



LEAGUE OF CHAMPIONS

Spring Newsletter

February 2009

Play Little League Baseball 2009 Registration Dates

Saturday February 28, Walter Baker, 10:00 am - noon.
Saturday March 14, Walter Baker, 10:00 am - noon.
Saturday March 28, Walter Baker, 10:00 am - noon.

REGISTRATION MADE EASY

1. Go to www.eastnepeanbaseball.on.ca
2. Click on **Register Now**
3. Fill out on-line form. Click Submit. Registration form also available to be printed off.

4. Print off completed form and attach cheque payable to ENLL.
5. Mail to: East Nepean Little League
R.P.O. Merivale, P.O. Box 65065
Nepean K2G 5Y3

Avoid the line-ups and register now on-line and send by mail!

Questions? Email registration@eastnepeanbaseball.on.ca or call our league number, 613-447-2255

2009: New Season, New Web Site

The website address remains the same but the look and features are fantastic. Registration will be simplified by allowing you to fill in the form on-line. Game scores will be entered by coaches and the standings will be updated automatically. A quick look up for your next scheduled game will be on the front page. More pictures, more info, more fun. Check it out today at www.eastnepeanbaseball.on.ca

Thank an East Nepean Volunteer

East Nepean Little League is run by volunteers. Our league president, Bruce Campbell, has been heading the organization for 16 years and along with the Board of Directors, plans and delivers a quality house league and all star program every year. But considering our 50 spring teams, 18 summer teams and 2 Challenger teams, that is just the tip of the volunteer iceberg. Each team participates under the guidance of a team manager, assistant coaches, scorekeeper, general manager and team helpers. This generates more than 350 volunteers. So to everyone who takes the time to make East Nepean Little League a League of Champions, **THANK YOU!**

Eagles Nest Batting Cage in 2009

Years of fundraising along with a small grant from the City of Ottawa will finally result in the Eagle Batting Cage being erected next to Eagles Nest 1 in South Nepean Park. Construction is scheduled for Spring 2009. Over the years, many volunteers have made this possible from those who sold decals in 2004 to all those who have manned BBQs at tournaments and bought and sold cheese. Thanks to everyone who helped this initiative.

2009 Registration Fees Kept at 2008 Levels

The initial City of Ottawa budget proposal would have seen East Nepean's field fees raised from just under \$20,000 per year to over \$80,000. The budget that was passed by Ottawa city council raised the fees by 7% over 2008 fees. This increase was only slightly higher than what league executives used in the budget set at the AGM in November. With some cost cutting in other areas of the league, we are able to keep registration costs static at 2008 levels and are able to offer a quality program at a reasonable cost.

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.

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 - **Cal Keneford**
 Rookie Division - **Jason Zhang**
 Minor Division - **André Larocque-Graham**
 Major Division - **Matthieu Cooke**
 Junior Division - **Carlos Mendoza**
 Senior Division - **Shane Harper-Thompson**

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 – **Daniel Philippe**

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

Recipient - **Chris Pearson**

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 - **Kevin Thai**
 Rookie Division - **Ryan Follows**
 Minor Division - **Matthew Griffiths**
 Major Division - **Scott Salter**
 Junior Division - **Stephen Sparks**
 Senior Division - **Ryan Menard**

The Volunteer Award is presented to long standing member of East Nepean Little League who has demonstrated exceptional commitment, service or leadership and exemplifies the spirit of Little League for the betterment of ENLL

Recipient - **Stewart Wilson**

2008 Hit Run and Throw Champions

East Nepean Little League held a Hit Run and Throw Competition at Hamilton Yards in conjunction with Picture Day in May. The Saturday was warm and sunny and the players competed in events to test their hitting, their speed around the bases and their accuracy and distance throwing. Congratulations to all our champions in the different divisions.

