



The Scoreboard



May 2005

Message from the President:

Hello all of you Fastball Players, Coaches, and Families. Now that those troublesome early April rainy days are over the season is into full swing. The fields sure play better dried out, unlike the postponed opening weekend, where most of them were under water!

This year we have continued to grow our registration. Presently the RBFA has nearly 360 players, registered! We are by far now, the largest boys' fastball organization in BC. Congratulations to those who have worked so hard, for so many hours, throughout the year, to grow such a successful association. I would like to extend a personal, special thanks to those dedicated coaches who make it such a fun and rewarding experience for the players in the RBFA. Without your constructive and positive teaching skills we would not have all the happy, returning players we do each year.

Every year we seem fortunate to have something unique to present to our members. Last year was the Western Canadian Senior B Fastpitch Championships. This year was the clinic sponsored by the Senior B Linus Software Stealers along with THE premier Canadian Senior A team, the Vancouver Grey Sox. Nearly 100 boys attended the clinics held in the Steveston Park fastball facility. Later, many more spectators were rewarded with a fabulous Saturday afternoon of Senior Fastball. This type of connection between the boys' and mens' league sure builds bridges. The boys really get to see where they can take their game to! Thanks to Marshall Shields for arranging and organizing this great event.

Amazingly the season is nearly half done, but there is still much more to come. RBFA hosts several invitational tournaments and is hosting the Midget 'C' Provincial championships this year. Our ever popular Family day and Coaches

Game is also just around the corner. Make sure you come out and attend these fun events even if you are not playing. Cheer on your other Richmond teams in the tournaments and watch your coaches make mistakes too.

Have a safe and happy rest of the season, Bill Merrell



Calling All Volunteers !

Without you we cannot operate ! We are looking for help at the tournaments, particularly for Concession (which helps our finances tremendously), Scorekeeping and Fields.

To help with a few hours in the concession, call Bill or Tarina Merrell at 604-272-8990

To help as a Scorekeeper (Mite Select and Midget Provincials) please call Martin Sayle at 604-241-1776

To help with fields (May Mayhem, Mite Select and Provincials) please call Al Menzies at 604-274-6257

Any amount of help at any one of these events would be very welcomed and greatly appreciated.



Important Dates

May Mayhem Tournament **May 27th - 29th** for Mite, Squirts, & Peewees

RBFA Family Day & Coaches/Parents Game **June 4th** (approx. 11am - 2pm)

Pub Nite **June 4th** at the Buck n' Ear Pub (6pm ????)

Closing Weekend **June 17th - 19th**

Mite Select Tournament **July 1st - 3rd**

Midget 'C' Provincials **July 8th - 10th**