



Newsletter

South Surrey White Rock Minor Softball Association

November 2010

President's Message

To all players, umpires, coaches, parents and volunteers, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the executive for a successful 2010 season. Even though opening day is still months away planning for the 2011 season has begun in earnest.

At the Annual General Meeting in October there were a few changes to the executive. Kevin Langley, after serving as president for the last five years, will now be the Associations Past President. Kevin will also continue as coach of the Thunder 93 team and pitching clinic coordinator. Karolyn Donnelly the Associations treasurer for the past three years will not be returning for the 2011 season. I would like to thank Karolyn for all her efforts while serving in a very demanding position on the executive.

I would also like to thank Glenn Parks for stepping up to take on the treasures position for the 2011 season.

You will note that two key positions, secretary and tournament director, remain vacant. It is important for the continued success of our association that these positions are filled. As a reminder, any one taking on an executive position will be reimbursed the registration fee for one of their children playing with the association. If anyone is interested in either position please feel free to contact me at 604-563-5532 or davidharris14370@shaw.ca.

I look forward to seeing you all at the ball diamonds in 2011.

David Harris, President

Player Registration

As many of you may be aware there has been a steady decline in young people participating in sports across the country. Softball has not been immune to this decline and we have certainly seen the effect here in South Surrey/White Rock. In 2002 South Surrey/White Rock had 653 registered players on 53 teams. By 2010 our number of registered players had declined to 400 on 33 teams. This season we will be implementing a number of initiatives to try and reverse the trend.

REGISTRATION DISCOUNT The association will take \$10 off the 2011 registration fee of any returning player when that registration is accompanied by a registration of a new player that has not previously played softball in Surrey.

SECOND IN-PERSON REGISTRATION WEEKEND In addition to our usual January registration weekend at Wal-Mart this year we will also be holding a second registration day in December. You may now register in-person on either **Saturday, December 4, 2010** or the weekend of **January 22/23, 2011**. All in-person registrations will be held at the Wal-Mart at Grandview Corners, 2355 160th Street, Surrey.

BOYS WELCOME With the help of the Cloverdale and Fleetwood softball associations we are hoping to be able to field at least one Mite (ages 7 & 8) and one Squirt (ages 9 & 10) boys teams for the 2011 season. Historically South Surrey/White Rock had a strong tradition of boys and men's softball. We would like to rebuild that tradition. If you have sons that might like to play fastpitch softball please do not hesitate to contact me.

SCHOOL LEARN-TO-PLAY PROGRAM South Surrey/White Rock and the White Rock Renegades have teamed up to go into the local schools to introduce softball to the younger grades during their regular

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gym times. The learn-to-play program is geared toward teaching fundamentals, keeping the children active, and having FUN! The goal is get the younger children, ages 6 to 10, interested in softball.

The executive is very interested in any ideas that you may have in how we can do a better job of recruiting and retaining our softball players. While we welcome criticism what we really appreciate are suggestions. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or any member of your executive.

Pitching Clinics

Pitching clinics with Ron Clark will be offered again starting in January 2011 and will continue throughout the season. These clinics are open to all players Mite and older. Limited space is available so register early. Clinic information will be emailed to all registered players and will be posted on our website at www.sswrmsa.com.

Coaching Clinics

To help our players improve, we need to provide support for our coaches. The association reimburses the cost of taking NCCP clinics for any active coach. In addition the association will be hosting a series of Saturday morning coaching sessions with our sister association the White Rock Renegades. The format of the sessions will vary depending on the topic and may include time in the gym. If you would like more information or have a suggestion for a discussion topic please contact me.

CONGRATULATIONS



South Surrey/White Rock continued to have success on the field during the 2010 Season. The Dakotas, coached by Sabrina Bicknell, placed second in the Mite District Championship. The Squirt 'C' Rockets team, coached by Gord Jennings, won our Squirt 'C' tournament in May and then went on to place third in the District Championship. The Richard Holfeld coached Midget 'C' Barracudas once again had a fine season finishing second at the District Championship. Linda Peters'

Midget 'C' Rage wrapped up the season winning the Fraser Valley Regional Championship.

At the Rep 'B' District Championship four Thunder teams medaled, Thunder98 (3rd place), Thunder96/97 (2nd place), Thunder95 (2nd place) and Thunder93 (1st place). All four teams advanced to the Provincial Championship. Thunder95 placed 2nd at the Provincial Championship and will represent South Surrey/White Rock at the Rep 'A' level in the 2011 season.

Thunder94 represented South Surrey/White Rock at the Rep 'A' Bantam Provincial Championship.

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