

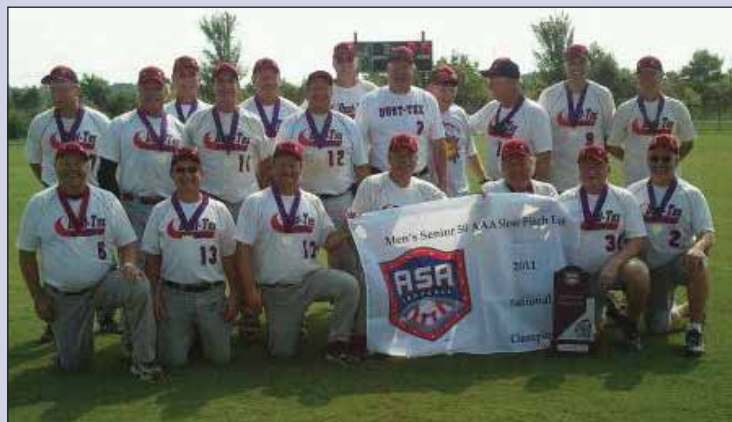


# Softball News

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Front row: Mike Nider, John Finck, Steve Harrington, Dennis Wolff, Bumper Baumgartner, Norlyn Schmidt, Wayne Becker. Back row: Al Bahm, Gordy Smith, Kelly Krahler, Tim Michelson, Don Magstadt, Jim Becker, Ron Geffre, Jack Jones, Uncle Jerry from Cancun, Huggy Hendrickson, Jim Keller, Tim Krahler.

## Dust Tex does it again! *Two national titles in a row*

Dust Tex of Mandan has won the Senior 50 and Over AAS National tournament in Burlington, North Carolina for the second straight year and the third time in the past four years.

Team entries were down due primarily to the hurricane which hit the East coast the week before the tournament, however of the five teams entered four had won ASA National Championships in recent years so competition was fierce.

In pool play to start the tournament, Dust Tex won their only two games, beating the Old Stars from Lake City, Indiana 27 to 14 and Gekle Builders of Lansing, Michigan 17 to 4. The pool wins put Dust Tex into the trophy round as the top seeded team and

earned them a first round bye. In their first trophy game, they beat the Carolina A's from Concord, North Carolina 15 to 3. This was the same team Dust Tex beat in the championship game in 2010. In the undefeated game, Dust Tex had their hands full with Gekle Builders finally prevailing 19 to 18 then beat them again the final by the ten run rule 14 to 4 to bring home the championship.

Dust Tex was well represented on the All American team selected by tournament officials with six players earning the honor. Besides batting champion Jimmy Keller and Most Valuable Player Steve Harrington other Dust Tex players named were Gordy Smith; Ron Geffre; Tim Michelson and Al Bahm.



Front row, left to right, Sydney Greenlund, Jolene Woodbury, Ashley Sather, Jordyn Johnson, Brittany Rheault, Brook Rheault and Kacie Johnson. Back row, left to right, Coach Tim Rheault, Coach Terry Greenlund, Katie Savage, Katie Woodbury, Monique Hall-Ramirez, Michaela Liebl, Lexi Lennon, Coach Mark Woodbury and Coach Pat Johnson.

## West Fargo fast pitch girls do well in nationals

Most softball fans in North Dakota are aware that the West Fargo girls teams have done well over the past several seasons both in high school club competition and since the High School Activities Association has officially sanctioned the sport. The West Fargo team won every state title before the sport was sanctioned and those which have been held since sanctioning but they have now turned their talents to the National softball scene by competing in the Northern Territory Class B National 18 and Under in Rochester, Minnesota.

West Fargo's team is named "The Impact" and they certainly did have an impact on the tournament in Rochester winning two games in Pool Play and five in trophy play to claim runner-up honors. The Impact opened pool play with wins over Norwood Young America, Minnesota and the Hotrodders of Wisconsin before winning their first two games in trophy play over St. Cloud, Minnesota Rox and Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. In their third game, they were shut out by the eventual champions from Missouri 5 to 0 but the Impact came back to capture

three more wins before bowing in the final to that same Missouri team. West Fargo beat the Minnesota Explosion 11 to 1 before beating Sleepy Eye again and Bi County, Illinois in close contests.

Pitcher Britney Rheault won all five games for the Impact while several hitters had successful tournaments with Brook Rheault hitting .344 for the event, Katie Woodbury hitting .363; Ashley Sather hitting .384, Jolene Woodbury batting .409; Lexi Lennon hitting .464 and Sydney Greenlund batting an even .500.

## Sperle Masonry wins second in Men's Class C Northern National

A team from Rochester, Minnesota won the Men's Class C Northern National slow pitch tournament while Sperle Masonry of Fargo finished as runner-up after forcing an "if necessary" game. Sperle was the best of the ten North Dakota teams in the Labor Day event.

Best Business Systems/Excel Homes/Johnny Ringo's from Rochester won four games in a row before losing the Sperle Masonry in the first championship game but the Minnesotans came back strong to defeat Sperle 21 to 10 and claim the title.

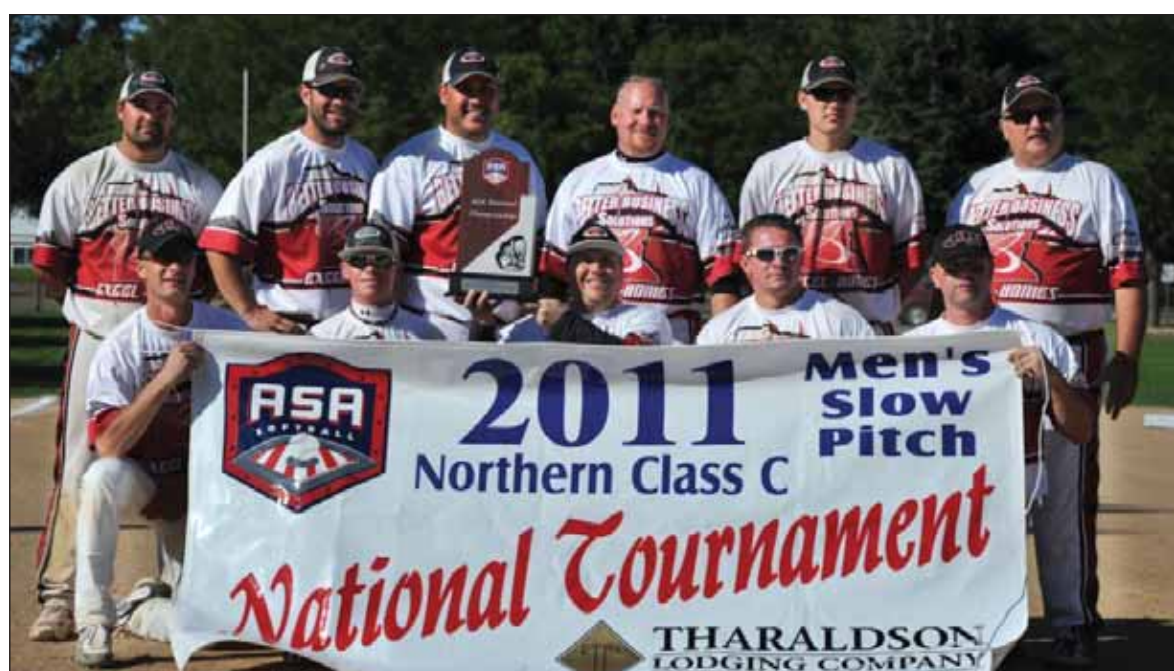
Sperle began the tournament with a bye before winning four in a row before a loss to eventual champs BBS of Rochester. Sperle bounced back to win over BBS 14

to 12 but lost the final game and ended in second place.

Ten Minnesota teams competed along with three from Wisconsin, two from South Dakota and two from Iowa.

Three Sperle players were named to the First Team All Tournament team at the conclusion of the tournament. They were infielders Michael Kirby and Chad Wiedenmeyer and outfielder Ryan Rustad who also tied for the home run championship of the tourney.

Four Sperle members made the Second Team All Tournament squad including: Infielder Chris Dahl; outfielders Mitch Goering and Ryan Weigel and utility player Eric Halverson.



Best Business Systems/Excel Homes/Johnny Ringo's from Rochester won four games in a row before losing to Sperle Masonry in the first championship game but the Minnesotans came back strong to defeat Sperle 21 to 10 and claim the title. (Photo by Lifes-Images, Jon Jablonski, Mandan)

North Dakota State Tournament  
winners pictured on pages 7-10 and 15



# President's Report

As we close out another softball season, I would like to thank all the people who make our program a success. We are very fortunate to have so many people willing to serve in such important roles as league reps, tournament coordinators, state and local board members, umpires, maintenance people and the endless volunteers in many different capacities. Thanks also to the Cities and Park & Recreation Departments who are our partners in providing a quality softball experience for all. Thank you all for your time and commitment to this great game of softball in North Dakota.

I would also like to thank the sponsors who make it possible for people to play the game of softball in North Dakota. Please patronize these great friends of softball whenever possible.

A special thank you to Gary & Connie Tharaldson of Tharaldson Enterprises for sponsoring trophies and banners for 32 adult and 12

JO State Tournaments as well as an ASA National Tournament in North Dakota in 2011. As you all may know by the numbers in these events, this is a significant donation to the NDASA program. This donation allows us to keep our entry fees at an affordable level and maximize team participation. We extend our sincere appreciation to Gary & Connie for their continued commitment to softball in North Dakota. Be sure to thank them when you have a chance.

I had the pleasure of being the ASA Rep at the Men's C Northern National Slow Pitch Tournament in Bismarck over Labor Day weekend. Congratulations to Tim Kuntz, his staff, and the many volunteers who made this tournament a tremendous success. Congrats also to Fargo Speredale Masonry for their 2nd place finish at the Men's C in Bismarck. They had a great tournament and were a pleasure to watch. Great job guys. A special thanks also to the

Bismarck/Mandan Convention and Visitors Bureau for their assistance and commitment to bringing ASA National Tournaments to Bismarck/Mandan and North Dakota. We could not host these events without their help.

I would encourage all leagues in North Dakota to transition to the 52/300 ball for slow pitch in 2012. The ASA Equipment Committee has done extensive testing on this ball and have realized very positive results. The 52/300 ball is less affected by extreme temperature conditions, as well as reduced impact force on the body from a batted or thrown ball. I just attended the ASA Championship Series in Oklahoma City and the 52/300 ball was used exclusively in the Championship Series as well as the ASA National Tournament. I asked for reactions from many of the teams there and received very positive results. Congrats to Gerald "Shorty" Payne from Emerado,

N.D. for being chosen for the ASA Championship Series Umpire Staff. I had a chance to talk to Shorty and observe him on the field. Great job Shorty, you make us all proud. I also had the opportunity to visit with several members of the USA Slow Pitch National Team while at the Championship Series. It is our hope and their's, that they return to the McQuade in 2012. Even though the tournament was reduced in numbers, the USA National Team had a great experience at the tournament and would like to come back. We hope they come back as well.

In early November I will be traveling to Myrtle Beach for the 2011 ASA National Council meeting. Also attending from North Dakota will be Commissioner Jim Hanley, Walt Stack, Mike Wolf, Mike Peterson and Jack Jones. We will be discussing many issues regarding rules and legislation for all aspects of the game as ASA is the National Governing Body of Softball in the



Dick Gulmon

United States. Tim Kuntz and his staff from Bismarck will also be in Myrtle Beach bidding on National Tournaments this year and we wish them much success.

Have a safe and great holiday season with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Sincerely,  
Dick Gulmon  
NDASA President

## From Behind the Catcher

It's been an interesting season for softball in North Dakota with flood waters disrupting play in the annual McQuade Charity Tournament and state tournaments being moved from Minot to Bismarck and Mandan. The flooding in Bismarck/Mandan and Minot caused thousands of people in those areas to either abandon their homes or fortify them against the raging waters.

I am sure that many softball players were affected and I hope that maybe softball provided some pleasant diversion for them. We did complete the state tournaments which were scheduled and as far as I know, all went pretty well. Here's hoping that by next season we're back into what we would call a normal softball mode.

Bismarck hosted a successful Men's Class C Slow Pitch Northern National tournament over the Labor Day weekend. Twenty seven teams answered the call to enter this event with a team from Rochester, Minnesota winning the title but not until Fargo's Sperle Masonry/M&M Drywall forced a second championship game to finish second.

Mandan's Dust Tex won it's second consecutive national title in the Seniors 50 and Over tournament in Burlington, North Carolina over a small field but one which was loaded with four teams which had won a national title within the past few years. By the way, not just two

in a row but three out of the last four years for Dust Tex.

West Fargo's Fast pitch girls known as the impact made a significant impact of their own in the National Class B 18 and Under tournament held in Rochester by posting 7 wins before being eliminated as the runner up.

Quite an accomplishment for what can only be called a fledgling fast pitch program for girls in the state. We can continue to look for progress in this great sport as more and more girls play for competition and eventually for college scholarships.

The Lidgerwood Express girls also journeyed to the Girl's 18 and Under Slow pitch National in Wiertown, South Dakota and returned with a third place trophy. Girl's slow pitch appears to be holding it's own against the spread of girl's fast pitch.

Several North Dakota umpires also had the opportunity to work in Nationals around the country and their names and the tournaments they worked are featured in another story in this issue.

Mandan will host the Men's 35 and Over National tournament next year on the weekend after Labor Day. This will be a follow-up to their successful first national experience as they hosted the Men's 40 and Over in 2009. This is a highly competitive division of men's slow

pitch so mark your calendars in advance to watch some of this great tournament in Mandan's outstanding softball complex.

Bismarck will send a delegation to the National Council Meeting in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina the first week in November seeking to obtain another national for the Capitol City. Bismarck has hosted ten national events beginning back in 1989 and every one of those tournaments earned the award of excellence from the National office of ASA.

Finally, I am headed for the National Council Meeting to help the Bismarck group in their quest for a national tournament but also I want to be there when Gary Tharaldson is inducted into the National ASA Hall of Fame as a sponsor. Anyone familiar with North Dakota softball knows how much he and his wife Connie have contributed to softball in the state and how richly deserved his national induction will be. Congratulations again, Gary and many thanks from your friends in softball. See you around the diamonds.



Walt Stack

## J.O. Fastpitch Update

Greetings from the Junior Olympic (JO) Fastpitch. After the weather finally warmed up, we had a great Fastpitch season. Our season culminated with state being held in Bismarck. I would like to thank Brian Neuhardt and the Bismarck club for being great hosts. We had 27 teams in 4 divisions with Dickinson Diamonds winning 10U and 12U.

Bismarck winning 14U and West Fargo Impact winning 18U. This year for the first time all teams went on to their Northern Region Nationals. 10U was in Rochester, 12U Kansas City, 14U Illinois, 18U Rochester. All teams represented well. West Fargo Impact 18U played for the national championship. They lost in a close one. Great Job!

Statewide we are making progress at growing the sport with many

new teams starting up. Looking to next year I would ask all summer program directors to look into playing Fastpitch if you are not already. I would also suggest that if you are playing Fastpitch in your community, make it a goal or plan to send those teams to the state tournament.

