



**Happy New Year WABL fans,**

I'm excited to enter my first season as the new President of WABL, and proud to announce the addition of T-Ball for 2010. WABL has agreed to continue the program that was previously run by the City of Akron Recreation Department at the Northwest Community Center. Our new responsibilities with this venture allows us to reach an even younger and eager to learn audience than we have in the past, plus helps us develop their player skills sooner.

The WABL Board and I are eager to start another decade of WABL tradition, plus I am energized within my new role as President to lead us on to success. I personally want to let all of you know that WABL appreciates everyone's time and effort that goes into making a successful season. Our WABL board members are a team of fantastic and hard-working people who make sure the business side of WABL runs smoothly, but we need more help to grow our board and create more committees. The primary areas they oversee include: finances, sponsors, baseball & softball operations, fields, administration, umpires, uniforms, rules, publications, public relations, equipment, and insurance. So, if you're interested in helping out we'd be more than happy to have you, just contact us via the WABL website, call a Board Member, or check the Join WABL Board box on this year's registration form.

The 2010 calendar of events has changed slightly from last year, so please check it out so that you are aware of when events that we have planned take place. WABL day with the Aeros is an enjoyable event that provides those who attend a chance to see the Aeros play and hang out with our WABL players and their families. We provide three tickets for each baseball player in the league. There are special events provided for our players, the biggest of which is a parade around Canal Park prior the game, plus we have a similar outing where we attend an Akron Racers game, and provide three tickets for each of our softball players to use. There's also the annual golf outing/scramble, but this event is not only about eighteen holes of golf, fun, and prizes, because it even includes a steak dinner. Let's not forget the reverse raffle because it is a fun and relaxing social gathering, with delicious food and drink, so we hope to see many of you there.

Lastly, I appreciate any feedback, even if it isn't always positive, to help us better our league for the future.

**Sincerely,  
Mike Dies,  
WABL President**



**THANK YOU!**

We want to thank all of the sponsors, coaches, parents, grandparents, and friends who make WABL possible.

Inside you will find a list of all of the 2009 sponsors. Please patronize these businesses that have so generously supported WABL. If you are interested in sponsoring a team for the 2010 season, please contact **Doug Bryson at By Design Sportswear: 330-867-9029.**



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**A QUICK REMINDER...**

If you know of any children between the ages of 5 and 18 that are interested in playing Tee-Ball, Softball or Baseball, please have them contact us for more information at our mailing address or at [playball@wabl.org](mailto:playball@wabl.org).

## ★ WABL FUNDRAISERS ★

The West Akron Baseball & Softball League holds exciting fundraising events each year that are open to our WABL parents, coaches, volunteers, and the general public. This season's events are the Annual Golf Outing Scramble and the Annual Reverse Raffle/Dinner. These events are important to WABL's success and help keep our league fees affordable for player participation and our sponsorship amounts reasonable. We encourage you to participate and find others that would also like to do so, and help keep our organization financially strong.

Thank you,  
*Bob Heffern, Vice President - Finance*

### ★ 2010 ANNUAL WABL REVERSE RAFFLE & FUNDRAISER ★

- WHEN:** Friday, July 9, 2010 • 6:00 PM
- WHERE:** St. Sebastian – Zwisler Hall • 476 Mull Ave. • Akron, Ohio 44320
- COST:** \$75.00 per ticket (plus \$20.00 for an additional dinner)  
**ONLY 200 tickets available!**
- PRIZES:**
- Grand Prize – \$1,200.00
  - Two 50/50 sideboards
  - Every 25th ticket pulled will receive \$50.00
- EVENT INCLUDES:** Buffet Dinner with Beer, Wine, Soda, and Coffee available
- MAIL PAYMENT TO & MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WABL:**  
 West Akron Baseball & Softball League (WABL) • 1235 Romayne Drive • Akron, OH 44313-5835
- MORE INFO:** [www.WABL.org/raffle/](http://www.WABL.org/raffle/)

### ★ THE 10th ANNUAL WABL GOLF SCRAMBLE ★

- WHEN:** Saturday, June 26, 2010
- WHERE:** Mayfair Country Club • 2229 Raber Road • Uniontown, Ohio 44685
- TIME:** 1:00 PM Check-In • 2:00 PM Shotgun Start
- COST:** \$75.00 per person (includes green fees)  
 Dinner, soda & beer are included in the price. Prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, and 50/50 raffle. Skins will be optional.
- ALL RESERVATIONS TO PLAY MUST BE IN AND PAID BY: SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2010**      **ALL HOLE SPONSORS MUST BE IN AND PAID BY: SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2010**
- MAIL PAYMENT TO & MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WABL:**  
 West Akron Baseball & Softball League (WABL) • 1235 Romayne Drive • Akron, OH 44313-5835
- MORE INFO:** [www.WABL.org/golf/](http://www.WABL.org/golf/)

## 2010 WABL EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President .....Mike Dies  
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V.P. Personnel, Girls Softball ..... Jim Diestel  
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 V.P. Umpires ..... Sara Miller  
 V.P. Uniforms .....Doug Bryson

