on the same day and were seven inning games. This was not ideal but due to poor weather conditions the season got extended and time was of the essence. By having to extend the season, most of the teams were forced to play short-handed during these important games. This worked to the detriment of some teams and to the advantage of others. This was really unfortunate but unavoidable due to the weather. In the future, the slo-pitch executive may have to come up with some ideas so that this situation does not happen again. Teams should not suffer by having the season extended well beyond the scheduled final game.

Thanks to all the players for another great season of slo-pitch. The camaraderie and sportsmanship displayed by the players was second to none. We may be competitive on the field but once the game is over we realize "that it is just a game" and are happy to not only able to play, but play well at our advanced age. Please pat yourself on the back for a job well done. Enjoy the winter months (wherever you spend them) and set your sights on our 2019 slo-pitch season.

Red Division Convenor: Ron Ottogalli

From the Commissioner **2018 Final Thoughts**



I would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2018 Baseball Season. Whether you managed, convened, umpired or just played, every one of you plays an important role in making the season successful. To the winners in each division, Congratulations! To everyone else, better luck next season. Hopefully though, everyone enjoyed playing a game that we played when we were children. And to that end, playing now keeps you young in spirit.

This season was very quiet regarding disciplinary action, with only one incident requiring action on my part. And for that, a tip of the hat to all who participated this past season. Believe me, it's not easy having to tell someone, "You're suspended" or "you're kicked out of the league". Always try to remember that this is a recreational league. It's supposed to be fun. Nobody is getting a call to the majors from here. ENJOY THE GAME AND THE CAMARADERIE WHILE YOU STILL CAN!!!

As part of your participation in the league, it is very important that your ideas and concerns are heard by the executive board. You can't complain about the way the league is run if you don't even vote. In closing, enjoy the winter and get ready for the 2019 season. **Thanks, Commissioner Rick Anderson**

Hearing Better Now

An older man was having hearing problems and went to see a specialist. The doctor fitted him with some hearing aids that brought his hearing back to full strength. After a few weeks the man came back to make sure the new equipment was working properly, which it was. The hearing specialist said, "It all seems perfect. Your family should be delighted you can hear everything now."

"Oh no," the man responded. "I haven't told any of them. I just sit quietly, listening carefully. I've changed my will four times."

The Commissioner

A Biography by Don Diubaldo

He served as Commissioner of our Slo-Pitch League for over 18 years. In that role he also would go out at 6 in the morning with Don Trott and prepare the ball fields at Forest Glade if they needed grooming. He also worked in the reception room of Forest Glade arena serving food and beverages after the games. Yes, we're talking about Past-Commissioner Jack Westlake.



Jack was born and raised in Windsor. He attended Gilmore and Victoria Public schools and came out of Patterson Collegiate, a high school that seems to have produced an abundance of outstanding athletes.

Jack has had a variety of work experiences. He started at Chrysler but was laid off after a year and a half. Then he joined the Navy, where he took up fastball, a sport he has stayed involved with for about 60 years.

In 1957 Jack came home to Windsor, got married and worked for Veteran's Cab as a driver and then a dispatcher. He stayed with Veteran's for 8 years, all this time also playing fastball. His final employment was with General Motors where he worked for 27 years. Jack lives on the east side of Windsor with his partner of 37 years, Patricia Bashura. He has 3 children, two girls and

a boy. You may have met his daughter Terrie who often accompanied him to the ballpark.

He joined W.E.C.S.S.O. around 1996 and soon started helping Commissioner Gerry Ulman. In 1997, he became the Commissioner of the Slo-Pitch league – a role he carried on for 18 years.

Jack now plays ball in the summer and in the winter, bowls, and shoots pool. He also coaches the 70 and over Windsor Chiefs. Oh, and he umpires WECSO Slo-Pitch too. He is also involved in Riverside Baseball's 50/50 fundraiser. You can see him at any Spitfire home game selling tickets. Jack is simply not ready for that retiree's rocking chair.

When you look at it, we owe a great deal to Jack Westlake for all the volunteer time he has committed to our league and to our community. The next time you see him, you might want to say, "Thanks, Jack".