The 2012 State tourney will be hosted by West Fargo. It is a good experience for our youth. It is those experiences they remember a long time. Whether you have a 10U or an 18U team, whether you are a first year team or a 4th year team, everybody is encouraged to participate. We all need to support the state tourney in order for our sport to continue to grow. Get your program started today. Everyday you wait is a day you get behind!

I hope you all develop a passion for this game and introduce our youth to this GREAT sport!



Bill Butterfield

Please do not hesitate to call, email, or text with questions for assistance.

Yours in Fastpitch,  
Bill Butterfield, NDASA JO  
Fastpitch Commissioner

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# Commissioner's Column

When October rolls around in North Dakota it brings an end to NDASA softball, which by the way was very successful.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the players and managers who have participated in making this a wonderful year. Very special thanks must go to all the individuals and businesses that sponsored softball teams and programs in North Dakota. Without their sponsorship, many programs would not have existed.

All teams that have participated in NDASA softball are also registered with our national organization, the Amateur Association of America (ASA). Our registration totals for this year were very close to what we registered in 2010. This

is despite such a gloomy economic outlook throughout the United States. This shows the positive outlook in North Dakota and the desire to play the recreation sport of NDASA softball. Our registration breakdown is: Adults—1552 teams; JO Youth—428 teams and JO Individual registrations around 940, resulting in about 94 more teams (10 individual registrations count as one team). This resulted in North Dakota registrations to be approximately 2,072 teams. Thank you to all who registered through NDASA.

I am pleased with the growth of JO GFP. We have increased our registrations by over 200 from last year. This is a compliment to Bill Butterfield, JO FP commissioner,

Brian Neuhardt, Assistant JO FP Commissioner, Mile Wolf, UIC and Mr. Pat Johnson of West Fargo. Our summer program numbers have increased due to the High School Association sponsoring JO GFP. This is a very exciting program and I look for to it increase each year.

We sponsored many invitational and state tournaments this past year. Few problems were encountered. Teams seemed to support most of these tournaments. Hopefully, increased participation will result in future tournaments as a result of the refining of our classification system.

Bismarck hosted a successful Northern National MSP Class C Tournament over the Labor Day weekend. Teams had nothing but

good things to say about the host organization and host city. Bismarck received the highest rating given by the ASA. Their score was 100. At our national conference Bismarck will be again bidding for a national tournament. One tournament they hope to receive is a JO GFP. If awarded this would be the first JO GFP national tournament to be held in North Dakota.

I wish to congratulate Mr. Gary Tharaldson who will be inducted into the ASA National Hall of Fame. Gary will be inducted at the National conference in November in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Special thanks goes to the staff for doing such a great job, during my illness, in helping promote NDASA/ASA softball. This cer-



Jim Hanley

tainly has made my task much easier.

Have a great fall and winter season. Hope to see your participation in NDASA/ASA softball in 2012.

## Ump Chat

Sometimes it seems like the softball season flies by, but for some reason, this summer seemed to drag on. A lot of that had to do with all of the external issues going on around Bismarck and Mandan and throughout the state. Most of the summer was focused on preparing for potential flooding, then people battling flood issues, and then people trying to recover from flooding issues.

A lot of families were negatively affected by flood waters and after a summer like this one, we hope and pray no one has to ever go through what a lot of people had to. It seemed most leagues throughout the state were able to get all their games in which meant some double-header nights and extended seasons and we were able to get in all of the state tournaments even though we had to move some state tournaments to other cities.

The big state weekend of the summer for us in Bismarck and Mandan was when we had to host the 50 & Over, Men's Division 1-3, Men's Rec 3 and Women's Rec 3. I wasn't sure how we were going to pull all of those tournaments off umpire wise since we needed about

55 umpires to get the job done and there were other state tournaments going on in other cities. Hats off to all those umpires and umpire associations around the state that didn't have tournaments going on in their own cities for stepping up and sending several umpires.

Grand Forks, Wahpeton, and West Fargo really did a great job sending umpires to help out! It is a big commitment to umpire a state tournament weekend whether you are a local umpire and especially when you travel 200-250 miles to take the time to help out. So, to all our local umpires and those who traveled to Bismarck/Mandan that weekend, THANK YOU!

I would like to personally extend my thanks and gratitude to the great job all of my DUIC's do throughout the year. I have assembled a great crew of DUIC'S and they do a great job of handling situations in their area of the state throughout the season. Thanks to Tom Harty, Jamestown—Rock Healey, Grand Forks—Terry O'Clair, Bismarck—Lyle Rader, Wahpeton, Naomi Erdahl, Bismarck—Ron Smith, Minot—Elliott Gerhardt, Bismarck—Randy Olson, West Fargo—Mike

Nider, Bismarck—Mike Lein, Fargo—Al Ziemann, Bismarck, and Don Daniel, Williston. Thanks everyone!!

We recently finished hosting another successful national tournament in North Dakota. Bismarck hosted the Men's C Northern National Tournament. Terry O'Clair and Elliott Gerhardt served as the umpire coordinators and as usual did an outstanding job going above and beyond to take care of the umpires.

Thanks as well to Tim Kilber and Larry Erickson for all their help during the weekend as well! Paul Kraimer served as the Assistant Umpire-In-Chief, I served as the Umpire-In-Chief, and Dick Gulmon served as the ASA Representative.

Bismarck Parks and Recreation did a great job organizing the tournament and everything went great. Men's C is a very competitive division and we received several positive comments on the umpires.

In order to effectively evaluate the abilities of fifteen umpires at a national tournament, I once again enlisted the services of some experienced and well-respected umpires

to assist me in this process. In addition to Paul and myself evaluating umpires, I chose Al Ziemman one of my Deputy UIC's and Tim Watt's and Tommy Bourcki from Lincoln, NE to assist me in the evaluation process. Their experience as ELITE Umpires and expertise lends a lot of credibility to the process of evaluating the umpires throughout the tournament.

Tim, Tommy, and Al donated all of their time and traveled at their own expense and worked the entire weekend evaluating umpires, documenting their observations, and then met with the umpires to offer suggestions on ways to improve their umpiring skills and to reinforce things they were doing well. The umpires respected their observations and were very appreciative of the evaluation process we developed. When it came time to determine who would be working the final day, the evaluations proved to be invaluable!

Bismarck received a 100% rating from the ASA national office on how the tournament was conducted and will be receiving the James Ferrell Award of Excellence for hosting one of the most successful ASA Championships in the country! Up next, Mandan will be hosting the Men's 35 and Over Masters National Tournament next summer and we are looking for great things from that tournament! Bismarck will be bidding on trying to bring another national championship tournament to Bismarck in 2013. We will be focusing on trying to bring a girls fastpitch event to North Dakota.

In early November, I will be traveling to Myrtle Beach, SC for the ASA National Council Meeting. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of old friends and a person always meets new friends as well. I will be attending as a voting member and look forward to all the issues that will be discussed. Hopefully, we will also be able to secure a national tournament for Bismarck in 2013.

Even though the McQuade Charity Tournament was held this summer, it was not the same since we had to cut back on the number of teams because of potential flood related issues. It was THE hardest decision we have had to make in regards to the tournament to cut back on teams.

Instead of having a record 478 teams, we had to cut back to 248 teams. To make things worse, Sunday of the tournament was rained out for only the second time in 32 years! Needless to say, we were glad once it was over just to get it done with and out of our minds so that we can now focus on 2012 and the largest ever McQuade Tournament! We look forward to hosting a



Mike Wolf

full slate of teams next year and get things back to normal. Even with the reduction in teams, we were still able to donate over \$35,000 to local charities and organizations.

One highlight of the McQuade Tournament was having Team USA play two exhibition games Friday night to kick off the weekend. The weather was great and we had a great crowd to watch Team USA. The McQuade Board, with special thanks going to Jack Jones who virtually did all of the fundraising raised \$13,000 to bring team USA to the McQuade. The money raised was separate money and not money taken from the fund that goes to our charities.

Special thanks to Craig Cress and Chris Sebren from the National ASA office and Team USA Coach Steve Shortland for all of the help and guidance they provided in helping bring Team USA to the McQuade. They seemed to extremely enjoy the McQuade experience even though the tournament was scaled back this year. Rumor has it, Team USA wants to come back to the McQuade to experience the full blown effect of a 478 team tournament.

Here is my usual appeal to find more umpires. The number of umpires around the state has been declining in recent years. Some of it has to do with the great economy of ND. However, in order for our great game to continue, we need to recruit new umpires.

Do what you can to recruit a new umpire from your area of the state. All we need to do is ask someone—they can't say no if we don't ask them!

I encourage you to continue to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns you may have. For me the softball season never ends, so don't hesitate to drop me an email at wolfdm8993@yahoo.com or give me a call at 701-400-2100. I enjoy all the emails and calls I get and I am always available to help in any way I can.

Here's looking to a more normal 2012!

THANKS FOR PLAYING ASA AND BEING AN ASA UMPIRE!



Action from the Men's Class C Northern National tournament held in Bismarck over Labor Day. (Photo by Lifes-Images, Jon Jablonski, Mandan)



# Lyle Hokanson dies in Fargo

*Voice of the Bison in Dakota Field era,  
softball player and umpire*

Softball lost a true friend and supporter in August with the death of Lyle S. Hokanson, best known for his devotion to NDSU and his many years of activity in fast pitch softball. He was found dead in his Fargo apartment on August 10. A memorial service was held in the NDSU Alumni Center on August 16.

He was born in Fergus Falls on February 28, 1946 and moved with his family to Herman, Minnesota and then to Paynesville, Minnesota where he graduated from high school. He moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota where he attended and graduated from Augustana College.

He worked in various coaching

jobs before moving to Fargo becoming the Equipment Manager at the Bison Sports Arena. He became known as the Voice of the Bison when he was the public address announcer for NDSU football and track and field events.

Lyle umpired and officiated many high school football games and was a long time fast pitch softball umpire. He organized the fast pitch umpires in Fargo and was the person responsible for scheduling umpires for league and tournament games.

Lyle never married and is survived by uncles, aunts and cousins along with his NDSU family and friends and his many friends in the softball community.



Lyle S. Hokanson



## Lidgerwood Express takes third in 18 and under slow pitch national

Two time defending state champion Lidgerwood Express took advantage of the fact that the National 18 and Under tournament was being held in Watertown, South Dakota and came home with a third place trophy from the event.

The Express won three games before being eliminated and their two losses were both to teams which made the championship

round.

They began their tournament experience on Thursday afternoon playing in Pool Play where they were soundly defeated by the eventual tourney champion Northeast Othodontics of Watertown. In their first game of the trophy round they defeated a team from Sioux Falls and then won another before meeting the same Watertown team

which sent them to their second defeat.

The Express loses only one player from this year's team and expects to be back to defend their state title. In addition to the hours of practice and the hard fought games, the girls on the team also had to spend time fund raising for their national tournament experience.

## Teams Challenged Up for State Tournaments

*Challenge Teams that must move up  
(win at least 2 games in the challenge up class)*

### Men's

#### From Rec III to Rec II

- Grand Forks-Cenex of Oslo/ Gowan Construction
- Grand Forks-O'Reilly's
- Jamestown-Buff Mix Pingree

#### From Rec IV to Rec III

- Fargo-Chub's Pub #3

## Teams to Move Up in 2012

### Women's

#### Rec I to Class D

- Jamestown-IDK
- West Fargo-702 Communication

#### Rec II East to Rec I

- Thompson-Thompson Women

#### Rec II West to Rec I

- Dickinson-West Dakota Vet Clinic

#### Rec III East to Rec II East

- Lidgerwood-Lidgerwood Bar and Lounge

#### Rec III West to Rec II West

- Beulah-Nite Owl
- Bismarck-Trans Trash

### Men's

#### From C to B

- Fargo-Sperle Masonry

#### From Rec1 to D

- Mandan-Wahus Construction
- Mandan-Captain Jack's
- Fargo-Liquid Ice/ Ken Kraft Agency

#### From Rec II West to Rec I

- Dickinson-Budlight/ Mavericks
- Bismarck-Memory Fireworks
- Bismarck-The Lodge
- LaMoure-Gentzkow Trucking

#### From Rec II East to Rec I

- Grand Forks-McMenamy's Tavern
- Fargo-Billiards & Gastro Pub
- West Fargo-PCI

#### From Rec III West to Rec II

- Bismarck-Active Life

#### Chiropractic/Captains/

Anderson Consulting

• New Salem-Merchants

• Bismarck-O'Brians/

Coors Light

• Bismarck-Mr. Squeegee/

Steckler Building

• Bismarck-Seifert Electric/

Front Street Lighting

• Bismarck-Wagner Financial

#### From Rec III East to Rec II

• Grand Forks-Rumors Hashers

• Fargo-American Custom Decks

• West Fargo-VFW/Gateway

• Wahpeton-Red River Agency

• Fargo-Space Aliens Bar & Grill/Viking

• Fargo-Eide Bailey-LLP

• Casselton-Vets Club

• Grand Forks-Crosstown Shockers/Miracle Ear

#### From Rec IV West to Rec III

• Mandan-Anderson Cabinets

• Mandan-Lonesome Dove/ River City Heating

• Bismarck-Roundup Bar & Grill/GH Farms/Larson Tire

• Mandan- Center Machine/

• Boyko Inc.

#### From Rec IV East to Rec III

• Grand Forks-Waind Chiropractic

• Fargo-Balls & Bats

• Grand Forks-Servicemasters

• Grand Forks-Q & Z Plumbing/Brian Greer

• Grand Forks-Joe Blacks/ RJ Zavoral & Sons

• Wahpeton-Minn-Dak

• Grand Forks-Southgate

• Grand Forks-TJ's Sports Bar/Hankey Law

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## Larry Schneider, Hall of Fame member dies in Virginia at 95

Late word has been received that Lawrence "Larry" Schneider of Springfield, Virginia died on March 6, 2010 at his home. He was born in Kulm, North Dakota in December of 1914. Larry graduated from Concordia College of Moorhead, Minnesota in 1938 after a three-sport college career including four years of varsity basketball and football. He also lettered in track establishing records in the shot put, the 100 yard dash and the 220 yard dash.

He was inducted into the Concordia Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991.

He turned to fast pitch softball and pitched the first no-hit, no run softball game in Bismarck's history when he was only a junior in high school. While doing graduate work in Accounting and Government Fi-

nance at the University of Montana, he pitched for Missoula, Montana in the 1937 National Softball Tournament in Chicago.

Larry taught school in Fargo and Watertown, South Dakota before entering private industry with Standard Oil. He served in the United States Navy during World War II and worked as an administrator for the Veteran's Administration in Fargo.

He officiated football, basketball and baseball games including a number of state tournaments. He was inducted into the North Dakota Softball Hall of Fame and the Officials Hall of Fame in Jamestown in 1974.

He is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters.





Dust-Tex players and their sponsor celebrate their third national title in the last four years at Senior 50 and Over Tournament.

