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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this message on August 23rd. We only have one month to play ball until our season is over. It seems as if it has only started. Mother Nature hit us with a “Monsoon Spring” with heavy rains delaying our start until June 10th. Let's hope that this was an anomaly and that we can return to seasonal starts in early May. For those who want to play more ball and are staying home for most of the winter months, you might want to consider playing Indoor Slo-Pitch which starts up in November. Contact Ron Ottogalli for more info.

Our organization has, from nearly the beginning, been open to both men and women. We've had women participate in volleyball, bowling and pickle ball, and even serve on our Executive, but never have we had a woman play in our Slo-Pitch program. Well this year, Shirley Brennan and Barb Sanders “broke the ice” and registered to play in the Blue Division. They both play on the same team, the Ancients, and have been welcomed by all the players in the division. Look for an article on their play in this issue written by Don Diubaldo. Thank you Don.

Last October, the previous two executives WECSSO and Slo-Pitch were merged into one with 12 directors and the Past President. They have done an excellent job this year in organizing our program. It takes more than just the executive to run our league; and special thanks goes out to all the managers, umpires, scorekeepers and our Webmaster, Carla Hicks, for a job well done.



We are very fortunate to have WRSA (Windsor Retiree Sports Activities) as a sponsor again this year. Pictured, from the left (from WRSA) is Gray Otton, Treasurer, and Gerry Mayea, President, making a cheque presentation of \$4,000 to me on behalf of WECSSO. The \$8,000 received over the past two years has helped us with the diamond fee costs at the Ciociaro. WRSA is an offshoot of WECSSO. They support a number of sport groups and their main activity is volleyball. A number of their members are also members of WECSSO. Thank you WRSA.

We introduced a new summer mesh hat this year. Any player, new to the league, is given the option of choosing the mesh hat or our traditional serge hat. Returning players, needing a new hat, can also choose which hat they would like. They need to hand in their old hat to our uniform manager, Tom Bois (Blue Division), before receiving the new one. Should you have a hat that doesn't need replacing, but would like to have the new mesh hat, you are welcome to purchase one for \$15.00

President's Message continued

The question of playoffs or no playoffs was finally answered. A number of members had expressed that they didn't see a need for playoffs and the executive felt that the issue should be brought to the membership. The membership voted, with 79% voting to keep playoffs and 21% not in favour. The Green and Blue Division are following the same playoff format as last year and the Red Division chose to change their playoff format to a 3 day tournament.

The health and safety of our players is always of the utmost importance. It was noted that in the Blue Division that games were starting to take longer to play with some games going on till 12 – 12:10 pm. In the Green Division, games are limited to 1 1/2 hr and in the Red Division, very few games went beyond 1hr and 40 minutes. With the average age of players now close to 70, there is a concern that players are on the diamonds for over 2 hours especially on those hot humid days. While we enjoy being out there to play, we want our players to play safely and in good health. With the idea of speeding the game up, we tried on a trial basis (for all 3 divisions) to play game with a starting 1-1 count, (many senior slo-pitch leagues do this), but found it didn't help much and that most players didn't like it. In talking to a number of players in the Blue Division, they would prefer to play regular ball; and on the very hot humid days, choose to play only 7 innings. There are other means of speeding the game up and they will be considered.

Be sure to read about our 23rd Memorial Day of Remembrance in this issue. Bob Parent, our Past President, and his committee presented an excellent program to honour 4 members that passed away in the past year. Thank you Bob.

We had a great couple of days for our mid-season Appreciation Day. “Bumper”, Jack Bump always does an excellent job on this. The food and camaraderie were great. It was nice to see so many ladies out. Jack is now busy preparing for our **Annual Banquet** which is on **Wednesday, October 23rd at the Serbian Centre**. Mark your calendars. If you are able to bring in a door prize, please contact me. You can drop it off at my home or bring it on the day of the banquet. Players, like last year, will be asked to submit a \$20 refundable deposit for the banquet. Tickets for spouses/significant others (non-refundable) will be available at \$20.

Our **AGM** will be held **Wednesday October 9th**, also at the Serbian Centre. We had one of our best turnouts at the spring meeting last April. This meeting is just as important as the executive needs your support, consideration and regards for what is being done with the league. There are 6 director positions up for nominations. Those 6 positions are presently held by Tom Bois, Chris Brennan, Jim Bridge, Dan Leithead, Ron Ottogalli and Bill Scheuerman; all of whom are completing their 1 year term. Nominations are open at present. You may nominate a member in advance by contacting Bill Magone, our league Secretary/Treasurer, or wait until the day of the meeting. Returning for the 2nd year of their 2-year term are Rick Anderson, Don Balkwill, Jack Bump, Bill Magone, Neil McKnight and myself.

The playoffs will have taken place when you read this. Congrats to the winning teams. Hope to see you all at the AGM and then the Annual Banquet.

