

FARM TAVERN PERFECT, SoCal So Close

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Kitchener, Ontario – The Farm Tavern lads from Madison, WI fooled 'em all. Enduring an up and down season flying just below the radar for contending teams, the #6 seeded Farm Boys displayed a strong focus, tempered by an "aw shucks" attitude, and simply ran off six successive wins to be crowned the 2007 ISC World Champions. For Manager/Coach Rod Peterson, who retooled in the off-season, it was his third title (1997, Victoria BC and 1999 Sioux City IA) and his 6th Championship game appearance, during a period (1996-2007) when his team worked its way into the Saturday "Final Four" in 11 of the past 12 tournaments - an enviable and most credible achievement. Farm pitcher Korrey Gareau was superb all week (5W-0L) and the Farm's international roster was effective with Kiwi Donny Hale, and Newfie outfielders, veteran Colin Abbott and rookie Jason Hill joining Gareau on the 1st Team All-World roster, with Australian infielder Jeff **Goolagong** named to the 2nd Team.

The **Palm Springs CA SoCal Bombers**, who have been steadily improving the last two years, rode the arm of Argentinian **Lucas Mata**, before succumbing in the Championship, losing 8-1 to The Farm.

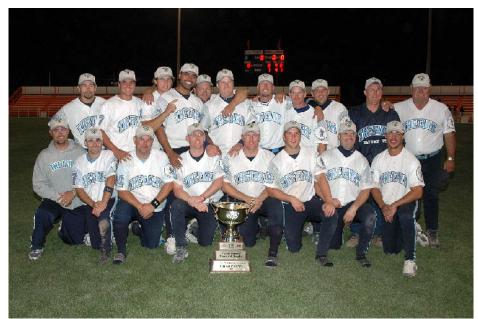


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MADISON, WI The Farm Tavern ISC 2007 WORLD CHAMPIONS

Front row, (l-r) Scott Lange, Kevin Schellenberg, Bill Huss, Chris Timm, Jesse Delorit, Jason Hill, Rob Gray, Jeff Goolagong Back row – Paul Rosebush, Sebastian Gervasutti, Zenon Winters, Donny Hale, Colin Abbott, Korrey Gareau, Rob Schweyer, Paul Lynch, Ryan Kostel, Dave LeBlanc, Rod Peterson



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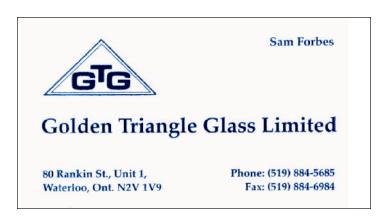
Contributed by Tom Clancy The ISC World Tournament required in excess of 500 volunteers over 9 days, with 350 per day needed to fill the shifts for scoring, announcing, cooking, serving food and refreshments. More than 14,000 hours of actual time was computer-scheduled for Multi-talented Volunteer People!

Parking, initially a challenge, became a plus under the guidance of Ross McLean and his team successfully solicited the support of Ball Construction, contractors for the new Twin Ice Pad and Boxing facility. Area businesses provided their parking facilities for evenings and weekends, and additional grading resulted in additional parking. An abundance of signage enabled fans to easily access areas that had parking available. The Parking Team received many accolades from fans for courtesy and efficiency.

There they were - a retired lawyer and a former VP of Toyota enthusiastically parking cars; a Kitchener City Councillor staffing the ticket booth; a Regional Councilor serving on the Host Committee.

High school students volunteered to gain their 40 hours credit for community service to graduate. Many of them, excellent workers who enjoyed the atmosphere and the experience, came back after they had logged their required time. Dozens of ball-shaggers chased fouls to "top up" the supply and maintain the momentum of the games. Mopping floors, collecting litter and garbage, delivering and serving over 800 pies were some of the many un-noticed behind-thescenes tasks that were performed daily and were crucial to the tournament's overall success.

One young volunteer learned to play the game at the 2002 Bridge to the Future Skills Clinic and threw out the ISC II opening pitch, and volunteered throughout the week. So





who are these volunteers and how good are they?