	Blastball	Junior National	
1 st	Liam Wood - Reds	Tom Lepage - Gothams	
2 nd	Lauren Webber - Reds	Gregory Wong - Gothams	
3 rd	Jake Forte - Blue Jays	Matthew Morrison - Gothams	
	Rookie Canadian	Rookie National	Rookie Provincial
1 st	Cameron Fishwick - Gothams	Philip Beaudreau - Athletics	Jake White - Celtics
2 nd	Sam Kitts - Buccaneers	Jason Su - Gothams	Mandy Prus - Buccaneers
3 rd	Willem Larsen - Buccaneers	Alexander Phelan - Buccaneers	Matthew Hradecky - Marlins
	Minor Canadian	Minor National	Minor Provincial
1 st	Cameron Mattie - Celtics	Alec Verch - Athletics	Daniel Taiwo - Dodgers
2 nd	Bradley McCallen - Celtics	Andrew Beatty - Buccaneers	Liam Lascelles - Dodgers
3 rd	André Larocque-Graham - Gothams	Joseph Wiseman - Celtics	Ben Kitts - Mets
	Major Canadian	Major National	
1 st	David Bennett - Gothams	Nicholas Avarella - Celtics	
2 nd	Mark Benoit - Athletics	Andy Thacker - Buccaneers	
3 rd	Brent Thornton - Buccaneers	Scott Hoskins - Cardinals	



2008 Blastball Tournament

Parade of 2008 Champions

The 2008 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.

2008 East Nepean Little League Spring Season Playoff Champions

Rookie Canadian - Athletics	Minor Canadian - Celtics	Major Canadian - Buccaneers
Rookie National – Gothams	Minor National – Athletics	Major National - Athletics
Rookie Provincial - Celtics	Minor Provincial - Dodgers	

2008 Pinecrest Spring Tournament Champions

Rookie Canadian Gothams – A Side Champions	Minor Canadian Gothams – A Side Finalists
Rookie Canadian Buccaneers – A Side Finalists	Major Canadian Buccaneers – A Side Champions
Rookie Canadian Athletics – B Side Champions	Major Canadian Celtics – A Side Finalists
Minor Canadian Buccaneers – A Side Champions	Junior Canadian Celtics – A Side Champions

2008 East Nepean Little League All Star Champions

Major - District 2 Champions, Ontario Major Championship Finalists
 Junior - District 2 Champions, Ontario Junior Championship Finalists
 Senior - District 2 Champions, Ontario Senior Championship Semi-Finalists

2008 East Nepean Little League Summer City Champions

Rookie Finalists – East Nepean #1	Minor B #1 – B Side Champions
Rookie Third Place – East Nepean #2	Minor B #2 – B Side Finalists
Rookie Fourth Place – East Nepean #4	Major B #2 - A Side Finalists
Minor A - A Side Champions	

2008 Summer Tournament Champions

Orleans A Tournament Champions – Junior A Eagles
 Willie Putnam Memorial Tournament – Major B #2
 Scott Tokessy Consolation Champions – Major A Eagles
 Cornwall Summer Tournament B Pool Champs – Rookie Eagles

Pinecrest Summer A Tournament:

Major B Champions (A side) – Major B#1 Eagles

Rookie Finalists –Rookie Eagles #1

CFR Last Hurrah Tournament:

Minor Finalists – Minor A Eagles

Rookie Finalists - East Nepean Rookies

Challenger Division 10th Anniversary Celebration

2008 marked the 10th Anniversary of Challenger Baseball in Nepean. This quiet little program that began in 1999 with Steve Suttie and Kevin Page at the helm exploded into an awesome celebration on June 7th, 2008. The Challenger kids played a game showcasing their talents, abilities and their love for the game of baseball in



front of friends, families and fans from all around the area. Upwards of 300 people showed up! The Honourable John Baird, Minister of the Environment had the privilege of throwing out the first pitch to get the festivities under way. East Nepean Alumnus & CJOH's own Michael O'Byrne acted emcee & PA guy ensuring each player got an electrifying introduction. Our newest favourite baseball team, the Ottawa Rapidz, were also well represented. In fact, another East Nepean Alumnus, current Ottawa Rapidz pitcher and National Team member Mike Kusiewicz, brought along a few of his team-mates. The guys didn't disappoint making sure to sign all the autograph requests, play in the game and even took turns coaching third base. The day ended with a BBQ and some time in the shade. It was a great day to celebrate Baseball. A game that EVERYONE can play and enjoy.

