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Serving Rochester and Southeast Minnesota through softball. RSA, the countries largest independent softball association.



RSA has new website www.rsasoftball.com



Important Dates

- April 29 - League Starts
- June 4/5 - 3B's Women's Tourney at McQuillan
- June 13-17 - RSA Appreciation Week
- June 3 - Last day to add players to roster
- June 24- Post Season Entry Fees Due
- August 12-14, RSA hosts Women's Open, CC & C State Championships
- August 16, 7:00 p.m. RSA General Membership Meeting
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RSA to Host 2006 Men's Class C National

In 1992, when the RSA was founded, one of our goals was to play host to a prestigious ASA National Tournament. We were aiming high, and perhaps realized that this goal was out of reach because of the much needed work on McQuillan Complex. Our dream will become reality Labor Day Weekend 2006, as the RSA will play host to the Men's Class C National Championship Finals.

Plans are already under-

way to receive the anticipated 70+ teams that will converge on Rochester to claim the national title. Community Economic impact could reach over half a million dollars.

You will see many improvements at McQuillan this summer. The RSA has compiled a list of over 20 projects that will improve the quality of our complex before the team pile into Rochester. Work is already underway, and many, many vol-



ASA Council members awarded the RSA with the Men's Class C National Championship for 2006.

unteers will be needed for this event. Please visit the website frequently and when the phone rings, say yes to volunteer your time to the RSA!



ASA registers over 250,000 softball teams which consists of over 3.5 million players.

The Amateur Softball Association - The Official Governing Body of Softball

The Amateur Softball Association (ASA), a volunteer driven, not-for-profit organization based in Oklahoma City, OK, was founded in 1933 and has evolved into the strongest softball organization in the country. The growth and development of the association led the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) to name the ASA the National Governing Body of Softball, pursuant to the Amateur Sports Act of 1978.

The ASA has many important responsibilities as

the national governing body of softball in the United States, including regulating competition to insure fairness and equal opportunity to the millions of player who annually play the sport.

When the ASA entered the softball picture in 1933, the sport was in a state of confusion with no unified set of playing rules and no national governing body to provide guidance and stability. The ASA changed all that by adopting softball's first universally accepted rules of play and by organizing

consistent and fair competition across the nation.

From this beginning, the ASA has become one of the nation's largest and fastest growing sports organizations and now sanctions competition in every state through a network of 93 state and metro associations. The ASA has grown from a few hundred teams in the early days to over 250,000 teams today, representing a membership of more than four million.

"Rochester City League increases tally of team participants to 246 for the 2005 season"

League Breakdown for 2005 (246 Teams)

2005	Open	B	CC	C	DD	D	EE	E
Men's			2		62	23		37
Coed		4		56		21		
Women's	1		2	1		23	14	

2004 National Tournament Participants from Rochester

- Mr. Pizza - Women's ASA Master's 35 - Topeka, KS
- Macken/Coor's Light - Women's ISA Competitive - Dothan, AL
- A & A Electric/Jonny's Saloon - ASA Men's Class D - Salem, OR
- Merchants/Excel Custom Homes - ASA Coed Class B - Oklahoma City, OK



Capital & Program Improvements, a History

The RSA's capital improvement projects total over \$250,000

1992:	Sanction Fees	\$3,948
1993:	Parking Lot	\$20,000
	Sanction Fees	\$3,756
1994:	Dugouts	\$7,175
	Sanction Fees	\$3,636
1995:	Concession Stand	\$115,502
	Sanction Fees	\$3,096
1996	Sanction Fees	\$3,080
1997	Sanction Fees	\$2,812
1998	Sanction Fees	\$3,408
	Joxx Boxx	\$8,059
1999	Sanction Fees	\$3,274
	Security Lights	\$9,600
	Fence Repairs	\$2,391
2000	Sanction Fees	\$3,445
	Dugout Roofs	\$12,188
	Flag Pole	\$1,100
2001	Sanction Fees	\$3,425
	Wall of Fame	\$8,000
	Security Nets	\$1,126
2002	Sanction Fees	\$3,575
	Scoreboards	\$16,000
2003	Sanction Fees	\$3,675
	Concession Expansion	\$12,000
	Block for Facilities	\$9,700
	Alarm System	\$2,500
	Safety Nets	\$1,200
2004	Sanction Fees	\$3,750
	Bat Racks	\$1,000
	Scoreboards	\$9,000
Total Amount:		\$259,721



**TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE
TO THE CITY OF ROCHESTER
THROUGH 2004:**

\$3,045,500

All projections submitted by the Rochester
Visitor's and Convention Bureau

Don't be caught with an illegal bat!!!

