



President's Message

As I type this playoffs are just around the corner and another season is so close to being in the books and I'm finding it a time to be a bit reflective.

I have played in this league for 13 years now, and I seen players, coaches, teams, fans and umpires come and go. Players have come into the league, some young, some not as young, and as we've gotten to know them, some have gotten married and many have children. Some were students that now have successful careers; some went back to school to begin new careers. Some players came into the league having never played the game before, and some have come from very competitive levels.

It is for these reasons that I love our league. I've played tonnes of great ball and had many, many laughs. I have met many people and gained many friends. I can only hope that every other player that has come to play in our league can say the same.

This season we saw the league increase to 13 teams, three of which were junior aged teams and that is a great accomplishment for us. Several years ago, we set out to make sure that those young ladies knew that they could come to our league to play and after a couple of years and through much hard work here they are. We welcome them, as we know that they are the future of the league.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone involved with the league for a great season, it's been bumpy with rough weather and weird schedules but we've made it work. We should all give special thanks to the girls on the Executive for graciously volunteering their time to make sure that the rest of the players can simply show up, put their cleats and glove on and hit the field. The league would be nowhere without these angels, and I thank you for your time and dedication to the league.

There is no better time in our season than playoffs and the Sue Beischer tournament; for me July is full of excitement and great ball. But at the same time, it is bittersweet as I know that the season ends before the month is out. I will miss the players, coaches, fans and umpires. I will miss the details of making sure that games happen when and where they need to and making sure that the website is up to date! Then I will patiently wait until the New Year when I can rouse (more like harass) the girls on my team to come out and play catch with me. Then when we start to think of spring, we're already preparing for another season and we begin to do it all over again.

Have fun and I'll see you on the field...

Dawn Evans

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Storm

This team of ours is so incredibly genuine to each other that I sometimes find myself having a little VURP in my mouth. HAHA... EEwww yuck! Shhh don't tell anyone.

But seriously we all get involved in ribbing each other (sometimes ladies cry...OH LOU...lol) as well as dishing out encouragement and that is so important for a team and its success.

We have Val and Alyssa as our pitchers and the rest of us just hang back and enjoy the action. There is nothing better than "making the play"...it is such a great rush.

I believe we improve every year. I have so much confidence in my players and their abilities. I have a couple of great utility players who step-it-up for me everytime! You know who you are. I know Jo and I love playing with Loni... oh daughter!! I want to thank all the ladies on our team for their passion of the GAME!

We like to hang-out and laugh and joke, we love to play ball and we love to have fun. Have I made anyone GAG yet?? LOL

I believe Uta, Jo and I have created a great mix of women of all ages and talents...and personality helps!

We will be around for a few more years!! Thanks for another memorable season chicky-babes. I could go on forever...

Thanks to our dedicated FANS and our score keepers Tess and Grams.... and to Dayle (grandma) for looking after wee Hailey.

Where's Waldo??...oh I mean Where's Jeff?

PLAY BALL!

Coach Kat...my motto..."ass to the grass!!"



Cordova Bay Panthers

Cordova Bay is happy to welcome some new players this year to the team! Welcome Katharine Mrnka, Kate Donovan, Chelsea Burns and Chelsea Oman and our new assistant coach Rod Oman! Our team is a great mix of talent and with the new additions this year, are team has become a well oiled machine! We are looking forward to the rest of the season and are excited for the Senior D Provincials in Vancouver this year! We have started the season off strong and hopefully we can keep this momentum up during the rest of the season and into Provincials. We would also like to thank our sponsor, Our Coach Mike Cownden and Northridge LTD., for their continued support!

In addition, we would like to offer congratulations to Angela Maunders on her upcoming wedding to one of our superfans Brent! Congrats you two!

Good luck to all the teams this season and see you all on the field!

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Diamond Fusion (formerly Summit)

WHO ARE THEY NOW?????

With a recent sponsor change and the fact there was already another team in the League with the same name as us we decided to change our name & got a new sponsor.

