



The RSA Rundown

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Dates to Remember

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Monument to be Dedicated June 18, 2003 during RSA Appreciation Week

The Rochester Softball Association
cordially invites you and your guests
to attend the dedication of the new monument,
"The Rochester Softball Wall of Fame"
honoring

Rochester State and National Champions
and Rochester players inducted into the
Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame.

Please join us on June 18, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.
McQuillan Softball Complex

(See Teams and Inductees on Page 10)



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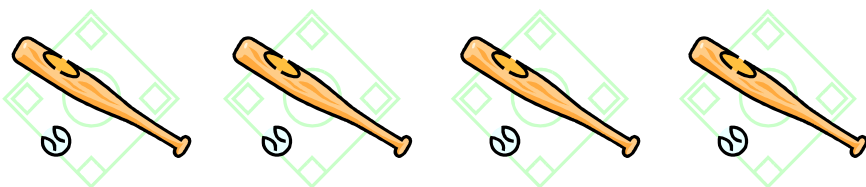
Tom Wampach:

What are league fees in other communities?

Figures are per game, based on # of games, players fees, balls cost and misc. fees.

Hayfield	\$	24.64
Princeton	\$	25.00
Maple Plain	\$	28.57
Austin	\$	29.32
Stewartville	\$	30.00
Mounds View	\$	31.07
Sioux Falls	\$	31.25
West Tonka	\$	31.67
Rosemount	\$	32.08
Owatonna	\$	33.96
Kasson	\$	34.17
Lino Lakes	\$	35.00
Rochester	\$	36.25
Winona	\$	37.50
Montevideo	\$	38.33
Shakopee	\$	50.00
Champlin	\$	59.09
Faribault	\$	60.42

Contributions or questions regarding these fees may be addressed by contacting any RSA board member.



RSA to Host Men's EE State Tournament, August 23-24 at McQuillan Softball Complex!!!

If you are an EE sanctioned team, enter the District I , Men's EE tournament to be held in Stewartville August 15-17. A qualifying finish in that tournament will get you a berth to play on your home field (McQuillan) August 22-24, 2003. Entry fee is due at Park and Rec. offices by June 22.

Post Season Tournament Dates for 2003

Make sure to submit your entry fee to Park and Rec. by **June 22, 2002**. Fee is B\CC\C Men's, Open Women's & A-Co-Rec \$145. All other Slow pitch, \$135. Make payable to MSF.

District Dates:

August 8-11: DD Men's Slow – Owatonna
 August 15-17: D/EE Men's Slow – Winona/Stewartville

State Tournament Dates:

July 24-27: A & B Co-Rec. Slow – St. Joseph
 July 27: Women's Masters (30) Slow – St. Joseph
 August 1-3: A & B Men's – Owatonna
 CC & C Women's Slow – Owatonna
 August 3: Open Women's Slow – Owatonna
 August 8-10: CC Men's Slow – St. Cloud
 D Women's Slow – Fergus Falls
 EE Women's Slow – Prior Lake
 E Women's Slow – Thief River Falls
 August 15-17: C Men's Slow South – Marshall
 DD Men's Slow – Monticello

August 22-24: D Men's Slow – Thief River Falls
 EE Men's Slow South – Rochester
 E Men's Slow – Hoyt Lakes
 C Co-Rec. – Austin
 D Co-Rec. – Winona

Is Your Bat LEGAL?

For a complete listing of legal bats for ASA-USA-MSF play, see the ASA web site at www.softball.org.

ASA National Tournaments for 2003

Women's Slow Pitch:

Masters: Aug. 15-17 @ Tupelo, MS
 Open West: Sept. 18-21 @ Killeen, TX
 C West: Sept. 18-21 Aurora, CO
 D West: Sept. 18-21 @ Newberg, OR
 National Championship Series: October 17-19
 Oklahoma City, OK

Men's Slow Pitch:

A: (West) Sept. 19-22 @ Waterloo, IA
 B: (West) Sept. 19-22 @ McAllen, TX
 C: (West) Sept. 19-22 @ Las Cruces, NM
 D: (West) Sept 19-22 @ Plano, TX

Co- Rec. Slow Pitch:

Major: Sept. 26-28 @ Phoenix, AZ
 A: Aug. 22-25 @ Lakeland, FL



Sanction Summary of Rochester Softball Leagues 2003

Men's B: 1	Co-Rec A: 2	Women's Open: 3	
Men's CC: 3	Co-Rec B: 4	Women's CC: 1	Total: 241
Men's DD: 38	Co-Rec C: 63	Women's C: 3	
<u>Men's EE: 48</u>	<u>Co-Rec D: 10</u>	Women's D: 9	
Total Men's: 124	Total Co-Rec: 79	<u>Women's E: 11</u>	

Softball is a way of life for thousands of people each year, and their choice for softball is the Amateur Softball Association, the national governing body of softball in the United States. Not every team can come home with a national championship, but the ASA softball program gives people an opportunity to have clean, competitive fun playing slow pitch, fast pitch or modified pitch, at levels ranging from district to national championship.

Since its founding in 1933, the Amateur Softball Association has given the sport direction and strived to have the best program possible for the millions of people who play amateur softball each summer. Many of them started playing in the ASA's Junior Olympic program before moving up to the adult divisions of play.

ASA has kept its hand on the pulse of the softball community in America and, when needed, has added divisions of championship play to meet the interests of those involved in the ASA program.

Today, ASA has more than 90 national championships, ranging from 10-under fast pitch to 75-over slow pitch. Annually more than 40,000 players participate in ASA National Championship Finals and they are assured of playing some of the best teams in America. The tournaments they participate in are run by well-qualified tournament staffs who care about the players participating in their national tournament and want them to enjoy playing in an ASA adult national championship.

Jess Maxey of Yukon, OK, had this to say a few years ago after his team played in an ASA national championship.

"We played in a lot of tournaments and won most of them, even so-called world tournaments, but it wasn't until we got to the ASA nationals that we realized we had distinguished ourselves by earning a spot among the best. It was exciting to compete against some of the legendary teams in the sport and realize that they had also earned the right to be there. There is nothing like an ASA national. It's a tournament that means something and it creates memories that will stay with you for a lifetime."

It's the substance behind ASA national championships that make them the best of the rest and teams realize they have accomplished something they can be proud of for a lifetime. Besides well-run national championships, the participants are assured of nothing but the best in umpiring. Each year more than 40,000 umpires register with one of the more than 90 ASA local associations. The ASA annually hosts local, state and national umpire clinics, which cover the nation and bring together the best instruction available in the sport to all 15 regions of the ASA. The ASA strives to make its umpires the best they can be, and ASA umpires are known for their professionalism and expertise.

Besides playing in national championships, the ASA program offers players, if they are selected to one of the USA National Teams, an opportunity to compete in the Olympics, Pan American Games and ISF World Championships, as well as other national and international events. As the NGB of softball, the ASA is the only softball organization that can offer players the opportunity to play in these prestigious events, which are often held throughout the world. The 2004 Olympics, for example, will be held in Greece, and USA Softball is responsible for selecting and training the USA Olympic Team for the 2004 Games. In the past two Olympics, 1996 and 2000, the USA National Team has won the gold medal.

To help players improve their skills for not only these prestigious events but for national championships as well, the ASA offers clinics, camps, publications and videos, all designed to help people become better playing America's summer pastime - softball.

Summary of Major Capital Improvement Projects And Sanction Fees

<i>Year</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1992	Team Sanction Fees	\$3,948
1993	McQuillan Parking Lot	\$20,000
	Team Sanction Fees	\$3,756
1994	Dugouts	\$7,175
	Team Sanction Fees	\$3,636
1995	Concession Stand	\$115,502
	Team Sanction Fees	\$3,096
1996	Team Sanction Fees	\$3,080
1997	Team Sanction Fees	\$2,812
1998	Team Sanction Fees	\$3,408
	Joxx Boxx	\$8,059
1999	Team Sanction Fees	\$3,274
	Security Lights	\$9,600
	Foul Fence Repairs	\$2,391
2000	Team Sanction Fees	\$3,445
	Dugout Roofs	\$12,188
2001	Team Sanction Fees	\$3,425
	Scoreboards	\$2,900
	Security Lights	\$1,500
2002	Team Sanction Fees	\$3,840
	Wall of Fame	\$8,000
	Security Nets	\$1,126

Total Amount: \$226,161

TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE TO THE CITY OF ROCHESTER THROUGH
2002 FOR TOURNAMENTS: **\$2,529,000**

Why ASA?