Enjoy this fall and winter and when spring comes remember to tell the love of your life: “Love is the most important thing in this world, but baseball is pretty good too” - Yogi Berra

Brian Adlam

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We would like to thank both UNIFOR LOCAL 444 and UNIFOR LOCAL 200 for their sponsorship of WECSO this year. Please visit their websites to find out more about their History, Activities, Charitable Events and more.



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SOCIAL REPORT

Once again, we searched for a venue for our annual banquet to keep the costs down so as not to affect registration fees increasing. We also want to provide all with an enjoyable event, so we are back at the Serbian Centre. Input from our members lead me to select the last two banquet halls, but comments I heard from many seemed unfavourable with both locations. Of the three halls we have had our annual banquet at, the response I received from many members was to return to the Serbian Centre. I hope all the players and their guests have an enjoyable time and I look forward to seeing you all again next spring.

Thanks to all who donated door prizes for both events. You did provide entertainment and some good laughter. To all my volunteers for both the luncheon and banquet, you made a heavy load so much lighter. Have a safe and healthy winter and I wish Santa will be good to you.

Thanks Again, Jack Bump



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CONVENOR REPORTS

GREEN DIVISION

This year has been a difficult one with the weather and all the new players, but I hope everyone is enjoying themselves now that the weather is good. Thanks go out to the managers and players who have made the division entertaining with every game having its share of great plays and a few bloopers. The interaction between players having fun and laughing about the plays is what we like to see. To all the new players we extend our appreciation and hope you will have a great time and pass it on to your friends.

Thanks goes out to the umpires for having patience with us. We do appreciate your time. A special thanks to Dan Leithead for all his years of excellence during his time as convenor and to John Barron for his great managing skills. Terry's team has had a great season being undefeated. As the playoffs begin, I hope we can continue having everyone happy and healthy. Win or lose we must continue to enjoy the time and the friends we have.

It was a bright sunny day and Dan Leithead said the curse of being in first place during the season was ready to strike again, and it did. The Archaics came with timely hits from everyone and great defence to defeat the pioneers 24-10. Bob Teron pitched 3 marvelous games with the backing of Dale Atkinson placed at rover by the rookie manager Ray Piche. That turned out to be a great move. The long ball was there with Ray, Jim, Mike B, and Dale while Phil, Bob M., Marcel, Mike P., Len, and Dan R contributing big hits to help score. Congratulations goes to the Pioneers who had a fantastic season and we're gracious in one of their few losses.



Archaics: Ray Piche (Mgr.), Phil Bezaire (A. Mgr.), Charlie Drouillard, Dale Atkinson, Mike Bertrand, Mike Patterson, Mike Graham, Bob Munroe, Bob Teron, Len Beneteau, Jim Knudson, Marcel Gagnon, Jeff Wilson and Dan Roberts (our spare)

Special thanks to Dan for helping out and to the umpires for a great game. Charlie Drouillard was a great inspiration to the team even though he was not able to be there.

Thanks to all the fans who came out to cheer on the players. We enjoy the chance to show that the kid in us is still active just slower. *Submitted by Mike Graham*

BLUE DIVISION

Most of the players that Chris and I talked to, enjoyed the season even though we lost the first 6 weeks to rainouts. We got in 20 regular season games plus the playoffs. We started out with 6 teams of 14 and 15 players but as the season progressed a number of players stepped back due to injuries. Going into the playoffs we had three teams with 12 players and three teams with 13. They were fairly well balanced and this was evident as all six teams could have made the top four on the last day of playoffs in the round robin.

The Broncos faced the Norsemen with the Seniors against the Fossils in the semi-finals. Both games were very close and were only decided in the 9th inning, with the Broncos and the Fossils advancing to the final game. Most everyone knew that this was going to be a very close game as these two teams went to extra innings in the round robin with a very low scoring game of 7 – 6.

In the final, from a spectator viewpoint, the game was not very exciting in the first few inning as both teams played excellent defense, the score 0 – 0 after 3 innings and 1 – 0 after 5 innings. There were a number of excellent defensive plays made on both sides. The Broncos got their bats going in top half on the 7th inning, scoring 4 runs to go up 5 – 2 and the Fossils fought back scoring 2 to put the score at 5 – 4 for the Broncos going into the 8th. In the bottom of the eighth, down by one run, the Fossils finally got their bats going, scored 5 runs and managed to hold off the Broncos in the 9th. The final score was 9 – 6, Fossils. A very well-played game for both teams.



Fossils: Front Row: Mike Farah, Cisco Maden (scorekeeper) Allen Shearn, Tom (George) Goebel, Ron Breault, Norm Kennette and Don Trott

Back Row: Rick Drummond, Peter Fiss, Terry Renaud, Phil Ochs, Tom Bois, Dave Strang and Brian Adlam

Chris and I thank the managers for a job well done. Gerry Mayea managed for the first time in Blue and was well received by the players and the other managers. In addition to Gerry, I would like to thank Len Dupuis, Jack Bump, Dan MacPherson and Mike Palenchar for managing their teams.

