

Third Annual – *Going to Bat for Cancer Research*



Players from the White Rock Eagles and Burnaby Buzzards pose with special pink bats to be used in regular league games in the month of May during the LMBA's third annual *Going to Bat for Cancer Research* event.

For the third year in a row, the *Canadian Cancer Society*, *Ball Park Sports*, and the *Lower Mainland Baseball Association* will be combining forces to make the month of May special for our teams, players, families, and friends. Starting with the May 12/13 Mother's Day Weekend, teams will use the remaining weekends in the month to complete the fundraiser.

Merv Sandrel of *Ball Park Sports* will be donating 35 authentic pink colored wood bats to be used in our league games during May. We are looking forward to the participation of our 32 teams, players' families, and friends in this annual event. Players will be receiving donation forms during the first week of May and everyone may donate at the ball park or by going online using the following link – www.cancerevents.kintera.org/goingtobat2012

Tax receipts are issued immediately online and for ball park donations, donors will receive a tax receipt sent by the *Canadian Cancer Society*. During our first two years, the LMBA has raised over \$12 000 and we would encourage everyone to consider donating to a very worthy cause. The LMBA will contribute \$1 per base hit in all sixteen league games on the weekend of May 12 and 13. Be swinging those bats, guys!

Highlights will include using the pink bats and a some highlight coverage (courtesy of Delta Cable TV) at Dugald Morrison Park on Sunday, May 13 between the South Delta Padres and the Ridge Meadows Twins (5:00pm).



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RIDGE MEADOWS TWINS – SECOND ANNUAL VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to **Drew Drisbin** and the **Ridge Meadows Twins** for hosting their second annual **TCI (Twin Cities Invitational)** tournament over the Victoria Day Weekend. Ten teams will begin play on Thursday, May 17th with the final scheduled for Monday, May 21st at 3:15pm. The LMBA will be represented by the **Twins, Maple Ridge J's, Richmond A's, South Langley Reds, and Langley Knights**. The tournament also represents a great opportunity for various baseball organizations to connect as teams from **Prince George, Gibsons, and Howe Sound** (North Shore Men's Baseball) will enter as well as the **Ridge Meadows Royals** and the **Aldergrove Cubs** (BC Junior Mens). Games will be played at Larry Walker Stadium and Hammond Park and all teams will have a representative swinging for the fences during the "**Bash for Cash**" home run contest (Saturday, May 19th at Larry Walker – 6:30pm). Best of luck to all the teams and check out the Twins website for a complete schedule of games and tournament events – www.ballcharts.com/rmtwins2010

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Can-AM Masters Series

Two baseball legends will be featured when a Seattle area team visits the Lower Mainland for a three game exhibition series in June. **Gary Pennington** (LMBA Howe Sound Hounds) and **Dick Fitzgerald** (Seattle), long-time friends and team mates will become opponents as their teams will participate in this inaugural series. Gary and Dick are in their seventies and have been active in organized baseball since the 1950s. Gary played in the semi-pro Western Canada League in the mid-1950's while Dick pitched professionally with the Vancouver Mounties (1958, 1959) and several other teams in the Baltimore Orioles organization. For many years they have been team mates on teams playing in the Arizona World Series tournaments where they have garnered many championship rings. Gary continues to amaze playing with the Howe Sound Hounds in the LMBA's 30+ Division, while Dick can still bring it against opponents of any age. The series kicks off with a Friday, June 15th game at Robert Burnaby (6:30pm) against the Burnaby Pirates. The Howe Sound Hounds will be the opposition on Saturday, June 16th at Ambleside (2:00pm) and both teams will undoubtedly further the connection with a wrap-up at the Hound's sponsor, **Pemberton Station Pub**. Teams from the LMBA's 45+ Division will combine forces in the series finale on Sunday, June 17th at Latrace Park in Richmond (10:00am).



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Buzzeagles Head to Courtenay

The **Burnaby Buzzards** and **White Rock Eagles** from the LMBA's 45+ Division will be combining forces to enter the annual **Kuomox Senior Mens Baseball Tournament** held in June. The **Buzzeagles** (or is it **Beazzles**) will be playing teams from Courtenay/Comox and Vancouver Island from June 15 – June 17 when they hope to break a recent string of second place finishes. It goes without saying that they also hope to improve their performances in post-game activities such as karaoke, sumo costume wrestling, and bull riding. Howard Sandrel assures everyone that a full account of the weekend, including photos, will be posted on the Eagles website.



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RICHMOND ATHLETICS – CANADA DAY WEEKEND TOURNAMENT

The Richmond Athletics are organizing a Canada Day Weekend tournament. Currently they have four teams confirmed and they are looking to add four more. It is an open tournament with prize money for the top teams. The tournament is supported by the City of Richmond, Richmond City Baseball, and the LMBA. The A's are working to include a beer garden and some local sponsorship. Contact information: Ryan Klenman (604) 312- 6925 ryanklenman@shaw.ca or Craig Di Rocco (778) 228-4535

RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL AWARDS

Several LMBA members and one LMBA team were recognized at the 2012 *Richmond Sports Council Awards* on May 3rd at their annual dinner and awards banquet. Congratulations to **George Smith** (LMBA Director) for being recognized as the **Official of the Year**. This was a well-deserved award acknowledging many years of service to Richmond baseball. **George Popov** (Richmond Monarchs) received the Senior Athlete of the Year for his participation in baseball and athletics. LMBA co-founder and Monarch's first baseman, **Warren Karsgaard** was recognized with a special award for his long-time service to Richmond Minor Baseball – coaching, Executive service, and field maintenance. Well done, big guy! The **Richmond Monarchs** (2011 LMBA 45+ Champions) were runners up in the **Team of the Year** category so I guess a three-peat will see them topping this category next year.



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CALENDAR

MAY 11 – MAY 27 THIRD ANNUAL PINK BATS FOR CANCER RESEARCH FUNDRAISER

MAY 11, 12, 13 – BUCK-A-HIT WEEKEND

MAY 18 – MAY 21 – SECOND ANNUAL RIDGE MEADOWS TWINS OPEN TOURNAMENT

JUNE 15, 16, 17 – LMBA HOSTING SEATTLE OLDTIMERS 50+ TEAM

JUNE 29 – JULY 2 – FIRST ANNUAL RICHMOND ATHLETICS OPEN TOURNAMENT



Thanks to Steve Erickson, Sportswave, and Delta Cable TV for their coverage of our Third Annual Going to Bat event.