

A Brief History of Winnipeg South Minor Baseball Association

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Preface

This collection of historical notes began with a series of conversations in 2012 when a few of us agreed to pool our knowledge from various time periods since the formation of the Winnipeg South Minor Baseball Association. Our goals were to recognize the contributions of dedicated volunteers who helped build and sustain the Association, and to provide current WS families with a sense of the legacy they share as members of Winnipeg South and its associated clubs.

Grant Norman penned the first notes in 2013 and got us started. Major contributors to the document besides Grant were Winston Smith, Murray Wiegand and Ian Wise. We had substantial assistance of various kinds from Don Breen (most of the photos herein), Bob Jones, Wes Penner, Patrick Campbell, Jack Urbanski and Warren Howe. Others, including Murray Riddell, Morgan de Peña, Diane Anderson, Doug Quark, and Garth Manness kindly reviewed parts of the document and offered useful suggestions.

We sincerely hope that this will be a “living document”, one that is corrected as needed and augmented by new readers. We are under no illusion that it is complete and error-free. We anticipate that it will be updated regularly as the years pass, new volunteers step forward, and new achievements are chronicled. We hope that many readers will also contribute their own stories – memories, interesting anecdotes, special photos – that can be used to make this a more complete and more entertaining story.

If you have things you would like to share, or notice any errors in this draft, kindly contact Mike Anderson (m_anderson@ducks.ca) who will continue to steward this collection for a while longer.

Please join us in celebrating the legacy of Winnipeg South baseball!

Mike Anderson
April 25, 2017

Introduction

The Winnipeg South Minor Baseball Association (WSMBA or WS) exists to support recreational baseball programs for the youth of southwest Winnipeg. We are a non-profit volunteer organization that provides a league structure and coordinates baseball through the Community Clubs of Winnipeg that are situated south of the Assiniboine River and east of the Red River, mostly within the Perimeter Highway. Our Association also encompasses the outlying areas of St. Norbert, Macdonald, LaSalle and Sanford. WS also sponsors the successful elite-level 'AAA' Winnipeg South Chiefs, which field regional teams for youth ages 12 – 21yr. The Chiefs presently compete in a regional league (Winnipeg AAA Baseball Association or WABA) that includes as members Red River, North Winnipeg, St. James, Bonivital and several partly affiliated clubs.

With the commitments of an engaged Board, our baseball families and the Community Clubs, WS annually provides baseball programs for about 1000 boys and girls, ages 5-21yr. We are presently the second largest regional baseball association in Manitoba and one of the most successful in engaging youth to be physically active in a fun, safe and competitive environment. While many areas of the Province have been losing players, WS programs overall have remained strong as indicated by 14-year registration trends (Fig. 1).

That base of community club players has resulted in strong elite programs as well. The WS Chiefs 'AAA' teams have won eleven Provincial Championships in that same 13-year time period and have represented Manitoba at eleven National and eight Western Canadian Championships. Baseball Manitoba also has recognized sixteen players, four coaches, five teams and six umpires from Winnipeg South with major Provincial awards, and Winnipeg South has twice been honored as the Baseball Manitoba Region of the year, most recently in 2016. In 2008 WS became the first association in Canada to earn Baseball Canada's RBI Award (Reaching Baseball Ideals) for its broad-based commitment to athlete and coach development.

The purpose of this short history is two-fold: 1) to recognize the key volunteers, coaches, players and officials who have been particularly instrumental in the founding, development and nurturing of youth baseball in our community; and 2) to provide the players and families currently in our programs with a sense of the proud history and traditions of the WSMBA, to which they are now both heirs, and contributors.

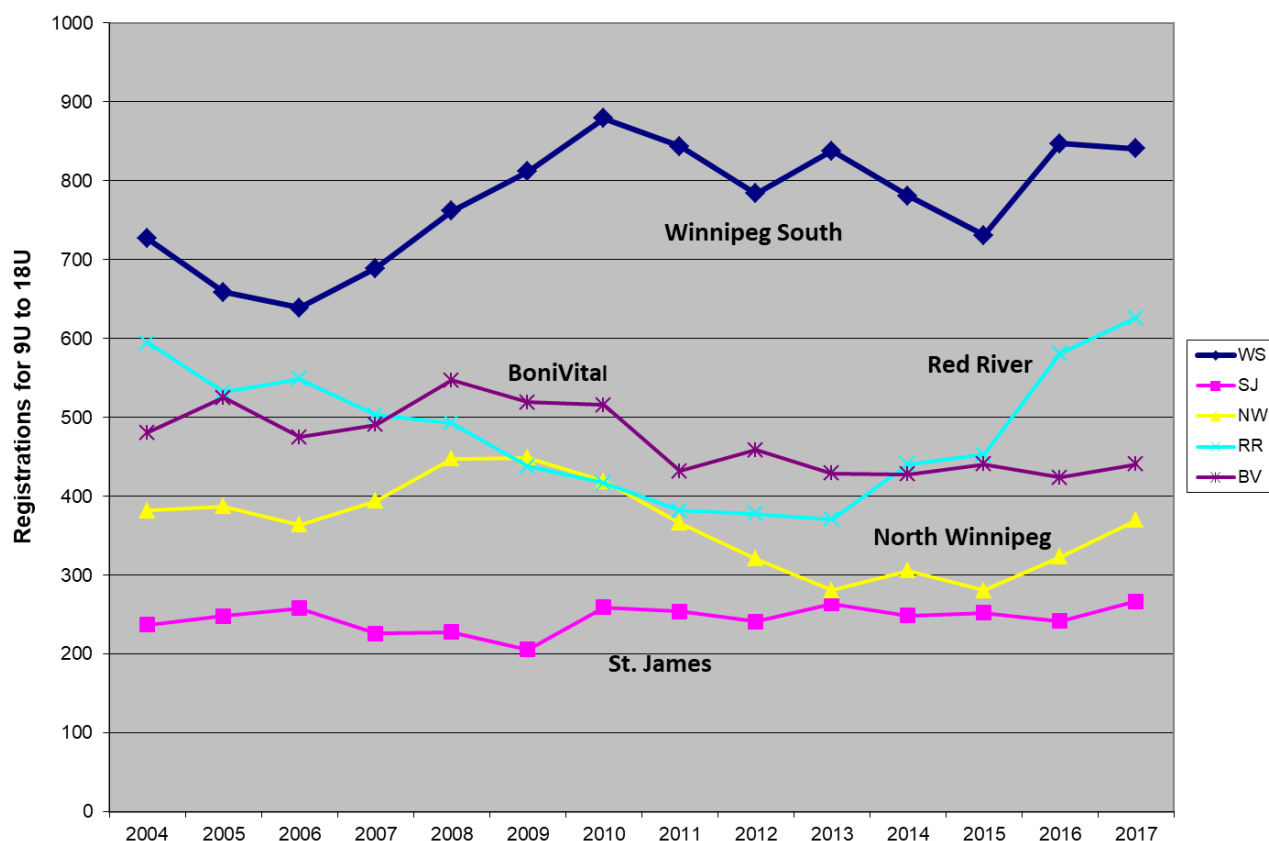


Fig. 1. 14-year registration trends in Winnipeg South and other City of Winnipeg Area Associations for ages 9U through 18U. Players in the 21U (Junior) and 7U (Rally Cap) age groups are not shown because programs were not available for all areas and all years. Also not included are players registered with the WABA AAA leagues. With 7U, 21U and WABA teams included, registration in WS has been near 1000 players in recent years.

