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Highlights from OBA Season

OBA baseball is also recognized as “AAA” baseball, the highest calibre of baseball played within Mississauga Southwest Baseball Association. Each year over 150 players represent our name and reputation throughout the province and the United States. Whether it is Rookie Ball for 9 year olds or Senior Ball for those over 21 we strive to perform our very best and bring home championships.

This year we have had another very successful campaign. Our major Mosquito team of 11 year olds captured the league title and we have 7 out of 10 teams advancing to the provincial playoffs held around Labour Day weekend. *Congratulations to all the players, coaches and parents.*

If anyone wants to learn more about the AAA level of ball we encourage you to attend the 2011 tryouts that will commence the weekend of September 11. Please stay tuned to the MSBA website for upcoming information of dates and parks for your level.

Yours in baseball,

Bruce Thompson
VP Rep OBA

Highlights from MBA Season

Players, parents and coaches;

I wanted to take this opportunity before the City Playoffs to thank you for another successful season. There are so many teams at the AA level that it is difficult to find one or two highlights without offending someone. We have fielded competitive teams at every division and many of our teams are advancing to the City Playoffs.

The Playoffs for Midget and Junior start the weekend of August 14 and continue till Championship Day on August 21. The playoffs for Peewee and Bantam begin August 21 and conclude on the 28th. The format is a double knockout, which translated to English means once you lose 2 games you are eliminated from further play.

The SOBA Provincial Championships are held the weekend after the City Championships. The Provincials this year will be held on August 27th for Midget and Junior and Labour Day weekend for Peewee and Bantam.

Good luck to all our teams in the final drive of the season.

Wayne Turgeon
VP for AA Baseball

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Highlights from MSW Hurricanes Season

Thank you to all the MSW players & families for another successful season.

In our Rep program, the Novice II, Bantam II & Midget II Rep teams qualified at the PWSA Provincial Qualifiers. Our Novice I team faired well at the PWSA Provincial Grands in Guelph, ON.

In our House League program, our Mite team participated in the Whitby Select Mite Tournament and won Gold. Congratulations! Our House League games are winding down and we will be heading into playoffs in September.

Try-outs for the 2011 Mississauga Southwest Hurricanes Girls Fastpitch REP teams are scheduled for the following dates:

Monday August 30, 2010 and Wednesday September 01, 2010

- **Novice:** 6:00-8:00 pm - Tom Chater South
- **Bantam:** 8:00-10:00 pm - Tom Chater North

Tuesday August 31, 2010 and Thursday September 02, 2010

- **Mite/Squirt:** 6:00-8:00 pm - Tom Chater South
- **Midget:** 8:00-10:00 pm - Tom Chater North

Please arrive up to 30 minutes before to register and warm-up. If you require any additional information please contact Wayne Gray-Baker at: coach.wayne@live.com

Season Highlights from our MSBA Families

Submitted by Amanda, Player in MSW Hurricane Teams

This is Amanda; I played on one of the Mississauga SW Hurricanes team. When we started off the year we were a little ruff, but through out the year we grew stronger and better. All of the girls tried their hardest and they never gave up. During the season we had some good times and some hard times so for what ever it was we always kept our head held high.

Some people ask me why I play softball and I just say well because it's my passion and I love playing it. Sometimes it's like when I step onto that diamond everything become second nature, it comes so easily to me. When it comes to actually playing it, don't even get me started, at that point softball matters more than school. Anything I talk about has something involving softball; I even do class assignments on it. In the game of softball you have to be smart and strategic. To play you must first understand the concept of things and when it comes to softball you have to understand plays and certain techniques to improve your skills.

To finish this passage off all I want to say is that softball is a great sport and I recommend it because it is truly a great sport. ☺

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Submitted by: Janet Gray-Baker, Parent on MSW Hurricanes '97 Novice I Team

This summer we held our First Annual Mississauga Southwest "Hurricane Hazel" Showdown tournament. The small event carried a big punch.

We were honoured to have The Honourable Mayor "Hurricane" Hazel McCallion come out to talk to participating teams about girls' sports, and throw out the first pitch.

