

# Mt. Seymour Little Leaguer



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## Welcome to Issue 2 of the Mt. Seymour Little Leaguer!



2007 Carter Chevrolet May Majors  
Tournament Champion  
Mt. Seymour Angels

## We are the champions!

The **3rd Annual Carter Chevrolet May Majors Tournament** is in the books, and oh what a wet set of books they are! The weather gods have never been very kind to this tournament, but this year they were in a particularly foul mood.

**Susan Romeo-Gilbert** stepped in as Tournament Director this year, and quickly assembled a solid Tournament Committee consisting of **Linda Castagna, Cathy Kenning, Warren Wightman, Kevin Sander, Bob Knight, Cheryl Kuban, and Annelieke Blois**. The organizers hit the ground running, making several significant improvements—a PA system (courtesy of **Deep Cove Music**) was

provided for the Seycove field, powered by a generator. A terrific scoreboard, built by **Donnie Smith and Linda Castagna** was added to the mix, and finally a real fence was erected, so the Seycove diamond was a hugely improved experience for teams playing there. The scoreboard is still available and being used at Seycove for league games, a nice legacy from the tournament. As for the tourney itself, we had teams from **Whalley, South Vancouver, Forest Hills, North Van Central and West Van**. The first day went almost uneventfully, but rain the likes of which we haven't seen here in a while came down on Sunday. Only the morning games were completed, and all others were shortened to 4 innings and rescheduled to Monday. A lot of frantic re-planning and hard work led up to a **Mt. Seymour Angels vs.**

**North Van Central Sox** final. It was a very thrilling game, that included a **triple play** (unfortunately *against* Mt. Seymour) and had to go 8 innings before the Angels came out on top 7-4. This is the first time a Mt. Seymour team won the tournament—and they went undefeated in doing it. Congratulations to coach **Dan Jarvis**, and assistants **Brad Kenning and Gary Mallender** and the players on the Angels. The other Mt. Seymour team in the tournament was the Athletics, who also had a very successful set of games, and came close to creating an all-Mt. Seymour final! Congrats to coaches **Dan Graham, Kevin Sander** and the players on the Athletics.

There are many people that contributed to the success of this tournament—please check out the league website for the complete story (coming soon).

### Thank You for Field Prep Work!

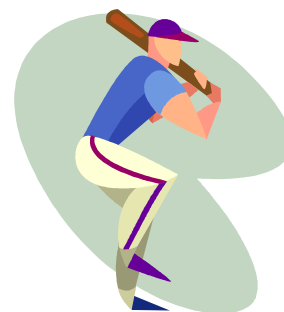
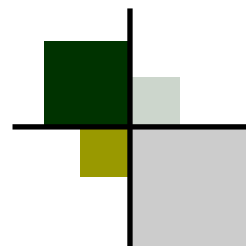
A giant THANK YOU to all the volunteers who came out for our Field Prep Days. This spring we had a record number of parents working to get our

diamonds in shape for the start of the season...and they succeeded! If you were among those who helped out, thank you very much.

### Check out our website to find:

- \* Playoff schedules and scores
- \* Standings for Rookie Senior, AA, AAA and Majors divisions.
- \* Rules for each division
- \* Additional info on the Carter Chevrolet tournament
- \* Calendar of important dates and showing all games that occur every day...

([www.eteamz.com/msll](http://www.eteamz.com/msll))



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You may have noticed that the scoreboard at Myrtle has been operating more reliably and frequently than in previous years—that is thanks to the maintenance **Cliff Snelling** has been doing—cleaning, lubricating (repeat as necessary), swapping batteries etc. Thanks Cliff—it really adds to the baseball atmosphere at Myrtle!



## Closing Days — What, There's Two?!!

With 25 teams in 6 divisions (not counting Juniors, Seniors and Bigs), it would take a lot of time to complete one Closing Ceremony. So to keep things moving along and everyone captivated by the goings-on, we're holding our season finale on two days.

### Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

In the morning, the top two Majors teams will compete in their division's Championship Game at the Myrtle diamond. At the same time, Rookie Juniors will hold their annual Tournament at the Junior and Senior dia-

monds, and the AA Championship will be held at Seycove.

Closing Ceremonies will begin at 1 PM for **Rookie Junior, AA, AAA, and Majors** and teams. They'll include the awarding of a host of team and individual trophies and awards.

### Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

This is the day we'll honour those in **T-Ball** and **Rookie Senior**. The day will begin with the Rookie Seniors Tournament at the Junior and Rookie diamonds. We'll start the Closing Ceremony for these divisions at 1 PM.

### General Information

For game/tournament start times, please check our web site: <http://www.eteamz.com/msll>

The ceremonies will take place rain or shine but, to be sure, we've put in a special request for brilliant sunshine both days.

With enough volunteers, the Concession Stand will open at 9 AM. And we hope to serve burgers from 11:30 – 1:00.

