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FASTBALL



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Community Prepares for 2014 World Tourney

Kitchener, ON – Volunteers from the greater Kitchener community are working diligently to host the ISC 2014 World Fastball Tournament. It will be the 4th hosting of this prestigious event, following on the successes of 2002, 2006 and 2007.

The August event will feature three championships, in the Men's division (48 teams) as well as Legends and Under 21 events.

It's been a long winter in southern Ontario and Peter Hallman Ball Yard was resplendent, buried in snow well into the spring season. By August, the Ball Yard will once again be up to world – class standards, ready to host the 68th ISC World Championships.



The local ISC Host Committee is pleased to have **Your Neighborhood Credit Union** as Title Sponsor for the ISC 2014 World Tournament.

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YNCU is more responsive, more committed and more in tune with your needs, as well as the needs of our community. It is committed to supporting worthwhile causes that have a positive local impact and the ISC 2014 Tournament is a great example of an investment back into the local community.

Host Hotel

Conestoga Residence Conference Centre

The Host Hotel for the 2014 Tournament – Conestoga Residence & Conference Centre – is within 10 minutes of both fastball facilities – Peter Hallman Ball Yard and Budd Park.

Residence & Conference Centres are a unique and affordable alternative in overnight accommodations. Enjoy the same quality, service and amenities you'd expect from standard accommodation facilities, but at an incredibly low rate! Guests have a choice between two-bedroom and traditional suites with two double beds, a bathroom, and a kitchenette. All suites feature air conditioning, cable television, free Wi-Fi and local calls, and a complimentary continental breakfast. It is

well-situated to cater to the needs of teams as well as fans.

Families enjoy our games rooms, movie theatre, BBQ facilities and business groups benefit from meeting rooms, site catering, and business centre services. Sports teams love our great rates and the convenience

of getting the whole group together under one roof. And everyone loves our complimentary big breakfast!

The current block of suites is decreasing as teams and fans register and will be held until the end of the day on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 or until it is

sold out. **To book, contact Martha Wallace at mwallace@stayrcc.com or by phone at 519-895-2272, ext. 713. For more information, visit www.stayrcc.com/kw.**



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JUBILANT TWINS CHAMPS IN 2008

In Kimberly WI in 2008, the **Kitchener Rivershark Twins** trailed **Saskatoon Aspen Interiors** 3-0 with one out in the 6th inning and having only tallied one hit to that point. Back-to-back HRs by **Pat Shannon** and **Blair Ezekiel** narrowed the margin to 3 -2 after six complete. With one out in the 7th, **Ryan Wolfe** homered to tie the game and **Jody Eidt** followed moments later for a two-run shot of his own. Twins won 6-3 and became first Canadian team in 13 years to claim the ISC title (the 1993 Toronto Gators were first-ever Canadian team to win the ISC crown, repeating the feat in 1995).



FARM CLAIMS 2007 TITLE



In 2007, Kitchener hosted it's third ISC Word Tournament and the perennially strong **Farm Tavern of Madison WI** rode the arm of Outstanding Pitcher **Korrey Gareau** (5-0, 41 k, 1.08 ERA) to capture its third ISC Championship (champs previously in 1997 & 1999). The Farm was undefeated (6-0) and beat **Casa Trejo So Cal Bombers of Palm Springs CA** back-to-back in the tourneys final two days. The Farm's Manager and Sponsor **Rod Peterson** accepts the ISC Carroll Forbes trophy from ISC president-elect **Dean Oscar**, while Farm coach **Dave Leblanc** displays a champion's smile.

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2014 Ontario ISC Qualifying Tournaments

Lots of great fastball action in the ISC qualifiers in June and July in communities throughout southern Ontario as teams seek berths in ISC World Tournament.

JUNE 5-8 Jim Bradford–Neil Crane Invitational | Cobourg, ON
1 berth | Contact: **Mal Swift** – malswift7@gmail.com

June 13-15 Canada East Qualifier | Mitchell, ON
4 berths | Contact: **Blair Setford** – blairjs@gmail.com
OR **Joe Todd** – tode739@rogers.com

June 20-22 Peter Hallman Memorial | Kitchener ON
2 berths | Contact: **Al Taylor** – alan.taylor@rogers.com

June 21-23 Hill United Snapper Shootout | St. Catharines ON
1 Berth | Contact: **Perry Bartley** – misterpaulo@hotmail.com

July 11-12 Cephas Roth Memorial | Tavistock ON
1 berth | Contact: **Dave Bailey** – davebailey@baileyconstruction.ca

July 25-27 Great Lakes / OASA | Mitchell ON
1 berth | Contact: **Jamie Simpson** – simper7@sympatico.ca

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Harrah’s Mildmay Tourney Rankings

1. **Hill United**, Six Nations ON – tops ‘til others bounce them
2. **Gremlins**, Clifton Park NY – perennial bridesmaid material
3. **Hallman Twins**, Kitchener ON – should be medaling
4. **Circle Tap**, Denmark WI – revival looks good on paper
5. **Force**, Scarborough ON – “A” game needed for top five finish
6. **PA Power**, Harrisburg PA – getting to medal round a challenge
7. **Chicago/New York**, NY – an enigma, tough to predict
8. **Gators**, Toronto, ON – hoping to be contender, work yet to be done
9. **Swashbucklers**, NY – continual improvement needed to be a threat
10. **California A’s** – best in the west, top 10 cusp, could be “sleeper”

Watch for possible surprising changes in next issue of Diamond Dirt.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Five hundred volunteers will be needed to assist in successfully hosting the 2014 ISC World Tournament – assignments for a variety of experiences including score-keeping, announcing, gatekeeping, concessions, etc. are available

Interested potential volunteers are encouraged to visit the web site www.isc2014.ca and make application or contact Rob or Michele Way who will respond to your questions or facilitate your involvement in a role that matches your skills and interest.

Rob Way robway@rogers.com – **Michele Way** rmcc@rogers.com

TEAMS SOUGHT FOR LEGENDS & UNDER 21 EVENTS

Concurrent popular events at the ISC World Tournament include the ISC Legends and ISC Under 21 competitions, scheduled for Thursday August 14 - Saturday August 16.

Teams are currently being sought for participation.

Legends - eligible players must reach age 50 during 2014 calendar year and if a player on a ISC Legends team is also on a ISC World Tournament team roster, that player cannot play on a ISC Legends team until his ISC World Tournament team is eliminated. Note - OOR rules do not apply to the Legends.

U21 - All teams, regardless of location or region are eligible and eligible players are those who have not reached the age of 22.

Interested teams for both competitions should contact **Craig Donaldson** - cdonalds5@shaw.ca