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BINGO COMMITTEE REPORT

Bingos remain our main fundraiser for our league. Brian Adlam and myself, are co-bingo coordinators. WECSSO usually has one bingo a month at Classic Bingo IV on Ottawa Street. Luckily we have a dedicated and efficient crew to sell books. We need people to do payouts. This is where you, my fellow players, can help. Each bingo consists of three sessions. We obviously need one payout person for each session. A person could volunteer to do all three sessions or only one or two. Honorariums are paid to each worker per session worked.

The bingo schedule is posted below as well as on our website. Please check the dates and let me know when you would be available to help with payouts at any of our sessions. Each session is approximately two hours in length. My e-mail address is ronottogalli@yahoo.ca. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated by Brian and myself. *Ron Ottogalli*

Below are the bingo assignments up until the summer

Tuesday, December 18th - 4pm, 6pm, 8pm
Saturday, January 12 - 10am, noon, 2pm
Wednesday, March 27th - 10am, noon, 2pm
Thursday, May 9th - 10am, noon, 2pm

Monday, December 31st - 10am, noon, 2pm
Thursday, February 21st - 10pm, midnight
Saturday, April 20th - 10am, noon, 2pm
Thursday, July 11th - 10am, noon, 2pm

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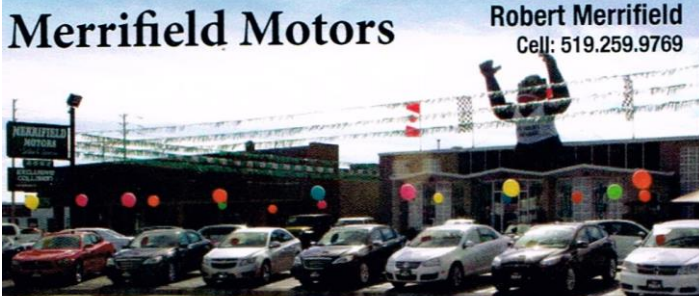
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INDOOR BASEBALL

Once again WECSO has agreed to support the playing of indoor baseball during the winter months at the Noveletto Center located next to Mic-Mac Park. Games are played on Tuesdays only from either 9:30 am - 11am or 11am - 12:30pm. Each player contributes \$135.00 towards the cost of the program. We have four teams in the winter league. Usually each team has 10 players, but this year it was decided to go with 11 per team due to increased number of players wanting to join the winter league. I think that the "casual" atmosphere of this league is one of, if not, the main reason for our increase. This is truly a "FUN LEAGUE" where winning is definitely put on the back burner and having FUN is the main reason for playing in a very relaxed atmosphere. Scores are kept for bragging purposes only. Players of different abilities play together in one league and do not have to worry about how they perform. No one is criticized on their performance - this is not accepted by the players who play indoor ball, in fact, the opposite is true, players always encourage each other. At times, players may "rib" fellow players but always in a friendly tone. The camaraderie and sportsmanship displayed is second to none. After the games several players will meet at The Dominion House to once again enjoy each other's company and solve "the problems of the world".

If you are bored and have nothing to do on a cold wintry Tuesday morning, come out to see what indoor ball is all about. Also remember, that we have several players who leave during the season for warmer climates. I can't see why!!! Openings may come up. If you would like to give winter ball a try, do not be afraid to contact me at ronottogalli@yahoo.ca Ron Ottogalli

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SOCIAL REPORT

Jack Bump – Social Director

Mid-Season Luncheon: The new format this year for our mid-season luncheon at the ball diamonds seemed to be a homerun, rather than going to a banquet hall in the early afternoon as in past years. With the Red and Green Division combined on their scheduled playing day and the Blue Division on their day, it made for an enjoyable and relaxing atmosphere for all. Although some fine tuning still has to be made, the experience was well received by the people who attended.

Awards Banquet: To save the cost of running our slo-pitch league, miscommunication with the previous venue and suggestions from players, we explored other options. We finally settled on Legion Branch 143 for the Awards Banquet, although the savings we garnered did not offset the total experience of the evening. There is room for improvement. This is the reaction that I got from my conversations from the people that attended the banquet. However, I will explore yet again more venues for the 2019 season. Have a safe and Happy Holiday. Looking forward to seeing all of you again in the spring.