Founding of Winnipeg South Minor Baseball Association

WSMBA was established in 1982 by Roland Toker, a local businessman. The league was made up of Beaver (now 13U), Bantam (15U) and Midget (18U) 'AAA' teams (then known as 'A') that used the nickname Winnipeg South Chiefs. See Appendix C for a table that cross-references historical and current age-division names.

Prior to 1982, various areas of south Winnipeg ran isolated 'Little League' programs. There were also teams called the "South End Sioux" that played in the Winnipeg League. In 1982 the City of Winnipeg built a diamond on the old garbage dump at the southwest corner of Wilkes Avenue and Charleswood Road, and called the area "Charleswood Place", although most people call it "Charleswood Park" and that name has stuck. A 21U (Junior) team, the "South End Sioux", was the first team based there, coached and managed by Tom Thompson but unaffiliated with WSMBA. More on Charleswood Place (CP) below.

In 1983, WSMBA officially joined the Manitoba Baseball Association (MBA now Baseball Manitoba) and entered teams in the 'AA' leagues at 11U, 13U, 15U and 18U. WSMBA also had 'AAA' teams at the 13U and 15U levels that year. Midget (17U) and Bison (19U) teams were added two years later, and Juniors (21U) in 1987. ('AAA' and 'AA' were then designated as 'A' and 'B', respectively). Winnipeg South Minor Baseball Association Inc., incorporated under *The Corporations Act* (Manitoba) on December 24, 1985.

In 1986, shortly after its incorporation, WSMBA passed its General By-law (also known as its "Constitutional By-law") and a resolution establishing an Executive Committee. These two documents formed the governing structure for the Association. In the spring of 1993, after Garth Manness had become President, the Board of Directors determined it was necessary to update the Constitution and the Association's organization. Vice-president Winston Smith, a lawyer, volunteered to draft a new Constitution. In addition, since the Board deemed it necessary to integrate all of the Association's local baseball playing rules with the Playing Rules and Regulations of the Manitoba Baseball Association and the Canadian Rules of Baseball, Winston undertook that task as well. Directors at that time assisted in the overall project, especially Grant Norman, Bob Jones, and Kathie Smith. Don Breen did meticulous work on the rules that involved identifying each specific Baseball Canada rule, and then incorporating any refinement or alteration of the rule by Manitoba Baseball and/or any local WSMBA rule that was applicable to each age division. Without that careful and incredibly time-consuming effort, coaches would have been faced with having to check three sources of rules to determine the rules in force for any particular age group. Since then, WSMBA rules have been updated annually and discussed with coaches and umpires at the beginning of each season. The Playing Rules presently are posted on the WSMBA web site (<http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=wsmba>).

The Community Clubs

Winnipeg South is formally incorporated as an association of neighborhood community clubs. In fact, it was at the request of the community clubs that WSMBA assumed responsibility for operating the baseball program in their catchment areas. The community clubs or local baseball associations (Charleswood & Macdonald) are the only voting members of WS at its annual general meeting or any special general meetings. The Board that governs WS includes the baseball conveners from each club plus a group of annually elected volunteer directors that run WS programs between annual general meetings. Elected directors serve for renewable one-year terms. The current President is Wes Penner. Past presidents of WS and their terms in office are listed in Appendix A. We appreciate the major commitments of time and effort provided by these individuals over the years.

The first community club conveners were Tom Pringle from Fort Richmond, Ron Harvey from St. Norbert, Brian Pott from Lord Roberts, Diane Tokarchuk from Riverview, Dean Danforth from Crescentwood, Bob Jones from Charleswood, Don Fisher from Oak Bluff, Kevin Crouch from Fort Garry, Tim McManus from River Heights, and Grant Norman from Waverley Heights.

Baseball programs at the community clubs waxed and waned over the years, with the additions of Tuxedo and Sir John Franklin, loss of clubs like Lord Roberts, and the amalgamation of others. The work of organizing baseball in WS falls most heavily on the shoulders of the individual club or association conveners, and we recognize and deeply appreciate their efforts over the years. Current (2018) conveners are:

Charleswood Baseball	Diane Anderson
Tuxedo	Sheryl Singer
Corydon	Mike Hamm
Fort Garry	Stuart MacRae
Riverview	Jason Hoeppner
South Winnipeg	David Craw
St. Norbert	Don Lapointe
Macdonald Baseball	Kalam Paull

Charleswood Baseball is an independent association that organizes baseball for the community club catchments of Westdale, Roblin Park, and Varsity View. Similarly, Macdonald Baseball runs programs for the communities of LaSalle, Oak Bluff and Sanford. Presently Corydon comprises the recent merger of Sir John Franklin, River Heights and Crescentwood clubs; while South Winnipeg includes the formerly independent clubs of Richmond Kings and Waverley Heights. Riverview rejoined WS in 2016 after a multi-year absence. Past conveners from our member clubs and associations, as best we can ascertain, are listed in Appendix B.

Winnipeg Minor Baseball (WMB)

For nearly two decades WS had sufficient numbers of teams and players to run its own leagues at all age levels. By the late 1990's, however, declining participation in baseball throughout Winnipeg had begun to make single-association leagues unworkable. Winnipeg South was for a time immune to these problems because of our greater numbers of players, but eventually we also began to face a shortage of teams. Other regional associations within the city began to amalgamate their leagues to remain viable. This began piecemeal among the associations, and WS past-president Ian Wise credits Joe Raposo (currently VP Sport Development for Baseball Manitoba) as an important catalyst in the process.

In about 1998, WS faced a reduced number of 18U registrations, and the other City regions combined did not have enough 18U teams to form viable 'A' and 'AA'

leagues. As a result, representatives from all five regional associations in the city decided to pool their teams and form a city-wide 18U league. League mergers continued and by 1998, the WS 15U 'AA' league expanded to include a team from St. James; by 2002 that league included WS, St. James and North Winnipeg. Winnipeg Minor Baseball (WMB) in its present format formed "officially" in 2004 with all city regions represented. As player numbers rose and fell over the next few years, city-wide leagues were formed for 15U 'AA' (by 2004) as well as the 18U 'A', and 18U 'AA' age divisions. A multi-regional league comprised of 15U 'A' teams from Winnipeg South, St. James, and North Winnipeg was also formed and shortly thereafter it too became a city-wide league. That same "Winnipeg West" arrangement expanded to include 11U AA and 13U AA by 2005 (possibly earlier). Presently (2017) city-wide leagues operate for 11U 'AA' and 13U 'AA' age divisions. WS has sufficient teams for its own leagues at 11U 'A', 13U 'A' and all younger categories.