When you are deemed **"the best"** by the **"best in the game"** - that takes precedence over any who determine they are the best simply by self-evaluation. As my grandmother used to say, "Self praise stinks". This year's volunteer team was "awesome"!



Hardworking and enthusiastic volunteers such as Wayne Wrightson and Dick Miller were major reasons that the 2007 Tournament was deemed to be an "outstanding success". Photo courtesy Shooters Sports Photography

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FROM THE CHAIR

By Duncan Matheson 2007 ISC Host Committee Chairman

The echoes of the umpire's calls have faded, the players have returned home, the fans have gone back to their daily routines, and the diamonds are empty. Fastball Fever has gone dormant. Sad as all this may sound, the more than 475 dedicated volunteers and the best grounds crews can take great pride in the fact that they took part in the **"The Best ISC World Fastball Tournament Ever"!**

Fastball is a community game, and our community stepped to the plate and hit another home run this year. Thank you to all those volunteers that put the hours into organizing and working during this event. Thank you to the many community minded sponsors who made many contributions to the success of the tournament. Especially thank you to the very special team on our Host Executive Committee for giving their time and attention to the details this year. Thanks to the two cities' best grounds crews, their supervisors and managers for ensuring that everything in the parks was perfect.

All hype aside, I take the words of those who have attended many ISC World Fastball Tournaments to heart when they tell me that this year's event was the best ever. Thanks to all the ISC executive team, commissioners and specialists working with and guiding us with their experience and expertise.

Talk of hosting again in the future has begun, but it will be a tough task to surpass what was accomplished this year. More time is required before a decision can be made.

Thanks to the world's best players that entertained us with their talents on the diamonds and to all the fans who attended.

ROD AND DAVE



Photo courtesy Shooters Sports Photography Manager-Coach Rod Peterson accepts the ISC World Championship trophy from

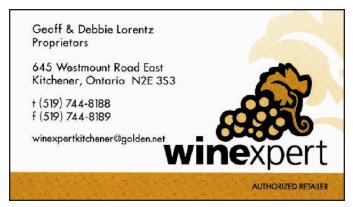
ISC President Dean Oscar as Dave LeBlanc's smile epitomizes the happy atmosphere for the Madison, WI team.

GAMES UNDER CONTROL

Keeping the games running on time and posting the scores to the flow chart at Peter Hallman fell under the responsibilities of the Games Controllers. Under the ISC leadership of Roy Stout from Lake Hughes CA, John MacTavish, Glenn Moeser and Bob McKillop saw that lineup sheets, score-sheets, game balls, home and away dugouts, uniform colours and home team details were worked out before the teams hit the field. At times they even hustled the umps to the diamond in the Games Control cart.

Reporting the scores from the other parks fell to Sheila Brown's crew including Bill Graham, Don Wells, Joe Todd, Mal Swift, Tony Schaaf and Doug Bach. The cell phones and walkie talkies were busy at times. Doug Bach of Seaforth mentioned that he has never seen such a complete board at any ISC combined event.

Assisting the Games Controllers with team signs, out of play game balls, team assistance at the dugout were **Kurt Munz, Dan Emmanual, Henry Hess, Pat Murphy, Fred Morgan, Laura McMillan, Julie and Meagan Hopkins.** They kept the umps supplied with game balls, the dugouts tidied, and calls to **Henry Zwambag** to refresh the team water coolers were always answered. A big crew, and a good crew, who not only did a great job, but had a lot of fun taking part in the World Championship.





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Time Flies

By Ray Alviano, President Kitchener Fastball Promotions

It seems like only yesterday that a group representing Kitchener Fastball Promotions and the City of Kitchener travelled to Fargo, North Dakota to bid for the 2006 International Softball Congress World Championship Tournament. That was August 2004.

