



**East Nepean Little League**

# **LEAGUE OF CHAMPIONS**

Spring Edition

February 2007

## **Play Little League Baseball 2007 Registration Dates**

**Saturday March 3, Walter Baker, 10:00 am - noon.**  
**Saturday March 17, Nepean Sportsplex, 9:00 am - noon.**  
**Saturday March 31, Walter Baker, 10:00 am - noon.**

### **REGISTRATION MADE EASY**

1. Complete the registration form.
2. Attach a cheque payable to ENLL.

3. Mail to: East Nepean Little League,  
R.P.O. Merivale, P.O. Box 65065,  
Nepean K2G 5Y3

**Avoid the line-ups and register now by mail!**

Questions? Email [registration@eastnepeanbaseball.on.ca](mailto:registration@eastnepeanbaseball.on.ca) or call our league number, 613-447-2255

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

- **UMPIRES:** The game needs umpires. Earn \$20 a game. If you are at least 14 years old, you can umpire. Adults can also sign up. The league will provide you with a clinic to learn the rules and guidelines, at no cost. Contact our Umpire Chief Tom Kowalik at 613-828-2086.
- **COACHES:** All teams need coaches and if you want to help out, register with Mike Crepin 613-825-8573 for coaching clinics.
- **BINGO:** Bingo workers needed for our time slot, Tuesday evenings at 9:30 pm (arrival at 8:40). Your honorariums can be put towards your son/daughter's registration fees or ENLL clothing. Bingo funds help to offset the cost of field user fees and help to keep our registration costs down. Contact Joan 613-825-2251.

### **Find any East Nepean Uniforms?**

Contact Dennis Pharoah at 613-825-4405 to arrange

their return.

### **SUMMER ALL STAR COACHES**

Deadline for applications for summer All Star coaches is March 15, 2007. Contact Bruce at 226-3835 for more details.

### **TEAM SPONSORS NEEDED**

Team sponsors are one way the league can provide more to our players without further increasing registration costs. The company name will be proudly worn on the team's uniforms and displayed on the league website. Contact Bruce at 226-3835 for more details.

### **NEW CLOTHING AND SOUVENIERS**

New League clothing, jackets, t-shirts and golf shirts are now on sale. Inventory of all sizes is available. Contact Louise at 613-226-3835.

## AWARD SELECTION

The league has awards to highlight the contributions that players bring to East Nepean Little League. The executive of the league selected the recipients of these awards after the directors obtained information from their many sources. We are proud to present these awards and look forward to do so each year.

**You're Safe Umpire Award** is presented to a youth umpire to recognize their contribution in making the game an event for the players of East Nepean Little League.

Recipient – **Andrew Thomson.**

**The Campbell Award** is presented to a player in each age division who best exhibits the spirit that Jason Campbell showed in his battle in fighting cancer. This player shows continuous hustle, eagerness to do their best and be supportive of his/her teammates.

Blastball Division - **Stephen Brennan**  
Rookie Division - **Alex Beattie**  
Minor Division - **Matthieu Cooke**  
Major Division - **Jonathon Lebeau**  
Junior Division - **James Munn**  
Senior Division - **Sydney MacDonald**

**The Buddy Award** is presented a helpful assistant in the Challenger Division.

Recipient - **2006 Junior All Star Team**

**The SAM Group Award:** The SAM Group owner Steve Maher is sponsoring the Most Improved SAM Award. This goes to the player that is committed to practicing and shows the determination to improve.

Blastball Division - **Joe Manson**  
Rookie Division - **Cameron Clement**  
Minor Division - **Edwin Aliji**  
Major Division - **James Mullen**  
Junior Division - **James Bennett**  
Senior Division - **David Fait**

## Parade of 2006 Champions

The 2006 East Nepean Little League Spring and Summer Seasons showcased some exciting baseball. We would like to congratulate all our players for playing hard and celebrate the teams who distinguished themselves.

### 2006 East Nepean Little League Spring Season Playoff Champions

Rookie Canadian - Marlins                      Minor Canadian - Athletics                      Major Canadian - Celtics  
Rookie National - Mets                              Minor National - Buccaneers                      Major National - Athletics

### 2006 East Nepean Little League All Star Champions

Minor - District 2 Finalists  
Major - Ontario Major Champions, Canadian Major Championship Finalists  
Junior - Canadian Junior Champions, Junior League World Series 3<sup>rd</sup> place International Pool  
Senior - District 2 Champions, Ontario Senior Championship Finalists

### 2006 East Nepean Little League Summer City Champions

Rookie B Champions – East Nepean #2  
Rookie B Finalists – East Nepean #1  
Major B Champions  
Junior B Champions – East Nepean #1

### 2006 Ottawa Sports Awards Recognition

**2006 Canadian Junior Little League Champions – East Nepean Junior Eagles**  
**2006 Ontario Major Little League Champions – East Nepean Major Eagles**  
**Nominees for Male Coach of the Year –**  
**Mark De Luca (Junior Eagles) and Shaun McGee (Major Eagles)**



