

# Victoria W o m e n ' s F a s t b a l l L e a g u e

## Presidential Address

It always amazes me how short our season really is... it seems like we wait so long for the season to begin and then blink and it's half-way finished. As a league we continue to grow and evolve, and this year is certainly no exception. While we are down a team from last year, it seems that just about all of the teams have lots of new faces. That's fabulous... word is getting out about the V.W.F.L.! This was our mission over the last couple of years and we've been more than successful.

On behalf of the Executive, I'd like to welcome all of the new players, and the returning players and coaches. We are already enjoying another great season of excellent ball, and I'm looking forward to the second half and the Sue Beishcer tournament.

Have you checked out the league's website ([www.victoriawomensfastball.com](http://www.victoriawomensfastball.com)) lately? It has a fresh new updated look. Thanks to Sophie (working from Kingston, Ontario) for her hard work and dedication to the website. While not all the pages are functional yet, they will be updated as time goes on, so keep checking back.

Kudos to this year's Executive. The league and I thank you all for your time and efforts. Without you, the league would not function so smoothly and flourish as it does. I know that there are many more talented players out there that should consider a position for next year. Keep it in mind for the AGM in January.

Best of luck to all the teams in the second round, I look forward to seeing you all on the fields! Have fun out there!!

Dawn Evans - President

## WWF - Wild Women's Fastball

The Wild are excited to be playing in their sixth season in the VWFL! This year marks the return of one of our old players, Jacquelyn Harrison. We're happy to have her back at shortstop, and are, as always, in awe of her athleticism. We also have Andy Olson back - Andy took part of last year off to bring little Angelina into the world! Sadly, we've lost two of our catchers to the appeal of up island - both Carolyn Wood and Shantal Genest have relocated further north to work for the summer. As well, Ashley Carlson has made the decision to stay in Calgary over the summer, but you'll all be happy to know that she's playing for the Calgary Hawkes Senior B team, and having a great time.

Beyond these changes, the Wild remain the same - Alia, Cathy, Heather, Jacqueline, Jill, Kris, Krystal, Krystle, Michelle, Nicole, Steph and Val, as well as our coaches Glyn and Mike, who need no introduction. Thanks to all the ladies of the league for making it so fun year after year - see you on the field!

### The Brewers

Brewers welcome an old face to our team. Lori Skinner is behind our bench now instead of behind the plate and she says it's way more fun!

We picked up Lauren McKay from the now defunct Duncan team and Kelley Ball from Naden. We also added 4 gals new to the league. A couple of Erins: Erin Haverty and Erin McCaghren. We also add Shelley Stefan from Chicago, and Lea Ricketts, a third generation born and raised Victorian. Why was she bald? And boy her hair grows fast! These are only a couple of the questions some of the ladies in the league are sure to have had as this past winter saw Katherine Mrnka from our team raise \$5000 for Cops for Cancer by chopping it all off!

Our talented Mary is taking a year off and we sure miss her wack, sense of humour, and organizational prowess.

This spring Sachiko Suzuki came to visit Victoria with her husband and baby girl - beautiful! She says a big hello to all of her ball buddies, and wanted to let everyone know that she's playing on 2 teams.

### Heat

The Heat are having a fun and exciting season this year and having had a full roster at every game is keeping Ken happy! No injuries yet are a blessing and we thank our faithful fans that stick by us at every game! Good luck to everyone.

## Round 1 Standings

	Wins	Losses	Ties
A's	5	1	1
Wild	5	2	0
Panthers	5	2	0
Heat	3	2	2
Brewers	2	5	0
Reds	3	4	0
Sliders	2	3	2
Storm	0	6	1

### LEAGUE EXECUTIVE

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### TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

#### SLIDERS

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#### REDS

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Sharon Stewart .....385-3819

#### SPORTY A's

Donna Sereda .....391-9888  
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#### STORM

Uta Garost.....479-0441  
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#### BREWERS

Lea Ricketts.....385-4300

#### CORDOVA BAY PANTHERS

Chelsea Chang .....514-6627  
Lianne Cownden .....686-4777  
Mike Cownden.....883-2543

#### VIEW ROYAL GOLD

Ken Logue .....479-6947  
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#### WILD

Nicole Rioux .....474-1516  
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More Chatter From Around the League

Team Storm 2006

Let me begin by saying "there is nothing like the sound of a ball hitting your glove and the ting of the bat when you hit the ball!" Another season is upon us ladies. I am sure we all couldn't wait to slip into our cleats and get onto the diamond and have some fun. "Bring Your Game!"

There are many new faces, plus some of us old gals that are still hanging in there and playing some damn good ball. We would like to say "ciao for now" to some team mates. To Laurie, who got married and is expecting their first child. She is very happy living in Vancouver but I am told that she misses us and ball dearly. To Renee aka "Reggie" is a gem. She is taking a year off to spend with her family. She says she'll be back next year. Michelle who is unfortunately unable to commit this year, has played in this league for many many years. Kimmy who has been having some injury difficulties had to opt out this year to her frustration. But she will be out to cheer us on and hopefully she'll be back. Anna has moved on as well. Not sure where though. I heard she was up Hyacinth?? Good luck to everyone.

