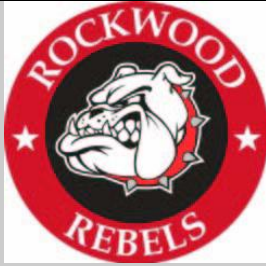


Rockwood Eramosa Minor Ball Association

October 2008



Mark Your Calendar

November 19, 2008—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 19, 2008— Early Bird Registration Deadline.

March 31, 2009— 2009 Season Registration deadline.

2008 Tax Receipts- Enclosed with this Newsletter you should find your 2008 Children's Fitness Tax Credit receipt. This tax credit is eligible for participants under 16 years of age during 2008. If you didn't receive your tax credit please contact Trish Millson at 856-4780 or email Trish at registrar@remba.ca.

REGISTRATION 2009!

REMBA's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that early bird registration is open for the 2009 season. Fastball is a great sport at a great value and we want you to take advantage of it. **Big News...** due to the continuing support from our community sponsors our registration fees have stayed at par from the 2008 season. 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 2009 Registration Form attached to this newsletter and mail with your registration payment and uniform deposit to REMBA, P.O. Box 253 Rockwood, Ontario N0B 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 19, 2008
Don't Delay - Register Today!!

THANKS TO OUR 2008 SPONSORS! !

REMBA sincerely thanks our 2008 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.

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Thank You!

Updates from our Teams this Year

Blastball

The Blastball season got off to a great start with 15 boys and girls ready to learn the game of baseball! By far their favorite part was running those bases, which would honk every time they enthusiastically jumped on them! Our first few practices consisted of teaching them the basics of throwing, hitting and yelling BLAST! when fielding the ball. Since Blastball doesn't have any scheduled games, we decided that we would start splitting the team into 2 teams for fun games every practice. The kids really enjoyed this and by the end of our season all the kids were fielding balls, hitting and throwing with confidence. Another highlight of the season was our end of year parents vs. kids game! Thanks to all the kids and the support of the parents. Hope to see our newest ball players out next year as well!

Tykes

The Rockwood Rebels Tykes got off to a great start this past 2008 season, and continued to battle for top spot with two other teams all summer long. This was a year of building on skills learned from last season as there were a large number of returning players. It was impressive to see the increased strength and consistency in batting and throwing, but what was most encouraging was the improved level of thinking that all the athletes have gained. Each player is becoming more confident in knowing where the play should be made when they get the ball. This bodes well not only for those moving up to Atom next year, but there are some very strong players who will act as leaders in Tyke next season as well.

Once again, the final tournament was held in Palmerston, and after overcoming some minor challenges, the Tykes went on to play the most exciting final game of their season. In the end, it was extra innings, and the last batter in the lineup that decided the outcome, and everyone should be very proud of their efforts!

The Rebels capped off a successful summer on September 20th at the Rogers Centre in Toronto, where they watched the Blue Jays beat the Boston Red Sox, 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 spring!

Atom

It's going, going, gone! Another ball season has ended for the Atom team. The team has improved at so many levels and it showed itself throughout the entire season.

Congratulations on a job well done to all of you who made a contribution to a team that showed perseverance, patience and dedication especially in the final tournament in Grand Valley . The boys and Emily played 5 games in one day in the August heat. After beating the undefeated Minto we were up to play them again.....in 20 minutes..... under the lights for the championship game.

The coaches were extremely proud and so were the fans of other centers with the team's effort in not giving up. After a very exciting game Rockwood was defeated 9-6.

The team can be very proud of their accomplishments, skill level, and sportsmanship displayed all season. A special thanks to Coach Steve, Coach Alex, and Scorekeeper Kathy for a "gloves ready" great job. See you at the diamond!