Murray Wiegand recalls that in his earliest meetings with the other regional associations, then-president Winston Smith and Brian Smitten represented WS. Shortly thereafter Murray began making the city-wide schedules for 15U and younger age groups – a job he continues to do in 2017. When it became clear that city-wide leagues were likely here to stay, representatives from Winnipeg South, Bonivital, St. James, North Winnipeg and Red River made an effort to better organize baseball across the City and give shape and substance to WMB. Initial representatives from Winnipeg South to this somewhat more formal structure were Ian Wise and Murray Wiegand. Tony Staruch has since replaced Murray, while Ian, as of 2017, remains as a WS representative and has provided long-standing leadership in the evolution of WMB.

In 2004, city-wide rules were drafted by a committee from all regions in order to have one set of rules that applied to all teams. Thus, region-specific rules began to be replaced by city-wide rules. Gradually, through compromise and patience, this has resulted in a set of mostly unified rules that now apply to all teams for both regular season play and the city playoffs.

The city-wide leagues were subject to many growing pains both before and after rules were drafted. The continued application of local rules by officials, and unsettled issues surrounding qualification procedures for city playoffs persisted for many years. These problems largely have now been resolved. WMB now actively consults with Baseball Manitoba to quickly adopt new provincial rules and to disseminate these rules to coaches and other team representatives. The group also strives to be proactive in adopting new rules which benefit player development and enjoyment of the game.

Despite the urging of WS representatives, WMB remains an organization without a clear charter, by-laws or formal reporting lines, which we believe could help in the smooth operation of city-wide leagues. One very positive development, however, is that WMB now assigns the sites for the city playoffs and administers a financial

protocol that assures all regions equally share the cost of hosting the city playoffs according to the number of teams participating in the playoffs from each region.

City-wide leagues have gradually evolved into fully functional leagues with team advancement to city playoffs now based solely on merit instead of the old two-teams-per-region allocation formula, which caused much consternation over a decade or more. This has resulted in as many as 28 teams advancing to city playoffs from Winnipeg South in a single year, compared to only 16 teams under the old system. It is our hope, however, that in the future increased participation in baseball throughout the city eventually might render the added structure of WMB unnecessary.

Winnipeg South Chiefs

As noted above, support for Winnipeg's most competitive level 'AAA' teams has been part of the WS mission from the beginning. Always competing under the name Winnipeg South Chiefs, though playing in different leagues over the years, these teams have provided a competitive experience for the most skilled and committed players in our association at ages 13U, 15U, 18U and 21U.

The Greater Winnipeg Minor Baseball Association served as an umbrella association for baseball in the City sometime before 1974. In 1984 or 1985, this organization morphed into the Winnipeg 'A' Baseball Association (WABA) with a mandate to organize and oversee exclusively 'A' (now 'AAA') baseball for all the Area Associations in the City. Al Sharp from Winnipeg South and Ted Glass from St. James were among the active founders of WABA. Today, WABA is comprised of teams from Red River Valley, North Winnipeg, St. James, Bonivital, Winnipeg South, and for certain age divisions, partial participation from Interlake, Carillon, South Central and Pembina Hills. Teri-Lynn Harms and Wes Penner are the current WABA representatives from WS, while WS past presidents, Ian Wise and Mike Anderson, serve in other capacities on the WABA Board. WABA Champions are listed in Appendix G.

For the Chiefs as well as the community clubs, a great deal of volunteer effort goes into organizing their programs, running player tryouts, selecting coaches, garnering equipment, and maintaining the facilities at Charleswood Place. Present senior volunteers in these roles are V.P. High Performance, Teri-Lynn Harms and V.P. Facilities, Patrick Campbell. Our 'AAA' coaches also make major commitments of time to maintaining their individual NCCP Certification at the Provincial level, and to leading our teams both before and throughout their long seasons, and we gratefully acknowledge their outstanding efforts for our players. Past Head Coaches of WS Chiefs teams are recorded in Appendix C.

The Chiefs have enjoyed much competitive success over the years reflected in the Provincial Championships, and team and individual honours, noted in Appendices E and F.

Junior (21U) 'AAA' Team – Prior to 1984 the Junior team in south Winnipeg was coached and run by Tom Thompson. In 1986, WSMBA decided it wanted to have the team under its jurisdiction, purchased the team for \$750, and received some bats, catcher's equipment and practice balls. They subsequently were called the "Winnipeg South Chiefs". Kit LeClair and assistant Joe Scheiring, who had been leading the Bison team, coached the new Junior team in 1987. Morgan de Peña coached the team from 1988-91. Dan Moir, Neil Prendergast, Winston Smith, Maurice Oakes and Don Blanchard, were the following coaches until the team dissolved in 2006. The team was re-established in 2011 under Head Coach Bob Andruchuk with the help of Murray McLarty and Pat Turgeon, and later Morgan de Peña again. In recent years they have contested for the Manitoba championship and in 2015 captured the Western Canadian championship. Though linked to Winnipeg South, the Chiefs Junior 'AAA' team presently played under the auspices of the Manitoba Junior Baseball League (<http://ballcharts.com/team/?team=MJBL>). Regrettably, in the spring of 2017 the team disbanded again as the team was unable to recruit an adequate number of players who could commit to the team for the season. We hope to resurrect the team again in the near future.

Junior (21U) 'AA' Team – Winnipeg South clubs sporadically hosted Junior 'AA' (formerly 'B') teams, mainly out of Charleswood (2004—2012). The "Charleswood Selects" were comprised of players from throughout WS and played home games at Charleswood Place. The team was launched with a total budget of \$2,000 provided by Charleswood Minor Baseball. Waverley Heights also supported a team for 2008-2009. This small league provided the opportunity for players ages 18-21yr to continue playing baseball without the commitment required to participate in Junior 'AAA' teams. Jack Urbanski was the founding Head Coach of the Selects, and was succeeded by Warren Howe in 2008 and Tom Ewert in 2011. The league typically included 4-5 teams from the greater Winnipeg area. The teams competed annually for the "Provincial 'B' Championship" trophy. Charleswood won titles in 2006 and 2009.

Charleswood Place (Park)

WSMBA's flagship facility at Charleswood Place began humbly as an old city dump.

The First Diamond- In 1982 Roland Toker was instrumental in having the dump site on Wilkes and Charleswood Road converted into a baseball diamond by the City of Winnipeg Parks and Recreation Department. The diamond was first used by various Senior, Junior and Midget teams from the area.

Lights! - In 1986 Allan Sharpe approached the board with the idea WS should apply for a government grant to have lights installed on one of our baseball diamonds. Grant Norman reported, "We applied with not a lot of hope, but thought nothing ventured, nothing gained. To our surprise we were granted \$54,000, with the condition that WSMBA would match the amount. Needless to say that was the start of a large and time-consuming project." Rudy Barich and Dick Spitzke, both fathers of WS players, made generous donations; Manitoba Baseball contributed \$25,000; and WS board members worked a number of "Buffalo Bingos", Grey Cup pools, etc. and finally matched the grant to put up lights and build a canteen/washroom building.