Our numbers in Blue are dropping as we get older. We need an influx of new players. I can't see the Blue Division drafting up six teams next year with only 12 to 13 players to start on each team. I don't think you'll want to see 5 teams in Blue next year – it could happen. We need to get the word out there that we have a great league where ball players can enjoy themselves and the camaraderie of their fellow players.

Be sure to register at the Annual Banquet. Enjoy your Fall and Winter and I hope to see you all in the Spring. *Submitted by Brian Adlam*

RED DIVISION

Once again the Red Division went with five teams of 14 players. Four teams would play on any given day, with the fifth team receiving a bye. The main advantage of having a bye team is, if a team is short of players, some players from the bye team can be used to play. This proved beneficial to a number of teams during the season. Red division teams also had the use of blue division players who were willing to play in the red division when needed.

I would like to thank those players who volunteered to manage a team this year. This is not an easy task. The Red Division looks for managers every season. During the season I hear players complaining about their manager, but they do not sign up to manage a team. Rather than sit on the sidelines criticizing the managers, please consider becoming a manager yourself. A BIG THANK YOU to the Managers this year: Tom McNorton, Ron Ottogalli, Jack Bump, Gary Galli and Scott Penney.

The Red Division also decided this year to play "regular" slo-pitch as much as possible. The 175ft outfield line was eliminated thus allowing outfielders to play at any depth that they thought to be reasonable for the situation. Sliding was now allowed even though at our ages not many players desire to slide. Running from the backstop was also eliminated, however, once the player got to first base, a courtesy runner was allowed. Another change this season was a batter did not have to declare if he needed a runner from first base. However, once he used one, he could no longer go past first base on a hit. Courtesy runners were unlimited in number but a particular runner could only run once per inning and only four times per game. Courtesy runners were used mainly (but not always) for players who were unable to run for themselves for a number of reasons.

The Red Division decided to try a different playoff format this shortened season. Games were played to the end of the regular schedule. The division had a double knockout tournament style format instead of a Round Robin. It only took three days to finish up our playoffs. Tom McNorton's team defeated Jack Bump's team in the final to win the Red Division championship. The final score was 11-6.



Gladiators - Back Row: Doug Vollans, Ray Morand, Doug Nantais, Bill Wasyluk, Al Timmins, Gary Norman, Dick Kennedy, John Carpenter, Rick Anderson.
Front Row: Mickey Girard, Kevin Seville, Tony D'Andrea

Bump's team scored five runs in the top of the first and it looked like they were well on their way to force a second game. Team McNorton's bats were quiet for the first three innings but after that the team started hitting. Bump's team did just the opposite, hits were few and far between in the later innings. The game was tied 6-6

late in the game when Team McNorton scored five runs to take the lead that they never surrendered. The key blow in the five run inning was a triple by Doug Nantais scoring three key runs. Congratulations to the winners in a hard fought victory over a tough and determined Team Bump.

Submitted by Ron Ottogalli

Umpires 2019

The year has progressed very well with no upsets or contentious incidents. We all adapted well to the few new rules introduced, again, no real problems. Bill had to miss a number of games in July due to family health problems, but returned in August. The program functioned quite well without him which would indicate that they were so well trained, they succeeded without him, OR, the program did not need him in the first place. Our big news was the addition of our first female umpire, Barb Sanders, a well-qualified umpire with a vast experience in many sports including slo-pitch. We welcome her to our ranks. As always, we welcome any new folks who might be interested in joining our ranks in 2020.



Our 2019 umpire roster includes: Lou Lafontaine, Terry Hickey, Don Balkwill, Jack Westlake, Joe Dupuis, Barb Sanders, Bernie Decaire, Bob Teron, John Barron, Brian Adlam, Claude Pinard, Dick Wilhelm, Gary Norman, John Goz, Ken Ducharme, and Bill Scheurman

Submitted by Bill Scheurman, UIC

SPORTS QUOTES THAT APPLY TO LIFE

“Never let the fear of striking out prevent you from playing the game.” Babe Ruth

“The real test in golf and in life is not keeping out of the rough but getting out after we are in.” Source obscure

“Friendships born on the field of athletic strife are the real gold of competition.” Jesse Owen

“The only way to prove you are a good sport is to lose.” Ernie Banks


“Do you know what my favourite part of the game is? The opportunity to play.” Mike Singletary