A very special thanks goes out to our webmaster Carla Hicks. Your hard work for WECSSO does not go unnoticed by many but no one is more thankful then myself. Thanks again.

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



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A History of WECSSO (part 4)

Windsor Essex County Senior Sports Organization

By Paul Thomas



LET'S ORGANIZE FINANCES

As indicated above, although the financial picture was rosy, problems arose. The board quickly took care of the frivolous requests for funding by setting protocol. The membership, however, quickly discovered that if their requests for funds were turned down or reduced by the WECSSO Board, they could just go to the WRSA board to get the funds they wanted. **DOUG SMITH**, who was the first president of the WRSA Board of Directors, was unaware of the decisions made by WECSSO, and would fill their requests. The two boards got together and decided that all requests for funds would be handled by WECSSO, and the WRSA would save their income for future use (see below).

LET'S BUILD OUR OWN FACILITY

Another of the problems that arose had to do with facilities. Slo-pitch was played one place, winter slo-pitch was in another, the hockey players were in another facility, and volleyball took place in still another, etc. etc. Our members were playing all over the city. They had no way to get together for social purposes- one of the main objectives set out by Tom Simpson in his original plan. We needed our own facility.

As described above, it was decided, between the two organizations, that WECSSO would use its income to fund all activities, and that WRSA would bank its income, to be used for the purpose of building or purchasing our own facility. The rosy picture of bingo income, plus donations and grants from various sources, made this a distinct possibility in only a few years. Several fund seeking meetings were held with municipal, provincial, and federal government officials, and they all gave tacit approval. The city, in particular, wanted to be involved. Furthermore, efforts were made to obtain "charitable donation status" for us. We went so far, with the city's help, to bidding on the Ice Park. It has two ice pads, and the thought was that we could make one of the pads into a giant field house, and take care of virtually all of our sports at one place, plus it had a licensed dining area that would have been ideal for the socializing that everyone felt was so important. Sadly, another bid was accepted

Another exciting attempt was with the City. We were using all the facilities at the Forest Glade Recreational Center - ice rinks, ball fields, tennis courts, gymnasium, and their canteen set-up. Both WECSSO and WRSA were so pleased with the Forest Glade set-up that they decided to make arrangements with Parks & Recreation of Windsor to use Forest Glade as a base facility, and to use the funds accumulated from the bingos, which had grown to a considerable amount, to help construct the facilities that were missing, namely, a proper gymnasium or field house, and a swimming pool. We went so far as to issue a cheque for several thousand dollars to show that we were serious about this and to get things started. The city director held the cheque for several days for fear that the plan wouldn't fly- and sadly, he was correct. The Gaming Commission Rules would not permit this to happen. The money gained from the bingo sessions was supposed to be spent on the listed charity for the bingo license. It couldn't be saved. The point was that if

all the money wasn't needed for the particular charity functions, then the number of bingos should be cut down and given to other charities. Our excitement was in vain. The year was 1999.

LET'S SPLIT

Things were going along splendidly as far as activities and funding were concerned, but there was a dark cloud on the horizon. The WRSA executive apparently felt that their efforts, sponsoring the 50-55 slo-pitch group, were being overshadowed by WECSSO; and 'they were going to take over several of the activities'. This wasn't a proposal, nor a request, nor a suggestion; it was a very strong statement that derived a belligerent reaction. After some heated discussions, it was decided that WECSSO would sponsor slo-pitch solely, and that WRSA would sponsor everything else.

This was a good split, slo-pitch was so big by this time that its financial requirements equaled all of the other activities. Some joint meetings between the two executive boards were held, but these meetings ended up with threats, insults, and hard feelings, for whatever reasons. And so the two boards virtually cut off all relations, and this separation has continued ever since. It all was and is very hard to understand, and is quite foolish. The membership of the two groups is the same. The only difference is the make-up of the executives, and, strangely, all of the WRSA executive members are members of WECSSO. They are all good friends except when the WECSSO-WRSA relationship comes up.