The official bat in ASA Championship Play must meet all of the requirements of Rule 3, Section 1 and:

1. must bear **either** the ASA approved 2000 certification mark **or the ASA 2004 certification mark** as shown below, and must not be listed on an ASA non approved list, **or**



2. must be included on a list of approved bat models published by the ASA National Office; or
3. must, in the sole opinion and discretion of the umpire, have been manufactured prior to 2000 and if tested, would comply with the ASA bat performance standards then in effect.

Beginning January 1, 2004, all bats in ASA Championship Play must pass the ASA 2004 bat standard. All bats having the 2004 certification mark will be allowed in ASA Championship Play. Bats that have the 2000 certification mark will not be allowed in ASA Championship Play unless they are listed on an approved bat list on the ASA website. For convenience, the ASA website has a listing of bats that do not pass the ASA 2004 bat standard.

All wooden bats will continue to be approved for ASA Championship Play regardless of whether they bear an ASA approved certification mark or are included on a list of approved bats published by the ASA National Office.

http://www.asasoftball.com/about/certified_equipment.asp

Improvements underway for McQuillan Fields

To prepare for the 2006 National Tournament, the Officers and Directors of the Rochester Softball Association have agreed to aggressively boost the capital improvement projects for McQuillan Softball Complex. New dugout benches have been purchased, and the cement bleacher pads are under construction. Soon to follow will be fence wind screens, fence toppers, irrigation for fields 1 & 2, plus some additional safety lights. We'll have an additional porta-potty on #2, and much needed sod will be placed in those "hard to grow" areas. Let us know what you think!



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2005 Post-Season Tournaments

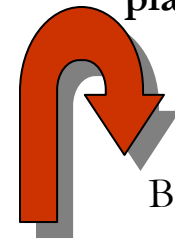
<u>Minnesota State Tournaments</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>
Women's Masters (30) Slow	July 23	Elk River
A Men's Masters (35)	July 24	Elk River
A & B Co-Rec Slow	July 29-31	St. Joseph
C Co-Rec Slow	July 29-31	Sauk Rapids
D Co-Rec Slow	July 29-31	Walker
B & C Men's Masters (35)	August 5-7	Faribault
A & B Men's Slow	August 5-7	Elk River
Open Women's Slow	August 12-14	Rochester
CC & C Women's Slow	August 12-14	Rochester
DD Women's Slow	August 12-14	Richfield
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EE Women's Slow	August 19-21	Hastings
CC Men's Slow	August 19-21	Monticello
C Men's Slow South	August 19-21	Marshall
DD Men's Slow	August 19-21	Thief River Falls
D Men's Slow	August 19-21	Rogers
E Men's Slow	August 26-28	Hoyt Lakes
<u>National Championship Finals</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>
Women's Masters (35) Slow Pitch	Aug 12-14	Sterling, VA
Men's Masters (40) Slow Pitch	Aug 26-28	Auburn, AL
Coed Class A Slow Pitch	Aug 25-28	South Bend, IN
Coed Class B Slow pitch	Aug 25-28	Bismarck, ND
Women's West Open Slow Pitch	Sept 2-5	Killeen, TX
Women's Class C West Slow Pitch	Sept 2-5	Lawton, OK
Women's Class D West Slow Pitch	Sept 2-5	Topeka, KS
Men's Class B West Slow Pitch	Sept 2-5	Dallas, TX
Men's Class C West Slow Pitch	Sept 2-5	Hasting, NE
Men's Class D West Slow Pitch	Sept 2-5	Midland, TX
Men's Masters (35) Slow Pitch	Sept 9-11	Jackson, MS
Coed Major Slow Pitch	Sept 16-18	Phoenix, AZ



Minnesota ASA registers over 10,000 member teams, consisting of over 150,000 players

The last day to legally add players to your roster is June 3, 2005.

How do I enter my team into post-season play?



Bring your entry fee to the Park & Rec by June 24, 2005.