By joining the ASAuUSA, your league is helping your organization improve and promote the game of softball. The ASAuUSA, as the National Governing Body for Softball, is instrumental in the promotion and development of the sport not only on a national level but on an international level as well. The ASA uUSA promotes the sport in your community and works for better facilities and league programs.



Class of 2002 National Tournament Participants

A Women's Slow Pitch:

**Macken/Budweiser
Mr. Pizza**

B Women's Slow Pitch:

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B Men's Slow Pitch:

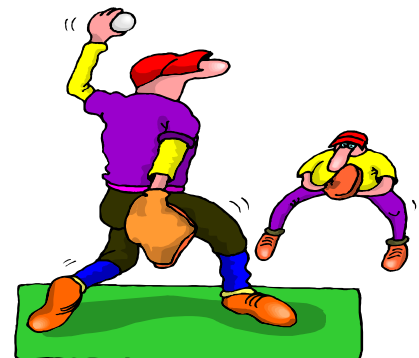
**Jonny's Saloon's/
Eyota Merchants**

Major Co-Rec. Slow Pitch:

Jonny's Saloon

Men's Fast Pitch

Gamblers



MEN'S CENTENNIAL	Jonny's Saloon/Eyota Merchants
MEN'S AMERICAN	Eagle Drug
MEN'S MIDWEST	Artistic Framers
MEN'S EASTERN	Larson Siding
MEN'S NORTHWEST	Killer B's
MEN'S SOUTHEAST I	Tenacious D
MEN'S SOUTHEAST II	Raceway Amoco
MEN'S VIKING	McMurphy's McMen
MEN'S CHEROKEE	Super Staph
MEN'S PACIFIC	Septic Snakes
MEN'S CHEYENNE I	D.D.T. Nailers
MEN'S METRO	XSB
MEN'S SUBURBAN I	McMurphy's Kegs
MEN'S SUBURBAN II	Digi Key Demons
MEN'S MOHAWK	Decks Unlimited

MEN'S FAST PITCH Gamblers

WOMEN'S CENTENNIAL	Macken/Coor's Light
WOMEN'S AMERICAN	Capelle's Electric
WOMEN'S WESTERN	Shady Hill Grill
WOMEN'S SOUTHERN	Elcor Reality

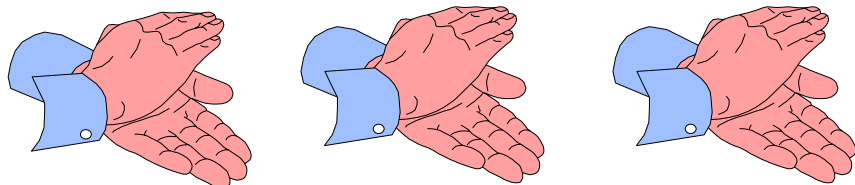
CO-ED CENTENNIAL	Bigelow Enterprises
CO-ED SOUTHERN	Andy's Liquor
CO-ED PACIFIC	KROC
CO-ED CHEYENNE	Anderson
CO-ED SOUTHERN (m)	Rookie's Grill & Bar
CO-ED PACIFIC (m)	Scratch-N-Sniff
CO-ED CHEYENNE (m)	Swingers
CO-ED METRO (m)	Smith Tile

USSSA SANCTIONING

If you want to sanction your team to play in USSSA tournaments and post-season play, contact Steve Browning, Director of Softball at Park and Rec; 281-6160.

MSF Facts!!!

- The MSF is the largest amateur sports organization of its kind in the United States with over 200,000 adult and youth members.
- ASA/USA Softball it's the largest softball organization in Minnesota with nearly 10,000 teams.
- The Minnesota ASA/USA-MSF ranks 7th nationally in softball programs.
- ASA/USA continues to be recognized by US Olympic Committee as the National Governing body for Softball.