Diamond Fusion (sponsored by the **Dominion Lending Centre-Westshore Community Division**) is a group of fabulous women who wholeheartedly love the game of softball. The feeling amongst us is that we want to play forever and our "never say die" attitude keeps us coming back for more. Some of us are related & others grew up playing against each other but about 20 years ago the majority of us hooked up in the Topaz League & have been a family ever since. We eventually moved to the Hyacinth Park playing there for many years but there came a time when family became the priority and our team took a couple of years off, a couple of times. 25 kids later we decided to get back on the field & try it again. Quickly realizing we needed a bit more structure we looked at the Victoria Women's Fastball League & loved the idea of the Monday/ Wednesday games. PLUS as we have aged things don't work as well they used to & the Courtesy Runner Rule was another big feature for us - well for me at least, ha ha. At the beginning of the season we struggled with a few injuries & with attendance as many of the girls coach their kids but by June were back on track. Coming 6th in League was great then 3rd in Playoffs - we are SO looking forward to next year!!!!

The people in the VWFL are awesome too & appreciate all the work the Executive does. Thanks to everyone for making our 1st year in the League so rewarding!

Michele Smith (Smitty)
Team Manager/ Player



After starting the season low on players, and then having several players get injured, the Heat have all pulled together to make this season a really memorable one. We had 9 returning players and quite a few brand new to the league, so we have kept up the team bonding whenever we can, from staying up at Mt Washington for a tournament, to post-game pub nights, and even a Wii-party! Of course, the team wouldn't be fun without the dedication of Ken, who spends many hours at the park making sure it's all ready for us to play or practice on. Also, we would like to welcome our new assistant coach, Josh, who has also been a huge help to both the team and to Ken. We have really enjoyed playing you all this season and are looking forward to going to provincials later this year. Hope to see you there!

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A's

Woke up it was a chelsea morning and the first thing that I knew there were games and shame and gossip and a little fastball too.

The A's went on to lose and booze and next year choose to come on back for more fun and games
Good luck and sun and fun at the tourney.



SV Unit

After their first year in the Victoria Women's Fastball League, Svee Unit has found their groove. After winning third place at the Midget C provincials last year, the team finally came to terms that they were technically "women" and had to leave their beloved youth fastball behind. The team played well in a Cloverdale tournament at the beginning of June, where they had never seen so many teams with black and neon pink uniforms. They're currently gearing up for the provincials at Softball City on the August long weekend. After a brief hiatus due to Europe trips and demanding jobs, Svee welcomes back Katie and Alena, and joining for the first time this year is Chantal who hails from Mill Bay. Thanks to our scorekeepers, Gypsy and Liz for keeping it real. And of course a HUGE thank you to Chris for all his time and effort he spends coaching and tricking us into showing up for practices. And thanks to Rollie for coaching first base and some solid soft-toss. Thanks for a great year



Sliders

The Sliders would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new teams to the league. It's great to see so many new players. We have had some new additions to our team as well. Those joining us this season include Tiffany (new to the league), Veronica (brand new to fastball), Nikki (pulled out of retirement) and Brooke M. (special welcome back after a short hiatus). We missed Tamara and Michelle this season, but we hope to have them back soon, very soon! The Sliders are thankful to our wonderful sponsor - Windsor Law Group! Thanks for your financial support! Also, we wouldn't know what to do without our two wonderful coaches - Glen and Alec. Thanks to you both for all your time and support. We hope we make you proud (or at least worth it)! In terms of the standings, the Sliders have certainly had a fun season - in fact, we even brought back the Sliders Circus at times (you know, five or six error innings!). There were lots of memos put out by Sophie, and thankfully we went back to playing basic ball - we even managed to have some great winning streaks. Yes, we were streaking! We look forward to the rest of the season - Our sights are set on winning the beer (as usual)! Good luck to all the teams in the remaining games - we look forward to seeing you all at the Sue B. tournament. Finally, we would like to thank all the members of the Executive for doing such a great job! Whoaaaaaaaaaaaa Sliders!