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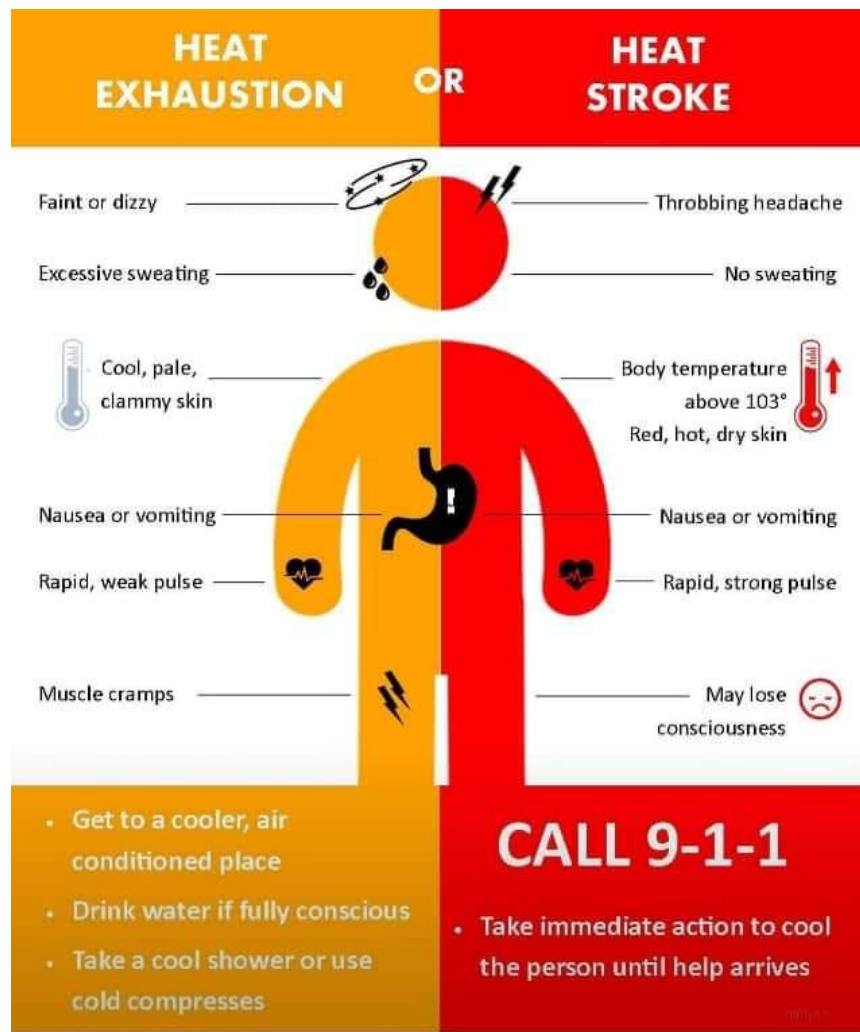
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What's the Call?

1. The batter hits a pitched ball over the infield. The batted ball lands untouched mid-way and slightly beyond the direct line between 2nd and 3rd base. The spinning ball rolls into foul territory between home and 3rd. The catcher picks the ball up while it is in foul territory. What's the call?
2. The batter hits a pitched ball above foul territory near 3rd. The third baseman is unable to catch the fly ball because the coach remained in the coach's box and did not move. What's the call?
3. There is a runner at 2nd. The batter hits a pitched ball for a single. R2 is attempting to score and hustles around 3rd, missing the base. The outfielder throws the ball toward home. The catcher catches the thrown ball, while in contact with the mat. However, R2 realizes his running error and retreats toward 3rd after having crossed the commitment line. What's the call?
4. The batter hits a pitched ball on the ground through the infield into centre field. As the batter-runner rounds 1st, he collides with the first baseman who is standing on the fair portion of the double base. What's the call?
5. One of the participating teams has had several injuries. One player has a plastic cast on his wrist, another has a knee brace with exposed metal and a third member is in a wheel chair and wants to coach third base. What's the call?

(Answers on page 13)



From the Commissioner



Well, the season didn't start out too well. We didn't start playing ball until June 10th, which means we missed the first five weeks of the season. I don't ever remember starting that late in all the years that I've played. How about you? Once we did get started, the weather seemed to be making up for the bad start.

The league now had two ladies playing in the Blue Division. Shirley Brennan and Barbara Sanders, are the start of what I hope will be a growing trend for WECSSO baseball. Our league is about inclusion, so the more the merrier. And for the record, Shirley and Barb, can hold their own against their male counterparts. Barb even umpires, but don't hold that against her. LOL

As you all know by now, the motion to remove playoffs from the season was defeated. The vast majority of players wanted to have a "winner" at the end of the season. Just remember, you are all "winners" just by showing up and playing or umpiring. First and foremost, WECSSO baseball is supposed to be about exercise, enjoying your teammates and participation. At our age, if you're showing up just to win, you might want to play elsewhere.

Because of the shortened season, the executive decided to play later into September to make up for some of the missed games. Making up all the missed games just wasn't feasible. Each division will be setting up their own "finish" to this aborted season. The Red Division will be holding a tournament in the final week and a half of the season, while the Blue and Green Divisions will be holding some type of playoff format to end their seasons.