# ASA Player Information Mandatory Classification

Mandatory Player Classification. Starting January 1 each year will start a player appeal process where each player can submit an appeal to have their player rating dropped. This process ends August 1 and at that time appeals will not be accepted until January. We have taken our team guidelines and based it on the ASA Code in which a team could have three Mandatory players from the next higher division on their roster. We consider our list equal to Mandatory rated players.

With the player rating system that we have in place helps create a fair and level playing field for all of our teams not only at a local but also at a national level. Below are the guidelines that we use on how to classify a team. Players on the ASA Restricted List can only participate in the Men's A or Coed Open Programs. A Player may have a + (plus) designation, this player cannot play down a class.

## Men's Slow Pitch

- 01. Men's A = 5 Player's from

the ASA Restricted Players List.

- 02. Men's B = 3 A Rated players and no players Class A+ or from the Restricted Player List.

- 03. Men's C = Three ( 3 ) B classified players and no players from Class A, Class B+, or the ASA Restricted Player's List.

- 04. Men's D = Three ( 3 ) C classified players and no players from Class A, Class B, Class C+, or the Restricted Player's List.

- 05. Men's E = Three ( 3 ) D classified players and no players from Class A, Class B, Class C, Class D+ or the Restricted Player's List.

- 06. Men's Masters 35-Over, 40-Over, and 45-Over Slow Pitch. Two ( 2 ) players from the ASA Restricted Players List and two ( 2 ) Class A rated players or no players from the Restricted Player List and four ( 4 ) Class A rated players.

## Women's Slow Pitch

- 07. Women's Open = Any Female Player

- 08. Women's C = Three ( 3 ) Open classified players.

- 09. Women's D = Three ( 3 ) C classified players and no Open classified players.

## Co-ed Slow Pitch

- 10. Co-ed Open = Any Female Player and two ( 2 ) male players from the ASA Restricted Player's List.

- 11. Co-ed C = No Open classified female players and no male classified players from Class A, Class B, or the ASA Restricted Player's List.

- 12. Co-ed D = Two ( 2 ) female C classified players and two ( 2 ) male C classified players. No Open classified female players or male players from Class A, Class B, or the ASA Restricted Players List.

*NOTE: Players that have no ASA playing history should be handled in the following manner: If a track record of a player can be verified in another National Association that player can be rated at that level or higher.*

## Bismarck Park director honored

Randy Bina, executive director of the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District, was named as the 17th member of the North Dakota recreation and Park Association Hall of Fame at the association's annual conference in Bismarck recently. He became the parks director July 1, after serving as assistant Bismarck parks director for 23 years. He previously worked for the Devils Lake Park District.

Bismarck Youth Baseball, the Bismarck Youth Fastpitch Softball Association and the Bismarck State College Aquatic and Wellness Center also were honored for their community impact.

Bina was recognized for his 31 years in the park and recreation profession and active involvement with state, Midwest and national parks and recreation organizations.



Randy Bina

The Hall of Fame is NDRPA's highest honor.

## North Dakota umpires worked nationals

Several North Dakota umpires were assigned to work National ASA tournaments around the country at the close of the 2011 season. State Umpire in Chief Mike Wolf has contacts in the umpiring community and tries to work out reciprocal agreements to allow North Dakota umpires to umpire in other states while out of state umpires work National tournaments in North Dakota.

Lyle Rader of Wahpeton umpired the 23 and Under Men's fast pitch National tournament in Mankato, Minnesota while Craig Hahn of Grand Forks was in Salem, Oregon working the Women's Class A fast pitch National.

Dale Elfman and Gerald "Shorty" Payne both of the Grand Forks Umpires Association worked slow pitch nationals with Elfman traveling to Fresno, California for the

Men's Class C Western National and Payne working in the ASA stadium in Oklahoma City at the Men's Class A National.

Four North Dakota umpires were assigned to umpire the Men's Class C Northern National in Bismarck. They were Marchel Kreiger of Jamestown, Paul Beech of Wahpeton, Chad Mears of West Fargo and Mark Sondag of Bismarck.

Terry O'Clair of Bismarck, who is a Deputy UIC, was assigned to umpire the Major Co-Ed National in Bloomington, Minnesota but the tournament was cancelled due to lack of teams.

Ryan Gellner of West Fargo was assigned to umpire the Men's Class C Northern National in Bismarck but had to cancel at the last minute due to some unexpected surgery just before the tourney began.

## Bismarck to bid on nationals

Bismarck Parks and Recreation along with the Men's and Women's Softball associations will send representatives to the ASA National Council meeting in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to bid on hosting a national tournament in 2013. National tournaments are awarded two seasons in advance to allow the winning organization to prepare for hosting the event.

The delegation will be headed by Tim Kuntz from the Bismarck Parks and Recreation Department. He has managed the last two nationals tournaments hosted by Bismarck.

Also on the delegation are Naomi Erdahl, Bismarck Parks and Recreation; Lori Yantzer from the Bismarck/Mandan Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Mike Wolf, state Umpire in Chief, who is a voting member of

the National Council will also assist in the bidding process.

A number of cities will compete for the privilege of hosting these national events. Bismarck will submit bids on the following tournaments:

- Girl's Junior Olympic Fast Pitch 16 and under Class A
- Girl's Junior Olympic Fast Pitch 14 and under Class B
- Men's Class E Rec Division Slow Pitch, Northern Region
- Men's Class D Division Slow Pitch, Northern Region
- Women's Class C and D Divisions Slow Pitch, Northern Region

Several bids are prepared to increase chances of landing a tournament. Bismarck has successfully hosted ten national softball tournaments beginning in 1989 when the Men's Masters 40 and Over fast pitch tournament was held in the Capital city.

## Mandan to host national in 2012 Men's 35 and over will compete

Mandan Parks and Recreation and the Mandan Softball Association will play host to the ASA 35 and Over Men's Slow Pitch National Championship tournament the weekend of September 7 through 9, 2012. Mandan was awarded the tournament at the 2010 National Council meeting of the Amateur Softball Association.

This tournament follows the successful tournament hosted by Mandan in 2009 featuring players 40 and over won by a team from Kentucky over Tharaldson's of

Fargo. Both the 35 and Over and the 40 and Over National tournaments are highly competitive tournaments featuring some of the best slow pitch players in the United States.

Teams seeking more information about the 2012 tournament can go to the Mandan Parks and Recreation web site at MandanParks.com or may call the contact telephone number 701-667-3260.

Additional information will also be available in the Spring issue of this paper due for publication in March, 2012.



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# Girl’s JO Fast Pitch State Championship Highlights

A total of 28 teams assembled at the Clem Kelley Softball Complex in Bismarck the weekend of July 23 and 24 to compete in the state Junior Olympic Fast Pitch tournament. Competition was held in four age brackets with champions crowned at the conclusion of the tournament on Sunday.

Four team competed in the 10 and Under Division; six teams entered the 12 and Under Division; nine teams were featured in the 14 and Under Division and the 18 and Under Division fielded nine teams also.

State champions from each Division were eligible to participate in National Tournaments. The Bismarck Blue and Gold team which won the 14 and Under Division played in the National Tournament for their age bracket while West Fargo, the 18 and Under State Champs not only participated in a National tournament but captured second place in their age bracket

in Rochester, Minnesota.

Below are the results of state tournament play:

### 10 & Under

A team of ten year olds from Dickinson captured the state title in the 10 and Under Division with three victories in four games. Dickinson started the day with a 9 to 0 shutout over Jamestown and followed up with another shutout 7 to 0 over Grand Forks. In the championship round, Dickinson lost to the Grand Forks team they had shut out earlier by a score of 6 to 5 but bounced back in the “if necessary” game to defeat Grand Forks for the Division title.

Bismarck also had a team entered in this age group.

### 12 & Under

The twelve and under division was also claimed by a Dickinson team, the Diamonds who won four

straight games to win the crown. Dickinson began with a close 2 to 1 victory over Grand Forks and then beat a team from West Fargo (no score available). In their third game of the tourney, their bats did most of the damage in a 13 to 4 win over a team from Bismarck. In the final game, Dickinson pounded the Grand Forks team to win convincingly 17 to 2. Grand Forks finished second after losing their opener to Dickinson they came back to best Valley City 27 to 3, West Fargo 7 to t and Bismarck 11 to 3 before dropping the championship game 17 to 2 to Dickinson.

Bismarck finished in third place while Valley City claimed fourth. Jamestown and West Fargo also had teams entered.

### 14 & Under

Bismarck Blue and Gold kept Dickinson from sweeping the first three age groups in the state

tournament as they charged back through the loser’s bracket to claim the title. Blue and Gold began with wins over Fargo South 8 to 5 and West Fargo 6 to 5 before dropping a ten run game to Dickinson 11 to 1. They fought their way back with wins over Grand Forks before winning twice over Dickinson for the Championship 5 to 2 and 4 to 2.

Dickinson earned the title game with wins over Fargo South 4 to 3 and Casselton 3 to 2 before beating Bismarck Blue and Gold 11 to 1. They had to then wait until Bismarck fought it’s way back to win twice and win the championship.

Grand Forks was the third place winner and Casselton ended in fourth place.

Other teams in the Division were Fargo South, Williston, West Fargo, Kindred and Jamestown.

### 18 & Under

West Fargo left no doubt who

was in charge of the oldest Division in the tournament as they posted five consecutive shutouts to claim the title.

Devils Lake was the victim in the opener for both teams losing 6 to 0. West Fargo then shut out Bismarck 8 to 9, Casselton 16 to 0 before beating Grand Forks to reach the championship game. Grand Forks came back through the loser’s bracket only to be shut out again by the over whelming team out of West Fargo.

West Fargo has a long history of fast pitch excellence in the high school ranks and it has carried over into the ASA competition.

West Fargo went from this tournament to the Class B National Tournament in Rochester, Minnesota where they claimed the runner up position. Please find a separate story on that tournament in this issue.

# Girl’s JO Slow Pitch State Championship Highlights

Responding to doubters who wondered if JO slow pitch would survive given the recent popularity of the fast pitch game in girl’s softball, 35 teams showed up at McElroy Park in Jamestown over two weekends in July to vie for state titles in four age groups.

### 12 & Under

Only five teams competed in the 12 year old and under division with Napoleon coming out on top in the round robin tournament. The team from Napoleon had little trouble sweeping through three games win-

ning 13 to 2 over Medina, 19 to 2 over a team from Valley City and 9 to 1 over Horace.

Colfax claimed second place with wins over Horace and Valley City and losses to Medina and Napoleon.

### 14 & Under

Hankinson Zukies won the title in the 14 year old division claiming four victories against no losses. The opened their title quest with a 9 to 8 squeaker over Milnor before shutting out a team from Valley City by a score of 10 to 0.

Another close game followed as Hankinson downed Langdon 4 to 1 before beating Napoleon to win the championship.

Napoleon claimed runner up honors with wins over Horace 8 to 3 and Medina 6 to 5 before losing the title game to the Zukies.

Medina was the third place winner with Horace claiming fourth.

### 16 & Under

A dozen teams met to challenge for the 16 and Under state crown which was won by the team from Steele which won four games in a

row without tasting defeat. Steele opened with an 8 to 4 win over Hankinson then defeated Oakes 6 to 2 before out slugging Medina by ten runs 22 to 12 before winning a close game in the championship tussle 5 to 3 over the Wahpeton VFW.

Wahpeton won second place with wins over Langdon 11 to 2 and 9 to 8 over Napoleon before meeting Steele for the title.

Napoleon claimed third spot and Minot was the Consolation winner.

### 18 & Under

The Lidgerwood Express won

the seven team tournament in the 18 and Under Division and went on to claim third place in the National Slow Pitch tournament in Watertown, South Dakota. A separate story on that tournament can be found elsewhere in this issue.

The Express won their first game 10 to 6 over the Lisbon VFW then clobbered Harvey 13 to 2 before beating Lisbon again for the title. (no score available for this game)

Harvey won third place and Hankinson was the consolation winner.

# Women’s Slow Pitch State Championship Highlights

### Class C

Bismarck’s Moritz Sport and Marine capped a successful season by winning the state championship in the Class C Division, the highest classification in Women’s slow pitch in the state. Only four teams qualified to play for the title with Moritz beating Saunder’sChiropractice/Behm Energy of Minot and twice defeating an always strong team sponsored by Tharaldson Enterprises and Amundson Farms of Fargo.

Moritz opened the tournament with a convincing 10 to 1 victory over Saunder’s before defeating Tharaldson’s in a tight, hard fought defensive game 3 to 2. Tharaldson’s came back through the loser’s bracket to gain another shot at Moritz but fell 11 to 1.

Tharaldson/Amundson Farms opened with a win over a scrappy but young team from Beulah which had won the Class D state crown a year ago and was forced up into the ranks of Class C. After it’s first loss to Moritz, Tharaldson came back to squeeze past Saunder’s of Minot 3 to 2 to reach another shot at Moritz.

The tournament was held at the Mandan Softball Complex along with the state tournament for the Class D women.

### Class D

Bismarck Gold and Silver claimed the Women’s Class D Slow Pitch state title besting six other teams in Mandan over the weekend of August 6 and 7.

After winning their opener 10 to 8 over Day Dreams/Burger King of Grand Forks, they were dumped into the loser’s bracket by the eventual runner-up Big Boy/Rud’s of Bismarck by the score of 3 to 1 in an excellent defensive battle.

Facing a long road to the final, Gold and Silver bounced back to

defeat Rita’s Home Team from West Fargo 12 to 3 and then won another close one beating Kupper Chevrolet of Mandan 11 to 9. They then had to face another Bismarck opponent in order to have another shot at the team from Grand Forks which had beaten them earlier in the tournament. They were up to the challenge, winning over Kristal’s Hair Studio and the Toasted Frog by a score of 12 to 3 to reach the final where they had to win twice to claim the state title. They succeeded in doing just that beating Big Boy/Rud’s Tesoro of Bismarck with a pair of one run victories 7 to 6 and 6 to 5.

Kristal’s Hair Studio and the Toasted Frog won third place.

### Rec. I

Twenty two teams answered the call to compete for the state title in the Women’s Rec. I Division in West Fargo the weekend of August 6 and 7. A team sponsored by IDK of Jamestown claimed the crown with five straight victories over the two day event.

IDK opened their quest for the title with a 10 to 4 win over Grant’s Girls/Broken Drum of Grand Forks and followed with a ten run victory over Advanced Mechanical of Bismarck 11 to 1. Captain Freddie’s of Mandan was their next victim falling 9 to 5 and Minot Paradiso became their fourth by an 8 to 4 score. In the final, IDK doubled up on 702 Communication 12 to 6 to win the Division Championship.

702 Communications of West Fargo was the tournament runner up a bye and three wins before losing the championship game. After opening with a bye, they beat Capital City Construction and then the Town Hall of West Fargo 15 to 1 before beating Lidgerwood 6 to 5. They lost the last two games of

their day to IDK 7 to 6 and 12 to 8.

M and J Saloon of West Fargo claimed third place and Boomer’s Corner of Valley City came in fourth.

### Rec II, East

Valley City hosted the eighteen team Women’s Rec II East state tournament on the weekend of August 13 and 14 which was won by a team of women from Thompson.

