



Welcome to ENLL News. Updating you four times a year:

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Keeping you up-to-date on past, current and upcoming happenings around the league and ball diamonds.

Registration Now Open

Register online now by visiting: <http://eastnepeanbaseball.on.ca/register> Register online and pay online before March 21 and your name goes into a draw to win one of five great prizes. Registration dates are now confirmed with Walter Baker 2nd floor by the baseball display case for:

- Saturday March 2, 10am – 12pm noon
- Saturday March 30, 2pm – 4pm

Notes from the President

It is getting closer and things are starting to get busy! The Little League Canadian Championships being hosted by East Nepean Little League is busy working on tournament event planning, facility preparedness with the city, building the volunteer base and securing sponsorship. The media building is ready for tender and construction will begin in April and finish at the end of June. The new dugouts for Eagles Nest #1 will be renovated this summer. The tournament committee is looking for volunteers that want to help out, please contact Bruce Campbell at president@eastnepeanbaseball.on.ca This event is a once in a life time event for the league, community, and all the people in the greater Ottawa area. Being part of this will be memorable and a lot of fun.



The tournament has all levels of sponsorship, if you or your business want to be part of this please contact Bruce.

The web site will be open soon and can be linked from the league's home page.

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Again this year East Nepean Little League will host a Blue Jays Instructional Clinic



The clinic will take place on Saturday, June 1st at the Eagles Nest starting at 9 AM. The Clinic will run 4 hours in length, with the players being grouped by age. During the clinic each group will rotate through stations that will deal with skills of hitting, throwing, fielding, pitching, and base running. The Blue Jays also invite coaches to come on to the field to observe and ask the instructors questions.

Qualified Blue Jays instructors will focus on teaching young players aged 7 to 14 the fundamental skills of baseball in a fun and structured atmosphere. Kids can start signing up now. Space is limited so please register right away!

Here is the link http://toronto.bluejays.mlb.com/tor/baseball_academy/index.jsp

Umpire Update

East Nepean Little League is currently looking for umpires for the upcoming season. Want to be an umpire? Be part of the greatest game in the world. If you are 14 years or older you can umpire. The league will supply the tools and training needed to be an East Nepean Little League umpire. You will earn \$20 per game and there is service awards.

Contact: Peggy O'Neill VP Support 613.823.1581 support@eastnepeanbaseball.on.ca

League President Bruce Campbell is this year's recipient of the Ottawa Sports Awards Mayor's Cup

Bruce Campbell has always been a baseball fan, and for the last 23 years, as President of the East Nepean Little League Baseball Association, he has helped thousands of youngsters play the game at both a recreational and competitive level. From humble beginnings in 1956, East Nepean has grown under Bruce's watch to now include some 600 families as both boys and girls play spring ball in sanctioned Little League divisions from ages 4-5 to age 18.



On the competitive side, Bruce has watched as East Nepean has won two national titles and twice has sent representatives to World Championships, including the 2004 Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. As President, Bruce has overseen the hosting of local, regional, provincial and national championships. Bruce has been successful in bringing the Canadian Little League Major Championships to Ottawa for the first time ever, in 2015. This national championship has been years in the making under Bruce's tutelage, and will bring the best youth baseball in Canada to our doorstep. Bruce has been successful in attracting city and provincial funding to make this a major event for the summer of 2015.

Senior Division Report

In 2012 the Senior Division continued to see a surge in registrations to the extent that a notable four teams competed in Spring Interlock, one more team than in the same period the previous year. This translated into two teams in Summer, the All-Star Eagles and the non-competitive club composed of a blended group of players from East Nepean Little League and Glebe Little League. The latter team demonstrated a spirit of great camaraderie and perseverance despite some participatory challenges. The All-Stars saw remarkable results in winning the District Playdowns, reaching the semi-finals at the Provincials in Thunder-Bay and capturing the city Interlock Championship. We look forward to another successful year in 2013.

Bill Cooke - Director, Senior Division

Major Division

Major Division had 85 players register in spring. We had 4 teams in the Canadian tier and 4 in the National tier. Major Canadian Celtics and Major National Gothams won the Spring playoff championships in their respective tiers. Canadian Gothams and National Celtics were the finalists. We hosted 3 player development clinics in spring, which were run by the All-star coach Mark Keeping, assisted by the spring coaches. Our players participated in a number of weekend tournaments in Spring, including the East Nepean Major House league tournament, Pinecrest Spring Classic Tournament and the NDG U-12 Michelin tournament held in Montreal. Summer ball had 3 teams and 40 players. These teams represented East Nepean at the city wide summer interlock program. The 'A' team won the district 2 championship and represented the district at the provincials hosted by CFR. The team won the City title, and a number of other tournament championships as well. Summer 'B' teams participated in the Orleans 'B' tournament and the Pinecrest summer classic tournament. White Eagles were the Pinecrest tournament finalists, and also the city 'B' side finalists. Thanks to all the players, parents and coaches for yet another great year.

Junior Division

66 players registered for spring baseball, and we had 2 Canadian teams and 4 National teams. These teams participated in the District 2/6/8 spring interlock which included teams from South Ottawa, Perth, Kanata, CFR, Pinecrest. Our teams won all spring interlock championships. In the Canadian division the Celtics and Athletics won the 'A' and 'B' championships respectively. In the National side, the Buccaneers and Eagles won the 'A' and 'B' championships respectively. The Canadian teams also hosted and participated in the 2012 spring wooden bat classic tournament during the May 25-27 weekend. In an all East Nepean final the Celtics won the tournament championship. Summer 'A' coach Paul Bloomfield hosted a number of player development clinics in spring, which were very helpful to all our players.

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Fast Forward to summer.. We had 26 players for summer. Our summer 'A' team won the districts, and represented District 2 at the Jr provincials hosted by Cornwall. In the summer city interlock our 'B' team won the city championship and our 'A' team were the finalist in their division. Summer teams also participated in a number of summer tournaments, and it was a great fun experience for all the players. Junior division extended the season into September by organizing the fall ball program. The program was offered for current Junior players as well as players who will be Junior aged in 2013. We had 25-30 players register and the games were played every Saturday afternoon in September. Thanks to all the players, parents and coaches for yet another great year.

MLB Pitch, Hit & Run Local Competition

East Nepean players participated in the MLB PHR local competition organized by East Nepean at Eagles Nest on May 12th 2012. Players who finished as local competition champion and runner, qualified to advance to the sectional competition held at the Scott Tokessy field in Kanata on May 26th 2012. These players competed with winners from other local competitions across the region. Congratulations to all participants, as well as the East Nepean players, who won top 3 spots in that sectional competition.

For details and photos of the MLB PHR local and sectional competition as well as the results please visit <http://eastnepeanbaseball.on.ca/files/newsletter/2012/MLB-PHRWinners.html>

Spring House League Tournaments 2012

ENLL hosted 3 tournaments during the last weekend of May. The Majors and Minors held the annual Spring house league tournament at Eagles Nest and Doug Frobel, while the Juniors held the Wooden bat spring classic tournament at Grenfell. A total of 17 out of town and local teams including East Nepean teams participated in these prestigious tournaments. Friday's opening ceremony was celebrated as a 'Road to 2015' event. Saturday May 26th was designated as DIFD day at these diamonds. Funds were raised for the DIFD foundation at the Royal Hospital of Ottawa. Sunday's Major Championship game was dedicated to honor Coach Carlo Petrocco's memory. Thanks to all the volunteers, coaches and parents who made these tournaments a big success and a memorable experience for all the players.

For more photos of the 2012 tournaments, please visit <http://eastnepeanbaseball.on.ca/tournaments>

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