I would like to thank Dan Leithead for his many years of service as convenor for the Green Division. He decided that he just wanted to "play ball" for a while and stepped down as convenor. Mile Graham graciously agreed to replace him for the season. Dan will be keeping his position on the WECSSO executive.

Your participation and cooperation is much appreciated. *Thanks, VP/Commissioner Rick Anderson*



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The First Two Women

A Biography by Don Diubaldo

“They’ve been nothing but a positive since they joined our team. They were accepted by other team members right from the start.” So says Mike Palenchar, manager of the Ancients, who compete in the Blue Division. He’s talking about Shirley Brennan and Barbara Sanders, two women who joined WECSO this season.



At my meeting with these ladies, I found two pleasant but somewhat different personalities – Barbara is quite chatty while Shirley is a quieter, soft-spoken lady. Both were quite clear that they were enjoying their Slo-Pitch experience.

A little background about our two new members. Barbara was born and raised in Windsor. She is one of seven children and has lived in LaSalle for the last seventeen years. For 33 years she served as an Immigration Officer and recently retired. Shirley was born in Windsor, raised in Harrow and lives in Essex where she has resided for the last nineteen years. She is one of six children. Like Barbara, Shirley worked for the federal government and is a retired Customs Officer.

Having mentioned some life similarities – I noted an interesting (to me at least) difference in their life experiences. While Barbara has been all over the world (Pakistan, Italy, the Philippines, France, Egypt to name a few places), Shirley was not a traveler, enjoying her life in Ontario.

I asked them what irritated them and Barbara said rude people, while Shirley rejects negativity. Both noted that they have not experienced those irritants while playing Slo-Pitch. They agreed they are having fun and said, “Kudos to WECSO for accepting women.”

I would say, “Back at you!” I am so impressed with you two who had the courage to join an overwhelmingly male group and fitting in so smoothly.

You are role models that hopefully will encourage more women to come and join us in WECSO Slo-Pitch. The other day my daughter, who is nearing retirement, heard of your involvement and said she would like to join next season. Thank you Barbara and Shirley.



A History of WECSSO (part 5)

Windsor Essex County Senior Sports Organization

By Paul Thomas



ACTIVITIES

There are a number of things, other than sports, that go on or have gone on under the aegis of WECSSO, and they are all included under the label - ACTIVITIES

NEWSLETTER: A WECSSO Newsletter was started several years ago and eventually became too good for its own good. It contained news of the organization, upcoming events, noteworthy feats of its members, and various announcements. As fillers, it contained jokes. One time, a reader sent in a joke which was published and the reader was given credit. That was a mistake. It seemed that everybody wanted to get their names in print, and started sending jokes in, and they were great.

People wanted to get the Newsletter so they opted to become WECSSO members - there was no membership fee, and there was no requirement to participate in any program. The membership grew to over 1600!

The paper was published 4 times a year, and it became so costly that it was costing almost as much money to mail it out as it did to run the slo-pitch league. So something had to be done. A very nominal membership fee was instituted (I think \$20.00) and the membership immediately dropped back so that only those who wanted to participate in WECSSO activities paid the membership fee. Now it is hoped that the Newsletter can be sent by email and really cut down on that needless expense.

The NEWSLETTER is still being published, and plays a vital role in the organization's affairs.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE: Several years ago, one of our most prominent members passed away, and the executive board was faced with the dilemma of how to honor him. One of our members was involved with the Air Force Club of Windsor, and they sold 'engraved bricks' as a money maker for the club. These bricks were inserted in the 'walks' down at the riverfront. Furthermore we would be able to have 'our own area' reserved for 'our bricks'. The executive adopted this idea quickly, and every year an engraved brick for every member who passed away during the 'past year' is inserted in our area which is right by the Udine Fountain at the corner of Riverside Drive and Ouellette.

A rather solemn program has developed which includes a Piper, Singers, a Pastor, and an unveiling of bricks. Relatives of the deceased are invited to unveil 'their brick', and these relatives are urged to return for the service every year, and be recognized. This Remembrance Ceremony has become a very important annual event of our program.

A highlight of the Ceremony each year is the reading of a poem by our poet laureate, Jerry Vidler. Jerry has, for the first ceremony and every succeeding ceremony, composed a poem for the occasion - and these are wonderful. By decree, the Day of Remembrance is the 3rd Saturday in August at 10 am, RAIN OR SHINE.

CANTEENS: The canteens have been a very important part of our sports participation in that they afford the chance for socializing and just having fun. We started off holding canteens for the hockey players and skaters at Forest Glade Arenas, and it was quite successful. Even when there

was a relatively small number of participants, virtually all of them came into the canteen, and made it a viable function.

The canteens continued under different people once slo-pitch started, and they showed that they could fill the need for which they were intended. Eventually Jack and Pat Westlake took over the canteen when the slo-pitch season was on, and the situation was great. A good percentage of the players came in after their games and replayed games, argued about who was best or about anything that came to mind, and they really fulfilled a need. When the league moved to other sites, our people didn't have control of the canteens, and there seemed to be drop off in terms of attendance and ambience.

DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM: This program is a source of pride to our organizations. Placing defibrillator in commercial establishments started, apparently, in Windsor with much success. Dr. Curtis Fedoruk started the program and it spread all over the world. He was approached about the possibility of having one at hand for our people since they were all getting on in years. He made it feasible for us to purchase 2 of them, and we have them available at the ball park and at Sandcastle. In his presentations around the world, he always mentions us as being the first non-commercial organization to buy them. In addition, he arranged for an annual training program for our people at no cost to us, plus annual inspection of our units. Our defibrillator is situated such that it can reach anyone in any part of the facility within 1 minute.

ADOPT A CHILD PROGRAM: This was another program that we undertook at Tom's urging. We started with a youngster in Guatemala - we asked for a boy interested in baseball - and kept that up for a number of years - the boy is now a young adult and another boy has taken his place. This program has given the organization much satisfaction and it should grow.

At the same time, Tom wanted to do something about kids at need here at home. We tried - we met with the children's aid organization, and we met with the local police - and didn't get much help. In the meantime, we have played games against the local teenagers at Forest Glade, against the Kids Alliance from the Teen Health Center, and any other like organization that we can find; to try to make our presence felt in their lives. This program needs to grow.

GOOD FELLOWS NEWSPAPERS: Our members have participated annually in this important fund raising program for the city of Windsor. They have been out in all kinds of weather selling papers in this three-day event. These papers are sold throughout the city by various organizations, and our organization is usually one of the top fund raisers of all. Some years this takes a lot of dedication because of severe weather, but we do it.

EXTRAVAGANZA: WECSO attempted to have a 'big band dance' to bring back 'senior memories'. It was called the EXTRAVAGANCA, and was a spectacular event that was growing in popularity; but the after three years, the executive decided to drop it. That was a disappointment to a lot of people. Hopefully this can be reinstated in future years.

COLOR GUARD: Quite quickly, without a lot of planning, teammates of BOB WILHELM, in slo-pitch uniforms, made a 'color guard' at the service honoring his passing- Bob was one of the 'originals'. It was quite a spectacle and received many accolades from the family and other mourners. Those involved in the color guard were uplifted, felt strongly that this should become a standard performance for any of our members when they pass away.

WRAP UP

It is quite obvious that 'we have something very good going on', and it must grow.

Everyone must be made aware that we are a special group. Our needs are during the hours when, normally, facilities are not 'In demand'. We can fit into the morning and early afternoon hours which is 'found money' for facilities.

We also must keep in mind the 3 objectives Tom Simpson had for the organization when he started it:

- To have a program that would serve the seniors of the city and the county.
- To acquire a place for members of meet and socialize
- To serve in a philanthropic role, contributing to a need in the community.

We have gone a long way to meeting these objectives, but there is more to be done.

(THIS COMPLETES THE HISTORY WRITTEN BY DOC THOMAS. IT TAKES US TO 2013. 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 WECSO. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT BRIAN ADLAM, PRESIDENT OF WECSO.)

Answers to “What’s The Call?” (from pg. 8)

1. The batted ball is a fair ball. The ball landed untouched to the ground beyond the baseline and between the foul lines.
2. The batter is “Out”. The coach’s box is where the coach is to remain when a batter is at bat. Once the ball is hit, the coach must allow the defensive player a chance to make a play on the batted ball even when it is hit in the area of the coach’s box.
3. If the umpire judges that the catcher has possession of the ball and is standing on the mat before R2 re-crosses the commitment line on his way back to third (R2 between commitment line and home), then R2 is “Out”. The ball remains live and in play. If R2 is between the commitment line and 3rd when the defence has possession of the ball at home, the defense must tag the runner with the ball or hold the ball on 3rd before the runner returns an appeal) in order to retire him.
4. The umpire should rule “Obstruction” by the first baseman, signal a delayed dead ball, and the ball remains alive. The batter-runner is allowed to use the fair portion of the double base on a hit through the infield or to the outfield.
5. The player with the cast would not be allowed to play. The player with the knee brace would be allowed to play if adequately covered by soft material, taped and approved by the umpire. The team member in the wheelchair is allowed to coach from the 1st or 3rd base coach’s box.