The bid was successful and almost immediately the planning started. Little did we know that we'd be confronted with a request to host the event again in 2007. Decatur, IL, had won the bid to run the 2007 tournament. Confronted with financial problems, ISC officials pulled the event from Decatur and Kitchener was offered the opportunity to host back-to-back tourneys. After some deliberation, KFP and the City accepted.

So here we are, August 2007 and after many, many hours of planning the two tournaments, it's hard to believe it's all over.

We were blessed to have a wellstructured executive committee both years

After running a very successful 2006 tourney, the aim was to do better in 2007. This we did by improving on events tied in with the World tourney.

There was the pre-tournament

exhibition game between the **Kitchener Rangers and Media.** It attracted several hundred fans that thoroughly enjoyed watching the Rangers rally to beat the Media. Fans provided free will donations with funds going to the Food Bank.

The **Hall of Fame** breakfast was without a doubt one of the most memorable ever held. The fact that two local and area icons – Larry Lynch of Kitchener and Lloyd Simpson of Owen Sound - were being inducted helped to attract more than 300 people.

The **Bridge to the Future** clinic for young players was another success. It attracted more than 200 participants including a special session for athletes physically challenged.

Families with young children took advantage of a **special play area** for kids. New this year - it was a very busy locale.

Also new this year was the **"Chucker Challenge".** Fans, both young and old, had an opportunity to see how fast they could throw a ball. Daily prizes were awarded to the top "chuckers".

All this wouldn't be possible without an army of volunteers to keep everything running smoothly, from the parking of cars, security, food preparation and serving it plus the drinks, souvenir sales, announcers, scorers, runner and ball chasers to the executive committee and chairs who work countless hours behind the scene preparing for the event.



Photo courtesy Shooters Sports Photography THE PIE TOURNEY

Fans at the ISC tournaments in Kitchener in 2002, 2006 and 2007 will remember the

many delicious Anna Mae's pies, as displayed by volunteer Darlene Zettel in the original Donna's Diner and the equally

now - famous Lu-Cecile's Diner.

Many of the volunteers were recruited through the five groups, which make up Kitchener Fastball Promotions – Kitchener Minor Boys Softball, Kitchener Minor Girls Softball, Kinsmen Club of Kitchener Waterloo, Country Hills Optimist Club and Kitchener Fastball League - plus two invited groups, Preston Kinsmen Club and Children's Wish Foundation.

These seven organizations will be the financial benefactors once all the bills have been paid. The money realized will be help to enhance their programs.

So, in closing, to everyone involved, a big **THANK YOU** for your efforts in what was a memorable nine days of international fastball in Kitchener and Cambridge.





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South Lebanon, PA takes ISC II Title... Bakersfield CA Lumberkings 2nd

South Lebanon, PA T.N.T. used effective and explosive offence, paced by Jeremy Tracy and Jay Herr to defeat the Bakersfield, CA California Lumberkings 4-2 in the ISC II Championship Game. Tracy and Herr combined for three home runs, and Tracy's three-hit pitching performance resulted in the ISC II title heading south of the Canadian/USA border for the first time. Tracy established dominance early, with a two-run 1st-inning home run. Herr greeted reliever Ed Gaspar with a first pitch line drive HR, his record 7th of the tournament, to complete the scoring for the new champions.

The Lumberkings made it close in the 5th inning as **Jon Nimmo** belted a tape- measure home run to score two runs. That was all the #2 ranked California team could muster.

The two combatants prevailed over tough competition in the semi-finals, with T.N.T. needing 8 innings to subdue the #1 ranked **Niagara ON Snappers** 4-3, and the Lumberkings also requiring 8 innings to squeek by their west coast **rival Castor Valley CA A-1/Taylor Farms** 5-4.