The first site investigated was "Terrier Field" on Berwick Place but that was defeated by local residents, plus the land was owned by CN Railroad. In hindsight that was fortunate because in recent years the Berwick diamond was expropriated by the City for a rapid transit corridor. Charleswood Place was the best remaining option; there were only a few residences nearby and the diamond was on City of Winnipeg property.

Drawings had to be made, soil tests done for the poles, tendering packages assembled, and many meetings held with the City, all before construction could start. Unexpected expenses included \$13,000 for Manitoba Hydro to bring the required power to the site and \$6,000 for a membrane, required by the City, to prevent methane gas from seeping into the canteen/washroom, even though the buffer zone was going to be revised the following year! But WS leaders persevered and in the spring of 1987 WS tendered the project and State Electric was the low bidder on the lights. A separate general contractor was low bid to build the canteen/washroom building.

Ninety-foot poles were special ordered from British Columbia, to be set 20' into the ground, 70' above ground. Because this was an old dump the contractor had much difficulty drilling the holes for the poles, but perseverance won out. Norman recalls, "After many weeks of construction the lights were ready to be turned on. Guess what? The contractor had installed the lights backwards! We had a well-lit outfield, third base etc. had nothing. Needless to say the contractor had to come back and re-focus the lights." After many volunteer hours, too many to count, the lights were ready for use.



Lights come to Charleswood Place in 1987.

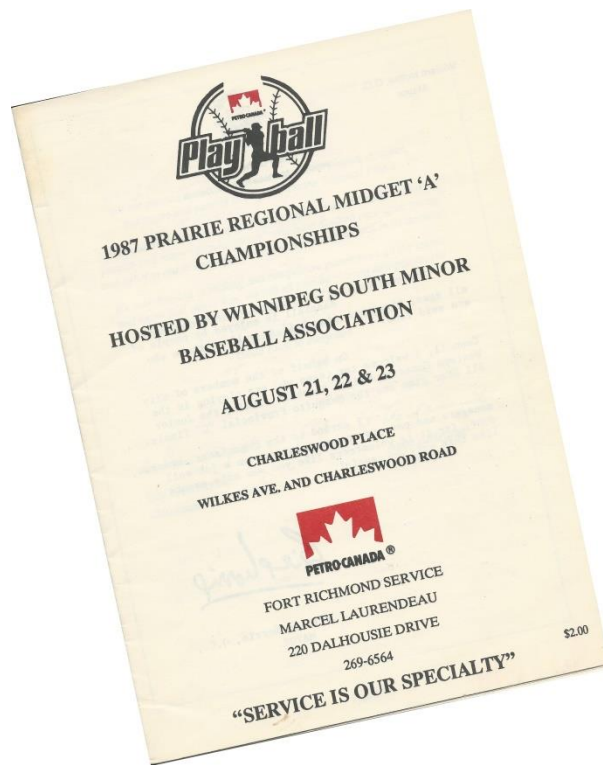
Current WS President, Wes Penner, recalls first playing “under the lights” at Charleswood Place: “One night I had come to the park to watch some friends play. The Bison Chiefs assistant coach, Gibb Pritchard (with whom I had played Midget ball) recruited me out of the stands as they were short of players. I dressed in the new bathroom and was soon playing first base. That was my first experience under the lights, my only turn at first base, and my last year playing minor baseball.”

Winston Smith, who coached both the 18U and Junior Chiefs in the 1990’s, recalls one game under the lights that attracted a horde of mosquitoes that actually inhibited play. At one point, while coaching at third and under attack, he heard a yell from the batter’s box, “Hey coach, slow down, I can’t read your signals!” But he

recalls that coaching at Charleswood Place was like “A Field of Dreams” – a park in the country surrounded by crops with the city lights far in the distance.

During these years, Bob Jones was a key volunteer keeping the diamond running and was ably assisted by Don Breen and several others. Charleswood Place remains one of only five amateur baseball diamonds in the City with lights allowing night play.

Grant Norman recalls that WS was also the first association in Winnipeg to investigate and install infield materials other than the standard dirt mix that the City supplied, which typically turned into hard, unplayable material after a rain and a little time in the hot sun. In 1985 George Jacques of Red River Brick and Tile donated crushed red brick. “We were thrilled with the result...”, Grant recalls, “...but soon found out that strong winds blew most of the fine material away, leaving fairly course material that played havoc with the baseballs and player uniforms.” “Through research we found that the red clay from Shakopee, Minnesota was ideal material to use. It cost just \$12 a yard, but how to get it here? Luckily we found a fertilizer company from Transcona was coming back from that area empty and they agreed to deliver the material to us for \$30 a yard.” This arrangement served WS needs well for decades. Due to recent tight budgets and competing requirements for field improvements, the red clay has not been replaced. Local infield mix has been provided by the city of Winnipeg and Maple Leaf Construction, but we hope to obtain Shakopee Red Clay again soon.



The Midget 'A' (now 18U 'AAA') Western Canada Championship was held at Charleswood Place for the first time in 1987 with Elly Prendergast and Anne Andrusiak as Chair and Co-Chair, respectively.

Expansion with Diamonds Two & Three- Around 1997 WS struck a facilities development team (ultimately including Norman, Smith, Manness, Jones, Breen and others) to investigate developing additional diamonds. Initially this involved applications for facility grants and extensive meetings with the City, the 1999 Pan Am Games Committee and others. Winston Smith recalls that the Pan Am Committee initially advocated for a new baseball complex at either the University of Manitoba or near the Brady Landfill. The University was cool to the idea because of numerous logistical concerns. Some also advocated Berwick Place. Eventually, citing numerous maintenance cost and logistical considerations, the WS group prevailed in directing the new diamond developments to Charleswood. The grants that had been obtained were to be used to construct two more diamonds at Charleswood Place – one full size and the other for 13-15U teams.

Prior to 2001, WS 'AAA' teams at 13U and 15U played at various community club locations depending on who was coaching. Pacific Junction, Fort Richmond, Fort Garry, Riverview, Crescentwood, and Berwick Place were fields that were used. Both the 13U and 15U teams have played at Charleswood Place since 2001.

Because of an existing swale and the need for a buffer area between diamond one, built on the old dump site, and new diamonds two and three, additional land was required. That made it necessary for the City to apply to the Board of Adjustments to permit the use of additional land as a baseball facility, and acquire the land from the adjoining farmer. The City took \$17,000 of the WSMBA Pan-Am grant money to partially offset their costs of the eight acres bought from the farmer for \$40,000. Unfortunately, a City Planner recommended the conditional use be granted but without field lights, which were considered to be "intrusive".