LET'S USE THE SANDCASTLE

About this time, the SANDCASTLE took on new ownership, and it needed customers. We were approached, and WRSA got strongly involved. It proved to be a wonderful move. Volleyball, basketball, squash, handball, racquet-ball, fitness classes, etc. were now available and under one roof, and they flourished. An outstanding floor was installed and both organizations paid for it. This 'contribution' to the Sandcastle was in lieu of any charges for the use of the facilities, so the Sandcastle became the 'headquarters' for senior sports and activities in this area. This was the last relationship between WECSSO and WRSA. Sad.

LET'S GROW

Over the years, the WECSSO programs have grown and continued to grow. Not all of the programs are sports or athletics, but they include activities designed to be of interest and service to our seniors.

SPORTS

SLO-PITCH: This sport has been the instigator of the entire program. It has grown from a few guys playing Scrub Ball to a well-established Slo-Pitch league with three different divisions according to ability and schedules. There are play-offs, championships, end-of-season banquets, awards, etc. Diamonds from all over the city have been used, including: Jackson Park, Walker Homesites, Forest Glade, Ice Park, and The Ciociaro Club.

The sport has its own elected executive which handles all aspects of the league. Basic uniforms are supplied as is all equipment. Game results are reported in the newspaper. Teams have played in outside tournaments and championships with outstanding results. There is no fee to play slo-pitch.

There is a fee to cover the banquet and the Appreciation luncheon. The reason for the fee is planning the affairs - otherwise the board wouldn't know how many people to plan for.

UMPIRES: **Bill SCHEUERMANN** developed an umpiring crew to answer the frequent arguments that came up with players umpiring their own games. He had rules meetings and developed a protocol regarding positioning, handling protests, etc. This really upgraded the play of the league, and made for a much classier setting.

VOLLEYBALL: Volleyball was the second of the sports to be a part of our organization. It started at Lincoln Road United Church, then transferred to Sand castle, and hence to the Windsor Family Credit Union facility. It was the first of our sports to include women, and eventually there has been a men's league, a women's league, and a co-ed league. In addition, our teams have participated in outside competition, include the Senior Games where several gold, and other medals have been won.

HOCKEY: This has been on-going on a 'rec' league basis and is steady. Not having our own facility has held it back because of the cost of ice-rentals. There are a number of ex-hockey players in our membership, and they keep the sport going. This sport, too, has participated in outside tournaments. It is limited, but thrilling for those who participate.

BOWLING: Teams have been sponsored in local bowling leagues over the years, and this sports attracts died-in-the-wool participants. In addition, one of the big events on our calendar is the charity bowlathon.

TENNIS: Tennis has had its moments. There have been some years where several men and women have used the courts at Forest Glade, and then there are years with little interest. Many of the men players also play slo-pitch, and that takes most of their interest.

GOLF: Golf, like tennis, has had its moments. There have been some organized outings which have gone quite well but there isn't much of a follow through. The avid golfers play at their own clubs quite apart from us.

BADMINTON: This sport went very well when the Sandcastle was in operation, but now it pretty much goes its own way. There is no doubt that it will flourish if and when we have our own facility.

PICKLEBALL: This is the newest sport to 'come on board', and it has experienced amazing growth. It is a wonderful game that can be played by all ages and sexes. When we have access to our own facility, this sport should become a mainstay. At present it is being played at various gyms throughout the city with our group meeting at the Riverside Baseball Complex. Our female members have really taken to this sport, and are very much responsible for its growth.

ICE SKATING: There was free public ice skating for seniors at Forest Glade, and Tom Simpson not only joined the group, he brought the entire group to us and us to them. There was no cost, and these people turned out great in helping with bingos and other things.

BASKETBALL: A small, but dedicated group of men and women, have participated in basketball over the years. They started out at Sandcastle, then went to the Windsor Family Credit Union facility, and later, to the University of Windsor. They, particularly the women, have participated in team and 3-on-3 events all over the world, and have won world championships!!

LINE DANCING, AEROBICS, FITNESS CLASSES, ETC.: The Ladies Auxiliary has been a very active group. They have joined in several of the activities on a co-ed basis; and then have developed activities of their own as well.

(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. Runners on 1st and 3rd with 1 out. The batter hits a sharp one hopper to the 1st baseman, who tags 1st base to record the 2nd out, then throws to 2nd base to get the runner going to 2nd. But this runner gets into a hot box and the runner from 3rd scores before the tag is made.