SOUTH LEBANON, PA T.N.T. 2007 ISC II CHAMPIONS

Front – Jeremy Gehr; Middle (I-r) – Bobby Wengert, Mike Rohrer, Clint Klutz, Lee Lutz (Field Manager), Lindsay Tracy (Coach), Mike Nordall, Jason McLune Back – Jay Herr, Paul Batt, John Lichtel, Scot Adams, Brad Getz, Brad Klopp,

Jeremy Tracy, Matt Luitz (Scorekeeper) Missing - Irv Lutz (Manager) and Andrew

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SAT. AUG. 18 ISC WORLD

(Game # - Team - R-H-E) 4th Place

#76 – <u>NY Patsy's 3-8-0</u> Broken Bow Gremlins 2-1-1 Brad Rona 3x3, Rhys Casley 1x1 (HR)

WP – Adam Folkard (2-1) (One hitter-16K) LP–Andrew Kirkpatrick 13K 3-1 3rd Place

#77 - SoCal Bombers 3-6-0 NY Patsy's - 1-4-0 Adam Lalonde 2x3, Geoff Evely 2x3, Greg Crawford 3 rbis
WP - Lucas Mata 12K (4-0) LP - Gerald Muizelaar 3-1 Championship

#78 – Farm Tavern 8-9-0 SoCal Bombers 1-4-1
Jeff Goolagong 3x3 (HR), Jason Porto 2zx2 (HR) Paul Rosebush 2x4
WP – Korrey Gareau (5-0)

LP - Lucas Mata (4-1)

ISC II Semi-finals

#91 – <u>Bakersfield,CA 5-4-0</u> Castro Valley 4-12-1 8 innings Greg Oliver 3x4, Dave Kimura 2x3, Jeff Twist 2x5, John Nimmo (HR) WP – Mike Egerdeen (ir 4-0) LP – Dave Drotzman 14K (4-1) #92 – South Lebanon, PA 4-5-1 Niagara, ON 3-8-1 8 innings Cory Costello 3x4 (HR), Jay Herr (2x4 (HR-2) Adam Dearborn, 2x4 (HR) WP – Jeremy Tracy 11K (5-0) LP - Cory Costello 15K (3-1) Championship #93 - South Lebanon, PA 4-6-0 Bakersfield, CA 2-3-1 Jeremy Tracy 2x4 (HR-2) Jay Herr 1x4 (HR) Jason McLune 2x3

> WP – Jeremy Tracy (6-0) LP – Darren Strang (2-1)

UNDER 19 Consolation-3rd/4th Game

#16 - <u>Newmarket 4-7-0</u> Waterloo 1-3-1 Mike Scott 2x3 **WP - Chris Boyd - (2-0)** LP - Matt Fromm - (0-3) Championship

#17 - <u>Baltimore 8-5-1</u> Glanworth 1-5-2 Joe Richardson 1x1 (HR) Brad Warner 2x2 (HR) **WP – Joe Hineline (3-0)** LP – Jake McKillop (3-2)

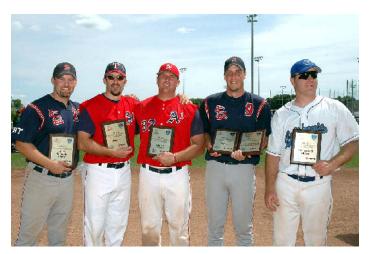


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(I-r) Infielder, Top Batter (15/29 - .517 BÅ, 16 rbis) & Most
Valuable Player – Jay Herr (Lancaster PA) South Lebanon PA T.N.T.; Pitcher– Dave Drotzman (Hermiston OR) California A-1/Taylor Farms; Catcher - Jeff Twist
(Bakersfeld CA) California A-1/Taylor Farms; Pitcher and Outstanding Pitcher Award (6-0, 1.07era) – Jeremy Tracy
(Waterville NB) South Lebanon PA T.N.T.; DH–Jon Nimmo (Surrey BC) Bakersfield CA, California Lumberkings. Other All-Tournament Award Winners

Pitcher – Jeff van Hooser, Ashland OH Merchants; Catcher
Todd Swift, Linwood ON 86ers; Infield – Glenn Inglehart, Palermo ON Athletics; Brent Moyer, Wilkes-Barre PA Keating's Fitness; Ryan Dudgeon, Port Elgin ON Blue
Devils; Jeff Detta, Elora ON Wellington Brewers; Outfield – Kent Campbell, Rockwood ON Rush; Joe Allen, Blackburn ON Bombers; John Sexton, Kitchener ON Outlaws, Rob Loglisci, Ephrata PA Pennsylvania Power.







