

Rockwood Eramosa Minor Ball Association

September 2006



Mark Your Calendar

Sunday October 22, 2006—
Guelph Storm Day - Get your
tickets now (see inside article)

November 8, 2006—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 8, 2006— Early Bird
Registration Deadline.

March 31, 2007— 2007 Season
Registration deadline.

REGISTRATION 2007!

REMBA's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that early bird registration is open for the 2007 season. Fastball is a great sport at a great value and we want you to take advantage of it.

Fees have increased slightly over last year to cover increased costs for diamonds and equipment. The "good news" is that by registering early you can save up to \$25 per child!! Sign up early using the enclosed "Early-bird" registration form.

- 1) Complete the 2007 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 Rosa Kliese, REMBA Registrar at 856-9805 or email Rosa at registrar@remba.ca.
- 3) Additional forms are available on the REMBA website at www.remba.ca.

Our Early Bird Registration Deadline is November 8, 2006
Don't Delay - Register Today!!

THANKS TO OUR 2006 SPONSORS! !

REMBA sincerely thanks our 2006 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.

Eden House
Knapps Country Market
Nellis Construction
Woodrill Farms
Dufferin Aggregates
Leslie Sand & Gravel
Salmon Plumbing
Eramosa Sand & Gravel
R & T Services
Doug Black

Thank You!

Guelph Storm Day



Get your friends together and get your tickets now

REMBA is promoting a Guelph Storm day event in October. The proceeds of which will be used toward the purchase of equipment for the 2007 season. So come on out and have last end of season hurrah Oct 22, 2006 @ 3:00pm and watch the Guelph Storm take on Sarnia. It promises to be a great time...

We have purchased a block of seats and are offering them first to the membership at a reduced rate. There are a limited amount of tickets and they will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Tickets are \$15.00 for Adults, \$12 for Students (age 13 and up), and \$10 for children. You can purchase tickets by emailing us at tickets@remba.ca with your, name, address, the number and type of tickets you require and we will make arrangements to get them to you.

Hope to see you there... **Go Storm Go ...**

Updates from our Teams this Year

Tykes

The Rockwood Tykes/Mixed Might's had a tremendous baseball season in the inter-county league. We had a great turn-out with 15 very dedicated players who worked hard, came a very long way, and remained high spirited and sportsmanlike throughout the season. There were 11 teams in the inter-county league, so we proudly traveled near and far to represent Rockwood. The Rebels finished first overall in the B division of the league. Special thanks go out to the many parents who enthusiastically contributed their time to coaching, keeping score, making phone calls and bringing snacks.



Atom Boys

The Atom boys has a great season, things were a little shaky to start with as we only had 4 players registered at the registration deadline, but fortunately we had some good recruiters and were able to fill out the team. The players themselves did awesome. They really came together for the final tournament, missing out on a second place finish by only a run. The top three teams were very close and it could easily have gone either way. I am very proud how the boys played throughout the year, they were very supportive of one another, and showed good sportsmanship throughout the season. 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. It is promising to be even a better season...

Squirt Boys

This year we had a variety of "veterans" and rookies who combined to form a team that was very competitive throughout the season. The boys showed tremendous improvement in their playing skills and by the end of the season were really starting to smack the ball around. We had a successful final tournament in Palmerston, with the team finishing third, behind very strong teams from Drayton and Palmerston. It was a thoroughly enjoyable season, thanks in part to a fun group of kids and excellent assistant coaches and parents. Hope to see many of you out again in the spring!

Peewee Boys

The Peewee boys had a great season this year, placing first in season with 14 wins and only 1 loss. We then went on to win the year-end tournament with four straight wins. Our final was a close game but we beat out Puslinch, which made 8 wins against that team throughout the year! This is a first for Rockwood to win the Flamborough Peewee boys division. We also had a busy but successful year competing in three tournaments. We placed second in the Mitchell ball fest out of 8 teams, we took second place in the Highgate ORSA tournament out of 12 teams on a very hot weekend and we stole first at the Keady invitational out of 8 teams. We were disappointed to be out of the third round of ORSA in the third game but a great time was had by all on the bus ride to and from Ennismore! A great season by all players!

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
- **Jennifer Foster**, REMBA Picture day coordinator
- **Darlene Trimble**, Junior umpire scheduler
- **Greg Dickieson**, Batting Cage Coordinator and REMBA's Flamborough Representative

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

Is There Baseball In Heaven?

Two old men had been best friends for years, and they both live to their early 90's, when one of them suddenly falls deathly ill. His friend comes to visit him on his deathbed, and they're reminiscing about their long friendship, when the dying man's friend asks, "Listen, when you die, do me a favor. I want to know if there's baseball in heaven."



The dying man said, "We've been friends for years, this I'll do for you." And then he dies.

A couple days later, his surviving friend is sleeping when he hears his friend's voice. The voice says, "I've got some good news and some bad news. The good news is that there's baseball in heaven."

"What's the bad news?"

"You're pitching on Wednesday."

Future Baseball Star



A little boy was overheard talking to himself as he strutted through the backyard, wearing his baseball cap and toting a ball and bat, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world," he announced.

Then, he tossed the ball into the air, swung at it, and missed.

"Strike One!" he yelled. Undaunted, he picked up the ball and said again, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world!"

He tossed the ball into the air. When it came down he swung again and missed.

"Strike Two!" he cried.

The boy then paused a moment to examine his bat and ball carefully.

He spit on his hands and rubbed them together. He straightened his cap and said once more,

"I'm the greatest hitter in the world!"

Again he tossed the ball up in the air and swung at it. He missed.

"Strike Three!"

"Wow!" he exclaimed. "I'm the greatest pitcher in the world."

What takes longer

Running from first base to second, or from second to third?

Second to third, because you have to go through a shortstop.

Baseball Word Search

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ASTROS
BRAVES
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DIAMONDBACKS
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GIANTS
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METS
PADRES
PHILLIES
PIRATES
REDS
ROCKIES

'National League Teams'

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ANGELS
ATHLETICS
BLUEJAYS
DEVILRAYS
INDIANS
MARINERS
ORIOLES
RANGERS
REDSOX
ROYALS
TIGERS
TWINS
WHITESOX
YANKEES

'American League Teams'

Calling All Interested Parents! REMBA Needs Your Help in 2007!

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 2006-2007. 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 8th.

In addition to filling a number of directors positions, REMBA will be in need of a Treasurer this year, knowledge of the Quickbooks accounting system would be an asset to this position.

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 2007. 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 2007.

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 and the Guelph Storm Day 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.

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