**RIGHT NOW!!!** It's time to brag about a great group of young men. Alex "Stinky" Baldock, Philippe "Brue" Brunet, Matthew "Chooch" De Luca, Tyler "G-pip" Evans, Nick "Hoover" Gazo, Shane "Harpo" Harper-Thompson, Chad "Chief" Keohane, David "Talkshow" Lanthier, Jesse "Burner" O'Byrne, Steven "Squeaky" Renaud, Niko "C-bear" Vanessen & Tom "Footlong" Wiener. What a great group of young athletes. The team's success started early with the addition of Coach Darren "Skip" Graff to the Summer Eagles team. The team became complete when Michael "Great Sport" Wiener joined our Junior Eagles family.

These young men were given the opportunity to be a part of something really special. An incredible life experience. When presented with this opportunity, they didn't just open the door but rather they burst through it

knocking it off its hinges. Our boys worked hard all summer long earning the right to be called Canadian National Champions as well as Team Canada. Seven of these players were members of the 2004 Eagles team that went all the way to Williamsport, Pa. Two years later and a whole lot taller, Stinky, Chooch, Hoover, Harpo, Burner, C-bear and Footlong were joined by 5 new incredible teammates to become a team that was clearly on a mission. These five players proved early and often that they were not just along for the ride. BRU hit the cover off the ball at the Provincials and Nationals, finishing each tournament as the Home Run Champion. G-PIP was outstanding at second base and was also responsible for the "shot heard round Alberta". His home run pushed our Team Ontario ahead of the Prairies for good in the National Championship game. CHIEF was the only one of my 12 players to pull the ball against the Prairie fireballer smacking a crucial double down the line in the Championship game. TALKSHOW put on a clinic all summer long on how to bunt and get down the line. He was unstoppable. Last and certainly not least, SQUEAKY became the best number 9 hitter in baseball history. It's not often a coach is all but guaranteed a hit out of the 9 spot, but Squeaky came through virtually ever time he set foot in the batters box.

Not a day goes by that I don't think about our ride. A ride that quietly started at Doug Frobel Park as our kids played every weekend with Steve, Kevin and the Challenger team. Talk about making friends with a great group of baseball players. Thomas, Johnny, Bobby-Joe, Shannon and the rest of the Challenger squad were our newest and biggest fans. As far as I'm concerned, they were our teammates. I'm pretty confident that our Challenger teammates followed us all the way to the World Series. We had fans galore in Kanata during the Districts. Our buddy Johnny didn't miss a beat making the same journey down the 401 to Cornwall. Johnny was there to accept the Provincial Championship plaque on our behalf. If only we could have figured out a way to sneak him on to the plane when we went to Lethbridge and then Taylor!! The trip to the Nationals in Lethbridge Alberta was one that no one will soon forget.



The trip to the Nationals in Lethbridge Alberta was one that no one will soon forget. The baseball was fantastic but the time away from the diamond is where we got to really enjoy the spoils of our labour. Players were flying for the first time. Our incredible billets treated our boys like royalty. A trip to the Rockies was a big part of our time off as was a family BBQ on one of our billet's farm. Another great day to

remember. No I-pods, no PS2 just a lot of fresh air, incredible food and a front lawn subjected to the sorriest display of lawn bowling that has ever taken place. Thank God these boys are good baseball players!! Once they got back to baseball and wrapped up the National title, it was on to the World Series, this time in Taylor, Mi. Ten days playing baseball and interacting at the hotel with players from all over the world. There isn't enough time, ink and paper to tell you what a great time these boys had on and off the field. Then it was back home with quite a story to tell. Of course, our first stop once home was Doug Fobel Park where we got to play one last game with our Challenger teammates before the baseball season came to an end.

I would be remiss if I didn't take time to thank the people involved in our success. Thank you Bruce & Louise Campbell for giving us all this great opportunity. Thank you to all our sponsors. Thank you Mike Crepin and Mike O'Byrne for opening our baseball minds to these endless opportunities by setting the bar so high in 2004. Thank you Steve Suttie, Kevin Page and Team Challenger for allowing us to be a small part of your team. A special Thank you to all of our parents and siblings for being such a great supporting cast. And finally, thank you Darren Graff and Michael Wiener for making me look good.

I'll end my story by sharing some of my many greatest memories of the summer of 2006. The first one that immediately comes to mind is the last out of the Championship game in Lethbridge. A fly-ball hit towards the moon that seemed to hang in the Alberta sky forever until it came to a rest in BRU's glove in centerfield setting off a celebration that won't soon be topped. An introduction to "Mr. Pukey" our barfbag puppet created and used to entertain some of our first time flyers. And without question the morning the boys were fitted for their Team Canada Uniforms, which was quickly followed by an autograph session. Very Cool. Thanks for the memories, boys!!!