Thompson opened with a thrashing of Drake UCB 12 to 2 and followed up with a 7 to 2 victory over Grotberg Electric of Valley City. In their third tournament game, Thompson won over Sherman’s of West Fargo in their closest game of the two day event 11 to 8 before stopping Allied Agronomy of Jamestown in the tournament championship game by a score of 12 to 6.

Allied Agronomy beat Extra End of Grafton in their first game 22 to 15 in a hitter’s battle then scored another 17 runs in beating Buchholz Drywall 17 to 8. In the game to reach the final Allied beat Diamond Lounge of Grand Forks 12 to 2 before losing their final game to the Thompson Women.

Sherman’s of West Fargo won third place beating Diamond Lounge/Palace Pantry 13 to 6 while Fordville claimed the Consolation title after losing their opening game.

### Rec II, West

A disappointing turnout of only eleven teams met in Dickinson the weekend of August 13 and 14 to vie for the title of state champion in the Women’s Rec 2, West tournament. West Dakota Vet Clinic of Dickinson took advantage of the home fields to win the title going unbeaten in four games.

West Dakota opened with a

ten run win over Solid Dakota of Bismarck winning 11 to 1 but then had to work hard to beat a scrappy team from CJ Digging of Bismarck 5 to 3. A 10 to 8 win over Nickels/AFLAC of Minot took the Dickinson team into the final game where they subdued another Dickinson team, Liquid Assets, 6 to 2

Runner up Liquid Assets had wins over Lincoln Storage of Lincoln by a score of 8 to 7 and Highway Express/Subway of Beulah 6 to 4 before losing the championship game 6 to 2 to West Dakota Vet Clinic in an all Dickinson final.

Highway Express/Subway of Beulah won third place 17 to 6 over Nickel’s Trucking/AFLAC of Minot and Lincoln Storage was the Consolation Champion.

### Rec III, East

Lidgerwood Lounge captured the title in the Women’s Class Rec. III, East in Devils Lake the weekend of August 13 and 14. Fourteen teams competed in the two day tournament.

Lidgerwood opened up their march to the title with a 15 to 0 shutout win over Rosie’s and then won again, this time over Belcourt Oil 10 to 3. In their third match they had a tough time with Dean’s Digging of Wahpeton before prevailing 17 to 13 to reach the final. In the championship game, Lidgerwood won 21 to 17 in a slugfest over the American Legion.

American Legion beat the Hut 19 to 7 in their first game and then beat Proz of Devils Lake by ten runs 11 to 1. In their semi-final game, American Legion beat a team sponsored by Silver Dollar/Sexy Pigs 9 to 8 before being stopped in the final game by Lidgerwood.

Silver Dollar/Sexy Pigs of Fargo won third place 9 to 5 over Dean’s Digging of Wahpeton.

In the consolation final, Last Chance/Bud Light beat the Hut for 5th place while Silver Dollar/MFI of West Fargo won the Tumbleweed Division.

### Rec III, West

Nite Owl/Industrial Fabwork/Garmed Rent from Beulah won the 37team Rec III West state tournament in Bismarck the weekend of August 13 and 14. The swept to the title with five straight victories and never lost a game.

Nite Owl, etc. won their opener over Stakkeland’s/Shady’s of Jamestown 6 to 3 in a low scoring affair. Nite Owl opened up the offence in their second game winning 17 to 6 over Heinle Farms of Bismarck. In their third game, they upended Jimmy’s Pizza/Long Shots of Beulah 7 to 1 before beating Lonesome Dove of Mandan 13 to 2 to gain the title game. In the final, they put a beating on Trans Trash of Bismarck 20 to 5 to win the championship.

Trans Trash also won five straight before losing in the title tilt to the Beulah team. Trans Trash opened with a decisive win 20 to 5 over Olson’s Towing of Minot. Two quick wins followed with an 8 to 4 win over O’Brien’s 2 of Bismarck and a 9 to 7 triumph over Streeter. They beat a Mandan team, RTS Construction/Lonesome Dove by ten runs 12 to 2 and they advanced to the title game with an 18 to 14 win over Jamestown Implement. In the final they bowed to Nite Owl, etc. from Beulah.

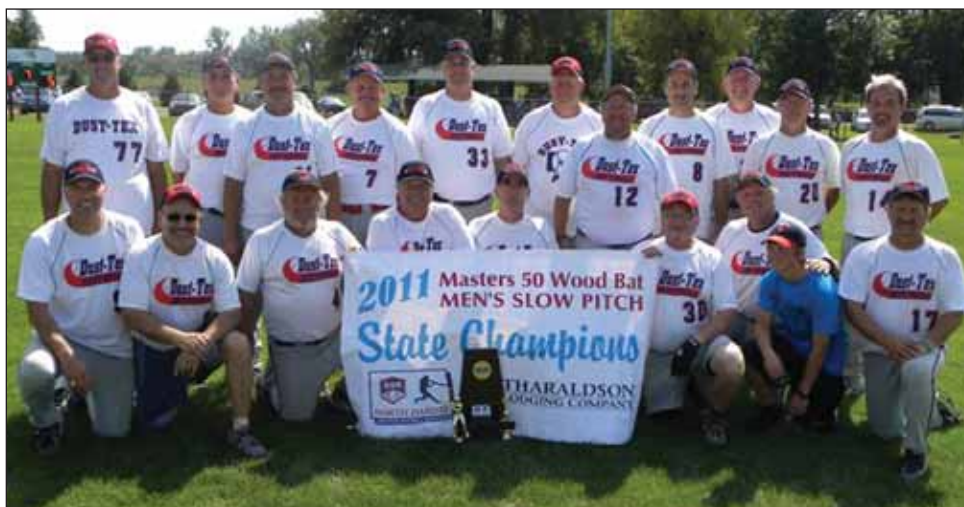
RTS Construction/Lonesome Dove claimed third place winning by ten runs over Jamestown Implement 14 to 4. In the Consolation final, Ball Busters won over Garrison



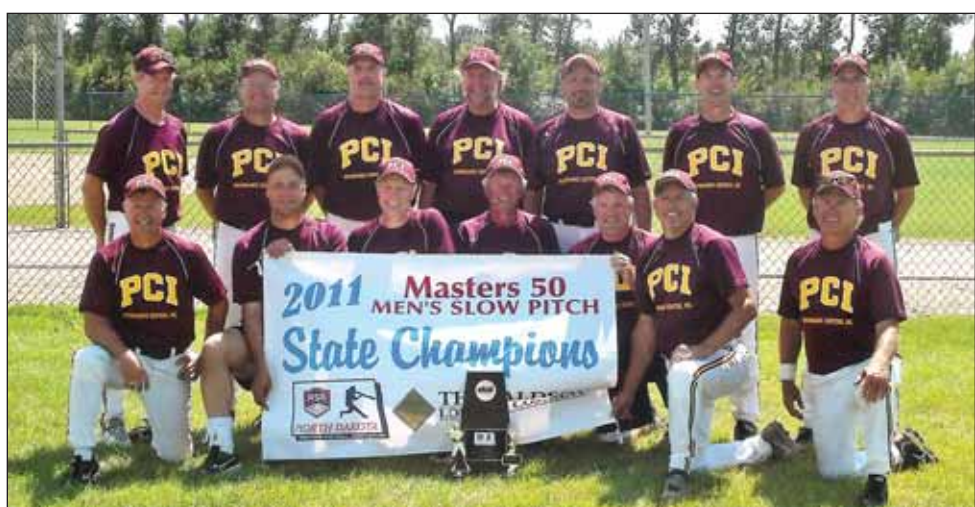
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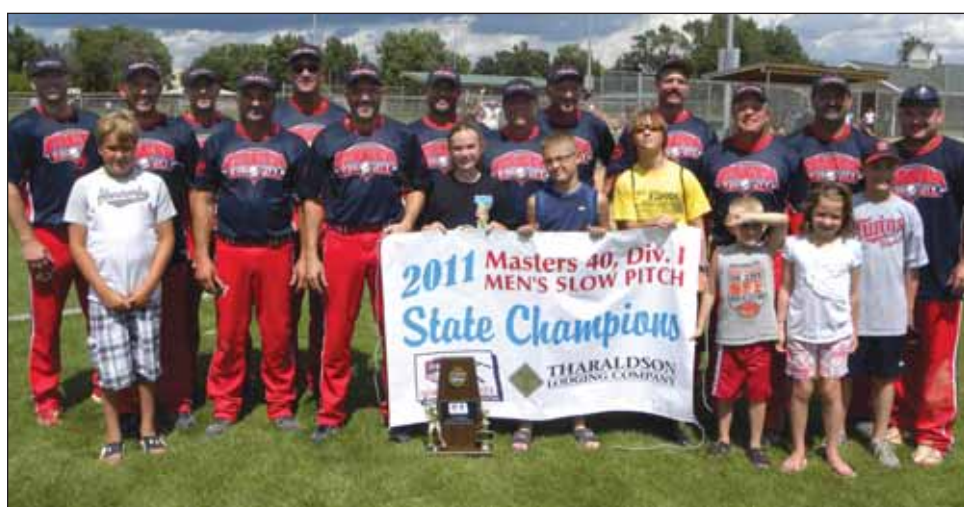
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**Men's Masters 50, Wood Bat State Champions, Mandan Dust-Tex:** Front row, left to right, Jim Keller, Wayne Becker, Bumper Baumgartner, Mike Nider, Tim Michelsen, Norlyn Schmidt, Gordy Smith, David Smith and Steve Harrington. Back row, left to right, Ron Geffre, Kelly Krahler, Dave Reis, Don Magstadt, Dennis Bense, Jack Jones, Jim Becker, Randy Olsen, Scott Battest, Tim Krahler and Russ Nelson.



**Men's Masters 50 State Champions, Fargo PCI:** Front row, left to right, Ken Knudson, Rick Buchholz, Bob Piatz, John Rygg, Tim Bertsch, Terry Maley and Larry Bellerud. Back row, left to right, Tim Johnson, Al Bahn, Mike Jastram, Rod Hubka, Mark Lewis, Terry Porter and Jon Hinrichs.



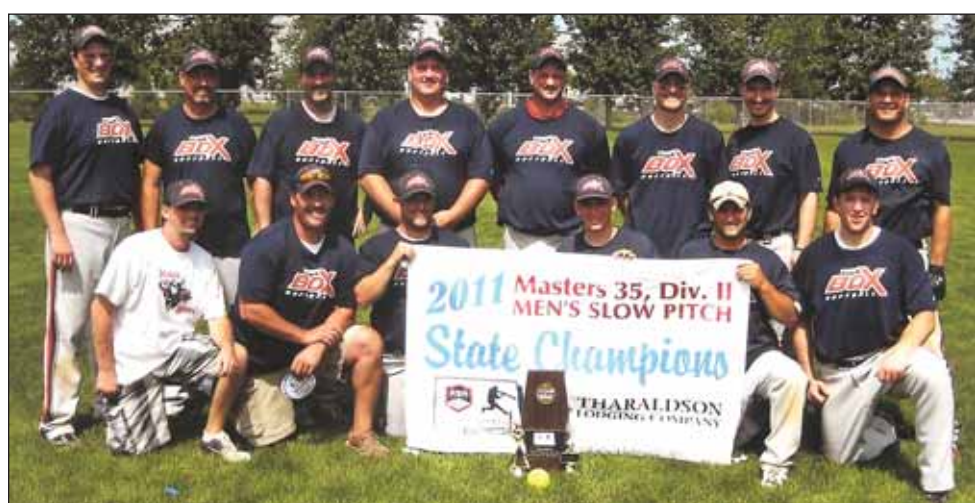
**Men's Masters 40, Division I State Champions, Bismarck Stadium:** Front row, left to right, Mark Menge, Todd Winkler, Jeff Delzer, Tommy Schmidt, Gordy Smith. Back row, left to right, Kyle Christensen, Dana Ereth, Dennis Bense, Stacy Keller, Tim Burckhard, Mark Bohrer, Jon Gums and Darren Mattern. Not pictured, Chad Spotts and Lance Larson.



**Men's Masters 40, Division II State Champions, Valley City Elliott Farms:** Front row, left to right, Mike Getzkow, Clay Elliott, Kevin White, John Stearns. Back row, left to right, Jason Lindgren, Chris Elliott, Mitch Carlson, Mel Stoltz, John Samuelson, RC Courtright and Dave Berg.



**Men's Masters 35, Division I State Champions, Fargo Sperle Masonry:** Front row, left to right, Shawn Sperle, Brian Sperle, Jason Salz, Shane Piatz, John Dehaan and Perry Piatz. Back row, left to right, Chris Roberts, Kelly Wrangham, Mike Peterson, Mike Swanson, Bill Short, Phil Shiek and Dale Back.



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**Men's Masters 35, Division III State Champions, LaMoure Nogo:** Front row, left to right, Billy VoeDunn, Chris Warchen, Brian Lukes, Tod Nogosek, Matthew Hebl and Roddy Gentzkow. Back row, left to right, Paul Potts, Sam Exner, Randy Lukes, Paul Gilbert, Kevin Strobel, Jeff Long, Tod Holub, Mitch Carlson and Mike Gentzkow.



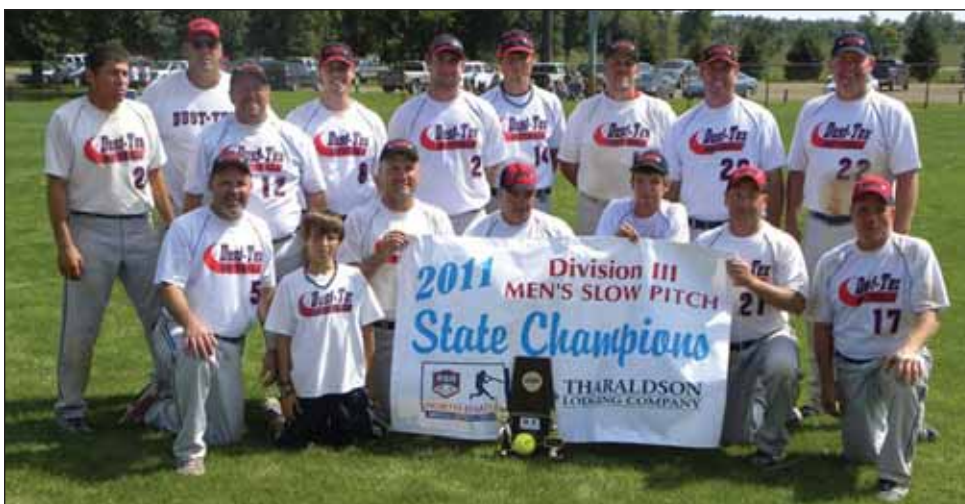
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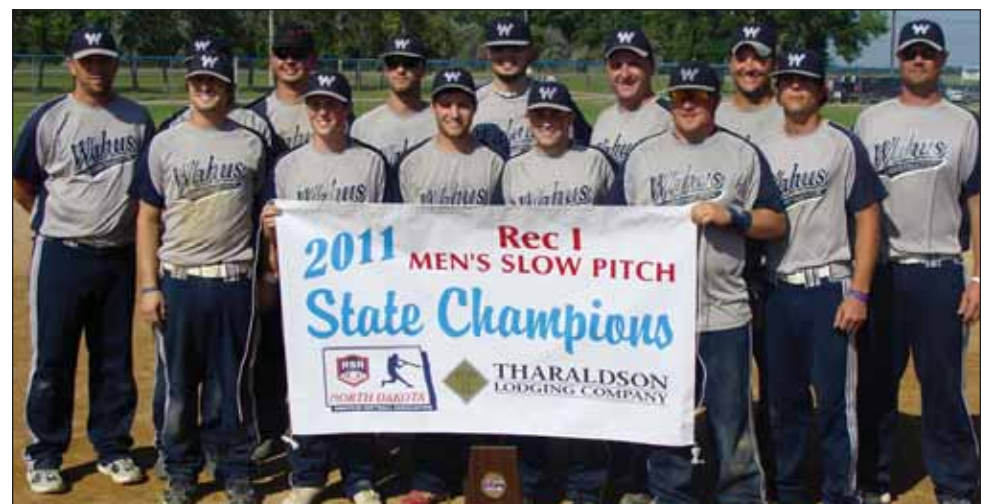
**Men's Slow Pitch, Division I State Champions, Fargo Sperle Masonry:** Front row, left to right, Mike Feldman, Shawn Sperle, Shane Piatz, Jason Salz, Josh McMenamy and John DeHaan. Back row, left to right, Andrew Babinchak, Bill Short, Kelly Wrangham, Scott Brahos, Rob Johnson, Mike Swanson, David Cummins, Joe Cornell and Brian Sperle.