Before the hearing at the Board of Adjustments, then WS President, Winston Smith, challenged the Planner on her opinion that the field lights were intrusive, and convinced her to change her recommendation and to advise the Board before the hearing. But, she failed to attend the hearing or to write the change to her report. No local residents spoke in favour of the lighting ban, but because of the failure of the city planner to follow through, the variance order in place still prohibits the use of field lights on the two south diamonds. Meanwhile the only local person in attendance at the hearing to speak against the application was in favour of field lighting but did not want entry onto the facility from Charleswood Road. Thus entry was constructed off Wilkes Avenue instead. In 2015-16, Wilkes Avenue and Charleswood Road were upgraded to accommodate anticipated greater traffic due to the new subdivision of Ridgewood South. The City simultaneously barred any exits onto Wilkes Avenue deemed to be too close to the enlarged intersection,

forcing the removal of the two existing entrances to Charleswood Place. That necessitated construction of a new access and a roadway from Charleswood Road to the existing driveway connecting the two parking lots within Charleswood Place. Although construction caused damage to the Park that is still not fully repaired, we were relieved to have the Park entrance finally moved from a road with a 90kph speed limit.

But back to the expansion project – Construction of the two new fields was managed on a day-to-day basis by Bob Jones. He, Grant Norman and Don Breen were the major architects of the plan, including decisions on field amenities such as drainage, underground sprinkler systems, dugouts, fencing, field construction and materials. WS engaged Cochrane Engineering to design and complete construction documents. Shelmerdine's Nursery did all the field work, Wallace & Wallace Fencing constructed the fencing, and Gardon Construction built the dugouts. Other contributions during this period were the loan of a grass-cutting tractor by Enns Brothers, and free tractor storage provided for three years by Levandowski.

In sum, Jones, Norman and Breen devoted enormous amounts of time to the expansion project from initial planning, to supervising the contractors, and working with the City to ensure the payment of accounts. After an enormous amount of volunteer work, Diamond 2 was ready for use as a practice field for the 1999 Pan-Am games. Diamond 3 was completed in 2000, and played on for the first time in the 2001 season.

Upgrades- In 2001, a new parking lot and roadway were constructed to serve the new south diamonds. In 2004 the original diamond one was upgraded with dugouts, new backstop and fencing; and in 2006, sump pits and weeping tiles below grade were added to the dugouts on diamonds two and three.

Dedicating the Diamonds – Today's users will note that the three diamonds at Charleswood Place are named in honour of three gentlemen who were deeply involved in their creation. Chuck Biggs is a former Beaver (13U) and Midget (18U) 'AAA' coach for WS who also made a very significant financial contribution toward the construction of fields two and three. Bob Jones and Don Breen were volunteers that worked endless hours during the planning, construction and finishing touches on diamonds two and three. The Builders Stone placed just off the parking pad north of diamond three was unveiled on August 21, 2004. It recognizes the major sponsors and other leaders of WS who were most engaged in the expansion of Charleswood Place. They were Grant Norman, Garth Manness, Winston Smith, Roland Toker, Al Sharpe, Scott Duncan, Dick Spitzke, and the Levandowski Family. The Province of Manitoba and City of Winnipeg also were recognized for their contributions.



The three Fields at Charleswood Place are dedicated to volunteers and philanthropists Chuck Biggs, Don Breen and Bob Jones.



The Builders Stone was unveiled in August, 2004

The Circled 17 on the Outfield Fence – The “17 Sign” on the outfield fence holds special significance for the WSMBA family. It was erected in May, 2011 in honour of Chiefs player, **Cody Rempel**, who at age 18 died, along with his friend Jordan Polanski, in a tragic traffic accident. It happened on April 21, just before what would have been Cody’s final Midget season, and his number has been retired for all time.

Lease of Charleswood Place – Occupation and use of CP by WS was originally by Permit, applied for annually and granted by the City of Winnipeg for a small fee. The Permit was granted with the expectation that WS would comply with general rules governing use of the property as issued by the City. In 2009, WS signed a Lease with the City for a term of five years, commencing retroactively on April 1, 2007. The Lease, along with the right to renew, continues unless WS decides not to renew the Lease. This process was negotiated on behalf WS (and also the St. Boniface/St. Vital Baseball Club for Whittier Park) by Winston Smith, V-P, Policy, and Morgan de Peña, Executive Director of Baseball Manitoba. The City has not subsequently triggered the agreed-upon process for Lease renewal, thus the 2009 Lease continues in full force until March 31, 2022. During the 2009 process, Smith and de Peña negotiated other provisions to protect the interests of WS including, but not limited to financial reporting and reasonable field maintenance requirements.

Ongoing Maintenance and Revitalization – In the years following construction, Bob Jones, Don Breen, Wendy Budge, Randy Southall, Doug Quark, Bernie Novak, Ian Wise and Patrick Campbell in succession have taken care of coordinating the Green Team and overseeing the maintenance of CP diamonds, which includes ordering materials, caring for equipment, replacing lights, marking the fields and whatever is necessary to keep the diamonds in good playing condition and the grounds in good order. In recent years, there have been a number of willing board members, coaches, parents, and a handful of Chief players who have also greatly assisted with projects to upgrade the fields.

In 2015, a new revitalization plan was drafted for the facility under the leadership of Patrick Campbell. The initial field upgrades included the addition of over 70 yards of infield mix, drainage improvements, and reshaping of the infields. The on-going plan looks to refresh the aging facility and provide more needed upgrades, but the plan is contingent upon volunteer engagement and outside funding (i.e., not annual player fees). We hope to improve the playing surfaces, upgrade dugouts and lighting, replace and upgrade field-maintenance equipment, and improve batting cages and fencing. Our intention is to make the facility both better and more available to all levels of WS users.

Over the years, funds to assist with the maintenance of Charleswood Place have been garnered from many sources. For some twenty years, WS volunteers have run bingos at the Club Regent or McPhillips Street casinos. Coordinators of those efforts have included Dean Danforth, Winston Smith, Ian Wise, Mike Anderson, Wes Penner and Shantelle Cnockaert. Sue Norman and Paul Lagimodiere conducted hockey pools to raise funds. Doug Quark initiated a successful “Bud, Spud and Steak” partnership with the Thirsty Lion Tavern in Westdale. Teri-Lynn Harms ran a profitable lottery for West Jet tickets. And recently Patrick Campbell has effectively marketed rental of Charleswood Place to area high schools and various businesses. All these things help support park improvements and keep a lid on player registration fees.

WS has hosted many City and Provincial AAA and AA Championships over the years and a few Western Canada Championships, mostly at the 18U and 15U age divisions. Charleswood Place is particularly suited for tournaments utilizing our two full-sized diamonds. Although hosting requires a great deal of organizational work, profit from these events helps pay for the expenses of running the facility. Many volunteers have contributed to these efforts. Notably, the most recent tournament chairpersons have been Teri-Lynn Harms, Nahannai Grawberger and Ian Wise.

As noted above, Charleswood Place was used as a practice facility for baseball teams competing in the 1999 Pan Am Games, and will be used again in 2017 for the Canada Summer Games. Winston Smith recalls a conversation from 1999 with Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher, Dennis Martinez, a coach of the team from Nicaragua. He told Winston that many of the players he was coaching at the Games would likely be signing major league contracts for a million dollars or more, and none of them ever had a chance, as young developing players, to play on fields like WS had. They played on gravel parking lots!



Former Montreal Expo, Dennis Martinez, with L-R Henry Constant, Ryan Norman, Bob Jones and Jon Smitten. CP Field #2, 1999 Pan Am Games practice diamond.