## 2006 Ontario Little League Champions and Canadian Little League Finalists



Planes, trains and automobiles. Barrhaven to CFR, Ottawa to Windsor, Windsor to Ottawa, Ottawa to Whalley, B.C. and Whalley, B.C. to Ottawa, 10,000km in 30 days and that was just to get to the ball fields! When we took the ball field, it was 100 innings of special baseball.

It was many of firsts for the ball players: first time on a competitive team, train ride to and from Windsor, an overnight stay in College dorm rooms, staying with billets, the flight to Vancouver, playing ball games with few relatives watching, to playing in a Canadian Championship game with the stands packed with thousands of fans cheering. Unfortunately, with many firsts, there also come some lasts; the last time most of the players will have the

chance to play in the Canadian Little League Major Championships. Unlike most pro sports where throughout your career you may have the opportunity to play in multiple championship games, the Little League Major dream has a small window of opportunity and when it has passed you can never relive the dream as a player.

The dream started with CFR hosting the districts. The Eagles dominated their first game defeating WCA 17-0. We went on to defeat Pinecrest 6-4, CFR 11-2, then suffered our first loss to Pinecrest 5-2. The Eagles responded in the next game to defeat Pinecrest 9-1 and became District 2 Champions.

Our next stop was the Provincial Championship in Windsor. After a long train ride, the players spent their first

night in college dorms before settling in with our billets the next day. In our first game the Eagles mercied Timmins 12-2. In our second game, we shut down Ancaster 10-0. By the third game the Eagles were flying and played host Windsor in front of the largest crowd of the tournament with a couple of hundred fans cheering on the host team. It did not take long for the Eagles to mercy Windsor 11-1 and to set up the championship game between host Windsor and the Eagles. Three games and three by mercy! In the final game, and the first time in these Provincials, the Eagles played six innings and were named TEAM ONTARIO by a score of 9-5.

It was back on the train to Ottawa to pack and fly out to the Canadian Little League Champions in Whalley BC. In our opening game we suffered only our second loss in nine games by a score of 9-1 to a strong Team BC. In game two, we mercied Team Quebec 11-1. Game three we defeated Saskatoon 11-6 and in Game four the ever-strong Glace Bay defeated us 6-1. In game five the tournament favorite Team Whalley handed us our third loss 9-2. It was then off to a tiebreaker game against Saskatoon and in the bottom of the sixth inning and scoring 4 runs, the Eagles won 6-4. The same day, the Eagles played Team BC and knocked them out with a 12-7 win, with a 5-run bottom of the sixth comeback rally. The next day it was Glace Bay who faced the six-inning comeback team with the Eagles scoring three in the bottom of the sixth to win 7-6 advancing us to the championship game against Team Whalley. In the Championship game, with thousands of fans surrounding the diamond, the Eagles suffered a 10-0 loss that ended the dream but not the experience. Thirteen players had just accomplished what has only been done once before in the history of East Nepean Little League, to participate in a Canadian Little League Championship game.

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## 2006 Minor Ontario Little League Championships

August 2-9, 2006 was an exciting time for East Nepean and baseball fans in the area. The 2006 Minor Ontario Little League Championships were hosted at the Eagles Nest in Barrhaven. East Nepean joined the Ontario District Champions from High Park, Pinecrest, La Ronde, Orleans, Brockville and Perth Little Leagues. The visiting athletes were treated to a wonderful player's banquet. Mike O'Byrne was the guest speaker and held the players spellbound as he recounted his experiences at the Little League World Series in 2004. Later in the week teams were provided with tickets to a game at Lynx stadium. The weather during the tournament week was outstanding, as was the play throughout with many shining moments. The final game was a real nail biter between Orleans and High Park with the latter team eventually winning a hard fought duel. Players, officials, parents and fans had a thoroughly enjoyable week with outstanding athleticism and sportsmanship throughout. Winners and losers alike left with memories of new friends and the pure pleasure of intense competition on the diamond. What better preparation for life than the experience of striving for excellence, and knowing that win or lose, there is great satisfaction in doing your best. Thanks to the many volunteers who made the tournament such a success, and to President Bruce Campbell and Treasurer Wayne Hobbs of East Nepean Little League who provided guidance and leadership.

Thank You to All the Sponsors of the 2006 Minor Ontario Little League Championships. East Nepean was able to put on this prestigious tournament to showcase Little League talent from across the province with the help of the following sponsors:

### **MBNA Canada Bank**

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### **Kiwanis Club of Nepean**

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Oegema Nicholson & Assc.  
Creative Concepts Photography  
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Ottawa Police Service Pipe Band

### **Combat Bats**

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### **Mark you Calendars!**

May 12	Picture Day at the Nepean Sportsplex
June 9	Hit Run and Throw at Lynx Day
June 23, 24	Championship Weekend
May	House League Tournaments – details to follow
May and June	Spring Clinics for all levels
June	2007 Summer All Star Tryouts – details to follow