Squirt Boys

The Squirt boys had a slow start to the season with a number of practices and games missed due to the wet weather. Once we got started though it was a great season. It is always a privilege to

watch both individual and team skills improve throughout the year, and this year was no exception with the team going 9 and 4 on the season. The boys came in third at the end of the season tournament with a nail biting semi-final against Hillsburgh (whom we had won against all season!) that had the tying run on third and the winning run and second at the bottom of the seventh... alas such is the way of baseball.

I would like to thank the boys for a great season, we were proud to watch each of your skill levels improve and how well you came together as a team and supported one another, you did a great job. Well done!

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

Bantam Boys

GREAT YEAR! We started our year with 9 indoor practices at 2 training facilities in Guelph. We made it to the semi finals at Fastballfest in Mitchell the end of May. We won the ORSA qualifier tournament in Norwood undefeated out of 13 teams from across Ontario. In early July, our 1st place finish in Norwood allowed us to play in an OASA tournament in Owen Sound.. We also went undefeated in our year end tournament in Oneida after finishing 2nd in season with a 12-4 record. We then went to Ottawa for the Bantam Summer Games for 4 days. We just missed a medal, placing 4th out of 9 teams but fun was had by all and the trip was a great year end wrapup.

Thanks to all the parents and players for a great year. Ps. Thanks to our sponsor; Royal LePage Ward/McPhedran

Midget Girls

The midget girls had a great season. We entered OR and cleaned up! We are the OR midget girls champs. It was an exciting tournament with Rockwood beating Embro in extra innings. What a celebration. Huge group hug and a really fun ride home on the bus.

The regular season went great with only two loses. We were unbeaten in the tournament until the end when Ponsonby started batting like nobody's business. We are determined to put together a team next year and beat all comers.

Midget Boys

It was an up and down year for this years Rockwood Midget Fastball Team. There were a lot of rain outs and rescheduled games that had to be played early in the season. The boys had a hard time finding any rhythm as a team.

Overall we had a successful season placing 3rd in regular league play and lost in the playoff finals on the last play of the game.

In June we also made it to the finals of the C division in an all Ontario Tournament in Waterloo against the best teams in the province. Again, we played well but because of the slow start to the regular season it was tough to keep momentum. The boys battled every inning and showed a lot of character.

On the individual side of the team we had our best hitting season ever. Team members names and batting averages respectively are:

Josh Dickieson 575, James Evans 575, Joe Halliburton 542, Mike Bottenham 480, Adam Parker 467, Todd Allen 467, Tyler Kruk 444, Tyler Simpson 353, Bruce Nix 361, Taylor McNabb 300 and Nik Aitkin 285. Way to go Guys!!

Joe Halliburton had a memorable night in late July at Dyer Park hitting a remarkable 3 over the fence home runs against Simcoe. In 21 years of coaching I have never witnessed such a swing. They were all literally crushed over the left field fence into the trees. Thanks Joe for the memory. Mike Bottenham and Joe Halliburton lead the team with 26 hits each and setting the tone at the top of the order with 28 stolen bases and 19 RBI's was Josh Dickieson.

As always in baseball you must have pitching in order to be in the thick of each game. This year we had the luxury of having 3 pitchers. Tyler Kruk, our "Doc Holliday" . Tyler started 8 games and had a 4 and 4 record, with 2 saves. Tyler averaged 1.9 strikeouts per inning. Tyler gives us everything he has every inning. Josh Dickieson our other starter, coming off some shoulder problems had a 5 win and a 1 save record in seven appearances. Our "Ace in the pocket" was Taylor McNabb who helped us out tremendously in his first midget season with 7 saves in 9 appearances.

The best part of watching a good baseball game aside from good pitching is watching spectacular defense. As a team we always provide excitement in that department. I was treated to some top notch plays in the playoffs by Nik Aitken. He can pull off some great "D" and make it look so smooth.

I would like to thank the players for their efforts and commitment to the team over this past season and over the years as well as the parents(special thanks to Dave,Bill and Anna) for their time and patience and perhaps we can hang on as a team 1 more year to play summer's favorite game!!