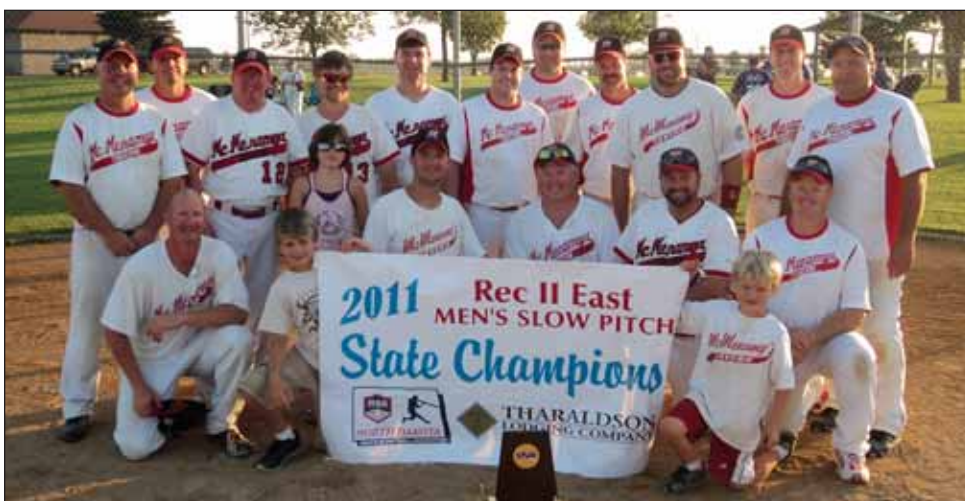
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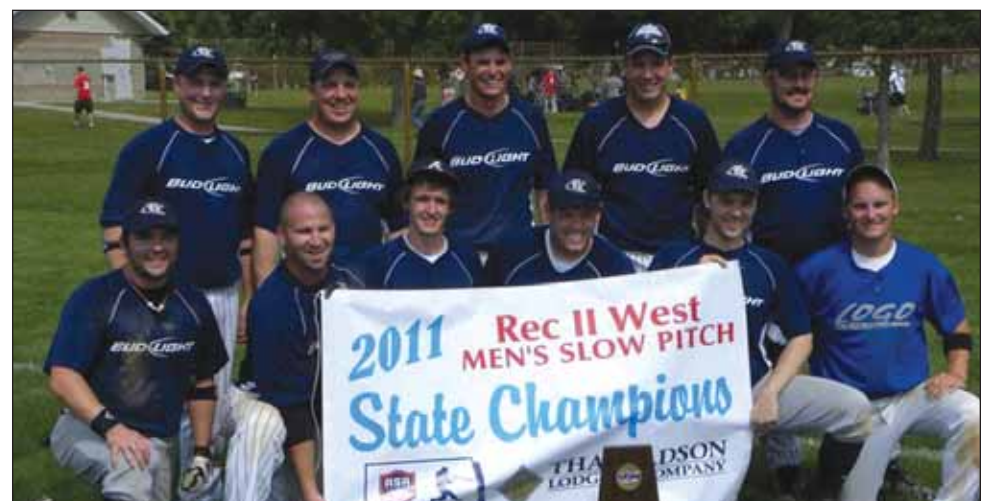
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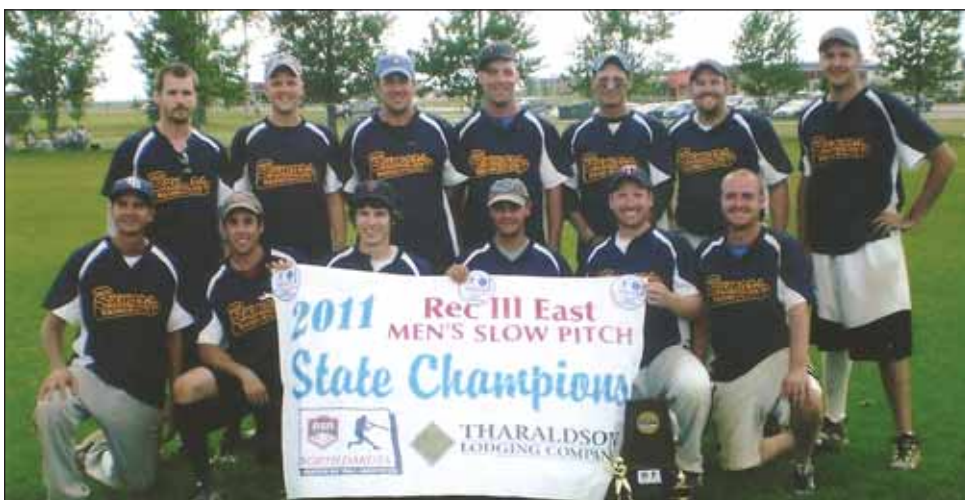
**Men's Slow Pitch, Rec I State Champions, Mandan Wahus Construction:** Front row, left to right, Lucas Schafer, Dillin Langerud, Devon Langerud, Bryce Thomas, Jason Haas and Daylen Langerud. Back row, left to right, Chad Olson, Jeff Schafer, Jesse Schuchard, Mitch Peterson, John Nilsen, Michael Larson, Brenton Leingang and Chris Wahus. Not pictured: Tyler Fixen and Troy Swelton.



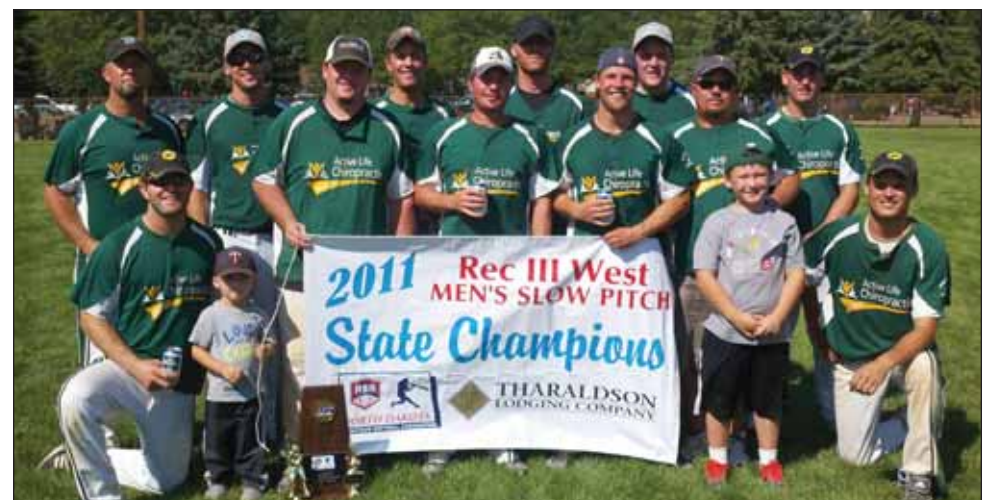
**Men's Slow Pitch, Rec II-East State Champions, Grand Forks McMenamy's Tavern:** Front row, left to right, Bill Serrest, Dean Merkelon, Brad Bakke, Mike McMenamy and Eric Holum. Back row, left to right, Les Johnston, Todd McGee, Scott Knipper, Dusty Casmay, Brad Vidden, Tyler Kienzel, Jamie Hams, Jeff Bancroft, Tanner Johnson, Scott Whetter and Pat White.



**Men's Slow Pitch, Rec II-West State Champions, Dickinson Bud Light/Mavericks:** Front row, left to right, Todd Eckert, Brandon Dolajak, Austin Fournier, Ian Spencer, Pal Tibor and Jordan Rath. Back row, left to right, Manager Nick Clark, Wesley Krebs, Michael Steier, Jonathan Krebs and Randy Fournier.



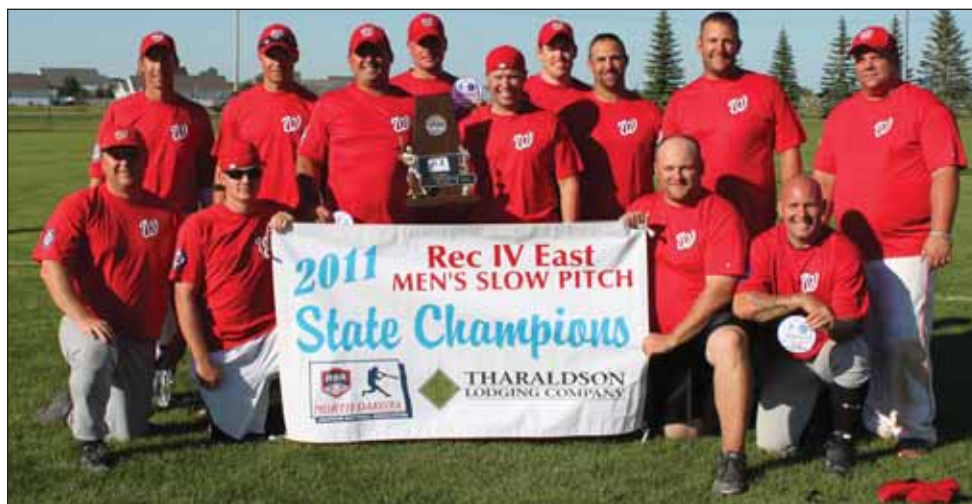
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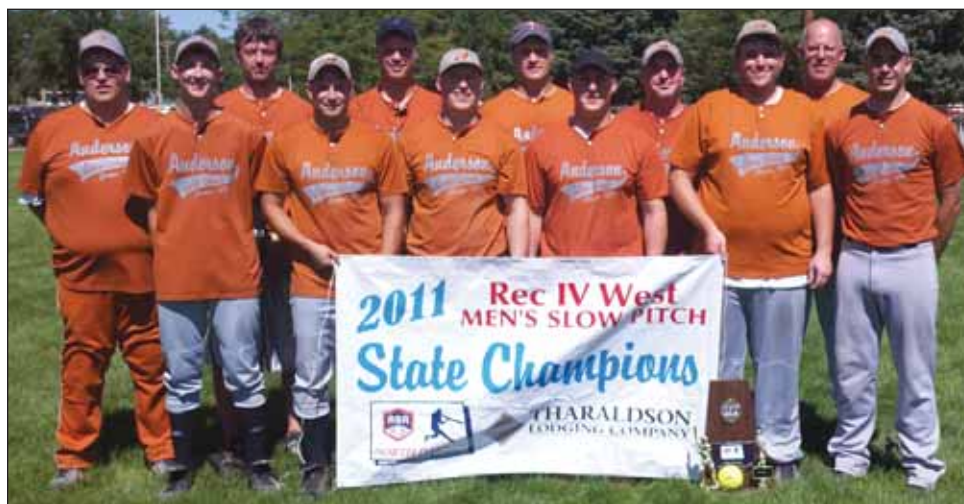
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**Men's Slow Pitch, Rec IV-East State Champions, Grand Forks Waind Chiropractic:** Front row, left to right, Neil Danner, Frank Widstrup, Jeff Waind and Rick Wolfe. Back row, left to right, Marty Mikkelsen, Josh Morgan, Mike Waind, Ryan McLean, Shawn Aubry, David Clausen, Brandon Lage, Bryan Lage and Lon Carlson.



**Men's Slow Pitch, Rec IV-West State Champions, Mandan Anderson Custom Cabinets:** Front row, left to right, Kirby Kraft, Erick J. Rick, Dallas Hein, Dave Heid, JD Hanson and Ryan Boeshans. Back row, left to right, Tom Johnson, Joe Bornemann, Andrew Anderson, Tracy Anderson, Branden Manson and Jeff Hanson.



**Women's Slow Pitch Masters, Division I State Champions, Bismarck Bistro:** Front row, left to right, Deb Lien, Dori Dahl, Therese Schmidt, Julie Yantzer, Holly Watts and Sherrice Roness (kneeling). Back row, left to right, Valene Gustavsson, Del Saragosa, Kim Luptak, Jennifer Heck, Mariah Prussia and Kylee Wilson.



**Women's Slow Pitch Masters, Division II State Champions, Beulah Nite Owl, Industrial Fabworx, German Rentals:** Kneeling, left to right, Chantal McKay and Stacy Zvern. Front row, left to right, Erica Borlaug, Karla Ripplinger, JoDee Cook, Laurie Miller, Jacinta Klindworth, Shanda Leintz and Amy Garman. Back row, left to right, Jenn Bornemann, Kim Rudningen, Amber Skolsky and Jody Martens.



**Women's Slow Pitch, Class C State Champions, Bismarck Moritz Sport & Marine:** Kneeling, left to right, Natalie Brock and Angelena Mexicano. Front row, left to right, LaShae Michels, Deb Lien, DJ Saragosa, Valerie Gustavsson, Cassie Smith, Julie Yantzer, Cassie Smith, Dana Jensnowski and Therese Schmidt. Back row, left to right, Chandler Larock, Holly Watts, Dre Brunskill, Nevada Eagle and Nicole Anderson.



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**Women's Slow Pitch, Rec I State Champions, Jamestown IDK:** Mascot: Cosmo. Front row, left to right, Sam Revering, Stacie Hatlewick, Val Bakken, Pam Schmiedeberg, Cassie Spitzer and Bonnie Ukestad. Back row, left to right, Nicky Finck, Daysha Conway, Michelle Entzminger, Wendy Hatlewick, Sammi Triplett and Natalie Lonnberg.



**Women's Slow Pitch, Rec II-East State Champions, Thompson Women:** Front row, left to right, Mic Hajicek, Shelly Overbo, Lisa Strand, Lisa Dick, Shelley Gensrich, Collette Schwabe, Coach Chip Lind, and Book Brandon Petrotto. Back row, left to right, Coach Terry Overbo, Mary Ann Petrotto, Kathy Lind, Lisa Lazur, Stacy Stefanowicz, Paula Santerre, Katie Judisch and Deb DeMoe.