2002 RSA Appreciation Week Bat Winners!! Congratulations!

Monday	Trevor Westrum:	Decks Unlimited
Tuesday	Genaro Menchaca:	McMurphy's
Wednesday	Jason Thiesse	Rochester Therapeutic
Thursday	Robert Paine:	Nelson Overhead Door
Friday	Pete Bromelkamp:	Roger Einck Plumbing

Jonny's Saloon wins Coed Major National Championship

Jonny's Saloon, a Rochester-based coed softball team, won the ASA Coed Major National tournament in Dothan, Ala.

The team had taken second twice and fourth once in nine previous trips to the national event. The only other Rochester team to win an ASA National was Macken/Budweiser women in 1999.

In Game 1, Jonny's beat Klean Kar Kare from Auburn, Ala. 13-12. The team lost luggage and lost players, and sponsor Jonny Marshman had to play; he was 2-for-4 with several diving plays at second.

In order, the team beat Southern Jazz from Dothan, Ala. 26-4, ProRehab Consultants from Evansville, Ind. 23-8; Fresh Dairy from Saraland, Ala. 22-10 and ProRehab Consultants again, 18-14.

Mark Malde of Jonny's was MVP with an .857 average. He hit 10 homers and drove in 27 runs. Mike Macken hit for a .905 average.

First-team all-Americans were Malde, Macken, pitcher Roger Cotten (.647), second baseman Tyler Glynn (.833), third baseman Keri Grovdahl (.656), and catcher V.J. Thiesse (.560).

Second team was Becky Macken.

Other notes: Dean Tlougan was 3-for-4 pinch-hitting with three homers and nine RBIs; Dane Head hit .667 and Cindy Nelsen .544.

Jonny's has won 9 Minnesota Class A state championships, the only adult team in the state to do so, according to the Minnesota Sports Federation.



Minnesota ASA has new Classification Structure

The Board of Director's at the last MSF/ASA Board Meeting has elected to make the following reclassification for the 2003 softball season. The Board recognizes that Minnesota teams have not faired well at recent National tournaments and believe that this will accommodate teams going to nationals, while not compromising local classifications.

2002 Classification

Men's Class A

BB

B

CC

C

D

E

2003 Classification

BB

B

CC

C

DD

EE

E

2002 Classification

Women's Class A

BB

B

CC

C

DD

D

2003 Classification

Open

CC

C

DD

D

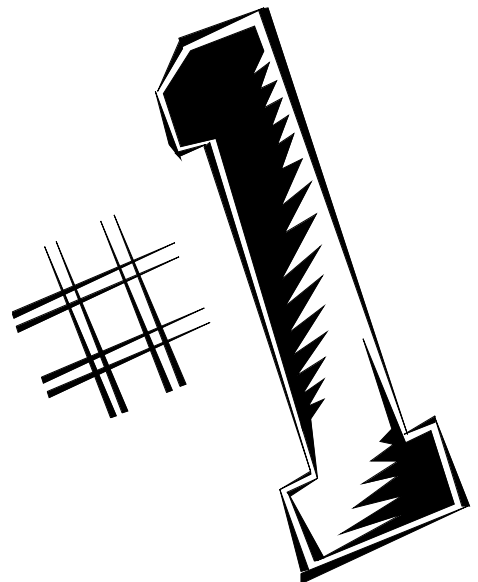
EE

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Teams electing to move down to any level below D will **NOT** be allowed to participate in Labor Day Nationals or National Championship Finals. Their seasons will end after their state tournament. The goal of the Board was to provide Minnesota teams with a chance to compete fairly at National tournaments without compromising fair play in our state.



"Charlie Reiter of Rochester achieved the rarity of pitching a perfect game in slow pitch softball. Reiter, pitching for the Roger Einck Plumbing team in the Co-Ed A League, did not give up a hit or walk as his team beat Larson Siding 22-0." Congratulations Charlie!



