



# OWLL News

## WHO WE ARE:

Ottawa West Little League (OWLL), is a community-based, volunteer-driven, non-profit organization dedicated to providing both House and Competitive level baseball for boys and girls (aged 4 to 19), as well as coaching, umpiring, and other volunteer opportunities for community members of all ages. We focus on developing in our players the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being through the game of baseball.

OWLL is part of the Little League program governed by Little League International. Little League Canada is one of its regions. OWLL plays in Ontario District 2, with teams from Kanata and East Nepean.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- OCTOBER 1: LAST DAY OF FALL BALL
- OCTOBER 20: VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS DUE
- OCTOBER 22: APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT COACHING POSITIONS DUE
- OCTOBER 26: OWLL AGM AT DULUDE ARENA, MEL BAKER HALL @ 7:00PM
- NOVEMBER 1 (APPROX): REGISTRATION FOR WINTER BALL OPENS

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## Winding down outdoor baseball season

Hello, and welcome to the September issue of OWLL News. This week marks the end of our outdoor baseball season for most of our players. There may be a few exhibition games left or some pickup to play but the weather is starting to turn, so we look to put away most of our equipment until spring. Players will take a break from training as well, some coming back in the spring, and others in January when our indoor training program starts. You'll find information on winter ball registration in this issue.

This summer was a fantastic summer for baseball in Ottawa West. Not only did our interlock teams play lots of meaningful ball into late August, we saw three of our district teams compete at provincial tournaments. The intermediate team had a great tournament here in Ottawa but fell in the semi-final to a strong team from Orleans. The minor team went to Timmins and lost in the final to a great team from High Park. The Major team won the provincial title in a thrilling two game series against Glebe. They went on to compete at Nationals in Regina in mid-August. There they played a great tournament but narrowly missed out on the playoffs.

We had a record number of players playing summer and fall ball. While the weather presented some challenges in August, we can't really complain about what we've had in September. It's fabulous to see all the kids out working on their skills and, in many cases, playing exhibition games against other OWLL teams and teams from around Ontario. We hope our OWLL families enjoy their time away from the diamond, look forward to seeing the players in January or the spring.



## Call for district coach applications

Ottawa West Little League is looking for Head and Assistant Coaches for the 2024 All Star Season (District Play). We are reaching out to members to advise of All Star coaching opportunities for the 2024 season. We will be looking for coaches for the following levels:

- Minor (ages 9 & 10)
- Major (ages 11 & 12)
- Intermediate (age 13)
- Junior (ages 13 & 14)
- Senior (ages 15 & 16)

The successful candidates will demonstrate an understanding of the Little League program and philosophies (or similar youth baseball program). Coaching candidates must meet the following criteria to be considered:

- Baseball knowledge through experience in coaching, officiating and/or convening;
- Knowledge of skill requirements and capabilities of youth players for the level of play;
- Run the winter prospects; followed by spring prospects program (applies to head coach applications);
- Assist with winter prospects; followed by the spring prospects (applies to assistant coach applications);
- Strong people skills and effective communication skills;
- Willingness to run team-building activities prior to the beginning of the spring season (applies to head coach applications); and
- Personal investment in the growth of the league (as a whole) is considered an asset.

For head coach positions, preference will be given to non-parent coaches provided they are able to meet the time commitment required of this position.

Please email interest to [Mike McLean](mailto:mike@owll.com) by end of day October 22nd, 2023.

## Stanley Cup comes to Frank Ryan Park for OWLL

Ottawa West Little League would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to Mike Muir, Athletic Therapist for the Vegas Golden Nights, for sharing his day with the Stanley Cup with OWLL!! Mike is a Frank Ryan Little League alumnus who wanted to use his day with the cup to fundraise for OWLL's programs. He graciously offered to host a community celebration, where folks could meet Mike, see the Stanley Cup in person, and get their photo taken with it for a cash donation. It was great to see so many come from near and far to participate.



Mike grew up in the community and played four seasons of ball for FRL as a minor and major player. By hosting this fundraiser, he hopes to provide equipment for the league and support our baseball programs. Thanks to his generosity, and that of those who came to have their picture taken with the Cup, just over \$4400 was raised to support OWLL's programs!

Here are a few shots from this amazing event.