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:

- **Trish Millson**, 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 favorites' at <http://www.remba.ca>. Plan now to visit this informative website for the latest on REMBA activities!



A Classic, Abbott & Costello's Who's on First

Abbott: Well Costello, I'm going to New York with you. You know Bucky Harris, the Yankee's manager, gave me a job as coach for as long as you're on the team.

Costello: Look Abbott, if you're the coach, you must know all the players.

Abbott: I certainly do.

Costello: Well you know I've never met the guys. So you'll have to tell me their names, and then I'll know who's playing on the team.

Abbott: Oh, I'll tell you their names, but you know it seems to me they give these ball players now-a-days very peculiar names.

Costello: You mean funny names?

Abbott: Strange names, pet names...like Dizzy Dean...

Costello: His brother Daffy.

Abbott: Daffy Dean...

Costello: And their French cousin.

Abbott: French?

Costello: Goofè.

Abbott: Goofè Dean. Well, let's see, we have on the bags, Who's on first, What's on second, I Don't Know is on third...

Costello: That's what I want to find out.

Abbott: I say Who's on first, What's on second, I Don't Know's on third.

Costello: Are you the manager?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: You gonna be the coach too?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: And you don't know the fellows' names?

Abbott: Well I should.

Costello: Well then who's on first?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: I mean the fellow's name.

Abbott: Who.

Costello: The guy on first.

Abbott: Who.

Costello: The first baseman.

Abbott: Who.

Costello: The guy playing...

Abbott: Who is on first!

Costello: I'm asking YOU who's on first.

Abbott: That's the man's name.

Costello: That's who's name?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: Well go ahead and tell me.

Abbott: That's it.

Costello: That's who?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: Look, you gotta first baseman?

Abbott: Certainly.

Costello: Who's playing first?

Abbott: That's right.

Costello: When you pay off the first baseman every month, who gets the money?

Abbott: Every dollar of it.

Costello: All I'm trying to find out is the fellow's name on first base.

Abbott: Who.

Costello: The guy that gets...

Abbott: That's it.

Costello: Who gets the money...

Abbott: He does, every dollar. Sometimes his wife comes down and collects it.

Costello: Whose wife?

Abbott: Yes.

Abbott: What's wrong with that?

Costello: Look, all I wanna know is when you sign up the first baseman, how does he sign his name?

Abbott: Who.

Costello: The guy.

Abbott: Who.

Costello: How does he sign...

Abbott: That's how he signs it.

Costello: Who?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: All I'm trying to find out is what's the guy's name on first base.

Abbott: No. What is on second base.

Costello: I'm not asking you who's on second.

Abbott: Who's on first.

Costello: One base at a time!

Abbott: Well, don't change the players around.

Costello: I'm not changing nobody!

Abbott: Take it easy, buddy.

Costello: I'm only asking you, who's the guy on first base?

Abbott: That's right.

Costello: Ok.

Abbott: All right.

Costello: What's the guy's name on first base?

Abbott: No. What is on second.

Costello: I'm not asking you who's on second.

Abbott: Who's on first.

Costello: I don't know.

Abbott: He's on third, we're not talking about him.

Costello: Now how did I get on third base?

Abbott: Why you mentioned his name.

Costello: If I mentioned the third baseman's name, who did I say is playing third?

Abbott: No. Who's playing first.

Costello: What's on first?

Abbott: What's on second.

Costello: I don't know.

Abbott: He's on third.

Costello: There I go, back on third again!

Costello: Would you just stay on third base and don't go off it.

Abbott: All right, what do you want to know?

Costello: Now who's playing third base?

Abbott: Why do you insist on putting Who on third base?

Costello: What am I putting on third.

Abbott: No. What is on second.

Costello: You don't want who on second?

Abbott: Who is on first.

Costello: I don't know.

Abbott & Costello Together:

Third base!

Costello: Look, you gotta outfield?

Abbott: Sure.