What's the call?

2. One out, runners on 1st and 3rd. The batter flies out to right field for the 2nd out. The

runner on 3rd tags up and scores after the catch. The runner from 1st attempts to return to first base but the right fielder's throw beats him to the base. Three outs. But the runner from 3rd scored before the throw doubled off the runner from first. Does the run count?

What's the call?

3. With runners on 1st and 3rd, and one out, the batter hits a high pop fly behind 2nd base. The 2nd baseman camps under the ball, then steps aside and deliberately allows it to fall untouched. The batter, assuming he would be an easy out, does not run on the play. The 2nd baseman picks up the ball and fires it to the 1st baseman who tags the runner on 1st, then the base.

What's the call?

(Answers found on page 18)

Little Johnny's Back

The teacher asked the class to use the word "fascinate" in a sentence. Molly put up her hand and said, "My family went to my granddad's farm, and we all saw his pet sheep. It was fascinating." The teacher said, "That was good, but I wanted you to use the word 'fascinate,' not 'fascinating'." Sally raised her hand. She said, "My family went to see Rock City and I was fascinated." The teacher said, "Well, that was good Sally, but I wanted you to use the word 'fascinate'." Little Johnny raised his hand, but the teacher hesitated because she had been burned by Little Johnny before. She finally decided there was no way he could damage the word "fascinate," so she called on him. Johnny said, "My aunt Carolyn has a sweater with ten buttons, but her chest is so big she can only fasten eight" The teacher sat down and cried.




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
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Umpires



Overall the 2018 slo-pitch season went well with the umpires. We did, however have a real challenge with several shortages during games. A number of umps experienced health incidences which resulted in them missing a number of games....add this to out-of-town trips etc. and you get a glimpse of our predicament. We continue to face opinions re: a standard of ball rule knowledge and our deficiencies in this regard. We might remind these opposition voices that if you watch major league umping, generally you will not find consistencies in their ranks at all times either. I watch and take noteconsidering this pattern, I must remind the naysayers that we're all OLD guys who merely enjoy the game and show up from one to four days a week, on a volunteer basis.

My last suggestion would be to all players and managers; try to simply offer a "good game, umpy" even if you're not happy with their performance. Try it and you will be amazed how much more we'll try to improve our game, after all, who can we turn to and ask "pick me up!" after a blown call? You'll get a more positive response with sugar instead of vinegar! In spite of a degree of negativity, we all enjoy our role, and look forward to the 20019 season.

Thanks to all our umpires this season: Jack Westlake, Ken Ducharme, John Barron, Richard Dorion, Claude Pinard, Dick Wilhelm, Lou Lafontaine, Jr Bechard, Bernie Decaire, Brian Adlam, Don Balkwell, Terry Hickey, John Goz and Bill Scheuerman.



Bill Scheuerman, UIC

WHAT'S THE CALL ANSWERS:

1. The run counts. When the 1st baseman tagged the base, he removed the force on the runner going to 2nd. The 3rd out is not a force out so the run does count.
2. Because the 3rd out is not a force out, the run counts.
3. Both runners are out. To be a "deliberately dropped" ball, the ball must be touched.

CABBAGE ROLL CASSEROLE

Submitted By Carla Hicks

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3-4 garlic cloves minced
- 1 (29 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 6 oz. can tomato paste
- 2 pounds chopped cabbage
- 1 cup uncooked long grain white rice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon sage
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 3 cups water (may need more)

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a large skillet, brown beef in oil over medium high heat until redness is gone. Drain off fat. In a large mixing bowl combine the onion, tomato sauce, soup, tomato paste cabbage, rice and spices. Add meat and mix all together. Add 3 cups of water. Pour mixture into a 9x13 inch deep baking dish. Bake in the preheated oven, covered, for 1 hour 15 minutes.



Soft Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies

- 1/2 cup butter (1 stick), softened
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup LIBBY'S® 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chocolate chips



Cream butter, add sugar and mix. Add egg, pumpkin and egg. Mix well. Add dry ingredients mixing well. Add chocolate chips. Drop by spoonful on cookie sheet covered by parchment paper. Bake at 350 for 15 to 18 minutes.