If you have even a little time to help the Ceremonies be a resounding success, please contact Gail Snelling (604.929-0870)

## Lightening Strikes Twice!

A rare situation came up not once but twice in the recent Carter Chevrolet tournament, and in separate games. Furthermore, separate umpires got the call correct in both circumstances! The batter batted or bunted the ball, and when exiting the batter's box threw the bat down and hit the ball in fair territory. In this circumstance (as per rule 6.05g) the batter is out. In addition to the

two occurrences in the tournament, a coach in attendance reported that it also happened at a game he played that same week, so it seems there must have been a full moon or something. Kudos to **Don Rutherford** and **Cam Huston** for getting it right in the tournament!



## Volunteer Forms

Coaches, assistant coaches, managers and anyone spending time directly with players needs to complete a Volunteer Application Form and return it to the League Safety Officer Doug Beckett. If you haven't done so already, give Doug a break and send it in pronto. An electronic version is available under 'Forms' on the league website—[www.eteamz.com/msll](http://www.eteamz.com/msll).

## What's Happening at Seycove?

There is some significant fencing and field work scheduled by the school district for the Seycove field, which will hopefully result in a much improved outfield next year. They will also be erecting a large

fence around the entire field, and this is expected to keep the field in better condition. We are hoping to get some additional work done behind the backstop and dugouts to help battle the chronic mud problem there.

A wider walkway will be provided by the crews working on the field, which will make for a much safer walk around the back of the backstop and dugouts. We in turn will look to put in some crushed rock to keep everyone a little drier!

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## Here's to You!

- Thanks to **Bob Knight** and **Dij Luce**, who are busy doing the umpire scheduling for the Majors and AAA division, as well as managing umpire payment—thanks folks!
- **Wayne Veale** for installing some extra shelves in the concession
- **Brad Kenning** for acquiring and arranging the installation of the bright (and functional) yellow fence guards at Myrtle.

**HEY COACH— THANKS! WE HAVE A LOT OF GREAT COACHES IN MT. SEYMOUR, WHO PUT IN A LOT OF TIME AND ENERGY. IS IT TIME TO GIVE YOUR COACH A PAT ON THE BACK?**



## Umps Look Striking

If you've attended any AA, AAA or Majors games recently, you've undoubtedly noticed how professional our umps look. The reason for the improvement in appearance? They now have special umpire shirts.

There have been other improvements in the field of MSSL umpiring too. Each ump now fills out a form after a game and submits it confidentially to our Umpire In Chief. On the form, he notes if he had any problems at the game. If so, our UIC addresses the is-

sue.

The coaches, too, report on the quality of umpiring. This allows our UIC to provide extra guidance to umps who would benefit from it.

Furthering our umps' development, Colin Thompson has been mentoring them, giving them the benefit of his many years in every aspect of the game.



## Post-Season

Preparations for post-season are underway. Coaches have been selected, and extra clinics for all interested players are underway. Mt. Seymour will have teams in the **9-year old** tournament (Kilmer Park in Lynn Valley on the July long weekend), the **9/10 Districts** (June 23rd to July 9th at ViewLynn Park in Lynn Valley) and the **Majors Districts** (June 30th to July 15th at Zuehlke Park). Come out and cheer our Mt. Seymour teams!.

## More AA Action!

This year, we introduced a pitching machine for the first two innings of every AA game during the Pre-Season. The result? More hits, more opportunities to field the ball and, generally, more exciting action.

During the pre-season, coaches developed their live pitchers. Once the

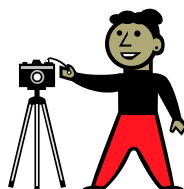
Regular Season began, pitchers were well on their way to being able to handle the job like pros. We're soliciting feedback from coaches on this experiment, but if you have an opinion, we'd like to hear from you as well. Send any comments to [brettkelly@shaw.ca](mailto:brettkelly@shaw.ca) with a subject of 'AA Feedback'

## No Hitter!

Majors pitcher **Brendan Sander** of the Athletics led his team to victory on April 30<sup>th</sup> by pitching a no-hitter through 5-2/3 innings, including 6 strike-outs. At one time, he had 14 straight outs. He had to be pulled before completing the last inning because he'd reached the maximum pitch count of 85. Arghhh!

## Photo Day

Photo Day was May 12 and was a success again this year (thanks **Gail!**). The weather even cooperated, which isn't always the case. By the way, **retakes** are scheduled for June 8 at Myrtle - you must arrive between 5:15-5:30 p.m.



## Juniors, Seniors and Bigs

Do you ever wonder what happens after Majors and AAA? The answer is— Juniors! And after that, Seniors (15-16) and then Bigs (17-18). Mt. Seymour has teams in all these divisions, and all these players started down in T-Ball and Rookie at Myrtle Park. The teams play across the North Shore, and play against other leagues in District 5—that would be

Lynn Valley, North Van Central, Highlands, Forest Hills, Cypress Park, West Vancouver and a new league this year— Pemberton Valley! These games are listed on the D5 website— [www.eteamz.com/nvdistrict5](http://www.eteamz.com/nvdistrict5)—for a look at your future, check out the calendar and come out to some games!