Fees: CC Men's, all Women's classes & A Co-Rec = \$150. All others \$140.

Anna Crowson answers Hall of Fame Call

Finally, it appears, Anna Crowson is going to hang up her competitive softball spikes for good. Maybe. You just never know. "I wanted to at least play until I turned 50," she said, "and last year on my birthday weekend we qualified for the national tournament in Topeka. And I did get to play an inning, but then I injured my hamstring. "So I suppose that's it but at least I did get to play when I was 50." And for many years prior.

"I started in 1972, playing in an IBM league with my father," she said. "That got me going. From then on it was all softball. I became a softball maniac."

That she has.

And she will be honored for it. Saturday (Oct 30), Crowson will be inducted into the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame in ceremonies at the Minnesota Sports Cafe in Fridley.

"Obviously, this is quite an honor," she said. "Having several members of my family there really makes it special. We've always been a close knit family, and softball has had a lot to do with it.

"For years on Friday nights, we played softball as a family in co-ed leagues. Back then it was a must thing to do but I'm afraid that commitment by families is not around today.

"But back then it was a big deal. My dad (Gordy), mother (Helen) and all my brothers and sisters (she was one of seven) played at one time or another.

"In fact, my oldest sister (Donna) who lives in Oregon, is flying here this weekend for the induction ceremony."

Crowson is being recognized by the hall of fame for more than longevity in playing the game, however.

Here's why:

- She was a team member of four state champion teams (1980 Women's Class BB; 1981 Co-ed "12"; 1983 Women's Class A; and 1996 Women's Masters 35 and over.
- Participated in 17 national ASA tournaments, taking fifth in both 1993 and 1998.
- For six years served on the board of directors of the Rochester Softball Association.
- Served as president of the RSA in 1994-95.
- On board of directors of the Rochester Women's Softball Association, where she served as president from 1992-1998.
- Helped establish the RWSA Scholarship for incoming freshman at Rochester Community and Technical College.
- Was instrumental in forming the partnership of RCTC and the RWSA in 1997 and 1998 when they combined to host the first ASA affiliated national tournament in Rochester. That was the NJCAA Division II National Softball Tournament, which was held at McQuillan Field for two years.

One thing I'm probably most proud of is what I've done to promote girls softball in Rochester and the surrounding area."

Crowson was born in Lake City but moved to Rochester when she started school and graduated from John Marshall in 1972. She is a manager at IBM, where she has worked for 32 years.

"We didn't have softball when I was in high school," she said. "There were no organizations simply because it wasn't popular.

"That's why I'm excited because my nieces (Nicole, 16, Hannah, 14 and Brittany 13) are all playing the game.

"So the one thing I'm probably most proud of is what I've done to promote girls softball in Rochester and the surrounding area."

Crowson started playing softball in an IBM league even before she was old enough to get her driver's license.

Back then people would have laughed if you mentioned something about a softball scholarship. Not any more.

"We (RWSA) started one for a pair of incoming freshmen at RCTC," she said.

"These are the things that I'm excited about. Young girls getting the opportunity to play. I know what it's like to never get the chance. Hopefully that won't happen again."



Anna Crowson - 2004 Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame Inductee

Crowson HOF Biography

Few players are in the class of Rochester native, Anna Crowson. Crowson has been a perennial softball player for more than 30 years, earning the "MVP" award during her playing career. Anna not only led her team in batting average and RBI's but she also earned the nickname "Hoover" for exhibiting an equal degree of excellence on the field. It is Anna's leadership skills and awesome play that helped win a state championship trophy for her team. Her teammates looked to her as their leader and motivator during crucial games. She was the anchor that united a group of individual players and made them into a winning team. Anna exhibited a charismatic character, that allowed her to bring out the best in everyone on the team.

Anna has consistently been an exemplary leader in the Rochester softball community. She continues to give back to the game of softball through her commitment and involvement in the formation and organizing of the Rochester Women's Softball Association and the Rochester Softball Association. Anna has served as an officer in both groups. Her endless hours of volunteer work putting on tournaments are a tribute to her commitment to the sport of softball. It is through Anna's efforts the Rochester Women's Softball Association started a community college scholarship fund for female athletes. Join us in welcoming Anna Crowson, a dedicated and talented player, to the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame.

Rochester has 246 league teams, the largest in the state of Minnesota. An average of 28 games are played per day at McQuillan.