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**Women's Slow Pitch, Rec II-West State Champions, Dickinson West Dakota Vet Clinic:** Front row, left to right, Leslie Ross and Shanna Greenwood. Back row, left to right, Deb Wilson, Jamie Rerick, Emily Grossman, Lisa Holding Eagle, Sandy Weiser, Deb Lewis, Carissa Swenson, Karla Schank, Tina Partin, Amy Oksa and Jess Zuroff.



**Women's Slow Pitch, Rec III-East State Champions, Lidgerwood Bar & Grill:** Kneeling: Karen Allrich and Maria Breker. Front row, left to right, Jenni Sander, Stephanie King, Ashlie Biewer, Kaci Manikowski, Nichole Vosberg and Becky Lejer. Back row, left to right, Kari Wisnewski, Angela Bohnenstingl, Olivia Stenvold and Andrea Merrill.



**Women's Slow Pitch, Rec III-West State Champions, Beulah Nite Owl:** Kneeling: Jodee Cook, Michaela Schwan and Kim Rudringen. Front row, left to right, Katie Klindworth, Jessica Perry, Jodie Martens, Jacinta Klindworth and Berrie Rogness. Back row, left to right, Amy Garman, Chantel McKay, Sadie Lech, Sarah Karges and Amber Skalsky.



**Coed Slow Pitch, Division I State Champions, Fargo The Box/West Acres Automotive:** Front row, left to right, Dori Duval, Rachel Briones, Erin Bachmann, Crystal Cummins, Catlin Piatz and Kasey Smith. Back row, left to right, Mike Gjerde, Andy Larson, Shane Piatz, Jim Richels, Dave Cummins, Chris Torkildson, Jason Kleingaard and Chad Dahl. Not pictured, Darcy Quam, Sam Martin and Justin Coffe.



**Coed Slow Pitch, Division II State Champions, Grand Forks Kelly's Bar:** Front row, left to right, Lizette Miller, Amy Zeuain, Jenna Flatebo, Sarah Boese, Sarah Tebelius, Jill Adams and Mikki Dukart. Back row, left to right, Casey Noreen, Mark Decker, John Wierwille, Matt Olson, Jim Richter, Travis Adams and Jeremy Olson.



**Coed Slow Pitch, Division III State Champions, Grand Forks Kelly's Bar:** Front row, left to right, Teri Erickson, Stacy Erickson, Kelly Kuenzel, Twyla Tunseth, Rachel Wickersham, Emily Wright and Melanie Knutsvig. Back row, left to right, Scott Whetter, Scott Knepper, Ryan Kuntz, Tyler Kuenzel, Brad Vidden, Jordan Ohman, Lance Haugen and Joe Tollefson.



**Coed Slow Pitch, Division IV State Champions, Jamestown Schafer's Coed/Shady's:** Front row, left to right, Cali Sailer, Katie Dewald, Britta Dahl, Christy Schafer and Chelsey Stockland. Back row, left to right, Alex Dais, Jayme Bouly, Travis Dewald, Dustin Keys, Paul Schafer and Justin Ray.

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# Men’s Slow Pitch State Championship Highlights

### Rec I

The men’s Rec I state tournament was hosted by Jamestown the weekend of August 6 and 7 and won by Wahus Construction of Mandan over a field of 28 teams.

Wahus won six straight games to carry home the championship trophy beginning with a ten run victory over McNeilus/Hooters of Fargo 17 to 7. They then beat Jones PT of Bismarck 15 to 10 and the KC’s of Jamestown 17 to 11. In the semi final game they beat Bistro/NW Contracting/RF Jewelry of Bismarck 11 to 9 before winning twice over Capt. Jack’s 11 to 4 and 19 to 13. to claim the Rec I state title.

Capt. Jack’s won the runner-up trophy in the Rec I state tourney

Winning four games while losing only to Wahus in the championship games. Capt. Jacks won over Kensal Merchants 16 to 4; Starion Financial of Bismarck 20 to 10; The Box/Diamond Dogs of Fargo 16 to 15; and Liquid Ice/Ken Kraft Agency of Fargo 14 to 13 before losing the final two games to Wahus of Mandan.

Fargo Liquid Ice/Ken Kraft Agency won third place and Sundance Oil of Bismarck claimed fourth.

### Rec. II, East

A familiar sponsor of softball in North Dakota over many years sponsored the champions of the Rec II East state tournament in Grand Forks. McMenamy’s Tavern claimed the title winning five games without a loss in the two day thirty one team tournament. McMenamy’s opened with a resounding win over the Cutting Edge Gallery of Fargo 21 to 2. Their second win was closer as they edged Proz/Bud Light of Devils Lake 10 to 7.

Fargo Budweiser/Genesis of West Fargo fell to McMenamy’s 14 to 4 and PCI of West Fargo also lost (no score available) and Fargo Billiards/Gastro Pub 12 to 11 was the next victory to win the championship of the Division.

Farge Billiards/Gastro Pub was the runner up beating Zavoral 19 to 1, Happy Joes/Rumors/BWW of Grand Forks 17 to 4; Bar Nine of West Fargo 18 to 9 and Jakes/CI Sports of Grand Forks 17 to 1 before losing the championship game 12 to 11 to Mc McMenamy’s Tavern.

West Fargo PCI was the third place winner while Jakes CI Sports claimed fourth.

Consolation champion was North Country Marketing winning 9 to 0 over Mayport Insurance.

Roughrider Division winner was Cenex of Oslo/Howan Construction and the Tumbleweed Division went to Fargo Cutting Edge of Jewelry.

### Rec. II, West

A team from Dickinson sponsored by Bud Light/Mavericks won the 36 team Men’s Rec II West state tournament held in Mandan the weekend of August 6 and 7. They won five straight game without tasting defeat to claim the championship. Their opening game was a 15 to 9 victory over Midwestern Insurance/Sports Page and in their second game they defeated Kelly Chiropractic/Power Fuels 14 to 10. In games three and four, the Dickinson bats came alive and they beat Align Mindt Chiropractic of Mandan 23 to 8 and The Lodge/Novaspect/Red Door Homes of Bismarck 22 to 6. The championship game was what all championship games should be close and hotly contested with the Dickinson team winning the game and the championship 10 to 9 over Memory Fireworks of Bismarck.

Runner up Memory Fireworks

of Bismarck began it’s tournament with a rather east win over Gentzkow Trucking of LaMoure 21 to 7 before beating Miller Lite/CEC of Bismarck 12 to 5. In their third game, Memory defeated Charvat Custom Homes of Mandan 13 to 6 and then downed Riverside Resources/Elbow Room of Bismarck 10 to 9 before losing the final to Dickinson Bud Light/Mavericks by the same score 10 to 9.

Third place went to Bismarck The Lodge/Nova Spec/Red Door Homes while fourth was claimed by Bismarck Riverside Resources/Elbow Room.

Gentzkow Trucking of LaMoure came back from an opening game loss to eventual runner-up Memory Fireworks to grab Consolation honors with Bismarck Midwestern Insurance/Sports Page was Consolation runner-up.

Roughrider Division was won by Bismarck Messer Chiropractic/Nutrition Center.

### Rec. III, East

It took six straight victories and the better part of two days but Rumors/Hashers of Grand Forks came out on top of an 80 team Men’s Rec III state tournament held in Fargo the weekend of August 13 and 14. Their first game was their easiest of the tournament as they won by 10 runs over a Fargo team sponsored by Aber Taxidermy/The Bowler 10 to 0. Not so easy was their win over IDK Bar and Grill of Jamestown but Rumors/Hashers managed to prevail 10 to 8 to move on toward the title game. In their third game, they had a real struggle with R.M. Stoudt of Jamestown finally winning 9 to 8. The next two games were a bit easier for Rumors/Hashers as they met and defeated FM Mortgage of West Fargo 16 to 4 and VFW/Gateway also of West Fargo 13 to 2 to gain the championship game where they defeated American Custom Deck of Fargo to win the Division.

American Custom Deck gained the final with wins over CG Merchants 14 to 4, American Federal Bank of Fargo also by a score of 14 to 4; Taco John’s of Grand Forks 17 to 7; Hood Package of Grand Forks 11 to 10 and in the semi final game, they beat Red River Agency of Wahpeton to win the right to play for the title which they lost to Rumors/Hashers of Grand Forks.

West Fargo VFW/Gateway won third place over Red River Agency of Wahpeton while Fargo Space Aliens/Vikings was Consolation Champion and Eide Bailly LLP of Fargo was Consolation Runner Up.

Roughrider Division was won by Grand Forks Crosstown Shockers/Miracle Ear.

Pioneer Division winner was the Grand Forks Vet Club

### Rec. III, West

A Bismarck team sponsored by Active Life Chiropractic and Captain’s took advantage of playing in their home city on the Clem Kelley Softball Complex to win the 68 team Men’s Rec III state title the weekend of August 13 and 14. To do it they won six straight games, all by convincing margins.

Active Life opened with a 13 to 2 win over Neigum Stanley law office of Minot and then took another ten run victory, this time over Feland’s Ready Mix/Jand J Fireworks of Bismarck 15 to 5. A shutout win followed as Active Life whitewashed Nodak Mutual/Wilkens Agency of Mandan 15 to 0.

In their closest game, they outlasted the Lodge/Surety Life of Bismarck 20 to 14 before scoring another shut out win, this one over the New Salem Merchants in the

semi final game. In the championship game Active Life prevailed over Anderson Consulting of Turtle Lake 15 to 6 to take home the title.

Anderson Consulting had an easy time of it during the tournament as well chalking up five wins before their loss in the final game. Anderson won 25 to 13 over Oswald Bros/Dakota Awards of Bismarck in their first game and scored another ten run victory over Western Steel and Plumbing of Bismarck 15 to 2. Their next two wins were over Bismarck Trailer Center of Mandan 19 to 9 and Parshall Food Pride 18 to 7. O’Briens Tavern of Bismarck fell to Anderson Consulting in the semi final game 17 to 11 which pushed Anderson into the championship game which they lost to Active Life.

New Salem Merchants won third place over Bismarck O’Briens/Coors Light and the Consolation title was won by Mr. Squeegie /Steckler Building of Bismarck with Seifert Electric/Front Street Lighting finishing as the Consolation Runner-up.

Roughrider Division winner was Wagner Financial of Bismarck.

Pioneer Division went to Minot Nola’s Lounge/Lovelace.

Tumbleweed Division honors were claimed by Western Steel and Plumbing of Bismarck.

### Rec IV, East

Ninety four teams answered the call for the Men’s Rec IV East Division title held in Grand Forks the weekend of August 20 and 21. This is the largest of the state tournaments scheduled and sponsored by the North Dakota Amateur Softball Association. Waind Chiropractic of Grand Forks captured the championship trophy winning a string of six straight games over the two day tourney. Some of their wins were slugfests while others featured fine defensive play by both team. Waind opened up their tournament quest with a 19 to 4 win over The Cattlemen’s Bar/Subway of Lisbon and followed that with another win, this time over E.W. Wylie/Prairie Supply of Fargo 13 to 10. In their third game, they overcame a Valley City team sponsored by Sandoon Saloon/Christenson Trucking 11 to 10 in a tightly contested game.

Waind limbered up their bats for the next two wins, 21 to 2 over Havana and 17 to 5 over Jabbers to gain the championship game. In the title contest, they met and beat a team from Fargo, Balls and Bats 22 to 6.

The Fargo team sponsored by Balls and Bats had an easy time in their first game of the tournament winning by forfeit 7 to 0. They then took out Walhalla in a game but no score is available at this time. The next game matched them against the Citizens State Bank/Farm Team of Grafton and the Fargoans won in another close game 6 to 5 to advance another notch where they played O’Leary’s of West Fargo and disposed of them 17 to 8. In their semi-final game the won by ten runs over Q and Z Plumbing of Grand Forks 11 to 1 before losing the championship game to Waind Chiropractic.

Third place was claimed by Grand Forks Service Masters over Q and Z plumbing, also of Grand Forks while a third Grand Forks team, Joe Blacks/RJ Zavoral and Son won the Consolation Title edging Wahpeton Minn Dak.

The Roughrider Division was won by Southgate of Grand Forks. The Pioneer Division crowned TJ’s Sports Bar while the Tumbleweed Division champion was Grafton Rosie’s Bar and the Cactus Division was won by Fargo Gateway/Woody’s.

### Rec IV, West

Anderson Custom Cabinets of Mandan won the 52 team Rec IV state tournament at Bismarck the weekend of August 20 and 21. The Rec IV Division is one of the largest in North Dakota softball with almost 150 teams participating in the state tournaments held in the East and the West.

Anderson had to win six consecutive games to claim the title over the two day event. They won their first game in a well played contest 18 to 15 over a scrappy team from Jamestown sponsored by IDK#3. Next was a win over Miller Lite/Blarney Stone of Bismarck 16 to 9. Two hotly contested games followed as Anderson won 8 to 6 over another Mandan team, Dakota Farms and then squeaked by a team from Bismarck, Metro Concrete/Elks 11 to 10.

That would prove to be their toughest test of the tournament. They completed the semi-final round with a 13 to 2 decision over Larson Tire before winning the championship game by a score of 6 to 3 over Lonesome Dove/River City Heating of Mandan.

Lonesome Dove/River City Heating won their first game of the tournament with a close 10 to 8 victory over Edgeley then had another close win over Bev’s Café/Turtle Lake Merchants 9 to 8. The next two wins were also in the nail biter category as they edged Expressway Inn of Mandan 12 to 10 and Round Up Bar and Grill/GH Farms of Bismarck 14 to 13. In the final game Lonesome Dove/River City dropped a well played decision to the champions Anderson Customs Cabinets.

Round Up Bar and Grill/GH Farms of Bismarck won third place beating Larson Tire 15 to 3 while Center Machine won the Consolation title beating the Big Boy of Bismarck.

Bismarck Miller Lite/Blarney Stone won Roughrider Division and Medina Tewy’s Tavern won the Tumbleweed Division.

### Masters 35, Division I

The 2011 Master’s 35 and Over Division I championship was held in Fargo the weekend of July 30 and 31. Six teams were entered in the double elimination event which was won by Sperle Masonry of Fargo which went undefeated after opening with a bye.

In their first game, they beat Bismarck Roughriders in a slugfest 19 to 15 before polishing off Oswald’s, also of Bismarck 28 to 9. In the final game, Sperle again defeated the Roughriders 7 to 6 to claim the title.

Bismarck Roughriders finished in second place winning three games while losing twice to Sperle. Roughrider won their opener 28 to 12 over the Wahpeton Eagles before losing to Sperle 19-15. They bounced back with a 16 to 3 trouncing of the Eagles again and then beat another Bismarck team, Oswalds 12 to 10 to gain another shot at Sperle in the final game.

Oswald’s of Bismarck won third place.

### Masters 35, Division II

Another Fargo team captured the Men’s Masters 35, Division II after Sperle of Fargo had won the Division I title. The ten team Division II tournament was also held in Fargo the weekend of July 30 and 31.

