

# Victoria Women's Fastball League



2007 Newsletter



## President's Note By Dawn Evans

On behalf of the V.W.F.L., I would like to congratulate Darcy Hill (Sliders) who has co-won the female Vancouver Island Rugby Referees Society Jan Curnow Player of the Year Award for 2007. The award is named after long-term V.I.R.R.S. member Jan Curnow, who himself has epitomized the spirit of the award with his service on and off the field to the game.

Darcy has been playing rugby for the past 10 years, and is currently playing for James Bay where she also serves as one of the directors of the James Bay Athletic Association and is on the Executive of the

Vancouver Island Rugby Union.

While we might not see Darcy a lot on the ball field anymore she's still very involved with our league with her Executive duties. Congrats to Darcy on her achievement.

It's great to see someone from our league being acknowledged for these kind of awards where their leadership and involvement is recognized by their peers. I know that there is many more people from our league who deserve this kind of a shout out, and our newsletter is a great place to do it. Keep that in mind when you're getting your submissions in next year!

## Sliders

First, a huge welcome to all the new gals on the Slider's roster: Jodi and Lyndsay, and a special welcome back to Andrea. We're excited you joined our Sliders family, as each of you is a valuable addition to our team. Second, congratulations to Oliver and Karla on the arrival of baby Carter this past fall. Our Slider's nursery continues to grow! Third, we'd like to welcome Glen and Alec back to coach's corner, thank you for all your time and support. We really appreciate your efforts on and off the field. Also, big thanks to Dawn who spends countless hours not only organizing the league, but keeping our team in order as well.

In true Sliders fashion, we've had a bit of a shaky start to the season, but we're having fun and looking forward to replenishing our beer stock! We've seen some great games to date, and look forward to playing against you girls at the Sue B. See you on the field.

Whooooaaahhhhhh Sliders!!

## Team Storm

Well, we still have Kat & Jo at the helm, but there are many new faces on Team Storm this year. We started the season pretty strong and we're hoping to keep up the momentum through to the second half. We've got a nice mix of very young players and some err...shall we say veterans! It's making for great balance on our team and a lot of fun! See you on the ball field!

## The Heat

View Royal is very excited about their new team this year. With only 6 returning players, the team is welcoming and enjoying meeting their new team! With lots of energy being provided by the Sooke Girls, our team is looking forward to a successful year! Good luck to all other teams this season

## Reds

This season the Reds welcome back pretty much our same line up of more than two years now. Some of us are able to play full time this season while others are committed to playing part time. The Reds are an eclectic bunch of people including; mothers, artists, full time employs, graduates, students and there is even a dancer among us!

The Reds have a wonderful mix of talent hosting a variety of skill sets and levels of players. Some of us are quite familiar with the 'Victoria Women's Fastball League' while others are becoming newly acquainted to its workings...this fusion of mature experience and youthful exuberance gives the Reds their unique perspective (and source of much humor!)

I believe what binds us together as a team is a combination of self-motivation towards personal bests, having a really good time and absolutely the love of the game!

Noting where we are in the standings just now some of you may be wondering about that talent, skill and experience I was mentioning...here's a word to the wise...be nervous...the Reds are big finishers!

So have fun everyone, play fair and have a safe and injury free ball season!

Also we would like to welcome the new teams to the league!



## Sports Traders A's

It has been interesting first half of the season for The A's with a few real close nail bitters. The line up has remained pretty much the same. Our returning players are Alison, Christina, Chelsey, Donna, Kendra, Mel, Nicole, Sarah, Tabatha, and Jo who is on the sidelines with a broken finger. The A's welcome Naomi, back after a year off and new comers Alicia and Jackie. The A's marked the end of last season with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the round robin portion of The Senior D Provincials and the ferry ride home will be talked about for years to come. We're looking forward to a strong second half of this season. Look for us in our yellow shirts with the names of our alter ego's on the back.

## Brewers

About 1/2 the Brewers players are returning this season, and we've got some really great new additions to the team --- great in terms of the spirit they add to the Brewers, and the skills they bring too.