2004 Rochester League Softball Champions

Men's

- Centennial/American: Macken/Rookies
- Eastern: Buffalo Wild Wings
- Northwest I: Hiawatha Valley Storage
- Northwest II: Infinity Tattoo
- Southeast: Waterfront/Colonial
- Viding: Remax-Teresa Chapman
- Dakota: Rochester Sewer & Water
- Cherokee: Buffalo Wild Wings
- Pacific: CWS, Inc.
- Cheyenne I: Shoot'N Save
- Cheyenne II: All Stars
- Suburban: Stiments Home Build
- Mohawk: Wilkin Mechanical Drafting
- Apache: Superior Plumbing

Women's

- Centennial: Macken/Coor's Light
- American: Hansen Construction/Remax
- Western: Fisherman's Inn
- Southern: Tilford Concrete

Coed Friday

- Centennial: Merchants/Excel Custom Homes
- Southern: BW3/BAF/HVFS
- Southeast: A & A Electric
- Northwest: Broadway

Coed Monday

- Southern: Hew Haw Soft Drinks
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- Midwest: Slackers
- Southeast: Misfits
- Northwest: Kathy's Pub
- Monday: Erbert & Gerbert's
- Viking? Ford Metro Glass

Concession Stand News

The concession stand has a new look inside; all the grill items are set beside the grill. This will eliminate the transfer of food across the stand. The refrigerator for the PowerAde has been moved to the north wall, so all the drinks are in the same area. There will be a small price increase to make up the expense increase.

The commission this year will be 33% of

the food gross and 15% on the beer sales (minus taxes). Because of the security system, the field supervisor will open and close. Cash will be placed in a drop safe every night. The separate storeroom used for pop/PowerAde inventory, dry good supplies as last year.

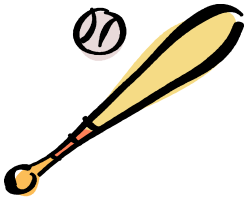
Sign-up will be at the annual sched-

ule pickup or by contacting Tom Keller at 261-1698 or tfk03@charter.net

PLEASE keep our park clean. Use the waste cans!



Tom Keller
Concession Manager
RSA Board Member



The 2nd Annual Rochester 3B Women's Softball Tournament



Hosted by the Rochester Softball Association

June 4 & 5, 2005 at McQuillan Fields, Rochester, MN

Entry Fee \$135 - 5 games guaranteed

Format: Bracketed after two, and then Double Elimination/Consolation

Division I	Division II	Division III	Division IV
First - \$450.00	First - \$350.00	First - \$300.00	First - \$275.00
Second - \$350.00	Second - \$300.00	Second - \$275.00	Second - \$250.00
Third - \$300.00	Third - \$275.00	Third - \$250.00	Third - \$225.00
Fourth - \$275.00	Fourth - \$250.00	Fourth - \$225.00	Fourth - \$200.00
Consolation - \$50.00	Consolation - \$50.00	Consolation - \$50.00	Consolation - \$50.00

Expense allowance is based on 64 teams

- All teams are required to check-in at McQuillan Field ½ hour before first game. Rosters MUST be turned in before the first game is played. Teams are allowed to pick up 4 players as long as they are in the same classification or lower.
- Umpire decisions are final. No protests. Three ball—two strike rule in effect, no courtesy. Eight run rule—ten run rule after 5-innings (except championship games). Teams must have 9 players to start and finish a game.
- Each team will hit their own ball: optic yellow 0.440/0.375 core/compression ASA stamped ball.
- ASA approved bats only.

All games will be played rain or shine. Games can be limited to five innings if time becomes an issue (this will be determined before the start of the game).

The RSA or City of Rochester will not be responsible for accidents/injuries (which is agreed upon with a paid entry fee). **No glass containers are allowed in the McQuillan Field complex.**

Call Joey (507)-287-8889 or Angela (507)-254-5348 with questions.

Detach and mail to: Joey Rollie-Brehmer--6017 Windward Lane SE--Rochester, MN 55904

Deadline is June 1, 2005

Team Name: _____

Manager/Contact _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

ASA Classification (circle one) Open, CC, C, DD, D, EE, E

**Enclose a copy of your ASA sanction card &
\$135.00 (payable RSA)**