As coaches, Jo and I (Kat) have been looking forward to working with our new "young" members. Our ultimate goal is to keep this league growing with new faces and talent.

Let me introduce you to our new teammates. Loni is Jo's daughter! She remembers being the bat girl for her mom's team when she was 11 and now she is playing for it, even though she said she never would. No, we didn't have to bribe her! You'll see her sharing the SS position. Along with her she brought some other very talented ladies. Alyssa who has been playing ball for approx. 13 years is our tallest player. She loves 1st base and can be utilized as a pitcher if we pay her. Ha ha. Way to go "green socks". Aislynn who has played for 12 years has the ability to catch but is also a great utility player. We are using her talent out in the field. Watch out for her "bat". Katie plays when her knees let her. She is also our assistant coach. She has played ball for 13 years and she is a solid 3rd baseman. She has great ball sense and is working with each lady to improve their skills. Nicole, who has played for 14 years and is only turning 19 this year, yikes! Anyone else feeling aged? She can pitch and has so far shown us that she is a great little fielder. Thanks Loni. Then we found Christine.

Ahhhh... our new pitcher has played ball for 15years. She had the opportunity to play ball at the 2002 World Series. She is also a utility player with a great attitude. I am happy you left a message on the VWFL website. Now for the rest of us: Uta is our quiet solid player who has been playing for about 8 years. She plays 3rd base. We are lucky to have her as our team manager. She has been married for 3years and is still enjoying the "honeymoon!" Tracey whom everyone knows as "Gillie" has been playing ball for a few years. She is still pitching and rocking it out! You'll also see her playing at 1st or 2nd base. She helps out with giving tips to the young ones. Wink wink...lol. No but seriously she enjoys putting on her cleats and being competitive. You are such a "dudette".

Kiki aka Keaks was once the baby on the team but no longer! She has enjoyed ball for about 14 years and we have enjoyed 5 of those years on team Storm. She has a wonderful spirit! She is very involved in teaching young girls as a "leader" for Brownies. Which takes her away from ball at times but we totally support her. No ankle rolling allowed hey Keaks!

Sandy has been with the team for 3 years now and I think has played every position. She is a great asset to our team. It was Sandy who introduced us to our sponsors who in turn gave us new uniforms. Ya, we are feeling swish! Candace has played ball since she was 7, about 20 years. She started playing t-ball as a child and hasn't missed a season yet." I love playing ladies fastball and couldn't imagine giving it up to play slow-pitch like some of my older friends have!" She has been with this team for about 4 years. She love, love, loves to play second base. Cara has played for ball for a few years. She has a very distinctive "fly-ball" catch. Hey, she never misses! Chelsea has played with us for 2 years. You'll find her usually backing up 3rd or somewhere out in the field. She has a great spirit and enjoys the game. As for Jo and I, some of you might think we are one. Haha. We love playing together and we are happy to say we met in this league 9 years ago. We both have a competitive edge and we are very pleased to be coaching this team although it can be "head shaking" at times. Jo loves to catch and she'll be vocal when it is strike! She has so much energy and intensity. You will usually see her eating her "spits." As for me, Kat, I am grateful for Jo who just keeps me living life. SS was my gig but I am slowly relinquishing it. No I mean sharing it! Thanks for a rocking time ladies! We are very proud all of you.... "ASS TO THE GRASS!"

Thanks to our sponsors, Boston Pizza Hillside and Teamwork Athletics.

Reds

With the proceeds of our 2005 beer round winnings long gone, we're looking forward to replenishing our stock this year! At the end of the first round, we are poised perfectly in the standings to achieve our objective (our unofficial team motto is "You can't drink a trophy!"). The Reds have 2 new young players to welcome into the fold: Kelly and Lara. They are a great addition to the team. Welcome! Good luck to everyone in round 2!

Cordova Bay Panthers

Welcome Back Everyone!!! A lot of new faces this year joining the Cordova Bay Panthers!!

Welcome Courtney, Angela, Anna, Natalie, Marcelle and our new coach Ryan.

We are off to a great start to the season and are looking forward to upcoming games! Thank you Michelle and Ryan for the beautiful new uniforms, and congratulations on getting married.

Also we wish Lindsay Ward all the best this year, as she has taken the year off to have a baby.

As always thank you to Northridge Equipment for sponsoring us again!! See you around the Field!

The A's

The first half of the season has been in The A's favour.

With the return of Sarah Whitten after a two year rest, she has re-instated her position on the mound. The veterans: Donna Sereda and Mel Grass are still playing with full force. Our team has also changed, picking up some new talented We are excited about the rest of the season and are ready to play hard and win.

Sliders

The Sliders have some exiting new additions to the team. Congratulations Michelle and Sean on the arrival of baby Jack and welcome Janelle, our new do-it-all on the field and Beer Wench. During the past two seasons, the Sliders have been doing some extreme fundraising. We'd like to thank Ma Miller's Pub and its patrons for their support during our numerous meat draws, and everyone who keeps buying our raffle tickets. Let's applaud the Sliders for their commitment to the team and all their successful efforts in fundraising; those new Slider Sweaters sure look sharp!

And the best for last, THANK YOU Glen and Alec for all your time and support. We couldn't do it with out you both, and we very much appreciate your efforts on and off the field. Whoaaaaaaaaaaaa Sliders!