



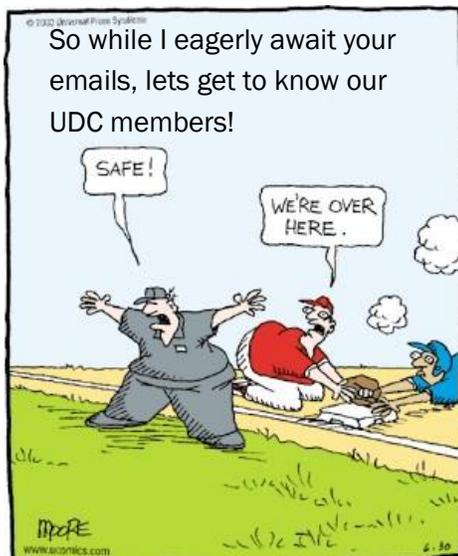
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Editors Notes

2020. Five Months in and what a year! In hopes to keep everyone up to date, with the latest COVID-19 updates, as well as keep all of our members informed on what's going on throughout the province, the Umpire Development Committee has decided to bring back our newsletter!

Your one-stop-shop, to get all the updates from Softball Saskatchewan, Softball Canada, our AWESOME Board of Directors, and us your Umpire Development Committee. But just updates would be fairly boring, so we want to hear from YOU! Let us know what your doing to keep busy, send us your stories from previous games, ask us questions. Send me the "deets". I want to know!



May 2020

Who's on First?

Let's get to know each other.

If you're from the Saskatoon area, or if you've been around for a while, you've probably met Bob Clothier. Bob started umpiring in 1984, and since has definitely gained tons of knowledge, experiences and stories that he is always willing to share. He joined the UDC as our member-at-large back in 2018, hoping to share his experience and knowledge, as well as give back to our program.

"I feel it's our responsibility to do. Learning never ends and after learning and applying the newly acquired skill it's a great feeling of accomplishment to put it into use"

Looking back at the many nationals and tournaments Bob has been able to officiate at, two stand out the most, the first was his first Canadian Championship in PEI, and the second was the toughest situation he has ever been in. It was at the Sr. Men's Canadian Championship; a game between Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, two teams that have had a rivalry for a while. At the start of the first inning, both teams started "plunking" batters, and the tension and rivalry didn't end for about three hours. "I learned a lot about game control; however, it wasn't until the game was over [that] I realized it."

For Bob, the best thing is life is to be able to help others and provide an equal playing field for everyone, and for whatever you do, do it to the best of your abilities. "[If you can go] out and ump a game, and after the game someone asks "Who was the ump?" then you know you've done a good job." He suggests that anyone starting out, to be more active with the seasoned umpires, "... they have knowledge and are more than willing to pass it on most of the time."

Looking forward, Bob hopes to continue his work with the program and hopes to be able to do move evaluations. He ended with "always remember that family, health, and friends are the most important [things] in the world around us... being in the sporting world I have made friends all across this great country. If you're there for them, they are there for you."



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Webinars, Seminars and educational opportunities

With the season on hold at the moment, we are looking at ways to keep everyone involved, active and informed. With Saskatchewan's re-open plan starting to take effect, we're hopeful that we still will get some resemblance of a season. Even if it's only a few weeks long.

Softball Canada, in conjunction with Rawlings Canada, has started up a Speakers Series.

"Open to all members of the softball community and featuring some of Canada's most talented and respected softball representatives."

In the series, they cover a wide range of topics from different perspectives. If you've missed out on the previous ones, no worries. All of the Softball Canada webinars and speaker series are recorded and posted on the Softball Canada's YouTube Channel.

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Photo of me, sitting at home, writing this newsletter. Waiting for ball to start up again.

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