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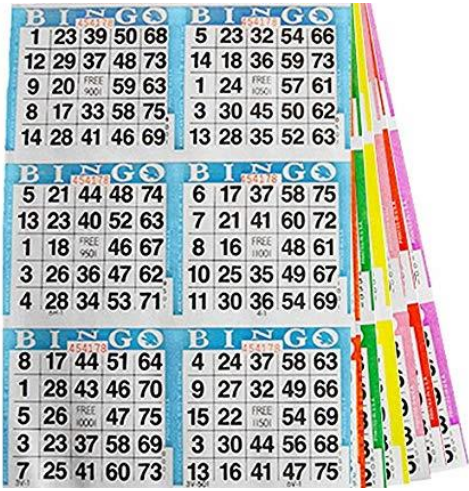
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Bingo Report



WECSSO continues to depend on Bingos as the major fundraiser for our slo-pitch league. WECSSO operates out of Classic Bingo IV on Ottawa Street. The monies from the bingos pays for our costs of operating our slo-pitch league during the summer and indoor ball during the winter months. Volunteers are always needed and much appreciated to work these events. We are very fortunate to have a group of volunteers who sell books at the front counter. This is no easy task and not everyone is suited to do this job at the bingo. However the cashier's job is much simpler, and this is where players can readily volunteer to work the bingos for WECSSO. Players, please go to our website, and make a note of

our bingo dates. Each bingo consists of three sessions. One can volunteer to work one, two or all three. If you are available to work a particular bingo, please contact Ron Ottogalli or Brian Adlam. Phone numbers and e-mail addresses can be found on our schedule on our website.

On behalf of Brian and myself I would like to thank the following people for working our past bingos and have indicated that they are willing to work for us when available- Carla Johnson Hicks, Rosemary Kennette, Kathy Earle, Carrol Paquette, and Cisco Maden. These are our dedicated book sellers. Thanks also for the players who have done the cashier's job at our bingos--Terry Renaud, Al Timmins, Gary Galli, Bob Hind, Rick Anderson, Keith Thibert and Bill Magone.

If you do not regularly attend bingos but you have friends who enjoy going to bingos, invite them to play at Classic IV. The more money that this hall generates, the more money we get as our share of working bingos. *Submitted by R on Ottogalli - co-chairperson*

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SPORTSMANSHIP

*"For when the One Great Scorer comes to mark against your name,
He writes - not that you won or lost - but how you played the Game."*

(Grantland Rice, 1880-1954)

It seems in sports today, the concept of good sportsmanship has been lost. While winning at all costs and poor sportsmanship may be condoned and even promoted in professional sports, this does not mean it is the proper way for athletes to behave. The image you project as an athlete is a product of your character. Good sportsmanship is not just what you do on the field, it is hopefully the way you conduct yourself off the field as well. Unsportsmanlike behaviour (acts that are unfair, dishonest, disrespectful or against the rules) are unsportsmanlike because they are unethical and if you are unethical in sports, can you be ethical in the other areas of your life - your business dealings, your treatment of others, your family?

SPO expects all participants to follow the basics of sportsmanship. Some general rules to be a good sport are as follows:

RULES OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

1. The "Golden Rule" - Do unto others as you would have others do unto you. Show respect for them if you expect it for yourself.
2. Have an understanding and an appreciation of the rules. The spirit of good sportsmanship depends on conforming to the intent of the rule and not looking for a loop hole. (Example - all players present must bat so several weak hitters are asked to stay home for an important game.)
3. Enjoy yourself and encourage enjoyment for others. We play sports for recreation so let's make it that.
4. Take responsibility for your actions. Don't blame others for your mistakes or find excuses for poor behaviour.
5. Recognize and appreciate good performances, especially by the opponent. Applause for an opponent's good play demonstrates generosity and courtesy. It shows a true awareness of the game and athletic ability.
6. Exhibit respect for the officials. Umpires are impartial arbitrators who perform to the best of their ability to make sure the game is played fair and within the rules. Mistakes made by all those involved are part of the game and must be accepted.
7. Expect proper behaviour from your teammates. If you allow a teammate to cheat, to play dangerously, to argue and scream at officials, you are condoning that behaviour.

AAADD – Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder

It has come to this. I decide to do work on the car, start to the garage and notice the mail on the table. OK, I'm going to work on the car. BUT FIRST I'm going to go through the mail.

Lay car keys down on the desk. After discarding the junk mail, I notice the trash can is full. OK, I'll just put the bills on my desk. BUT FIRST I'll take the trash out.

Since I'm going to be near the mailbox, I'll address a few bills. Now, where is the check book? Oops, there's only one check left. Where did I put the extra checks? BUT FIRST I need to put the cup back in the kitchen.

I head for the kitchen, look out the window, notice the flowers need a drink of water. I put the cup on the counter and there's my extra pair of glasses on the kitchen counter. What are they doing here? I'll just put them away... BUT FIRST, need to water those plants.

I head for the door and notice someone left the TV remote in the wrong spot. Okay, I'll put the remote away and water the plants. BUT FIRST I need to find those checks.

END OF THE DAY: Oil in the car not changed, bills still unpaid, the cup still in the sink, check book still has only one check left, lost my car keys. And, when I try to figure out how come nothing got done today, I'm baffled because... I KNOW I WAS BUSY ALL DAY!

I realize this condition is serious. I'll get help... BUT FIRST, I think I'll check my e-mail.