## SAVE THE DATE – AGM

OWLL's Annual general meeting will be held on October 26th, 7:00pm, Mel Baker Hall at Dulude arena. All are welcome to join us, to look back at this year's seasons, and see what is coming in 2024. We are also accepting nominations for the following volunteer positions on the Board:

- President
- VP Admin
- Summer Program Coordinator
- Assistant Uniform Manager
- Fields Maintenance Advocate
  
- Fields Bunker Coordinator

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- PRESIDENT
- VP ADMIN
- SUMMER PROGRAM COORDINATOR
- ASSISTANT UNIFORM MANAGER
- FIELDS MAINTENANCE ADVOCATE
- FIELDS BUNKER COORDINATOR

OWLL IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE LISTED VOLUNTEER ROLES AT OUR AGM THIS YEAR - PLEASE CONTACT OUR PRESIDENT FOR MORE INFO: PRESIDENT@OWLL.CA

## WINTERBALL

Registration will open November 1, 2023. Winterball is a skills training program that runs January to March. The purpose of this program is to give players the opportunity to work on their baseball skills over the winter months from January to March at SRB High School, the Sensplex or ISDP in Aylmer.

Our winterball program is run by volunteer coaches (with guidance from experienced winterball coaches!) If you are interested in helping, please contact [Mike McLean](#). Providing we have sufficient volunteers, we plan to divide the programs into different age groups as follows:

- Girls Training ages 7-14 (Rookie-Junior)
- Co-ed rookie training, ages 7-8
- Co-ed minor-major training, ages 9-12
- Co-ed junior-senior training, ages 13-16

*Due to limited space, priority is given to players in OWLL boundary.*

## Volunteer Appreciation

The summer of 2023 was a very busy one for OWLL, with hosting interlock tournaments for co-ed rookies and junior girls, districts for senior and minor, and provincials for intermediate and major, spring ball playoffs, the summer season, prep for fall ball, our summer banquet, AND hosting the Stanley Cup at Frank Ryan park!! We have said it before and will continue to say it - the summer would not have been as successful as it was without those who helped with all these events and the day-to-day running of our league. These pictures show a small sampling of many hours put in by our grounds crew, the setup and tear down folks, the scorekeepers and announcers, the canteen and merch sellers, the scoreboard changers, the umpires, and the many, many folks who just said, "what can I do?"



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - Volunteer(s) of the Year

OWLL wants your help to honour one of our great volunteers and is accepting nominations for our volunteer of the year award. This award is given to the Ottawa West volunteer(s) in recognition of their contribution to our baseball programs, and efforts to improve the league overall. Those nominated will have shown dedication and a willingness to help out wherever needed for the betterment of the league.

If you know of someone who made a difference for your player or a significant contribution to the league, please submit their name and a brief description of why you are nominating them to [Sarah Futterer](#) by October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



## SPONSOR SHOT OUT!!

OWLL would like to extend a GIANT thank you to the following sponsors of our spring season. You are an integral part of providing little league in Ottawa West, and your sponsorship of OWLL is a fantastic way support to your community and the development of our players. Thank you for your support of our players and our league!



For sponsoring our t-ball teams



For sponsoring our rookie teams



For facilities support



For donating a portion of sales back to OWLL when they attend our events



## Summer awards banquet recipients

In late August we held our annual summer banquet at Pinecrest. This event marks the end of the summer ball season and gives an opportunity to celebrate individuals who have been recognized for significant contributions to their summer teams or to the league. This year's award recipients are:

Roy Belanger Most Dedicated Player		Golden Glove	
Rookie A1	Alex Krenosky	Rookie A1	Emerson Leacock
Rookie A2	Kaylee Molot	Rookie A2	Carter John (CJ) Carran
Rookie B1	Brayden Bulmer	Rookie B1	Ben LeBreton
Rookie B2	Beatrix Schoorl	Rookie B2	Kian Hunter
Minor All-Star	Carson Stewart	Minor All-Star	Zayn Alsousi
Minor A	Easton Scollie	Minor A	Lincoln Foster
Minor B1	Gabby Simard	Minor B1	Jamie Nolan
Minor B2	Bryson Hass	Minor B2	Max Kennedy
Major All-Star	Jonny Cuhaci	Major All-Star	Vincent Leger
Major A	Massimo Sicoli	Major A	Kai Boyanchuk
Major B1	Brogan Lawlor	Major B1	Ethan Bomhower
Major B2	Violet Healey	Major B2	Jordan Perrin-Gordon
Junior A1	Nolan Oraziatti	Junior A1	Presley Kelly-Wright
Junior A2	Seamus Murphy	Junior A2	Chase Brooks
Junior B	Connor Smith-Holt	Junior B	Matthew Montero
Senior	Adam Bergman	Senior	Thomas Santor
GOBL	Nicholas Asistores	GOBL	Kerry McCabe
Super Slugger		Mike Kusiewicz Top Pitcher Award	
Rookie A1	Morgan Dunmore	Minor All-Star	Nick Florakas
Rookie A2	Luke Hedderson	Minor A	Nico Penna
Rookie B1	Ewan Cronin	Minor B1	Julian Muysson
Rookie B2	Levi Healey	Minor B2	Ethan Li
Minor All-Star	Jack Ferguson	Major All-Star	Brady Grubb
Minor A	Stuart Dalley	Major A	Jaden Molot
Minor B1	Ethan Bell	Major B1	Sacha Lemieux
Minor B2	Alex Richardson	Major B2	Noah Stotts-Potelle
Major All-Star	Owen Cameron	Junior A1	Noah Poirier
Major A	Ethan Bergman	Junior A2	Jack Smaglinski
Major B1	Khang Huynh	Junior B	Gavin Hopkins
Major B2	Emma Richardson	Senior	Thomas Furlong
Junior A1	Wesley Beauchamp	GOBL	Stanley Resmer
Junior A2	Sam Kennedy		
Junior B	Liam O'Connor		
Senior	Mark Bowlby		
GOBL	Mattias Zeni		
President's Award			
Rookie A1	Tyler Varga		
Rookie A2	Omar Alsousi		
Rookie B1	Jacob Kent		
Rookie B2	James Kaldasaun		
Minor All-Star	Nick Florakas		
Minor A	Thomas Cox		
Minor B1	Rory Rossiter		
Minor B2	Benjamin Sum		
Major All-Star	Owen Cameron		
Major A	Nam Kuske		
Major B1	Angus MacInnis		
Major B2	Jacob Jenkins		
Junior A1	Sofia Milks		
Junior A2	Elliot Titus		
Junior B	Jacob Schroder		
Senior	Aaron Roy		
GOBL	Corey Tom		





## CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS!!

Do you love to see pictures of OWLL's teams in action?



Do you ever wonder how you can get your player's team featured by OWLL?



Do you have thousands of pictures that you have taken at baseball games this year and don't know what to do with them??



OWLL's social media team wants your pictures! We try really hard to feature as many divisions and teams as we can on social media, but we aren't able to catch every game. So we would like your help!

If you have pictures to share, please email to [owllsocialmedia@gmail.com](mailto:owllsocialmedia@gmail.com), and include the division/team(s), date taken and any other info you would like to share! Thank you!

## Chris Becker - Marthe Dubroy volunteer of the year award recipient

OWLL is thrilled to have one of our volunteers recognized for his commitment to little league and Ottawa West - as a 2023 recipient of the Marthe Dubroy district volunteer of the year award. Chris Becker, OWLL's Facilities Advocate/City Liaison has been instrumental to the redevelopment of pinecrest diamonds in conjunction with city and is the connecting voice for baseball organizations in Ottawa under newly formed Ottawa Baseball Infrastructure Improvement Group. He was nominated for D2 this year and was one of several recipients from across the country. We are so grateful for all of Chris' hard work for OWLL and baseball in Ottawa.

### *About Marthe Dubroy*

In 2014, Little League Baseball Canada announced a country-wide grass-roots volunteer award in memory of Marthe Dubroy who passed away in January 2014. The Marthe Dubroy District Volunteer of the Year Award is designed to provide local leagues and districts the opportunity to honour a deserving individual with this prestigious distinction which recognizes the selfless efforts of the thousands of volunteers at the grass-roots level of Little League Baseball in Canada.

Marthe was the Canadian Coordinator of Little League Baseball Canada for over 20 years and was well known across the country as she worked tirelessly to provide the best service possible to all the volunteers in our program. Marthe understood the sacrifices that are made every day by our volunteers and she dedicated her life to helping everyone contribute and advance the development of children participating in Little League Baseball, Softball, and Challenger.