Lots of the Brewers have been playing ball about a decade longer than Sarah, Meagan Fairydust and Jenn Griffey Jr. have been alive, and we're very happy to have them join us. They are very fun additions to our team, and we feel lucky to have them playing with us.

Two other new and valued additions to the Brewers are Kate and Sara. Sara is Coach Skinner's daughter, and she brings the added bonus of cute little K-Man to every game. If K-Man gives you one of his grins while you're on deck, it's magic what it'll do for your batting average! And Kate of the styling purple hair is our 'secret weapon in training' ... hopefully we'll spring her on the other teams in a surprise new position soon.

And last but certainly not least, we are thrilled to have Jade joining us, with her great sense of humor and her big big bat. What a trooper, she got hit by a car riding her bike to a league game recently and still was ready and raring to play -- now that's dedication.

One last mention of huge huge thanks -- once again -- to our most fabulous and generous sponsor, Spinnakers Brewhouse. Courtesy of Spinnakers, we've got our spiffy new black and gold uniforms this season, lots of great new equipment, and most importantly to many -- free jugs of beer after league games. They don't even care if we've won or not (which is a good thing, considering our record so far this season...), we still get that yummy Spinnakers beer. Just a reminder to our opponents -- you're invited to join us at Spinnakers after games, we'd love to share a jug or two of the freebie brew with you.

## Arrrr Matey!

Introducing the brand new Junior team, The GH Pirates:

Our fearless leader, Theresa "Boss" Dubas

Angela "Shades" Simon  
Ana "AK-47" Koop  
Ashley "Churro" Chura  
Caitlin "Wheels" Stewart  
Diana Paterson aka "Di-P-Son"  
Jenna "Talia" Taggart  
Jocelyn "JFK" Frost

Kelsey "Kelso/Foreign" Hendriksen  
Lauren "Petey" Peterson  
Nicole "Spidey" Parker  
Natalie Kupiak aka "Grey Banana"  
Shannon "SOB" O'Brien  
Beth "B1" Quarmby  
Elise "B2" Quarmby  
(\*disclaimer: nicknames may change on an inning to  
inning basis)

The Pirates have had an inconsistent first round, but we are confident that once we all have proper nicknames, we'll be unstoppable. We would like to thank all the other teams for making us feel so welcome.

## W3

Thank you (HISWKE) to the Victoria Womens Fastball League and its executive for welcoming our team. A special appreciation to the other teams and coaches for having patience with us.

Our team name is WSANEC Warrior Women, but for short W3. This is our first year in the league although some of us have played at Hycinth in previous years. Please allow me to introduce the team. Most of us are related by blood or through marriage.

(\*Baby/Children)

Erykah Charlie (Baby Augusta)  
Stephanie Charlie (Kaitlyn)  
Bel Forget (Austin, Joshua)  
Tiffany Joseph (Baby Cash)  
Stephanie Masciotra  
Dawn Olsen (Desiree)  
Gina Olsen (Rhiannon, Chris, Katia, Ben,  
Demetrius)  
Rhiannon Olsen (D.J., Kiona)

Dianna Sam (Baby Cassidy)  
Farrah Sylvester (Wayne, Justice, Alison, Nick, Mark)  
Adeline Thomas  
Lisa Underwood (Vince, Nick)  
Lorna Underwood (Mark, Rachel)  
Stella Underwood (Jess, Mike, Monique)  
Kelsey

In 1970, the first all-native women's fastball team, was formed "the Tsawout Bombers", and was coached by Norm Underwood and Asst Coach Louis Claxton. The team has focussed on being Indigenous in order to compete in National Indian Fastpitch championships, but throughout our league have enjoyed the contributions of such non-Indian players as Hillary Frost; Linda Ribbett and now being supported by Bel, Steph, and Kelsey.

A special announcement from Rhiannon and her future husband Chuck, who are engaged to be married.

Congratulations to our teammate Traci Sam, she had another boy. His name is Ethan William Roy Sam Gates, who weighed in at a healthy weight of 7 lbs. 13 oz. Welcome to our softball world Ethan!

A big round of applause to Gina Olsen, who is almost completed her Masters of Indigenous Studies program at the Univeristy of Victoria.