Reiter's "Perfect" form

Some Interesting Softball Facts

- 19.8 million athletes play softball in the United States;
- More than half of the nation's softball players are between the ages of 21-44 (55%);
- The average softball player is a 29-year-old male with an annual income of \$56,100;
- In the United States, more people play softball than football, soccer, baseball, or hockey;
- Seventy-two percent of these softball players compete in tournament play;
- In the United States, softball ranks third overall in participation for team sports;
- Softball players are estimated to spend \$4.3 billion annually to compete;
- Softball fields across the country are booked April through October, seven days a week, with teams scheduled to play.

Macken/Coor's Light 2nd at Women's ASA A- National

Macken Plumbing/Coors Light women's softball team finished 2nd in the Amateur Softball Association Class A National Championships in Tifton, Ga, August 15-17. The 1999 champion and 2001 4th place team was awarded a first round bye, and then played MN Storm, the defending state champion and local rival from Roseville, MN. Storm stunned Macken with a 9-run first inning, but Macken picked away and scored 2 in the second, and 2 in the 4th on hits by Bridget Vesel Johnson and Becky Macken. Play was halted in the 5th as the MN Storm catcher suffered a fractured leg on a collision at home plate. Play resumed, and Storm held on to a 11-8 victory. Jackie Reiland, JoDell Bendickson, Vesel Johnson and Macken all went 3 for 4 in the contest.

In their 2nd game, Macken played 2001 runner-up Reamstown AA, from Reamstown, PA. Macken won the defensive battle 8-7. Outstanding pitching and defense from Cindy Nelson (3 for 3), and again Reiland's bat, provided the Rochester centennial league champions a second chance at MN Storm who lost to the Armed Forces in the game of the unbeaten.

In their 3rd contest against Storm, Macken jumped out to a 5-4 lead then added two runs in the 4th and three runs in the 6th to beat them 10-4 and have a chance at the national title. Reiland and Nelsen (together 6 for 7) led the hitting again and Crissy Harder and Patricia Etchason were outstanding in the outfield.

Playing their fourth game in the 100 degree heat, Macken would have to beat the Armed Forces twice to win the championship. The Armed Forces jumped out



with one run in the first inning. In the top of the 3rd, pitcher Jill Buck led off with a single followed by hits by Etchason and Harder, then a double by VJ Thiess. Keri Grovdahl singled and Reiland sacrificed another run. Hits by Bendickson and Shanda Arch completed the 5-run inning. In the bottom of the 3rd, with runner's on first and second, and no outs, firstbase person Cindy Nelson, turned a rare L-3, 3-U, 3-4 triple play. Macken answered with another run in the 4th and 7th inning, going into the bottom with a 7-4 lead. Their dreams of a second national title was shattered when the Armed Forces pulled of 7 hits and stole the game from Macken, leaving them with the runner-up hardware.

Offensive leaders for Macken/Coors Light were Reiland (.667), Nelsen (.667), Etchason (.636) and Bendickson (.533). Named to the All-tournament team were Reiland, Nelsen, Bendickson, Thiess, Vesel Johnson, Macken and Harder.

The team finished 47-12 for the season, and has compiled a lifetime record of 551-156. The team is sponsored by Macken Plumbing, Coors Light, Rookies Sports Grill & Bar, and Superior Screeners. Becky Macken coaches the team.

National Champions

1999: A - WSP, Macken Plumbing/Budweiser
2002 Major - CRSP, Jonny's Saloon

Minnesota State Champions

1979: C-MSP, Virgils
1980: BB-WSP, Unique Water Beds
1981: CRSP, Tropic Bowl
1982: CRSP, The Keg
1983: A - WSP, Manahan & Co.
A - MSP, Berge Sports
B - MSP, Point After Bar
1984: CRSP, F & J Arms
1985: B - MSP Church, Grace Lutheran
1992: A - WSP, Mr. Pizza
1993: WS30, Down & Dirty
1994: A - CRSP, Jonny's Saloon
1995: A - CRSP, Jonny's Saloon
1996: A - WSP, Macken Plumbing/Budweiser
B-WSP, Tire Mart
WS30, Tire Mart
A - CRSP, Jonny's Saloon
1997: A - CRSP, Jonny's Saloon
1998: A - CRSP, Jonny's Saloon
1999: AA - WSP, Macken Plumbing/Budweiser
A - CRSP, Jonny's Saloon
C - MFP, Harley Davidson
2001: B - CRSP, Bigelow Enterprises
A - CRSP, Jonny's Saloon
2002: A - CRSP, Jonny's Saloon
C - WSP, Psimos Oral Surgery