The Box of Fargo won four games without a loss to claim the championship trophy. They opened with a win over Marv’s Bar 16 to 10 before winning by ten runs over Mandan Charvat 16 to 6. In their third contest, they downed Mayport Insurance 18 to 13 and then

beat them again after the Insurance team came back through the loser’s bracket. The score of the final game was 13 to 0.

Mayport Insurance won their first game 15 to 11 over Great Northern and then had to scrap to win their second game 6 to 5 over Grand Forks Rumors.

Mayport then lost to eventual champ The Box of Fargo 18 to 13 but came back through the loser’s bracket to win by ten runs over Tom’s Electric of Jamestown 17-7 and earn a slot in the championship game.

Tom’s Electric of Jamestown claimed third place.

### Masters 35, Division III

Fargo teams failed in a bid for a trifecta after Sperle Masonry and The Box won titles in Division I and II of the men’s Master’s 35. Nogo’s of Lamoure claimed the title in Division III doing it the hard way after dropping into the loser’s bracket early in the tournament. All Master’s 35 Divisions played in a two day tournament in Fargo the weekend of July 30 and 31.

Nogo opened with a bye before beating Elliott Farms of Valley City by the score of 13 to 2. Rudy’s of Oakes then dropped Nogo into the loser’s bracket with a 10 7 victory. Nogo fought back winning five straight contests including dumping Rudy’s twice to win the event. Their five game win streak began with a convincing 16 to 1 victory over Center Merchants and then an even more convincing drubbing of Knife River from Mandan 23 to 1. In the semi-final game they beat BFJ Home of Fargo 13 to 2 to earn another shot at Rudy’s. In the first championship game, Nogo won 14 to 5 and in the “if necessary” game they won by ten runs 12 to 2 to bring home the title trophy.

Rudy’s of Oakes won their first game by forfeit before beating FM Dairy Queen 16 to 9 and Nogo 10 to 7. They then won by ten runs over BFJ Home of Fargo 14 to 4 before losing the two championship games to Nogo.

Fargo BFJ Home was the third place winner.

### Masters 40, Division I

Bismarck Stadium won the Division I title in the Men’s Masters 40 and over state tournament held in Mandan July 23 and 24. They won four straight games to win over seven other teams.

Stadium opened their quest for the title with a ten run win over Mandan Dust Tex 21 to 11 and then bested Capt. Jacks 9 to 3 before winning over the Bismarck Moose Lodge 17 to 7. In the championship game, Stadium again bested Mandan Dust Tex 15 to 11 after the Mandan team had come back through the loser’s bracket.

Mandan Dust Tex lost their opening game 21 to 11 to eventual champ Stadium. They faced a long hard road back but came through with five straight wins before falling to Stadium again in the final game. Dust Tex defeated Grand Forks Rumors 11 to 1, Shirt Shack 27 to 13, shutout Miller Lite 19 to 0, beat Capt. Jacks in their closest game of the tournament 18 to 16 then ten-runned Bismarck Moose Lodge before losing the final.

Bismarck Moose Lodge won third place over Mandan Capt. Jacks.

### Masters 40, Division II

Valley City Elliott Farms won the four team Master’s 40 and Over

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# COED Slow Pitch State Championship Highlights

### Division I

Only four teams were classified as Division One in Co-Ed play for the state tournament in Grand Forks the weekend of September 10 and 11 with a team sponsored by The Box/West Acres Automotive in Fargo copped the title despite losing two games while winning one in Pool play.

In trophy play The Box/West Acres Automotive beat the Bun Lounge of Grand Forks 12 to 3 in their first game and defeated Sperle Masonry of Fargo 13 to 6 in the Championship game.

Sperle Masonry of Fargo claimed runner up honors after winning all three of their games in Pool play. In the trophy round, Sperle beat The Northern of Fargo 12 to 8 before losing the championship to The Box 13 to 6.

The Northern of Fargo won third place and Grand Forks Bun Lounge ended in fourth place.

### Division II

Eight teams entered the Division Two in the Co-Ed state tournament held in Grand Forks the weekend of September 10 and 11 with a home team, Kelly's Bar of Grand Forks claimed the championship. Kelly's Bar opened with two wins in Pool play before winning two more in the trophy round to win the title.

Kelly's opened the trophy round with a 9 to 3 triumph over Coor's Light/IDK of Jamestown before beating Elliott Farms of Valley City 9 to 1 for the first place trophy.

Elliott Farms of Valley City was runner-up after winning twice in Pool play. They won their first trophy round game 10 to 3 over Grizzlies/NoDak Mutual of Grand Forks before losing the final game to Kelly's Bar 9 to 1.

Coor's Light/IDK of Jamestown won third place while NoDak Mutual of Grand Forks claimed the fourth place trophy.

Roughrider Division was won by

Lights Out of West Fargo.

### Division III

A team sponsored by Kelly's Bar of Grand Forks copped the title in the Division III portion of the state Co-Ed tournament held in Grand Forks the weekend of September 10 and 11. They won over 15 other teams in the Division and was the second state tournament title won by teams sponsored by Kelly's Bar after one of their other teams won the Division Two title in Co-Ed play.

Kelly's won four straight to win the championship but it was by no means easy as they won three games by two runs in each contest. In their first game, they outlasted Nogo's Tapper of LaMoure 6 to 5 before winning their next game 5 to 1 over State Farm/Jill Henning of Wahpeton. In their third game they defeated the Crary Bearcats 12 to 10 before winning 9 to 7 over the Captain's Pub of Valley City for

the title.

Valley City Captain's Pub was the Division Three runner-up with victories over Pace Painting of Grand Forks 15 to 9; France Electric of Moorhead 6 to 5; Arthur R&R before losing the championship game to Kelly's Bar of Grand Forks.

Third place was won by Arthur R&R/Hunter Insurance and fourth place was claimed by the Crary Bearcats.

Consolation champion was Grand Forks Pace Painting while Consolation runner-up was Nogo's Tapper of LaMoure.

The Roughrider Division was France Electric of Moorhead, Minnesota.

### Division IV

Sixteen teams entered the Division IV portion of the state Co-Ed tournament in Grand Forks the weekend of September 10 and 11.

Jamestown Schafer's Co-Ed/

Shady's was the winning team with four straight victories. They opened their championship quest with a ten run win over Dirty Johnny's of Valley City 15 to 5 then followed up with a 20 to 13 win over Hansen Grading also of Jamestown. Their third win was over Minot Capri Bar 14 to 8 and in the championship game they downed Muddy Rivers of Grand Forks 17 to 13.

Muddy Rivers of Grand Forks won runner-up honors with wins over Last Chance of Grafton 9 to 3; TJ's Sports Bar Red of Grand Forks 12 to 9 and Thompson 17 to 11 before dropping the final game to Schafer's Co-Ed/Shady's.

Thompson Edward Jones won third place and Minot Capri Bar was fourth.

Consolation title was claimed by Dirty Johnny's of Valley City and the Consolation runner up was Grafton Last Chance.

Roughrider Division was won by Jamestown Hansen Grading.

## 2011 North Dakota State Champions

### Men's Slow Pitch

- Division I: Fargo Sperle
- Division II: Mandan Great Plains/Zander Body Shop
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- Rec I: Mandan Wahus Construction
- Rec II, East: Grand Forks McMenemy's Tavern
- Rec II, West: Dickinson Bud Light/Mavericks
- Rec III, East: Grand Forks Rumors Hashers
- Rec III, West: Bismarck Active Life Chiropractic/Captain's
- Rec IV, East: Grand Forks Waind Chiropractic
- Rec IV, West: Mandan Anderson Custom Cabinets
- Masters 35, Division I: Fargo Sperle Masonry
- Masters 35, Division II: Fargo The Box
- Masters 35, Division III: Lamoure Nogo
- Masters 40, Division I: Bismarck Stadium
- Masters 40, Division II: Valley City Elliot Farms
- Masters 50: Fargo PCI
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### Women's Slow Pitch

- Class C: Bismarck Moritz Sport & Marine
- Class D: Bismarck Gold & Silver
- Rec I: Jamestown IDK
- Rec II, East: Thompson Women
- Rec II, West: Dickinson West Dakota Vet Clinic
- Rec III, East: Lidgerwood Bar & Grill
- Rec III, West: Beulah Nite Owl
- Masters, Division I: Bismarck Bistro
- Masters, Division II: Beulah Nite Owl

### Coed Slow Pitch

- Division I: Fargo The Box/West Acres Automotive
- Division II: Grand Forks Kelly's Bar
- Division III: Grand Forks Kelly's Bar
- Division IV: Jamestown Schafer's Coed/Shady's

### Junior Olympic Girls Fast Pitch

- 18 & Under: West Fargo Impact
- 14 & Under: Bismarck Blue/Gold
- 12 & Under: Dickinson Diamonds
- 10 & Under: Dickinson

### Junior Olympic Girls Slow Pitch

- 18 & Under, Class A: Lidgerwood Express
- 16 & Under, Class A: Steele Softball
- 14 & Under, Class A: Hankinson Zukies
- 12 & Under: Napoleon

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# Mens Highlights

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Division II crown in a tournament hosted by Mandan July 23 and 24. Elliott Farms got off to a bad start by losing to Minot Creekwood Construction 9 to 8 but they recovered by winning their next four games including two championship games over Mooreton. After their initial loss to Creekwood, Elliott Farms beat Ft. Rice twice 10 to 7 and 21 to 5 before winning two title games from Mooreton 14 to 3 and 9 to 8. Mooreton started fast with wins over Ft. Rice 10 to 0 and Minot Creekwood Construction 12 to 2 before losing two games to Elliott Farms 14 to 3 and 9 to 8. Fort Rice Odense Merchants won third place and Creekwood Construction of Minot came in at fourth place.

### Masters 50

Fargo PCI triumphed over five other teams to claim the title in the Men's Masters 50 state tournament in Jamestown the weekend of July 30 and 31. PCI beat Grand Forks Rumors 16-5 in their first game of the tournament then defeated Wahpeton by plenty 17 to 2. They then got a forfeit win before beating Magi Touch 9 to 2 and Dust Tex 13 to 10. Mandan Dust Tex began their day with a forfeit win then beat Magi Touch 19 to 8 and Enviro-Clean 16 to 0 in a shutout win. They won over Kelly Insurance by 10 runs 13 to 3 before losing to PCI in the final game by a score of 13-10. Wahpeton Jacklitch won third place.

### Masters 50, Wood Bat

Mandan Dust Tex won the Master's 50 Wood Bat state tournament held in Mandan the weekend of July 23 and 24. There were nine teams entered and the event started with pool play to establish seeding for the trophy play. Dust Tex went 2 and 0 in pool play then won three in a row to claim the championship. Maring and Williams was their first victim by a score of 9 to 5. Walton Chiropractic fell next to Dust Tex by an 8 to 4 tally. Magi Touch lost in the final to Dust Tex by a score of 5 to 3 in a closely contested game. Mandan Magi Touch also went 2 and 0 in pool play before beat-

ing Capital City Construction of Bismarck 15 to 0. They then beat Farmers Insurance 13 to 6 before dropping the final game to Dust Tex. Capital City Construction won the consolation portion of the tournament beating Farmer's Insurance 13 to 6 and Kelly Insurance 18 to 14. Master's 60 Tharaldson Enterprises repeated as state champions in the Men's Master 60 Division on July 23 and 24 at the Mandan Softball Complex. There were only three teams competing so a Double Round Robin format was used. Tharaldson beat Mandan/Wahpeton Dust Tex/Sun Opta twice 11 to 3 and 8 to 0. They also beat Capital City Construction from Bismarck twice 9 to 8 and 12 to 1. Capital City Construction beat Mandan/Wahpeton twice 12 to 9 and 3 to 0 which the combination of Mandan and Wahpeton teams lost all four of the games they played.

### Division I

Sperle Tourney of Fargo sailed easily through the rest of the field in claiming the title in Division One, the highest classification in North Dakota men's softball. Starting with a bye, they then reeled off four victories over the rest of the ten team field to take home the championship trophy. After opening with a bye, Sperle blasted Northern Tier Seed/RMI/CanadInn of Grand Forks 20 to 6. In their next game they met and bested Gateway Pharmacy/Stadium/Bud of Bismarck 23 to 8 before besting Hooters of Fargo 19 to 2. In the final game, they beat River's Edge Plumbing/Nutrition Zone/Bud of Bismarck 23 to 12 to win the championship. River's Edge began their tournament day with a 23 to 14 win over Roughrider Resources of Bismarck. They then beat TFA/Chanul Seed/Fat Tire of Fargo 16 to 13 and Northern Tier Seed/RMI/CanadInn of Grand Forks 15 to 1. They also beat Sperle Masonry/Mand M Dry-Wall 15 to 9 and in the semi final defeated Hooters of Fargo 20 to 14. In the final game, they lost to Sperle Tourney to finish as runner-up.

Class C

- Fargo TFA/Channel Seeds, Class C, 3 wins, 2 losses.
- Bismarck Roughrider Resources, Class C
- Fargo Hooters, Class C
- Bismarck Paramount/Bud Light/McDonalds, Class C
- Mandan Great Plains/Zander Body Shop, Class C
- Bismarck Rivers Edge Plumbing Class C

**Junior Olympics Girl's Slow Pitch**

- Langdon Girls 14 and Under
- Lidgerwood Express 18 and Under, Third Place
- Lisbon VFW 18 and Under
- Hankinson Zukies 14 and Under
- Hankinson Zukies 18 and Under

**Junior Olympics Girl's Fast Pitch**

- Dickinson Diamonds 10 and Under
- Dickinson Diamonds 14 and Under
- Dickinson Diamonds 16 and Under
- West Fargo Impact 18 and Under, 7 wins, 2 losses, Runner-Up.

Hooters of Fargo won third place over Sperle Masonry/M and M.

**Division II**

Great Plains/Zander Body Shop won the Division Two portion of the men's slow pitch state tournament held in Mandan the weekend of August 13 and 14. They won four games with no defeats in the ten team field opening with a 27 to 0 white washing of Eckert Painting/Coors Light of Bismarck and followed up with a ten run victory over Grothberg Electric of Valley City 10 to 0. Their next win was over Men's Hair House in Bismarck by the score of 13 to 10 and won the championship over ETI of Bismarck 18 to 7. ETI took the more difficult route to the final game after losing their opening game to MTW Towing of Fargo by an 18 to 14 score. That loss dropped them into the loser's bracket where they were forced to play five more games over the two

day tournament. They won four of them but succumbed in the final to Great Plains/Zander. ETI had wins over Homesteaders of Minot 12 to 7; MTW Towing of Fargo 20 to 8; Sun Seeds/Vic's Bar of Fargo 21 to 3; Men's Hair House of Bismarck 21 to 18 before the final contest in which they fell to Great Plains/Zander Body Shop. Men's Hair House of Bismarck won third place over Sun Seeds/Vic's Bar of Fargo.