PICKLED PUMPKIN (sweet) Submitted by Tom Bois

12 cups of pumpkin, pared and cut into 1 inch cubes
2 cups of white vinegar
6 cups of sugar
1 teaspoon whole cloves
1 tablespoon broken cinnamon sticks

Bring the vinegar and sugar to a boil and simmer until the sugar is dissolved

Place the cloves, cinnamon and ginger in a bag

Add to the syrup and boil 5 minutes

Add the pumpkin and bring the mixture

Boil over LOW heat for EXACTLY 25 minutes, stirring often

Remove the spice bag

Place the pumpkin in sterilized jars, pour the vinegar MIXTURE on top to completely

Cover and seal



Easy Beef Stroganoff Submitted by Carla Johnson-Hicks

3 medium onions, coarsely chopped (about 1 1/2 cups)
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 lbs. boneless beef (Round Roast works great) cubed, fat removed
1 Cup beef broth
2 (10-3/4-ounce) cans Campbell's® Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1 (8-ounce) package sliced white mushrooms (about 3 cups) (canned work as well)
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 cup sour cream
1 (12-ounce) package medium egg noodles (about 7 cups), cooked and drained

Saute the onions and garlic, place in a casserole dish. Brown beef, drain add to casserole. Add beef broth and Worcestershire sauce and bake in oven at 350 for 1 to 2 hours, until beef is tender. (If broth has not absorbed, use a small bit of cornstarch mixed with cold water to thicken). Cook noodles according to package, during the last 15 minutes of baking, if using fresh mushrooms, sauté, then add to casserole. Heat a few minutes longer. Add sour cream just before serving. You can add noodles to casserole dish or ladle over noodles on the plate.



DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

22nd DAY OF REMEMBRANCE, SATURDAY, AUGUST 18TH 2018

Once again, we were very fortunate to have a beautiful day at our 22nd Annual Memorial Day of Remembrance on August 18th. Bob Parent and his committee presented an excellent program to honour 7 members that had passed away in the past year: **Joseph (Joe) Murtagh, David Boudreau, Paul Thomas, Don Aqwa, Frank Goudreau, Ken Shaw and Randy Chedour.**

Since that service we have had more members pass away, Sandy Burnet and Gilles Gauthier. Sandy played in the Blue Division, joining our league in 2015. He enjoyed playing the game and especially the camaraderie following the games with a beer or two with his teammates. He wasn't able to play this year because of his health but did make it to a few games and our Appreciation Luncheon in July. Sandy will be remembered for his smile, his love for the game and the friendships formed with us. A former member we recently lost was Levis Gilles Gauthier on November 7th at the age of 75. Gilles played in the blue division in the past, but due to health did not play the last few years. He was also active in the volleyball league.





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EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

Do You Remember When?