Winter Training 2008

By Wayne Hobbs



Once again East Nepean Little League welcomed its future all-stars to the annual Winter Clinic, held at the Carleton University field house. With close to forty participants, the players enjoyed several weekends of indoor baseball clinics lead by Player of Development Director Mike Crepin along with head instructors Dan Bellini, Wayne Hobbs and Shaun McGee. Of course none of this would be possible without the added help from our Summer Ball Coaches Loren Klimchuk, Abraham Sudhakar, Bill Cooke, Mark Keeping, Bernie Horton and several others who volunteer their time to help teach the valuable skills needed for our youngsters to be successful in baseball. The kids had fun while learning valuable skills and as time permitted, the coaches would divide the

kids into several balanced teams to face off against each other in some friendly competition. Funny, we never could figure out why the Rookies would dominate in those competitions but we suspect Coach Mike and Coach Loren had something to do with that. The efforts put in by the kids was easy to see come spring time as kids who had never pitched before were throwing strikes once they got comfortable on the mound and from my own perspective, many of those participants transferred those countless hours of routine drills into game play mechanics. Thanks again to all those that who participated and make East Nepean Little League their home.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

➤ **COACHES:** All teams need coaches. If you want to help out, register with Mike Crepin 613-825-8573 for coaching clinics. All Star Coaches should apply by March 1, 2009 to Bruce Campbell 613-226-3835.

➤ **BINGO:** Bingo workers needed for our time slot, Tuesday evenings at 9:30 pm (arrival at 8:40). Your honorariums are put towards registration fees. Bingo funds help to offset the cost of field user fees and help to keep our registration costs down. Contact Joan 613-825-2251.



2008 Senior Ontario Little League Championships



East Nepean Little League hosted the 2008 Senior Ontario Little League Championships at the Hamilton Yards diamond at the Nepean Sportsplex July 22 – July 30. Six District Champions from across Ontario competed for entry into the Senior Canadian Championships: East Nepean Eagles (D2), Current River Americans/Fort William Nations (D3), Lasalle Turtle Club (D5), Orleans Red Sox (D6), Cornwall Black Sox (D7) and the Pembroke Panthers (D8).

Once again, East Nepean put on a wonderful tournament for the visiting players and the tournament committee and volunteers did a fantastic job making the field playable in sometimes very wet conditions, manning the concession tent as well as all the preparation work that goes into a large tournament. After 20 games in total, Orleans came out on top at Ontario Senior Champions.

Thank You to All the Sponsors of the 2008 Senior 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 many sponsors. Bank of America, has been a sponsor for past tournaments and came through for the league in 2008 as the title sponsor for the tournament. We thank them for their support.



Kiwanis Club of Nepean **Langevin Learning Services** **Gord Hunter – Ottawa City Councillor**
Jan Harder – Ottawa City Councillor **The SAM Group LTD** **Creative Concepts Photography**
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Ottawa Rapidz *Collins Barrows* *Steve Desroches – Ottawa City Councillor*
Central Paving *Rinaldo Hair Designers and Spa*

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.

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.

Find any East Nepean Uniforms?

Contact Susan Dennison at 613-692-2001 to arrange their return.

SUMMER ALL STAR COACHES

Applications to coach Summer All Star Teams for Minor, Major, Junior and Senior Teams will be accepted until March 1, 2009. Contact Bruce Campbell 613-226-3835 for details on how to apply.

2009 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND DIRECTORS OF EAST NEPEAN BASEBALL

		Name	Phone	E-Mail*
	League Phone Number		447-2255	
Executives	President	Bruce Campbell	226-3835	president
	Secretary	Louise Campbell	226-3835	secretary
	Treasurer	Heather Riopelle	228-0790	treasurer
	Registrar**	Gail Deduk	447-2255	registration
	VP Operations	Wayne Hobbs	228-8497	operations
	VP Support	Peggy O'Neill	823-1581	support
Directors	Challenger	Steve Suttie	825-8773	challenger
	BlastBall	Sandra Deduk	440-2422	blastball
	Rookie	Kevin Follows	823-7142	rookie
	Minor	Abraham Sudhakar	823-8419	minor
	Major	Bill Cooke	825-6991	major
	Junior	Volunteer needed		junior
	Senior	Volunteer needed		senior
	Big League	Patti Harper	823-0736	bigleague
	Equipment	Loren Klimchuk	440-0123	equipment
	Uniforms	Susan Dennison	692-2001	uniforms
	Fundraising	Joan Horan	825-2251	fundraising
	Player Development	Mike Crepin	825-8573	playerdevelopment
	Umpire In Chief	Cam Whalen	823-1364	umpinchief

*Email addresses: add @eastnepeanbaseball.on.ca

** Registrar best reached by email

**What we want:**

Persons age 14-99
 Like baseball
 Have a willingness to learn
 Reliable
 Calm under pressure

What you get:

Minimum \$20 per game
 Training and Development
 Support
 FUN!

How do I sign up??

Contact Umpire in Chief
 Cam Whalen at
umpinchief@eastnepeanbaseball.on.ca
 for application.