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MID-SEASON LUNCHEON

The luncheon at the ball diamonds attracted more people this year than last. It seems to be a relaxed and convenient place to enjoy everyone's camaraderie. I have had many comments that this is the best way to hold this event, on each division's playing dates, as long as Mother Nature co-operates with us. When it was at a banquet hall, many people did not make the luncheon for one reason or another, so now, the food is brought to you, instead of you going to a hall. A special thank-you to Matt and Megan Janisse for their co-operation during not only the luncheon, but throughout the whole season.

Submitted by Jack Bump

Kitchen Corner

Apple Butter

5 ½ pounds of apples peeled, cored, diced (McIntosh or Fuji)
 ¼ tsp. ground cloves
 ½ tsp. salt
 2 tsp. ground cinnamon
 4 Cups sugar (to taste, may want to start with 2 cups and add more)

Directions

- Place the prepared apples into the slow cooker
- In a medium bowl, mix all the other ingredients. Pour over apples and mix well.
- With the lid on, cook on high for 1 hour.
- Reduce heat to low and cook 9 – 11 hours, stirring occasionally until the mixture is thickened and dark brown.
- Uncover and continue to cook on low for 1 hour. Whisk to increase smoothness if desired.
- Spoon Apple Butter into sterile containers, cover and refrigerate or freeze. If you are freezing, make sure you leave ½" head space for expanding.





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

Once again, we were very fortunate to have a beautiful day at our 23rd 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: **John "Wes" O'Grady, Harry George Corless, Levis Gilles Gauthier, and Sandy Burnet.**



Sandy Burnet



Levis Gilles Gauthier
November 7, 2018



Harry George Corless
March 21, 2019



John (Wes) O'Grady
March 25, 2019

Ladies and Gents,

Another terrific service for the families and friends of those WECSSO members who passed away over the past year. It's easy to see how moved the family members are by this day. The energy and work put in by Bob Parent, Jim Bridge, Tom Bois, Phil Ochs, Brian Adlam and others, is truly special. I'm sure it was much appreciated by those in attendance.

Unfortunately, it's not appreciated enough by the majority of WECSSO members who show up at least twice a week, for 3+ hours each time, to play ball over the course of 5 months, but can't take an hour or so to pay their respects to past players/members and their families. This event is put out there well in advance, which means there's plenty of time to plan ahead and attend. Yes, I know there are family commitments that can't be passed up, but out of 200+ player/members, only 20 or so showed up to pay their respects to these fallen players and their families. Come on people. Everybody else was that busy?! Remember this, at some point, your family members may be where these families were this year. I hope enough fellow players will take the time to show appreciation for you and your family.

Sincerely, *Rick Anderson* (WECSSO VP/Commissioner)

Editor's Note: As a family member whose husband passed away as an active member of WECSSO, I cannot express how much this ceremony meant to my family and me. There was a large contingent of members there that year, and it was truly moving to see how many people were there to remember Ray. ~ *Carla Hicks*

Charity Committee Report, Submitted by Brian Adlam

Christian Children's Fund of Canada Sponsorship



Jerson Gabriel Gonzalez Rodriguez
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We are sponsoring a young boy, Jerson Gabriel Gonzalez Rodriguez, from Nicaragua. This is our tenth year sponsoring him. He is fifteen years old and is in High School, Year 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 received a Child Progress Report from the Christian Children's Fund of Canada on **May 5/19**, indicating that Jerson is doing well. His favourite subjects in school are Math and Phys Ed. and his goal for a career is to be an engineer. Jerson walks to school which is 1.5 km from his home. On **July 7/19**, the following letter was received from Jerson.

Dear WECSO,

Hello esteemed sponsors. I hope you are doing well along with your family. This is your sponsored child Jerson. I am so happy because I visited my relatives on these vacations. It was in the countryside and I had a lot of fun with my cousins. We play baseball on a team the community has. I am happy with my friends. On weekends, we go to church and I got involved in church again. I am happy also because I am doing well in school and I have met new friends who support me and help me with my homework. What sports do you like to do? I would like to know more about you and your family. Thank you for the benefits received from you and I bid you farewell with much love.

Sincerely yours,

Jerson Gabriel Gonzales Rodriguez

If anyone is interested in writing to Jerson or has a grandson or granddaughter who would like to write him, let me know and I will give you the mailing information. Our sponsorship is \$468.00 per year. Money is used to buy school supplies, clothing and anti-parasitic, anti-louse medicine. Also training on preventative health care and personal hygiene is provided. We also sent a \$50 gift for Jerson this past Christmas, 2018. We can continue to sponsor him until he is 18, provided he stays in school.

Goodfellow's Newspaper Drive

TO WECSO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Windsor Goodfellow 2019 Paper Sales are on:

Thursday, November 28 6:30 am -- 3 pm
Friday, November 29 6:30 am -- 3 pm
Saturday, November 30 6:30 am -- 12 noon

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