



East Nepean Little League

LEAGUE OF CHAMPIONS

Spring Newsletter

February 2008

Play Little League Baseball 2008 Registration Dates

Saturday February 23, Walter Baker, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.
Saturday March 8, Walter Baker, 10:00 am - noon.
Saturday March 29, 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 or call our league number, 613-447-2255

Irrigation Installed at Eagles Nest 1 and 2

The 2008 season will be the first year of guaranteed green grass at our Eagles Nest diamonds thanks to the completion of our irrigation project. In the culmination of a 5 year fundraising effort, East Nepean Little League paid \$18,000 toward the project while our partners at the City of Ottawa matched our funds. The in-ground installation was done in November 2007 and the system will be tested and ready to go Spring 2008.

Eagles Nest Batting Cage Closer To Reality

The ongoing fundraising started in 2004 for a premier batting cage at Eagles Nest had such great success in 2007 that we are within sight of the \$20,000 needed to complete the project. If a grant application to the city is approved and our 2008 Batting Cage fundraising targets are met, the cage could be constructed in Fall 2008. Watch the web site for news!

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 613-293-9801.
- **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.

AWARD SELECTIONS

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 – **Billy Fitzgerald.**

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	-	Nathan Kelly
Rookie Division	-	Liam Milloy
Rookie Division	-	Ryan Telford
Minor Division	-	Matthew Findlay
Major Division	-	Brandon Smith
Junior Division	-	Levi Bell
Senior Division	-	Nicholas Gazo

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

Recipient - **Matthew Wellstead**

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	-	Philip Giakoumelos
Rookie Division	-	Ryan Sudhakar
Minor Division	-	Christopher Ventura
Major Division	-	Travis Derouin
Junior Division	-	Chris Hobbs
Senior Division	-	Matthew Rendell

2008 SUMMER ALL STAR MANAGERS ANNOUNCED

East Nepean Little League has selected four outstanding managers to head up the 2008 summer all star teams.

Mike Crepin has been named the manager for the 2008 Minor All Star team. Mike has coached Little League in Ottawa since 1981. He was manager of the 2004 Canadian Little League Champion team that represented Canada at the Little League World Series in Williamsport. He was named Male Coach of the Year at the 2004 Ottawa Sports Awards. His other East Nepean achievements include managing the 2000 Canadian Minor Champion East Nepean Eagles and the 1999 Canadian Minor Silver Medalist team. He coached the 2006 Minor Eagles and has been Director of Player Development with East Nepean since 2003.

Paul Villeneuve has been named the manager for the 2008 Major All Star Team. Paul returned to manage the 2007 East Nepean Junior All Star team that represented District 2 at the Ontario Provincials in Thunder Bay with coaching partner Denis Chartrand. Paul and Denis have been coaching as a team since 1996. Their Eagle teams reached the Provincial finals in 1996 (minor) and 1998 (major) and in 2000, the Junior Eagles competed at the Junior Canadians

in Halifax. Paul also spent 2001-2003 coaching for the Ottawa Nepean Canadians.

Shaun McGee has been named the manager for the 2008 Junior All Star Team. Shaun managed the 2006 Major Eagles to second place at the Canadian Little League Championships in BC. Shaun has coached for East Nepean for 11 years from Rookie up to Senior and has supported the league with everything from running player clinics to flipping burgers. Shaun was also a coach on the 1999 Canadian Minor Silver Medalists Eagles that competed in Calgary.

Darren Graff has been named the manager for the 2008 Senior All Star Team. Darren coached with Mark DeLuca on the 2006 Canadian Junior Championship team that represented Canada at the Junior League World Series in Taylor, Michigan. Darren also coached with the 2007 East Nepean Junior team. Darren's playing past includes playing for the University of Nevada-Reno and with the Ottawa Nepean Canadians.



2007 Blastball Tournament

Parade of 2007 Champions

The 2007 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.