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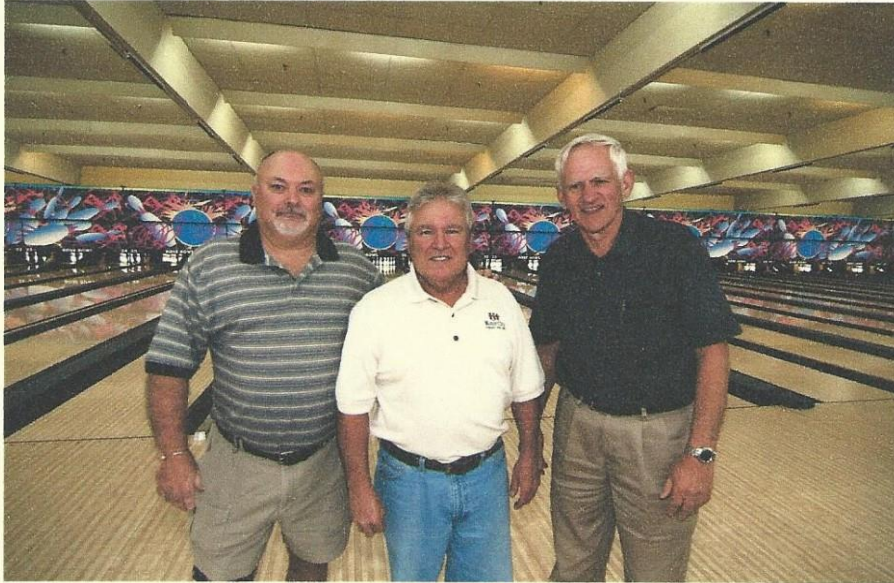
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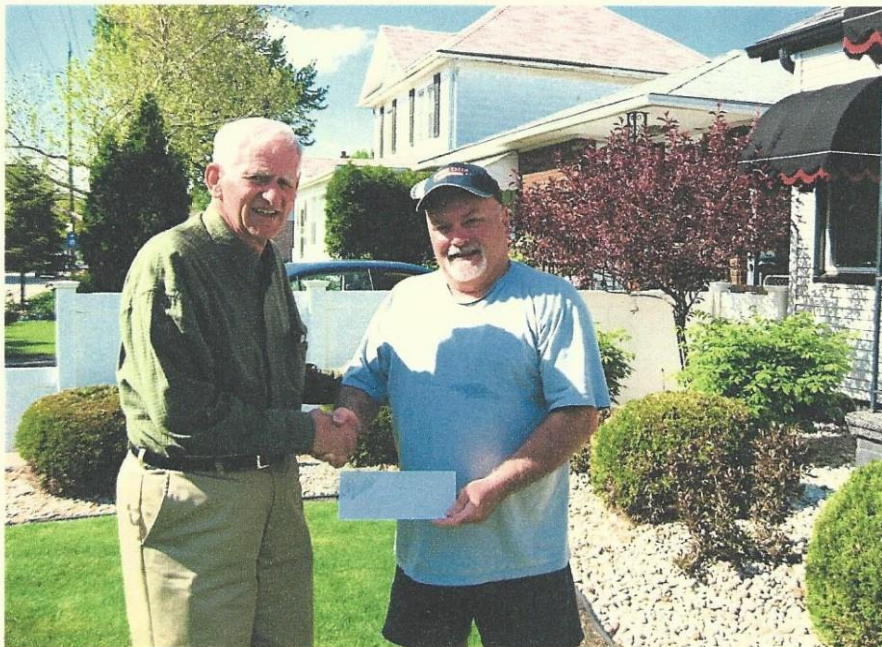
Wow!! I did not think it could get any bigger or better.

On Sunday April 27th there were 232 participants and another 20 who just donated. A great time was had by all. The changes we made worked out really well. Randall Dupuis, C.E.O. of Motor City Community Credit Union, rolled the first ball. He knocked down 9 pins, which ties Bob Parent's total last year, now making 18 our four year total.



Appearing in the picture above is (L to R) Lou Dupuis, Randall Dupuis and Bob Parent. Motor City Community Credit Union has been one of our major supporters of this fundraiser since we started four years ago. Randall is retiring this year and having him participate personally was an honour. We wish you all the best, Randall.

Total raised was \$4,500. That is \$1100 more than last year and gives us over \$11,500 for the four years. There were more than 250 door prizes. The picture below shows Lou Dupuis handing WECSO President Bob Parent the cheque for \$4,500, all of which will be used to support primarily local youth charities focusing on sports.



Our working committee would like to thank "all of you" - participants and donators alike. Special thanks to George and Nicki Brooks of Brooks Photo (519 251 0786) for taking pictures of the event, including the one below of the working committee who helped on the day of the fundraiser.



Top row L - R : Len Campbell, Vern Meloche, Jim Mitchell, Ellie Stein, Marg Cartier, Lou Dupuis, Bud Malyon, Wayne Henderson, Gary Poole. Front row L - R: Betty Cheswick, Tom Bois, Marie Martin, George Brooks. (Marie Malyon absent)



Rest Your Mind

I know you have been laying awake at night wondering why baby diapers have brand names such as "Luvs", "Huggies," and "Pampers", while undergarments for old people are called "Depends".

Well here is the low down on the whole thing.

When babies crap in their pants, people are still gonna Luv'em, Hug'em and Pamper' em. When old people crap in their pants, it "Depends" on who's in the will!

Glad I got that straightened out so you can rest your mind.



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