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At the Park

BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE

By Pete McIlwraith The 2007 "Bridge" was the third run for the youth of Waterloo Region to meet, to be instructed and rub shoulders with the ISC players. Nearly 800 boys and girls and Special Athletes have had that opportunity.

Thanks to those who have made the "Bridge" a special and vital event in Kitchener - our sponsors, Ontario Trillium Fund, Tim Hortons and the Celebrate Ontario Fund, and as well, the players and instructors who made it a special time for the participants.

Thanks to all our volunteers - with special thanks to my associate Kathy Wilkinson, who brought her enthusiasm, hard work and especially the input of a "mother" into our thinking. Kathy and Mark May worked extremely hard to ensure the success of the "Bridge".

This year I liked what we had - I lived some of my past with the kids and I loved the overall result. Congratulations to our Organizing Committee - you are "All World".

To the ISC Directors and players this game will never die if you continue to support the "Bridge" and give a couple of hours to the kids in each of your stops.

SCORERS & ANNOUNCERS

By Sheila Brown The tournaments are over and now it is time to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the announcers and scorers who volunteered for countless hours. All did a terrific job and so many begged for extra shifts.

I would especially like to thank Dennis Dosman for recruiting more volunteers and for acquiring the supplies for the booths, including the new sideby-side score sheets we used for the ISC II. Dennis is a delight to work with as he never says 'no' to any request . . . and he works the tournament while conducting his daily printing business.

Thanks also to Paul Hutcheson for organizing our volunteer lists and doing the e-mails to keep our volunteers updated. Even as surgery loomed he was at PHBY announcing games.

Special mention must be made to thank Bill Graham, Sarnia, and Don Wells, Orangeville, who came in to assist with the ISC II. Their help with checking score sheets and data entry was much appreciated and they helped me keep my sanity in the daily grind of multiple games at Budd and Kinsmen Parks.

I also want to thank Eva Wheeler who assisted with the TASB training. Between the two of us we managed to train some new



Shooters Flootegraphy

Photo courtesy Shooters Sports Photography Volunteers Craig Griffith and Don Barr were two efficient volunteers that

served as scorers and announcers. computer scorers for the World Tournament.

Special thanks to Pat Lemieux who volunteered to be at Budd Park at 7:00AM on Friday in case there was a tie-breaker - she was very relieved to learn at 11:00PM on Thursday that she would not have to be up before 6:00AM!!

There is a special bond between scorers and announcers - we may not know each other before sharing a booth but invariably we come away from a game with a new friend and a greater love for what we do. I cannot thank you all enough. It was a pleasure to work with all of you and I hope to see you at an occasional tournament in the coming years as I return to scoring and announcing from Host Committee duties.





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TIDBITS from the yard

Sweet Suite Raffle Results

A successful raffle, co-ordinated by Les Hackmeister, wife of ISC Exec. Director Ken Hackmeister, was held for a Rogers Centre suite donated by Toronto Blue Jay Troy Glaus and his wife Ann. The winners were:

> Friday August 31 Suite Tim Lyon, South Jordan UT Dick Mason, Littleton CO Saturday Sept. 1 Suite Brent Rogers, Meaford ON Jamie Pinkerton, Kitchener ON Sunday September 2 Suite Chris Clancy, Kitchener, ON Margaret Ryan, Acton, ON

Dick Mason is the outgoing president of the ISC, and he donated his tickets back to be used as an auction item with proceeds added to the donations that are going to two local children's charities – Children's Wish Foundation of Canada (K-W Chapter) and Family and Children's Services of Waterloo Region. The auction item, was purchased by Kevin Gettler of Mitchell ON - he and his family and friends are attending the Aug.31st Blue Jays vs Seattle game.

