

Rockwood Eramosa Minor Ball Association

October 2007



Mark Your Calendar

November 15, 2007—REMBA Annual General Meeting, Rockwood Library Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. Plan to attend and hear first hand what YOUR Association is doing!

November 15, 2007— Early Bird Registration Deadline.

March 31, 2008— 2007 Season Registration deadline.

2007 Tax Receipts- Enclosed with this Newsletter you should find your 2007 Children's Fitness Tax Credit receipt. This tax credit is eligible for participants under 16 years of age during 2007. If you didn't receive your tax credit please contact Trish Millson at 856-4780 or email Trish at registrar@remba.ca.

REGISTRATION 2008!

REMBA's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that early bird registration is open for the 2008 season. Fastball is a great sport at a great value and we want you to take advantage of it.

Big News... due to overwhelming response from our community sponsors our registration fees have dropped and we have removed the fundraising fees built into previous registrations. You can save even more by registering early, up to \$25 per child!! Sign up early using the enclosed "Early-bird" registration form.

- 1) Complete the 2008 Registration Form attached to this newsletter and mail with your registration payment and uniform deposit to REMBA, P.O. Box 253 Rockwood, Ontario NOB 2K0.
- 2) Please direct all registration enquiries to Trish Millson, REMBA Registrar at 856-4780 or email Trish at registrar@remba.ca.
- 3) Additional forms are available on the REMBA website at www.remba.ca.

Our Early Bird Registration Deadline is November 15, 2007
Don't Delay - Register Today!!

THANKS TO OUR 2007 SPONSORS! !

REMBA sincerely thanks our 2007 Sponsors for their generous support. When visiting any of the local businesses or organizations listed below, all parents and players are encouraged to extend a word of 'thanks'. Remember—Their sponsorship has been instrumental in the success of our teams this season.

Buttenham Construction
Eden House Care Facility
Leslie Sand & Gravel
Nellis Construction Limited
Rockwood Pharmacy
Swanston Farm Equipment
Tower Steel Co, Ltd.
Woodrill Farms

Thank You!

Updates from our Teams this Year

Tykes

The Rockwood Rebels Tyke 2 softball team had a slow start to the season, but came on strong in the final few games. Throughout the summer, the players had regular practices where they learned the important skills of throwing, catching, hitting, and for Tyke 2...running. However, it was during game play where they learned the value of listening to base coaches, and fielding coaches which often allowed them to squeak in some extra runs. Some athletes found their swing and became heavy hitters, others used their quick feet and hands to stop the ball and throw an opponent out, and there were even a few pop flies that were caught, providing Rockwood fans with a couple of very exciting rallies, especially during the final tournament in Palmerston. The Rebels capped off a successful season on September 15th at the Rogers Centre in Toronto, where they watched the Blue Jays cream the Baltimore Orioles, and then had the unbelievable opportunity to go down onto the field and run the bases at the end of the game. Congratulations on an amazing season team. See you next summer!



Atom Boys

The Atom boys had a fantastic season, as they earned themselves the title of ORSA champs (C division) for 2007. This was a great (hopefully not a once in a lifetime) thrill for the boys and coaches alike. The ORSA tournament was our first time playing tournament level ball so we were not too sure what to expect both from our team and our opponents, but the boys played great throughout the series doing Rockwood proud. The team moved through the first and second rounds each time winning the first 2 of the best of three games against Hickston and St George. For the championship we were up against Dutton who squeaked one by us (our first loss of the season) for game one, forcing the boys to win the next two in a row. The next game in Rockwood proved to be pitchers dual, with our bats finally breaking us out of the deadlock in the end giving us the win. The final game was back in Dutton, so we were back on the bus. The last game was a squeaker with Rockwood pushing forward in the final innings to win the game. Both teams played terrific and it was a great game to be part of. Something I know I will always remember.

I would like to thank the boys for a great season, remember it was through your abilities to work as a team that allowed you to accomplish what you did this year, you did a great job. Well done!

Thanks to all of the parents and scorekeepers, you really helped make the season a great one. Looking forward to seeing you all next year. I

The boys would like to thank the following for their support in financing the transportation for the ORSA Tournament.