The tournament highlighted an All Star game made up of players from each of the team's entered against our Novice Tier I team. We also held our 1st annual boys vs. girls' game that showcased the Major Pee Wee AA Twin boys' team against MSW Hurricanes '97 Novice I rep team in a softball game. It was a battle till the end but the girls persevered and won. The Brampton Blazers Novice Tier II team won the tournament.



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Submitted by: Ryan Hay Twins Grey, Manager Major Pee Wee AA

MSBA Peewee AA Twins Bring Championship Home to Canada

Thanks to their hard work and dedication to a team mentality, the boys have been able to go from a Minor team that only won one game all season to a Major team that has become a real contender. We competed in 3 tournaments this year. The first was an OBA tournament in Bolton where the boys impressed many clubs and had a strong semi-finalist finish. The second tourney was our own in house SOBA tournament where the boys dominated the round robin, impressively going undefeated and made it to the Championship. Due to one bad inning of the weekend, they came up a bit short and ended up in second place, however the boys did battle and showed a lot of heart. Our final tournament for the year was the Lancer Classic Tournament in Lewiston New York, where the boys went 1-2 in round robin play but came out big in the playoff round, winning the AA Tier championship in a thrilling 2-1 final that included 6 innings of shutout pitching and a walk off single. The boys also had an opportunity to play in an exhibition softball game against our own Hurricanes, which was truly a fun experience for all involved and something I think we should look at doing every year, maybe even a possible mixed tournament.

My boys have played hard all year and have had a real blast playing a game they love. Thanks to a caring Coaching staff and supportive Parental group my job this year as the Manager has been very rewarding and I look forward to many more years like this one with the MSBA.



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Submitted by: Dianne Bartnik, Parent from MSW Hurricanes

Mississauga Girls Softball Team wins Whitby Championship

“We are so proud of you so very proud of you”

In a landslide victory on Sunday August 8th, the Mississauga Southwest Girls Hurricanes Softball Team won the Mite Whitby Select Tournament. The Hurricanes, aged 9 and 10, battled through rain, heavy at times, and a grueling schedule of 3 games in 6 hours, winning all 3 games to advance to the Championship round. In the final Championship game, the girls beat the hometown Whitby Team to take the Mite Whitby Select Champions title.



Pictured:

Front Row (left to right): Kristen Vlahiotis, Maya Crawford, Kerys Bartnik, Megan Vlahiotis, Sam Povilaitis, and Cassidy Greenhill.

Middle Row (left to right): Jessica Nause, Darina Urathu, Hunter Vernhout, Jenna Lee, and Anna Laird.

Back Row (left to right): Coaches Ross Laird, Rik Vernhout, Peter Vlahiotis, Shelley Lacey, and Mark Greenhill.

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Register Early for 2011 Season

Take advantage of our 2010 rates by registering for the 2011 season before December 31st, 2010.

Contact our Registrar for further details at msba_registrar@sympatico.ca

**Applicable only to Houseleague players*

Upcoming Tournaments & Playoffs:

Are you a baseball fan looking for something to do?

Why not take in a game at one of our home tournaments or playoffs.

Baseball

Rookie Ball/T-Ball House League - Aug 20-22 @ Tom Chater with an All Star game on Saturday, August 21st @ 11:30am.

OBA Midget Provincials - Aug 27-29

OBA Minor Peewee Provincials - Sept 3-6

Softball

Mite through Bantam House League playoffs September 12-19 – check out

<http://www.eteamz.com/mghlsa/index.cfm?> for more details



*****Need Volunteer Hours*****

We are looking for High School Students to convene during Labour Day Minor Peewee Provincials. If interested, contact Bruce Thompson @ bthompson6889@rogers.com

A Word from the Editor

I am always saddened to see baseball season come to an end. The summer sun and eating sunflower seeds, being under the diamond lights, cheering and watching my kids engaged in a game that we love among many other things, are all part of the baseball experience. Thank you to all of our MSBA families who submitted their memorable experiences from the season. *We love to hear from you!*

Please keep an eye out for information and updates from msbanews throughout the fall and winter months. As members of MSBA, you are all welcome to attend our Annual General meeting scheduled for October 19th.

Once again, I urge you to think about sharing your gifts or talents with us and helping MSBA be the best Association it can possibly be for our kids.

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