Quality Quilt Raffle Results

Several spouses of the ISC Commissioners have a quilt fund-raising project in each host ISC community to leave a legacy for local kids. Winner of the "one-of-a-kind"

ISC quilt was **Phil Rogers** of New York, NY – a welcome piece of fastball memorabilia for his office.

2008 ISC II QUALIFERS

Teams anxious to qualify for the 2008 ISC II Tournament of Champions in Appleton, WI had first opportunity with the Eastern Ontario Challenge Cup in McNab/Braeside the weekend following the 2007 ISC Tournament.

As well, the **Ontario Challenge Cup** will be played September 21-23 with 12 teams representing nine leagues from SW Ontario competing in Innerkip for the **Laverne Reichert Trophy** and a 2008 berth.

UNCLAIMED DRAW PRIZE

The prize for the **Seafood Draw** was still not claimed - some long-time fans heard rumours that the winner was one of many fans in the prime Motor Home/RV area adjacent to Peter Hallman Ball Yard.

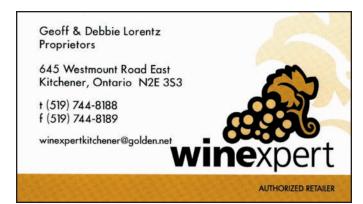
Kudos to Grounds Crews

The standard of excellence noted in general for the tournament was also noted in the cities' crews looking after maintenance details and the fields/diamonds in all three parks. One experienced Kitchener worker who became a teacher last year returned to work the tournament for two weeks to help out and enjoy "the show".

The diamond maintenance crew was not pleased with the observations of two pitchers in the first few days and rebuilt the entire mound during the Monday night and Tuesday morning making it tighter and harder which provided more support.

A long time team owner praised the grounds crew for the excellent conditions but in particular the way the infields were prepared, groomed, sprinkled and brought back up to a high standard between games... and all in just 11 minutes.

A veteran umpire, stated the Peter Hallman Ball Yard iss the best diamond in North America because of the way it is maintained and sprinkled, keeping the diamond clay at top notch playability and providing true bounces.









ISC TEAM/INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Team Awards 1st Place Team Madison. WI The Farm Tavern 2nd Place Team Palm Springs, CA **SoCal Bombers** 3rd Place Team New York, NY Patsy's 4th Place Team Clifton Park., NY Broken Bow Gremlins Frank Porth Memorial Team Sportsmanship Award Elkhart, IA Albaugh Inc. **Best Dressed Team** Clifton Park, NY Broken Bow Gremlins

Individual Awards **Kevin Herlihy Memorial** "Newcomer of the Year" Award Wayne Laulu - Green Bay WI Townline **RBI Leader Dan Skillings** – Innerkip, ON Eagles Leading hitter Nick Shailes – Green Bay WI Townline (12/18, .667 BA) Tyler "Tex" Lessard – St. Thomas, ON Evergreen Centennials (12/18, 667 BA) **Cleo Goyette Most Valuable Player** Karl Gollan – Elkhart, IA Albaugh Inc. Leroy Zimmerman Most Outstanding Pitcher Korrey Gareau–Madison WI Farm Tavern

ISC ALL-WORLD TEAMS

First Team

Pitchers - Korrev Gareau - Madison WI Farm Tavern: Lucas Mata - Palm Springs CA SoCal Bombers; Karl Gollan - Elkhart IA Albaugh Inc. Catchers - Aaron Neemia - Green Bay WI Townline Chad Ghostkeeper – Palm Springs CA SoCal Bombers Infielders - Donny Hale - Madison WI Farm Tavern Travis Wilson - New York NY Patsy's Nick Shailes - Green Bay WI Townline Tex Lessard – St. Thomas On Evergreen Centennials Wayne Laulu - Green Bay WI Townline **Outfielders – Ryan Wolfe** – Orillia ON Riversharks Jason Hill - Madison WI Farm Tavern Colin Abbott – Madison WI GFarm tavern Dan Skillings – Innerkip ON Eagles **Designated Hitter – Jeff Wilson - Ashland OH Mets**