Gorweir Farms (Alex & Janice Weir)
Swanston Farm Equipment (Steve and Alex Lush)
Canadian Compaction Systems Inc. (David & Kim Loveridge)
Salmon Plumbing (Reuben & Joanne Salmon)
Alan & Cathie McPhedran
R.H. Ferguson Mechanical (Richard & Pam Ferguson)

Elmira Farm Service (John Deere)
Remax (Michelle & Gordon Dawe)
Select Financial Services Inc. (Glen Facey)
Sara Kennedy
Paul & Lynn Parkinson
Bill Dixon
Carman Livingston
Bruce & Mary Livingston

Squirt Boys

The Squirt boys have a great year winning their final tournament and becoming the 2007 Intercounty champs for the squirt division. The boys played great throughout the season coming together with the 'right stuff' for the final games. It was a great season, enjoyable every step of the way. Thanks to the parents and volunteers, couldn't have done it without you. Have a great season on 2008

Bantam Boys

The Bantam boys enjoyed a challenging year rising from 5th place in season to 3rd place at the year end tournament. Rockwood hosted the year end tournament with the help of many volunteers! We lost many tight games by only 1 run which kept our many dedicated spectators on the edge of their seat! We were put out of the ORSA in the third game of the first round by Copetown who went on to win the Bantam division! Just wait till next year!!!

Ps. The highlight was seeing a well hit ball clear the new 12 foot fence. Who will be the first Rockwood player to clear the fence?

Midget Girls

The midget girls had a very good season. We lost only 3 games in the regular season, finishing up in 2nd place going into the tournament. We met Ponsonby in the final game undefeated while they had one loss. It was a double knock out tournament so we all know what that means. Ponsonby beat us 8 to 3 in the first game. We were tired. Second game.... they beat us 2-1. A heart breaker. We walked away with run up trophies and smiles on our faces. The girls were awesome. Team spirit and camaraderie never deserted us. We'll take them next year!!!!!!!!!!

Midget Boys

It was a very successful season for the first year team. The midget boys division is a three year set. The team plays in the Flamborough Minor League. This year there were 8 teams in our division. Rockwood finished in second place, just 1 game back of first place Jarvis. Even though it was their first year as a midget team it was a breakout season for most of the boys. We had many out of the park home runs through out the season as well as tournaments and we had 2 players hit over a 500 average. James Evans lead the team in hitting with a 582 average and Josh Dickieson backed James up with a 541 average.

Pitching is the backbone of our team led by Tyler kruk from Acton. Tyler is like a "Doc Holliday" on the mound. He never tires and never gives up and comes hard at each batter. Tyler averaged 8 strikeouts per game. In support of Tyler is Josh Dickieson. Josh is like a "Shawn Marcum" on the mound, always changing things up and keeping the hitters off balance. Josh pitched 3 games with only 2 earned hits allowed. Catchers Mike Bутtenham and Adam Parker were solid behind the plate all season long calling all the shots. They showed great leadership game in and game out as a catcher should.

Our good and sometimes stellar defense adds a rewarding feeling to the season. With our solid outfield consisting of fearless Joe Halliburton in left, speedy Tyler Simpson in center field and in right field, Shifty Todd Allen, we have a chance to make a play on almost all hits. With a calm presence about him our infield is lead by Nik Aitken at second base. Nik is mastering the position and with the help of James Evans at shortstop we have a very strong middle infield. At first and third bases we used a platoon approach, which proved beneficial. Tyler Monte's experience at first base helped along first year member Bruce Nix. They helped us get out of many a jam with their good glove hands, scooping many balls out of the dirt or doing the "John Olerud" stretch. At

third we used the quickness and the strong arms of Joe Halliburton, Tyler Kruk and Josh Dickieson.

I would like to thank Dave Battenham, Bill Allen, Tim Halliburton and Steve Kruk for their time and efforts in the coaching department and not to forget our scorekeepers, Anna Aitken, Lori Kruk and Sue Allen!! Also Hal Aitken as team manager, who helped me keep my sanity.

See You All Next Season!