**Division III**

Dust Tex of Mandan won the Division III title in a nineteen team tournament held in Mandan the weekend of August 13 to 14. A loss midway through the tournament forced Dust Tex to play nine games over two days in a relatively small tournament. Dust Tex won three games to open the tournament beating Missouri Basin, Inc. of Minot 12 to 5; Town Hall Bar/DSG of West Fargo 20 to 5; and Town Hall/

Five Hole of Fargo 19 to 5. They lost their next game 20 to 13 to Bitz Communications of Minot then got back on the winning track with wins over American Casing of Williston; Hooters/Miller Lite of Bismarck 13 to 12 before gaining some revenge by beating Bitz of Minot 17 to 11 then had to beat Fastenal /Dash Sports of Fargo twice to win the championship. They beat Fastenal 17 to 7 in the first championship game and won 21 to 8 in the "if necessary" game to win it all. Fastenal/Dash Sports of Fargo earned the championship games with victories over Fessenden 17 to 9; Oswald Bros. of Bismarck 11 to 5; Carlson Well Service of Minot 11 to 8 and Bitz Communications of Minot 16 to 6 before losing the two championship games to Dust Tex of Mandan. Bitz Communications won third place and Hooters of Fargo finished fourth.

# Womens Highlights

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Cenex 19 to 8 while Heinle Farms of Bismarck won the Roughrider Division.

**Masters 35, Division I**

Six teams competed in the Women's Masters 35 Division tournament held in Bismarck the weekend of July 30 and 31 with a team sponsored by the Bistro in Bismarck winning the title. Bistro went undefeated over the course of four games scoring at least a dozen runs in each game. They opened with a 15 to 0 shutout over Advanced Mechanical of Bismarck and won their second game by ten run rule with a 12 to 2 decision over

GPIGA before advancing to the title game with a 17 to 13 slugfest win over Capital City Construction. In the final game, they again beat Capital City Construction, this time in a 15 to 0 shutout. Capital City Construction took second place with wins over Arnie's of Bismarck, Wildside and Wildside again in the loser's bracket.

**Masters, Division II**

The last weekend in July brought together seven teams in Bismarck to contend for the championship of the Division II of the Women's Masters Classification. Nite Owl of Beulah won the title starting

with bye and winning three games to claim the crown. After their bye to start the day, Nite Owl defeated Triple Play 16 to 7 before winning over Rudy's of Oakes 11 to 10. In their next game the Beulah team won the championship with another win over Rudy's which had come through the loser's bracket. Rudy's won their opening game 15 to 1 over Harvey Old Pro and then beat Braddock 6 to 5 before losing the first of two games to Nite Owl. After winning over Triple Play in the loser's bracket, Rudy's lost the championship game to Nite Owl 21 to 17.

# North Dakota teams in national tournaments

Teams from North Dakota continue to participate in ASA National Championship tournaments around the country. NDASA surveys those North Dakota teams which enter national events but not all of them complete and return the surveys so the list below may not contain all the teams which were in national competition.

**Women's Slow Pitch**

- Fargo Tharaldson's, Women's Class C, 3 wins, 2 losses – Third place
- Minot Sports on Tap/Saunders/Behm, Class C, 2 wins, 2 losses
- Bismarck Gold and Silver, Class D

**Men's Slow Pitch**

- Mandan Dust-Tex, Seniors 50 and over, Won Tourney, 5 wins, 0 losses.
- Sperle Masonry-Fargo, Class B MSP, 0 wins, 2 losses.
- Sperle Masonry/M&M Dry-wall, Class C, 5 wins, 2 losses, Runner-up
- Minot Homesteaders, Class C, 1 win, 2 losses
- Bismarck Gateway/Stadium/Budweiser, Class C
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# 2011 State Tournament Results

## Men's Slow Pitch Division I

Champion: Fargo Sperle; Runner-Up: Bismarck Rivers Edge; Third: Fargo Hooters; Fourth: Fargo Sperle/M&M.

## Men's Slow Pitch Division II

Champion: Mandan Great Plains/Zander Body Shop; Runner-Up: Bismarck ETI; Third: Bismarck Mens Hair House; Fourth: Fargo Sun Seeds/Vic's Bar.

## Men's Slow Pitch Division III

Champion: Mandan Dust-Tex; Runner-Up: Fargo Fastenal; Third: Minot Bitz Communications; Fourth: Bismarck Hooters/Miller Lite.

## Men's Slow Pitch Rec I

Champion: Mandan Wahus Construction; Runner-Up: Mandan Captain Jacks; Third: Fargo Liquid Ice/Ken Kraft Agency; Fourth: Bismarck Sundance Oil.

## Men's Slow Pitch Rec II, East

Champion: Grand Forks McMenamy's Tavern; Runner-Up: Fargo Billiards & Gastro Pub; Third: West Fargo PCI; Fourth: Grand Forks Jake's CI Sports; Consolation Champion: Fargo North Country Marketing; Consolation Runner-Up: Mayport Insurance; Roughrider: Cenex of Oslo/Howan Construction; Tumbleweed: Fargo A Cutting Edge of Jewelry.

## Men's Slow Pitch Rec II, West

Champion: Dickinson Bud Light/Mavericks; Runner-Up: Bismarck Memory Fireworks; Third: Bismarck The Lodge/Nova Spec/Red Door Homes; Fourth: Bismarck Riverside Resources/ElbowRoom; Consolation Champion: LaMoure Gentzkow Trucking; Consolation Runner-Up: Bismarck Midwestern Insurance/Sports Page; Roughrider: Bismarck Messer Chiropractic/Nutrition Center.

## Men's Slow Pitch Rec III, East

Champion: Grand Forks Rumors Hashers; Runner-Up: Fargo American Custom Deck; Third: West Fargo VFW/Gateway; Fourth: Wahpeton Red River Agency; Consolation Champion: Fargo Space Aliens/Viking; Consolation Runner-Up: Fargo Eide Bailly LLP; Roughrider: Grand Forks Cross Town Shockers/Miracle Ear; Pioneer: Grand Forks Vets Club.

## Men's Slow Pitch Rec III, West

Champion: Bismarck Active Life Chiropractic/Captain's; Runner-

Up: Turtle Lake Anderson Consulting; Third: New Salem Merchants; Fourth: Bismarck O'Brien's/Coors Light; Consolation Champion: Bismarck Mr. Squeegie/Steckler Building; Consolation Runner-Up: Bismarck Seifert Electric/Front Street Lighting; Roughrider: Bismarck Wagner Financial; Pioneer: Minot Nola's Lounge/Lovelace; Tumbleweed: Bismarck Western Steel & Plumbing; Cactus: Bismarck Thrive/Team Divine/Lawn Brothers.

## Men's Slow Pitch Rec IV, East

Champion: Grand Forks Waind Chiropractic; Runner-Up: Fargo Balls & Bats; Third: Grand Forks Service Masters; Fourth: Grand Forks Q&Z Plumbing; Consolation Champion: Grand Forks Joe Black's/RJ Zavoral & Son; Consolation Runner-Up: Wahpeton Minn-Dak; Roughrider: Grand Forks Southgate; Pioneer: Grand Forks TJ's Sports Bar; Tumbleweed: Grafton Rosies Bar; Cactus: Fargo Gateway Woody's.

## Men's Slow Pitch Rec IV, West

Champion: Mandan Anderson Custom Cabinets; Runner-Up: Mandan Lonesome Dove/River City Heating; Third: Bismarck Round Up Bar & Grill/GH Farms; Fourth: Stanley Larson Tire; Consolation Champion: Mandan Center Machine/Boyko Inc.; Consolation Runner-Up: Bismarck Big Boy; Roughrider: Bismarck Miller Lite/Blarney Stone; Tumbleweed: Medina Tewy's Tavern.

## Men's Slow Pitch Masters 35, Division I

Champion: Fargo Sperle Masonry; Runner-Up: Bismarck Roughriders; Third: Bismarck Oswalds.

## Men's Slow Pitch Masters 35, Division II

Champion: Fargo The Box; Runner-Up: Mayport Insurance; Third: Jamestown Tom's Electric.

## Men's Slow Pitch Masters 35, Division III

Champion: Lamoure Nogo; Runner-Up: Oakes Rudy's; Third: Fargo BJF Home.

## Men's Slow Pitch Masters 40, Division I

Champion: Bismarck Stadium; Runner-Up: Mandan Dust-Tex; Third: Bismarck Moose; Fourth: Mandan Captain Jacks.

## Men's Slow Pitch Masters 40, Division II

Champion: Valley City Elliot Farms; Runner-Up: Mooreton; Third: Ft. Rice Odense Merchants; Fourth: Minot Creekwood Construction.

## Men's Slow Pitch Masters 50

Champion: Fargo PCI; Runner-Up: Mandan Dust-Tex; Third: Wahpeton Jacklitch.

## Men's Slow Pitch Masters 50, Wood Bat

Champion: Mandan Dust-Tex; Runner-Up: Mandan Magi-Touch; Consolation Champion: Mandan Capital City Construction; Consolation Runner-Up: Mandan Kelly Insurance.

## Men's Slow Pitch Masters 60

Champion: Fargo Tharaldson Enterprises; Runner-Up: Mandan Capital City Construction; Third: Mandan Dust-Tex.

## Women's Slow Pitch Class C

Champion: Bismarck Moritz Sport & Marine; Runner-Up: Fargo Tharaldson/Amundson Farms; Third: Minot Saunders Chiropractic/Behm Energy. Fourth: Beulah Let's Do It Again.

## Women's Slow Pitch Class D

Champion: Bismarck Gold & Silver; Runner-Up: Bismarck Big Boy/Rud's Tesoro; Third: Bismarck Kristal's Hair Studio/Toasted Frog. Fourth: Bismarck Kupper Chevrolet.

## Women's Slow Pitch Rec I

Champion: Jamestown IDK; Runner-Up: West Fargo 702 Communications; Third: West Fargo M&J Saloon. Fourth: Valley City Boomers Corner KEG/Wendel Auto.

## Women's Slow Pitch Rec II, East

Champion: Thompson Women; Runner-Up: Jamestown Allied Agronomy; Third: West Fargo Sherman's. Fourth: Grand Forks Diamond Lounge/Palace Pantry; Consolation Champion: Fordville; Consolation Runner-Up: Grafton Extra End; Roughrider: Valley City Tavern 94/Bob's Excavating.

## Women's Slow Pitch Rec II, West

Champion: Dickinson West Dakota Vet Clinic; Runner-Up: Dickinson Liquid Assets; Third: Beulah Highway Express/Subway. Fourth: Minot Nichols Trucking/AFLAC; Consolation Champion: Bismarck Lincoln Storage; Consolation Runner-Up: Bismarck Solid Dakota; Roughrider: Bismarck C.J. Rigging.

## Women's Slow Pitch Rec III, East

Champion: Lidgerwood Bar & Grill; Runner-Up: Park River American Legion; Third: Fargo Silver Dollars/Sexy Pigs. Fourth: Grafton Last Chance/Bud Light; Consolation Champion: Blanchard The Hut; Tumbleweed: West Fargo Silver Dollar/MFI.

## Women's Slow Pitch Rec III, West

Champion: Beulah Nite Owl; Runner-Up: Bismarck Trans Trash; Third: Mandan Lonesome Dove; Consolation Champion: Bismarck Ball Busters; Roughrider: Bismarck Heinle Farms.

## Women's Slow Pitch Masters, Division I

Champion: Bismarck Bistro; Runner-Up: Bismarck Capital City Construction.

## Women's Slow Pitch Masters, Division II

Champion: Beulah Nite Owl; Industrial Fabworx, German Rentals; Runner-Up: Oakes Rudy's.

## Coed Slow Pitch Division I

Champion: Fargo The Box/West Acres Automotive; Runner-Up: Fargo Sperle Masonry; Third: Fargo The Northern; Fourth: Grand Forks Bun Lounge.

## Coed Slow Pitch Division II

Champion: Grand Forks Kelly's Bar; Second: Valley City Elliot Farms; Third: Jamestown Coors Light/IDK; Fourth: Grand Forks Nodak Mutual; Roughrider: West Fargo Lights Out.

## Coed Slow Pitch Division III

Champion: Grand Forks Kelly's Bar; Second: Valley City Captains Pub; Third: Arthur R&R/Hunter Ins.; Fourth: Crary Bearcats; Consolation Champions: Grand Forks Pace Painting; Consolation Runner-Up: LaMoure Nogos Tapper; Roughrider: Moorhead France Electric.

## Coed Slow Pitch Division IV

Champion: Jamestown Schafer's Coed/Shady's; Second: Grand Forks Muddy Rivers; Third: Thompson Edward Jones; Fourth: Minot Capri Bar; Consolation Champion: Valley City Dirty Johnny's; Consolation Runner-Up: Grafton Last Chance; Roughrider: Jamestown Hansen Grading.

## Junior Olympic Girls Fast Pitch, 18 & Under

Champion: West Fargo Impact; Runner-Up: Grand Forks; Third: Dickinson Diamonds; Fourth: Valley City.

## Junior Olympic Girls Fast Pitch, 14 & Under

Champion: Bismarck Blue/Gold; Runner-Up: Dickinson Diamonds; Third: Grand Forks; Fourth: Casleton.

## Junior Olympic Girls Fast Pitch, 12 & Under

Champion: Dickinson Diamonds; Runner-Up: Grand Forks; Third: Bismarck; Fourth: Valley City.

## Junior Olympic Girls Fast Pitch, 10 & Under

Champion: Dickinson; Runner-Up: Grand Forks; Third: Bismarck.

## Junior Olympic Girls Slow Pitch 18 & Under, Class A

Champion: Lidgerwood Express; Runner-Up: Lisbon VFW; Third: Harvey; Fourth: Minot.

## Junior Olympic Girls Slow Pitch 16 & Under, Class A

Champion: Steele Softball; Runner-Up: Wahpeton VFW 16's; Third: Napoleon Imperial; Fourth: Medina; Consolation Champion: Minot; Consolation Runner-Up: Milnor.

## Junior Olympic Girls Slow Pitch 14 & Under, Class A

Champion: Hankinson Zukies; Runner-Up: Napoleon; Third: Medina; Fourth: Langdon; Consolation Champion: Horace; Consolation Runner-Up: Lidgerwood/Lisbon.

## Junior Olympic Girls Slow Pitch, 12 & Under

Champion: Napoleon, Runner-Up: Colfax Classics; Third: Horace Hornets; Fourth: Medina; Fifth: Valley City.



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- Scott Fears, West Fargo, Unsportsmanlike conduct, Probation thru 2011
- Jason Baca, Mandan, Illegal participation (2nd) Probation thru 2011
- Todd Kalpakoff, Fargo, Altered bat. Two years suspension 2010 & 2011 NDASA/ASA play. Five years probation starting 1/1/12
- Ryan Hertel, Jerome Talley, Delmon Clown, Lyle Uses Arrow, Mandan, Illegal participation. Suspension through 7/1/11. Probation 2011 & 2012

- Dustin Talley, Mandan, Illegal participation. Suspension through 7/1/11. Probation 2011, 2012 & 2013
- T C Wolves Softball Team, Mandan, Illegal participation. Probation 2011 season
- Kyle Wheeler, Minot, Illegal participation. Probation 2010-2011
- Dilon Kunz, Jamestown, Unsportsmanlike conduct. Probation 2010-2011
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