2007 East Nepean Little League Spring Season Playoff Champions

Rookie Canadian - Marlins
Rookie National - Athletics

Minor Canadian - Buccaneers
Minor National - Buccaneers

Major Canadian - Celtics
Major National - Goths Blue

2007 Pinecrest Spring Tournament Champions

Rookie Canadian Mets- Champions
Minor Canadian Goths - Champions
Major Canadian Buccaneers - A-Side Champions

Junior Canadian Blue Jays – A-Side Champions
Junior Canadian Celtics – A-Side Silver
Senior Buccaneers - Champions

2007 East Nepean Little League All Star Champions

Minor - District 2 Champions
Major - District 2 Champions, Ontario Major Championship Finalists
Junior - District 2 Champions

2007 East Nepean Little League Summer City Champions

Rookie Champions – East Nepean #3
Rookie Finalists – East Nepean #1
Rookie Third Place – East Nepean #2

Major A “B” Side Champions
Junior B Champions

2007 Summer Tournament Champions

Brockville Tournament Champions – Major A Eagles
Del Harper Tournament Champions – Major A Eagles
Orleans A Tournament Champions – Junior A Eagles
Orleans B Tournament Champions – Junior B Eagles

CFR Last Hurrah Tournament:

Junior Champions – Junior A Eagles
Rookie Champions - East Nepean Rookie #1

Pinecrest Summer A Tournament:

Junior A Champions – Junior A Eagles
Major A Champions – Major A Eagles
Rookie Champions – East Nepean Rookie #3

Cornwall Minor A “B” Side Champions – Minor A Eagles

2007 ROOKIE REPORT Wayne Hobbs

In what turned out to be one of the best Rookie seasons East Nepean has seen in a while, it's easy to state that the future of this league is in very good shape. From the first pitch in Spring Ball until the final out in a very exciting city championship in the fall, it was fun to watch our budding young superstars smiling, having fun and above all, developing their skills over the course of the season. In spring ball, East Nepean was very fortunate to have enough players to create six teams in the Canadian Division and 4 in the National Division. By the time the House League super championship weekend arrived, all teams were ready to show the entire league what they had learned. There was no disappointment as all the talk after the weekend was about how impressed the senior members of our league could not believe the skill on display and the fact they were witness to homeruns, double plays and some real smart decisions being made on the field by the players. In the end the Canadian Marlins and the National Athletics won their respective super weekend Championship games. It's important to note as well that the Canadian Mets won the Pinecrest Spring Tournament.

After the spring season wrapped up, the attention turned to the Summer Ball teams. Again, we were fortunate again to have enough players to create 3 teams which entered into the summer loop. Teams from Kanata, Pinecrest and CFR rounded out the division in what became a very good and challenging season between all 6 teams in interlock play. In the end, all three East Nepean teams made it into the City Finals. Teams 1 and 3 battled for the championship which once again did not disappoint all the fans that came out to watch the final held at Doug Frobel Park.

After a see-saw battle where both teams exchanged the lead, and both sides making impressive defensive outs combined with a few deep shots to the fence by batters from each team, the game came down to Team trailing by one run with the last at bat. After putting runners on 1st and 3rd, and one out, Team 3 shut the door by turning a very impressive double play to seal the victory on a ground ball hit to shortstop. You couldn't script it any better. In B Championship play, Team 2 defeated Pinecrest to lock up that championship leaving East Nepean finishing as first, second and third in the standings. Of course, none of this would be possible without the help and support of the coaches, players and the Parents. You should all be very proud of your achievements. Congratulations to the entire Rookie Division. It was by far a season for all to be proud of.

Did you know: The last time East Nepean fielded 3 rookie teams in summer ball, some of those players went on to play in the Little League World Series after capturing the Canadian Championship in 2004. They did it again in 2006 as the represented Canada in the Junior Little League World Series. What's in the cards for this season?



2007 Summer Rookie Champion and 2nd Place Eagles #3 and Eagles #1



2008 Senior Ontario Little League Championships

East Nepean Little League has stepped up to the plate again and is proud to announce we will be hosting the 2008 Senior Ontario Little League Championships. District Championship teams will be participating from across Ontario at the Hamilton Yards diamond at the Nepean Sportsplex. The Ontario Champions will then travel to the Senior Canadian Championships in Oakville, Ontario.

Our tournament committee is just getting started with organizing the fundraising and events for this prestigious tournament. East Nepean has a reputation for putting on quality tournaments which starts with raising money and ends with giving these teams and their players and families memories that will last a lifetime.

A tournament of this magnitude always requires a large number of volunteers. If you can help out in any way, please contact our tournament director, Patti Harper at 613-823-0736 or at senior@eastnepeanbaseball.on.ca.



Tom Kowalik umpires a Major game at Eagles Nest 1

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 SOUVENIRS

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.



2008 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND DIRECTORS OF EAST NEPEAN BASEBALL

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The Junior All Star Team spent a beautiful Saturday Morning at the Rookie Clinic at Stonecrest Park. Coach Paul Villeneuve teaches the next generation proper batting techniques.