Thanks to our Volunteers

All the success can only be attributed to the many, many volunteers that this organization is fortunate to have. Even though we pay a minimal registration fee, it is easy to forget volunteers run this organization. On behalf of the Board of Directors and membership, we wish to extend our sincere gratitude to the Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Team Managers. For without your organizational and time management skills, REMBA could not function. In addition, there are other volunteers who also work tirelessly in the background coordinating registration, scheduling umpires, and other similar activities, which allow our organization to run. In particular, we would like to thank the following volunteers:

- **Rosa Kliese**, Registration Co-ordinator
- **Elizabeth Lengyel**, REMBA Picture day coordinator
- **Darlene Trimble**, Junior umpire scheduler
- **Bruce Livingston**, REMBA's Flamborough Representative

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REMBA' S WEBSITE IS AVAILABLE FROM A COMPUTER NEAR YOU!

Special thanks once again is extended to Rudy Diemer at RKD Internet who is hosting the REMBA website. Put this on your list of favourites at <http://www.remba.ca> . Plan now to visit this informative website for the latest on REMBA activities!



Baseball Jokes

One morning in elementary school, the students were going to a geography class. The teacher wanted to show the students where cities and states are.



The teacher asks the class, "Does anyone know where Pittsburgh is?"

Billy raises up his hand and says, --

"Yeah, Pennsylvania!". The teacher replies, "Very good, Billy!, now can anyone tell me were Detroit is?"



Suzy raises her hand and says, "That's in Michigan!" The teacher again says, "Very good."

Trying to confuse the children, she now asks, "Where's Kansas City?" Tommy raises his hand and says, "Oh Oh Pick me!!!, I know?" The teacher says, "OK, Tommy where is Kansas City?"

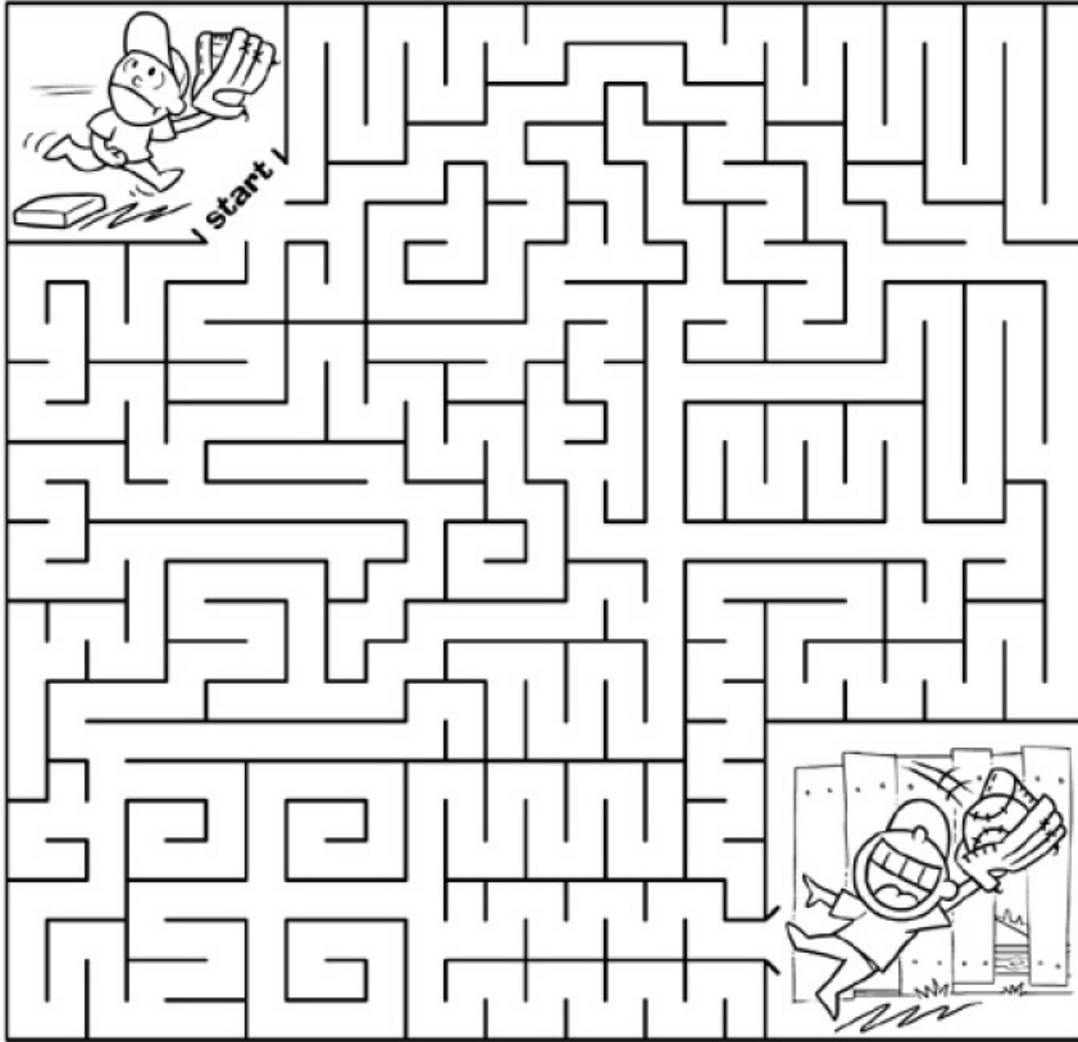
"Last place."