Costello: The left fielder's name?

Abbott: Why.

Costello: I just thought I'd ask you.

Abbott: Well, I just thought I'd tell ya.

Costello: Then tell me who's playing left field.

Abbott: Who's playing first.

Costello: I'm not... stay out of the infield! I want to know what's the guy's name in left field?

Abbott: No, What is on second.

Costello: I'm not asking you who's on second.

Abbott: Who's on first!

Costello: I don't know.

Abbott & Costello Together:
Third base!

Costello: The left fielder's name?

Abbott: Why.

Costello: Because!

Abbott: Oh, he's centerfield.

PAUSE

Costello: Look, You gotta pitcher on this team?

Abbott: Sure.

Costello: The pitcher's name?

Abbott: Tomorrow.

Costello: You don't want to tell me today?

Abbott: I'm telling you now.

Costello: Then go ahead.

Abbott: Tomorrow!

Costello: What time?

Abbott: What time what?

Costello: What time tomorrow are you gonna tell me who's pitching?

Abbott: Now listen. Who is not pitching.

Costello: I'll break your arm, you say who's on first! I want to know what's the pitcher's name?

Abbott: What's on second.

Costello: I don't know.

Abbott & Costello Together:
Third base!

Costello: Gotta a catcher?

Abbott: Certainly.

Costello: The catcher's name?

Abbott: Today.

Costello: Today, and tomorrow's pitching.

Abbott: Now you've got it.

Costello: All we got is a couple of days on the team.

Costello: You know I'm a catcher too.

Abbott: So they tell me.

Costello: I get behind the plate to do some fancy catching, Tomorrow's pitching on my team and a heavy hitter gets up. Now the heavy hitter bunts the ball. When he bunts the ball, me, being a good catcher, I'm gonna throw the guy out at first base. So I pick up the ball and throw it to who?

Abbott: Now that's the first thing you've said right.

Costello: I don't even know what I'm talking about!

Abbott: That's all you have to do.

Costello: Is to throw the ball to first base.

Abbott: Yes!

Costello: Now who's got it?

Abbott: Naturally.

Costello: Look, if I throw the ball to first base, somebody's gotta get it. Now who has it?

Abbott: Naturally.

Costello: Who?

Abbott: Naturally.

Costello: Naturally?

Abbott: Naturally.

Costello: So I pick up the ball and I throw it to Naturally.

Abbott: No you don't, you throw the ball to Who.

Costello: Naturally.

Abbott: That's different.

Costello: That's what I said.

Abbott: You're not saying it...

Costello: I throw the ball to Naturally.

Abbott: You throw it to Who.

Costello: Naturally.

Abbott: That's it.

Costello: That's what I said!

Abbott: You ask me.

Costello: I throw the ball to who?

Abbott: Naturally.

Costello: Now you ask me.

Abbott: You throw the ball to Who?

Costello: Naturally.

Abbott: That's it.

Costello: Same as you! Same as YOU! I throw the ball to who. Whoever it is drops the ball and the guy runs to second. Who picks up the ball and throws it to What. What throws it to I Don't Know. I Don't Know throws it back to Tomorrow, Triple play. Another guy gets up and hits a long fly ball to Because. Why? I don't know! He's on third and I don't give a darn!

Abbott: What?

Costello: I said I don't give a darn!

Remember To Be a Good Sport

During the course of a heated softball tournament, the coach felt the need to remind one of his players about the importance of team play and good sportsmanship.

The coach asked the player if he knew and remembered what good sportsmanship was.
The player replied, "Yes."

The coach then asked him if he knew he shouldn't yell at the umpire or throw things in anger.
The player again replied "Yes."

"Good," said the coach, "now could you please go tell your Mom."

Calling All Interested Parents!

REMBA Needs Your Help in 2009!

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 2009-2010. 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 19th.

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 2009. 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 currently carded or 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 2009.

Just Want To Help Out?

Want to help 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.