



EXTRA INNINGS - MAY 2005

By Jim Jones - Executive Director

SOFTBALL LOSES TWO BIG PROMOTERS

Softball lost two of its biggest promoters last week with the deaths of Doug Galenza of Red Deer and Mac Danyluk of Ft. Saskatchewan. Both were coaches and coordinators of our sport and our sport loses with the loss of both of these men.

Galenza was the coach of the Camrose Mite, Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and Jr. Men all the way up the ranks winning many provincial championships. He not only built a quality team of fastball players but he built quality young men in the community who are now helping the minor ball program out and fielding a team in the community of Camrose.

Danyluk was quite simply an organizer and a doer. He acted as the coach and manager to the Vector Teams at both the Men's and Masters divisions and had a way about him that encouraged ball players to come and play. He was a promoter and had many Bill Hunter tendencies.

Both men were in their late 50's and both had one thing in common. They had a passion for our sport.

Our sincere condolences to the Galenza and Danyluk families.

WELCOME JACKIE SCHUR

Softball Alberta would like to welcome Jackie Schur of Edmonton to our summer staff based out of the Edmonton office. Jackie will support many of the programs that are being offered throughout the province and chances are you will catch her answering the phone when you call. Jackie was a member of the girl's team that represented Alberta in the Hokkaido, Japan tour and played ball in the States on a softball scholarship. Please welcome her to Softball Alberta when you get a chance.

"BEST EVER PROGRAM" NUMBERS IMPRESSIVE

Softball Alberta is pleased to announce that we are approaching three hundred kids registered in the Best Ever program fundamental camps that begin in Lloydminster, Sedgewick and Brooks the weekend of May 14 & 15, 2005.

We have had to cancel the Edson, Sexsmith and Medicine Hat clinics due to low enrollments. We are presently looking for more players in the Ft. McMurray area.

We are still accepting applications in some of the locations. Please, if you are a pee wee or squirt aged boy or girl and would like to attend a one day clinic on the fundamentals of the game and at the same time allow the evaluations of these clinics to be recorded for our Western Canada Summer Games Coaches, these camps are ones that you do not want to miss.

MARK SMITH ADVANCED SCOUTING CLINIC

Mark Smith, the head coach of the Men's National Team will be in Edmonton and Calgary to conduct advanced scouting clinics. He will be in Edmonton on Tuesday night June 7th and in Calgary on Wednesday night, June 8th.

The Edmonton venue is the Coast Terrace Inn on Gateway Blvd North and will run from 5:30 - 10:00 pm. The Calgary Clinic will be held at the Village Park Inn (Crowchild Trail NW).

These clinics will start in a classroom session and it will be followed by attending a ball game in the evening that will see each coach be named responsible to conduct a certain area of advanced scouting that they will bring back to the classroom and from there build a game plan on how to beat specific teams.

This is a can't miss clinic for anyone that is coaching competitively. Cost is only \$30 per coach. For more information, please contact Jim Jones @ (780) 461-7735

PROVINCIAL BIDS TO HOST

Softball Alberta is still looking for hosts for the following championships: Squirt 'A' & 'B' Girls, Midget 'A' Girls, Midget 'B' Girls, Junior 'A' & 'B' Men, Sr. 'B' Women and Senior 'A' Men's FP. If you or someone you know may want to host some of these events, give Michele a call at (780) 461-7735.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY DEADLINE

Please remember that the deadline to enter provincial championships is June 1ST. The form must be physically received by one of our offices or a District Organizer by this date. The form, the money and if it is a category that leads to post provincial play, the declaration for attending as well. For those teams that are planning on attending a championships that leads to post provincial play, begin thinking if you want to attend as a second place or lower team, without any financial assistance.

Rosters for these championships in the Minor categories are then due by June 15th and in the adult categories by June 30th.

All teams entering categories that lead to post provincial play must have a Level II certified coach.

BOB STANTON – NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF UMPIRES ANNOUNCES NEW MEMBERS TO THE ODC

Bob Stanton, National Director of Umpires, is pleased to announce that Murray Harvey of St. Thomas, Ontario and Mark Gough of St. Albert, Alberta have been selected to the Officials Development Committee. Harvey received his official Level V Slo-Pitch status in 1998 and Gough of St. Albert received his Level V status in 2002. Mark is the former UIC of the Armed Forces and has been an instructor in New Brunswick, Quebec and Alberta.

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DUDLEY SOFTBALL'S NAMED OFFICIAL SOFTBALL OF THE 2005 BAT WARS

Spalding, long known for its history of innovation, announced that the first multi-layered softball, the Dudley Thunder Advance, has been named the official softball of the 2005 Bat Wars Events in the United States.

This event, otherwise known as the Consumers Report of bat testing, provides consumers with a firsthand opportunity to try the latest products in bat technology. The Dudley Thunder Advance softball is the exclusive softball for the five Bat War Events which begin on April 23rd in Lancaster, California.

Recently touted for its design and engineering in the May issue of "Popular Science" the Dudley Thunder Advance features a firm inner core, providing explosive distance, a soft mantle cover that separates the core from the cover, providing lower overall compression and regulating the distance, and a composite cover for ultimate feel and playability.

The net effect is a high performance softball that meets the most stringent association specifications, reduces bat damage and still provides exceptional distance which players demand.

Spalding has been the Official Softball of Softball Alberta for over ten years and is currently in year 2 of a three year agreement with Softball Alberta as the "Official Ball of Softball Alberta" and the ball of choice for Provincial and Western Canadian Championships.

COACHING QUOTE OF THE MONTH BRENT SUTTER - (RED DEER REBELS HOCKEY CLUB)

The Essence of Coaching:

*You don't have to love me, but let's respect each other, and don't take anything personally.
You get kicked in the butt, take it the right way.*

HAVE A GREAT MONTH ON THE DIAMONDS