When should baseball players wear armor?

When they play knight games

Lil' League Maze

It's a long fly ball to right field! Help Pee-wee make his way through the maze to make the big catch and win the game!



Baseball Word Search

Baseball

S	P	L	I	T	F	I	N	G	E	R	R	O	R	E
A	I	G	L	O	V	E	G	G	C	U	D	T	K	D
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BAG	DOUBLE	LINED	SECOND
BALL	DRIVE	MIT	SINKER
BATTER	DUGOUT	MOUND	SLIDE
BEAN	ERROR	OUT	SPITBALL
BENCH	FIELD	PITCH	SPLITFINGER
BULLPEN	FIRST	PLATE	STRETCH
BUNT	FLY	POPOP	STRIKE
CHARGE	FORCE	RBI	THIRD
CLEANUP	FOUL	RUN	WALK
COUNT	GLOVE	SACRIFICE	WILD
CURVE	GROUNDER	SAVE	WINDUP
DECK	HIT	SCORE	WORLD SERIES
DIAMOND	HOME		

Calling All Interested Parents! REMBA Needs Your Help in 2008!

As a Board Member

Become part of a great community minded minor sports organization that makes a difference in Rockwood-Eramosa. We have several retiring Directors and need some new faces for 2007-2008. If you are interested call any one of the REMBA Board listed on the back page and make your interest known. Elections take place at our Annual Meeting on November 15th.

As a Coach or Assistant Coach

Ask any REMBA coach and they will tell you the reward associated with teaching kids both skills and sportsmanship is priceless. Watch our kids develop over the course of one season or several years and you'll agree the lessons they learn last a lifetime. A coach's application form is attached with your family's registration package. If you're interested complete the form so we can make you part of our plans for 2008. In order to safeguard our kids, all volunteer coaches selected by REMBA undergo a police background check.

As a Carded Umpire

We are always on the lookout for individuals with a commitment to the game of softball and sufficient knowledge to qualify as a carded umpire. Whether you are carded now, have been carded before, or would like to become a carded umpire, let us know. If you are willing to take the necessary training to obtain or maintain your card, this is a great chance to participate in the game of softball and make some extra cash. Fees are paid on a game by game basis. Let one of the Directors know if you want to officiate in 2008.

Just Want To Help Out?

Want to help out but not sure how? REMBA needs many hands to make light work. We realize not everyone can make a commitment to be a Director or coach but would still like to get involved. We have many opportunities for people to get involved in big or small ways. Over the years we have relied on a small but committed group of volunteers to make sure everything works well on and off the field. Equipment and uniform management, working with InterCounty and other leagues, scheduling games and umpires, write-ups for local newspapers, organizing events like photo day etc. the list is long and we would sure appreciate your help. Contact a Director if you would like to get more involved in making REMBA work.