Greening of Charleswood Place – In the summer of 2013, the City Forestry Department and WS volunteers planted 120 deciduous shade trees at Charleswood Place to enhance its aesthetics. In 2015 another 48 conifers were added to the mix with funding from a Manitoba Hydro Community Grant. In 2016 more conifer

seedlings were planted along the new access road to the parking lots, and in 2015 and 2016 climbing vines were added to the outfield fences on diamond one. These vines have been carefully nurtured by Ian Wise who also continues to add young trees and other greenery to the Park.

In 2016, a recycling program was initiated at the Park. Patrick Campbell submitted a recycling plan that was approved by the Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association's "Recycle Everywhere" program providing us with ten new recycling bins. Unfortunately as the City of Winnipeg only picks up refuse at the facility and not recycling, so currently we have to sort the recyclables ourselves and transport them to a City recycling depot.

In 2016 the City also built a new paved foot path along the east side of Charleswood Place from the corner of Charleswood Road to the north side of the new access road, and a second paved path from the south side of the access road to the gravel pathway that connects diamond two to the southern parking lot. A culvert was installed under the second path to enable water to drain from around diamonds 2 and 3. The City's goal apparently is to create a multi-purpose urban green space near the new Ridgewood South development area that will meet our future baseball needs but also provide general public enjoyment. Further dialogue with the City is needed to involve WS more fully in these plans.

Player and Coach Development

Garth Manness, Bob Jones, Don Breen and Grant Norman were instrumental in starting the 'Indoor Spring Clinics' at Max Bell Centre (University of Manitoba). Subsequently these have been managed by Ian Wise, Kevin Schiller and most recently Teri-Lynn Harms, Patrick Campbell and Wes Penner. These clinics provide useful pre-season workouts for WS community club players. Under supervision of qualified clinicians, and in recent years augmented by WS players and coaches, these events provide a fun and instructive beginning to the baseball season for many players. The clinics also afford our senior Chief players an opportunity to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for the game. Admission to the clinics is included in player registration fees, and in 2016 the clinics were also opened to prospective coaches. The clinics were somewhat reduced in 2017 because construction at Max Bell limited available dates. The spring clinics are a long-standing tradition and offer a great opportunity to engage both players and new coaches in the WS catchment area.

In recent years, WS has offered a "Fall Ball" program, mainly for players who will be participating in 11U and 13U leagues the following spring. The program is growing in popularity and participation, particularly since the program was opened to players from all baseball Area Associations in 2016. The format is one (or two) evening practices per week with games on Saturdays during September and early October. Players of all ability levels are welcome. Coaching is provided by both

certified adult and senior-player instructors, and a small profit is generated to help offset the costs of equipment and facility improvements geared to the players. Such improvements in recent years included new hitting and pitching screens, baseball equipment and fencing designed to enhance the visibility of pitched baseballs. Teri-Lynn Harms and Patrick Campbell have been the primary developers of this program for WS, with Carson Campbell, Owen Harms and Anthony Block contributing much time to the on-field sessions. Numerous other WS coaches, including current WS President, Wes Penner, have helped out from time to time. Presently, CP is the only facility in the City that maintains baseball fields through mid-October, and interest in use of the facility in the fall is increasing.

In 2016, with leadership from Kevin Schiller and the assistance of NCCP Coach Facilitators Tim Scharer and Mike Anderson, WS began a multi-year effort to provide more convenient and accessible coaching certification opportunities for community club coaches. This accelerated effort continued in 2017, coordinated by Diane Anderson. This training is desirable for helping to develop our younger players, but also timely because of increased requirements for coach certification from Baseball Canada and Baseball Manitoba.

Members at Large

Names of very significant past contributing volunteers include Don Breen, Elly Prendergast, Irma Pierre, Kathie Smith, Sue Norman, Paul Lagimodiere, Orest Dubinsky, Brian Smitten, Kelly Bodman, Matt Duncan, and Wendy Budge. Numerous other current and former volunteers are noted in the Appendices.

Many volunteers do a lot of work behind the scenes. For example, Grant Norman, Maurice Strasfeld, and for the longest time, Murray Wiegand have done the WS league scheduling. For nearly 2 decades, Murray has also handled city-wide scheduling for all teams 15U and younger. This is a daunting task involving over one hundred teams and must be accomplished each year in a very short window of time. Major kudos to Murray!

Umpires

Love 'em or not, umpires are essential participants in all our baseball games. Winnipeg South has been fortunate to have a strong cadre of both experienced and novice youth umpires over the years that have earned a reputation for fairness and competence that has done us proud. WS's current Umpire-in-Chief is Kevin Kozielec, who was honoured in 2016 with Baseball Manitoba's Umpire Award of Merit. Both Kevin and his immediate predecessor in the role (Kevin Crouch) have been strongly committed to mentoring young umpires and helping them grow in the skills, knowledge and confidence needed to officiate at both entry-level and more advanced-level games. Some who have served as WS Umpires-in-Chief are listed in Appendix D.

As another encouragement to youth umpires, each year Winnipeg South bestows the Jeff Bruce Award (named in honour of a long-time and highly respected umpire in our area) to deserving young umpires who go about their jobs in a very professional and effective manner. Please see the awards section below (Appendix F) for names of senior and youth umpires who have been recognized by Baseball Manitoba for their outstanding work.

Appendix A: WSMBA Presidents

Roland Toker	1982-83 (for 'AAA' Teams)
Grant Norman	1984-86
Kevin Crouch	1987-88
Bob Jones	1989
Kevin Crouch	1990
Anne Andrusiak	1991
John Mager	1992 (resigned)
Heather Lewko	1992 (acting)
Jack Gamble	1992
Garth Manness	1993-94
Winston Smith	1995-2003
Ian Wise	2003-2009
Mike Anderson	2010 (acting), 2011-2014
Wes Penner	2015-

Appendix B. Community Club or Association Conveners

Charleswood Baseball:

Bob Jones
 Carmen Read
 Kerry Anderson
 Jim Duncan
 Brian Thomas
 Glen Ferguson
 Missy Dunn (acting)
 Mike Anderson
 Tim Scharer
 Glenn Will
 Diane Anderson

Corydon CC (formerly Sir John Franklin, River Heights and Crescentwood)

John Young
 Mike Hamm

Crescentwood CC:

Dean Danforth
 Mike Dyck
 Dave Campbell
 Bob McQuarrie
 Tom Ewert
 Jamie Black
 Jacques Gauthier

Fort Garry CC:

Kevin Crouch
Harry Peterson
Kari Peterson
Peter Hourihan
Randy Southall
Jack Anderson
Cole Kellas
Jim Kurz
J.D. Boyd
Marshall Kirton and Mel Toews
Stuart MacRae

Lord Roberts CC:

Brian Pott
Russell Bell

Macdonald Baseball (formerly Sanford, LaSalle and Oak Bluff)

Dennis Gerbrandt
Trevor Neudorf
Greg McCulloch
Kalam Paull

Richmond Kings CC:

Tom Pringle
Henry Klassen
Doug Murray
Ray Fulford
Wayne Pouteau
Tony Staruch

River Heights CC:

Tim McManus
Milt Anderson
Maurice Strasfeld
Murray Wiegand
Terri Hammerback
Analyn Baker
Barry Hallman
Wes Penner
Marna Ramsay

Riverview CC:

Diane Tokarchuk
Roger Loiselle

Sheena Braun
 Phyllis Harding
 Anna Fontaine
 Jim Falloon
 Michael Schultz
 Ruth Lindsey-Armstrong (?)
 Jason Hoeppner

St. Norbert CC:

Ron Harvey
 Lawrence Dyck
 Wilf Thiessen
 Larry Jacques
 Paul Van de Loygraaf
 Ron Privé
 Don Lapointe

Sanford CC:

Don Fisher
 Heather Lewko
 Doreen Boyd
 Dennis Gerbrandt

Sir John Franklin CC:

Jamie Rideout
 Garin Burbank
 Randy Zacharias
 Lindsay Zoratti
 Brett Zoratti
 Dan Moir
 John Young

South Winnipeg CC (formerly Waverley Heights and Richmond Kings)

Tony Staruch
 David Craw

Tuxedo CC:

Brian Boldt (?)
 Carolyn Corner
 Steve Douglas
 Ashley Blackman
 Murray Riddell
 Sheryl Singer

Waverley Heights CC:

Grant Norman

Kelly Reimer
 Ches Sokolowski
 Ian Wise
 Kevin Kozielec
 Conrad Nordman

Appendix C: 'AAA' Head Coaches

Note on Age Division Names and Competition Levels:

<u>Current</u>	<u>Previous</u>	<u>Older Names</u>
11U	Mosquito	
13U	Pee-Wee	Beaver (through 1990)
15U	Bantam	
17U	Midget to 1990	
18U	Midget 1991-present	
19U	Bison to 1990	
21U	Junior	
'AAA'	'A'	
'AA'	'B'	
'A'	'C'	

1983 13U - Roland Toker
 15U - Wayne Riley

1984 13U - Gerry Hodson
 15U - Roland Toker/ Don Fisher

1985 13U - Don Craw
 13U - Bill Bumstead (a second team)¹
 15U - Don Fisher
 17U - Allan Sharpe
 19U - Kit LeClair

1986 13U - Chuck Biggs
 13U - Paul Chartrand (a second team)
 15U - Don Craw
 15U - Bill Bumstead (a second team)
 17U - Allan Sharpe

¹ In 1985 WSMBA decided to engage more players at the elite level by forming two 13U AAA teams. One team known as the 'Indians' from the Charleswood, River Heights general areas and the other team was the 'Chiefs' from the Fort Garry, Waverley, Fort Richmond, St. Norbert areas. Don Craw coached the Indians, and Bill Bumstead the Chiefs. In 1986 two 15U AAA teams were formed as well. In 1987 all age divisions reverted to single teams.

- 19U – Kit Leclair
- 1987 13U – Kerry Anderson
15U – Don Craw
17U – Paul Lagimodiere
19U – Stan Barnes (replaced by Gibb Pritchard)
21U – Kit Leclair
- 1988 13U – Charlie Brown
15U – Don Craw
17U – Paul Lagimodiere
19U – Dave Pepin
21U – Morgan de Peña
- 1989 13U – Jim Whyte
15U – John Callaghan
17U – Paul Lagimodiere
21U – Morgan de Peña
- 1990 13U – Dennis Person
15U – Rick Hlady
17U – Chick Biggs
19U – Joe Scheiring
21U – Paul Lagimodiere
- 1991 13U – Gerry MacDonald
15U – Jim Whyte
18U – Chuck Biggs
18U – Winston Smith (a second team)
21U – Neil Prendergast
- 1992 13U – Ted McQuarrie
15U – Gerry MacDonald
18U – Winston Smith
21U – Daniel Moir
- 1993 13U – Scott Coffey
15U – Gerry MacDonald
18U – Steve Riley
21U – Daniel Moir
- 1994 13U – Ted Kowaliszyn
15U – Morgan de Peña
18U – Paul Lagimodiere
21U – Winston Smith

- 1995 13U – Barry Moroz
15U- Morgan de Peña
18U – Paul Lagimodiere
21U – Winston Smith
- 1996 13U – Marty Jeffrey
15U – Barry Moroz
18U – Dennis Person
21U – Winston Smith
- 1997 13U – Marty Jeffrey
15U – Barry Moroz
18U – Ted Kowalishyn
21U – Dennis Person
- 1998 13U – Ches Sokolowski
15U – Marty Jeffrey
18U – Barry Moroz
21U – Maurice Oakes
- 1999 13U – Glenn Ferguson
15U – Marty Jeffrey
18U – Barry Moroz
21U – Maurice Oakes
- 2000 13U – Bob Andruchuk
15U – Morgan de Peña
18U – Barry Moroz
21U – Daniel Moir
- 2001 13U – Don Glennie
15U – Bob Andruchuk
18U – Paul Lagimodiere (replaced by Bob Haimés for playoffs)
21U – Daniel Moir
- 2002 13U – Catherine Risk
15U – Bob Andruchuk
18U – Michael Fabian
21U – Donald Blanchard
- 2003 13U- Catherine Risk
15U – Bob Andruchuk
18U – Michael Fabian
21U – Donald Blanchard
- 2004 13U – Bryan Ezako

- 15U – Charles LaPointe
 - 18U – Bob Andruchuk
 - 21U – Donald Blanchard
- 2005
- 13U – Bryan Ezako
 - 15U – Tom Thiessen/Bob Tallman
 - 18U – Bob Andruchuk
 - 21U – Dan Moir
- 2006
- 13U – Bob and Grant Andruchuk
 - 15U – Tom Thiessen
 - 18U – Joe Scheiring
 - 21U – no team
- 2007
- 13U – Bryan Ezako
 - 15U – Bob Andruchuk
 - 18U – Joe Scheiring
- 2008
- 13U – Bryan Ezako
 - 15U – Tim Wiwchar
 - 18U – Bob Andruchuk
- 2009
- 13U – Morgan de Peña
 - 15U – Bryan Ezako
 - 18U – Bob Andruchuk
- 2010
- 13U – Tony Martinez
 - 15U – Bryan Ezako
 - 18U – Bob Andruchuk
- 2011
- 13U – Tony Martinez
 - 15U – Morgan de Peña
 - 18U – Bryan Ezako
 - 21U – Bob Andruchuk
- 2012
- 13U – Scott MacLeod
 - 15U – Richard Lavoie
 - 18U – Bryan Ezako
 - 21U – Bob Andruchuk
- 2013
- 13U – Scott MacLeod
 - 15U – Chris Perron
 - 18U – Bryan Ezako
 - 21U – Bob Andruchuk
- 2014
- 13U – Wes Penner and Jeff Trager

15U – Chris Perron
 18U – Bryan Ezako
 21U – Bob Andruchuk

2015 13U – Cody Benson
 15U – Steve Unger replaced by Cody Groen
 18U – Chris Perron
 21U – Bob Andruchuk