Second Team

Pitchers – Nick Underhill – Vancouver BC Grey Sox Andrew Kirkpatrick-Clifton Park NY Broken Bow Gremlins Gerald Muizelaar - New York Y Patsy's Catchers - Ben Fjelland - Elkhart IA Albaugh Inc. Frank DeGroat – New York NY Patsy's Infielders – Kyle Beane – Midland MI Explorers **Jarrad Martin** – Clifton Park NY Broken Bow Gremlins Andrew Medwerich – Vancouver BC Grex Soc Evan Potskin – Palm Springs CA SoCal Bombers Jeff Goolagong - Madison WI Farm Tavern **Outfielders - Steve Mulalley - Orillia ON Riversharks** Steve Running – Innerkip On Eagles Steve Schucker – Denmark WI Circle Tap Dale Levy - Kitchener ON Hallman Twins **Designated Hitter – Derek Mayson -** Vancouver BC Grey Sox





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JR. VOLUNTEER KYE WOTTON

By Candi Harrington If you're a sport enthusiast from the Waterloo Region, chances are you've met nine-year-old Kye Wotton.

Kye has been playing and volunteering in sport for most of his life. He plays on the *Waterloo Twin's Mite* rep fastball team and he is a regular fixture at Kitchener Rangers games selling 50/50 tickets for the Kitchener Sports Association (KSA).

This past May, Kye was the top fundraiser at the Hot Shots Street Hockey Tournament, that provides sports opportunities for at-risk kids. This year was be his second straight year acting as the batboy for the Elmira Cubs Fastball Club and volunteering at the International Softball Congress (ISC); a role that recent ISC Hall of Fame Inductee Larry Lynch, helped him get.

For Kye, volunteering is a job--and he loves it! He enjoys the chance to be on the field with great ball players,



KYE WOTTON Volunteer & Bat Boy

warming up with his team, being able to contribute to their success, and shaking hands with the other team at the end., Kye's fastball teammates came out to cheer on Kye and the Elmira Cubs and many of them also served as ball shaggers. A scholarship program has recipient, **Andrew Putnam** recognized at the 2007 ISC Hai Kitchener. Membership information a fond on Page #49 of the 2007 by contacting any ISC official.

Kye takes his volunteering work with the ISC seriously and made it a point not to miss any games assigned to him. It took some serious juggling, but he was even able to squeeze in two ISC games and a fastball game with his own team in Millbank on one night. For Kye, it is just part of being a team. Cub's Coach. Jeff Franklin who has been very supportive and appreciative of Kye's involvement over the past two years, admires this strong team spirit.

CARROLL FORBES FOUNDATION

To honor ISC Founder **Carroll Forbes**, and in recognition of his foresight in establishing what has become the premier men's Championship in all of softball, in 1994 the ISC, under the leadership of commissioner Les Novak established the Carroll Forbes Lifetime Membership Foundation.

To date, nearly \$50,000 has been donated and accumulated, and only the earnings of the capital asset are allocated for funding for special projects.

A scholarship program has been established, with the first recipient, **Andrew Putnam** of Cambridge, ON named and recognized at the 2007 ISC Hall of Fame Breakfast in Kitchener.

Membership information about the Forbes Foundation can be fond on Page #49 of the 2007 ISC World Championship Guide or by contacting any ISC official.

The **Kitchener Host Committee** donated \$1,000 in 2002 and 2006 to the Carroll Forbes Foundation for youth scholarships. As well, another \$1,000 from the **2006 Auction** at the Kitchener Tournament was donated.

FASTBALL YEAR ROUND

It's easy to follow fastball year-round on the internet – here are some great links to get your 12 month "fastball fix":

ISC – www.iscfastpitch.com

Al's Fastball – <u>www.alsfastball.com</u> Fastpitch West – <u>www.fastpitchwest.com</u>

Kitchener 2007 Host – www.kwfastball.com

Kimberly 2008 Host – www.1kra.com

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