Rochester Inductees - Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame

1982:	Tom Connolly	1992:	George Grubb
	Stanley "Stony" Mount	1997:	Char Alexander
1983:	Vince Beyer	1999:	Bill Beaupre
1984:	Ray Sibley	2000:	Dave Dostal
1986:	Daniel Juenger		John Springer
	Mike Sternberg	2001:	Cy Yess
1988:	Wayne Knipschild		Les Ernster
		2002:	Gene Alexander

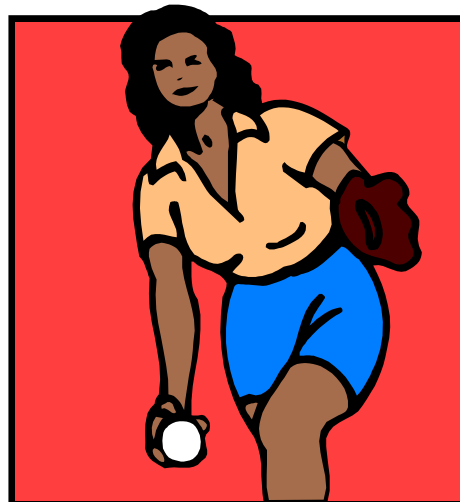
The Rochester Softball Association formed in 1992. The purpose of this organization is to promote, perfect, and foster community recreational softball, to present a healthful and wholesome pastime to all interested participants, and to uphold the principles of sportsmanship and fair play. The objective of the RSA include:

1. To obtain funding for developing and improving softball facilities;
2. To assist Rochester's Department of Park and Recreation identify and prioritize facility funding needs and to provide funding for the same;
3. To maintain an improve communication among members with Rochester's Department of Park an Recreations; and
4. To enhance the image of softball participants.

The officers and Board of Directors are elected at the annual membership meeting an serve on a voluntary basis. This year elections will be held for the office of Secretary and for Men's, and At-Large Representatives. The RSA welcomes your ideas, suggestions, or comments. If you would like to attend a monthly RSA board meeting or serve as an RSA representative, please contact your representative for meeting time and location.

2003 Breakdown of your League Entry Fees

➤ Umpires	\$135
➤ Field Maintenance/Mowing/Equip.	\$120
➤ Softballs	\$32
➤ Park & Rec. Administration	\$18
➤ Utilities-Lights/Water/Sewer	\$15
➤ Paper/Printing/Postage/City Line	\$9
➤ Field Supervisor	\$9
➤ Garbage Removal	\$8
➤ Trophies	\$5
➤ Umpire-in-Chief	\$4
	\$355



A few things to remember about our softball complex.....

Every year, it seems as if there becomes a increasing amount of trash that accumulates with the confines of McQuillan Softball Complex. **The RSA is asking that everyone make a conscious effort to pick up your own trash** that is acquired while having a burger and a beer after your games. In addition, please refrain from

bringing glass bottles in the complex, as in most cases they are dug out of the trash by amusing individuals and smashed on the pavement. We all know what that does to barefeet, especially those of children.

Last year several parking tickets were issued to cars parked

in the **no parking zone near the entrance of the park.**

This will be strictly enforced again this year as it is imperative that emergency vehicles have ample room to enter the complex. These areas are clearly posted, so don't get caught paying a costly fine.

April 25, 2003 brings on the start of another season of Rochester softball. This year the concessions again will be offered on a weekly basis to the teams. Last year we had another good year and I am looking forward to another. The concession stand storeroom has been extended to include half of the former breezeway. At this time, the only entrance to the storeroom will be through the breezeway. Storage of soda and non-food supplies will be the only thing kept in there at this time. Bud, Bud Light and Mich Golden Light will be on tap.

Again, I stress the importance of checking ID's when serving beer. We have been very fortunate in past years and I applaud the workers because of this. Remember that serving underage patrons is a crime punishable by fines, jail time, and/or loss of license. Let's keep up the good work and have a great year!

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