2016 13U – Cody Benson
 15U – Dan Moir
 18U – Scott MacLeod
 21U – Morgan de Peña

2017 13U – Anthony Block
 15U – Cody Benson
 18U – Scott MacLeod and Doug Quark
 21U – (team disbanded)

2018 13U – Anthony Block
 15U – Cody Benson
 18U – Scott MacLeod and Morgan de Peña

Appendix D: Umpires-in-Chief

Jim Duncan (First WSMBA UIC)
 Geoff Walker
 (Missing someone here?)
 Bob Brown
 Andrew Manness
 Pierre Bedard
 Ashton Liske
 Kevin Crouch
 Kevin Kozielec 2011-2017
 Riley Nordman 2018 to present

Appendix E1: Provincial Champions (Head Coach)

13U Chiefs

1985 (Bill Bumstead)
 1996 (Marty Jeffrey)
 1997 (Marty Jeffrey)
 2001 (Don Glennie)

2004 (Bryan Ezako)
 2005 (Bryan Ezako)
 2008 (Bryan Ezako)

15U Chiefs

1973
 1974
 2002 (Cathy Risk)
 2007 (Bob Andruchuk)
 2010 (Bryan Ezako)
 2011 (Morgan de Peña)
 2012 (Richard Lavoie)
 2017 (Cody Benson)

18U Chiefs

1987 (Paul Lagimodiere)
 2005 (Bob Andruchuk)
 2012 (Bryan Ezako)
 2015 (Chris Perron)

Bison (19U) 'AAA'

Charleswood 1976

'A'(formerly 'C') and 'AA'(formerly 'B') Provincial Champions from WSMBA

11U 'A'

Charleswood Expos 1985
 River Heights 1986
 Fort Garry and La Broquerie tied 1987
 Fort Garry 1988
 Charleswood and Boissevain tied 1991
 St Norbert Raiders 1996

11U 'AA'

Waverley Heights 1995
 Charleswood Dodgers 2009
 Waverley Heights 2012

13U 'A'

Charleswood Expos 1985
 Charleswood Astros 1986
 Riverview and Roblin (tie) 1988
 Fort Garry Flyers #2 1989
 Macdonald Orioles 2002

15U 'AA'

Macdonald Yankees 2005
Charleswood Mets 1993

18U none

21U 'AA'

Charleswood Selects 2006
Charleswood Selects 2009

Appendix E2: Western Canada Champions (Head Coach)

18U Chiefs

2016 (Scott MacLeod)

21U Chiefs

2015 (Morgan de Peña)

Appendix F: Baseball Manitoba Honours and Awards

Baseball Manitoba Region of the Year

2008

2016

Baseball Manitoba Teams of the Year

Grassroots

Charleswood Dodgers 11U 'AA' 2009

High Performance:

Winnipeg South 13U 'AAA' 1997

Winnipeg South 13U 'AAA' 2008

Winnipeg South 15U 'AAA' 2010

Winnipeg South 18U 'AAA' 2015

Baseball Manitoba Coaches of the Year

Grassroots:

Jeff and Kerry Trager 2016

High Performance:

Morgan de Peña 2000

Bob Andruchuk 2002

Bryan Ezako 2005

Baseball Manitoba Umpire of Merit

Brian Hodgson 1993

David Whitehead 2004
Kevin Crouch 2010
Kevin Kozielec 2016

Baseball Manitoba Youth Umpire of the Year

Ashton Liske 2001
Lane Reed 2012
Riley Nordman 2016

Baseball Manitoba Players of the Year

13U

Tyler Boldt 1997
Daniel Worb 2004
Paul Kraemer 2005
Madison Bowey 2008
Juni Song 2016

15U

Jason Neufeld 2000
Chris Perron 2005
Daniel Worb 2006
Dennis Millar 2008
Chris Shaw 2009
Derek Millar 2010
Ben Onyshko 2011

18U

Chris Shaw 2010
Matt Dunstone 2012

21U

Jaret Valainis 2000
Drake Pilat 2016

Manitoba Baseball Volunteers of the Year

Winston Smith 1998
John Matas 2005
Doug Quark 2013

Baseball Manitoba Honour Society

Don Breen 1995
Grant Norman 2000
Bob Jones 2000
Dean Danforth 2001
Brian Smitten 2004
Winston Smith 2010

Murray Wiegand 2010
 Ian Wise 2011
 Mike Anderson 2016

Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame Inductees

Morgan de Peña 2010
 Winston Smith 2015
 Jeff Trager 2016

Appendix G: WABA Champions from all Area Associations

WABA Champions from Trophy Engravings			
<i>Updated August 2017</i>			
Year	<u>Pee Wee</u>	<u>Bantam</u>	<u>Midget</u>
1986	St. James A's Legion#4	none	Interlake Royals
1987	Bonivital Lancers	none	Winnipeg South Chiefs
1988	Winnipeg South Yankees	Transcona Spartans	Bonivital Lancers
1989	Legion #141	Interlake Orioles	Bonivital Lancers
1990	St. James A's	Winnipeg South	Legion #141
1991	CPAC	Legion #141	St. James A's
1992	St. James A's	Interlake Orioles	Winnipeg South Chiefs
1993	Transcona Rangers	Interlake Knights	Winnipeg South Chiefs
1994	St. James A's	Interlake Knights	Winnipeg South Chiefs
1995	Winnipeg South Chiefs	Winnipeg South	Carman Goldeyes
1996	Winnipeg South Chiefs	St. James	Legion #141
1997	Winnipeg South Chiefs	Winnipeg South	Carman Goldeyes
1998	Bonivital	Winnipeg South	Winnipeg South Chiefs
1999	Bonivital	Winnipeg South	St. James A's
2000	Bonivital	Winnipeg South	Winnipeg South Chiefs
2001	Winnipeg South Chiefs	Winnipeg South	Bonivital
2002	Bonivital	Winnipeg South	Winnipeg South Chiefs
2003	Winnipeg South Chiefs	Winnipeg South	Winnipeg South Chiefs
2004	St. James	BoniVital	Winnipeg South
2005	Winnipeg South Chiefs	Winnipeg South	Bonivital Blacksox
2006	Bonivital	Winnipeg South	North Winnipeg Pirates
2007	North Winnipeg	Winnipeg South	Interlake
2008	Winnipeg South Chiefs	North Winnipeg	Bonivital (pending conf.)
2009	Winnipeg South Chiefs	Winnipeg South	St. James A's
2010	Winnipeg South Chiefs	Winnipeg South	Bonivital
2011	North Winnipeg	Winnipeg South	Bonivital
2012	Winnipeg South Chiefs	Winnipeg South	Bonivital

2013	North Winnipeg	North Winnipeg	Winnipeg South
2014	Bonivital Black Sox	Bonivital	North Winnipeg Pirates
2015	St. James	North Winnipeg	Winnipeg South
2016	North Winnipeg	Bonivital	Bonivital
2017	North Winnipeg	Bonivital	Winnipeg South

Appendix H: WSMBA Players Selected for Team Canada

Christopher Shaw

Ben Onyshko

(ED note: To Be Completed Later)