*Please feel free to contact any of the officers listed above with your comments, complaints, compliments, or questions.*

# ☆☆☆☆ 2010 WABL CALENDAR OF EVENTS ☆☆☆☆

<b>January 23rd</b>	10AM-Noon	WALK-IN SIGN UPS <i>Northwest Family Recreation Center</i> <b>ORBIT, the Akron Aeros' #1 Fan &amp; Mascot, is going to be on-hand today during WABL registrations, come on down!</b>
<b>January 30th</b>	10AM-Noon	WALK-IN SIGN UPS <i>Northwest Family Recreation Center</i>
<b>February 3rd</b>	6-8PM	WALK-IN SIGN UPS <i>Northwest Family Recreation Center</i>
<b>February 6th</b>	10AM-Noon	WALK-IN SIGN UPS <i>Northwest Family Recreation Center</i>
<b>February 6th</b>	<b>MAIL-IN REGISTRATION DEADLINE</b>	
<b>February 13th</b>	10AM-Noon	WALK-IN SIGN UPS <i>Northwest Family Recreation Center</i>
<b>March 6th</b>	12:00PM-6:00PM	<b>BOYS' BASEBALL &amp; GIRLS' SOFTBALL TRY-OUTS/DRAFT*</b> <i>St. Sebastian Byrider Hall</i>
<b>Boys' age groups include:</b>		<b>Girls' age groups include:</b>
Instructional League (ages 6-8)*		Instructional League (ages 6-8)*
H League (ages 9-10)** 3:00 – 5:30 PM		American League (ages 9-10)** 12:00 – 1:00 PM
G League (ages 11-12)** 2:00 – 4:00 PM		National League (ages 11-12)** 1:00 – 2:00 PM
F League (ages 13-14)** 1:30 – 2:30 PM		Junior League (ages 13-14)** 12:30 – 1:30 PM
<b>Chronological Schedule:</b>		
American League (ages 9-10) 12:00 – 1:00 PM		
Junior League (ages 13-14) 12:30 – 1:30 PM		
National League (ages 11-12) 1:00 – 2:00 PM		
F League (ages 13-14) 1:30 – 2:30 PM		
G League (ages 11-12) 2:00 – 4:00 PM		
H League (ages 9-10) 3:00 – 5:30 PM		
*There are NO I-league Boys/Girls tryouts on Saturday, March 6th. ALL I-league players will be automatically placed on a team. ** F-League, E-league, and EE-League are based on player age as of June 1, 2010. Boys based on player age as of April 1, 2010 and Girls based on player age as of July 31, 2010.		
<b>March 20th</b>	9AM-Noon	<b>MANDATORY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL MANAGERS' CLINIC</b> <i>Balch Street Community Center</i>
<b>March 21st</b>	TBD	<b>MANDATORY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL MANAGERS' CLINIC</b> <i>Firestone High School Activity Center</i>
<b>March 28th</b>	TBD	<b>MANDATORY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL MANAGERS' CLINIC</b> <i>Firestone High School Activity Center</i>
<b>March 28th</b>	TBD	<b>MANDATORY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL MANAGERS' EQUIPMENT PICK-UP</b> <i>Northwest Family Recreation Center</i>

<b>March 29th</b>	<b>WABL PRACTICE SEASON BEGINS</b>	
<b>April 18th</b>	1PM	<b>MANDATORY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL UMPIRES' MEETING</b> <i>Vice President of Umpires, Sara Miller's House</i>
<b>May 1st</b>	<b>BOYS' BASEBALL &amp; GIRLS' SOFTBALL GAMES START</b>	
<b>May 8th ALL TEAMS</b>	8:30 AM - 3:30 PM	<b>WABL PICTURE DAY</b> <i>Northwest Family Recreation Center</i>
<b>May 9th</b>	Mother's Day No Games	
<b>May 23rd</b>	Game Time: 1:35 PM	<b>WABL DAY WITH THE AKRON AEROS</b> <i>Canal Park</i>
<b>May 28-30th</b>	Memorial Day No Games	
<b>June 20th</b>	Father's Day No Games	
<b>June 26th</b>	1:00PM Check-In 2:00PM Shotgun Start	<b>2010 ANNUAL WABL GOLF OUTING &amp; FUNDRAISER</b> <i>Mayfair Country Club</i>
<b>June 26th</b>	<b>BOYS' BASEBALL &amp; GIRLS' SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS START</b>	
<b>June TBA</b>	Game Time: TBA	<b>WABL DAY WITH THE AKRON RACERS</b> <i>Firestone Stadium</i>
<b>June TBA</b>	Girls Softball All-Star Games <i>Firestone Stadium</i>  4:30PM American League Game 6:00PM National League Game 7:30PM Junior League Game	
<b>July 4th</b>	Independence Day No Games	
<b>July 9th</b>	6:00 PM	<b>2010 ANNUAL WABL REVERSE RAFFLE &amp; FUNDRAISER</b> <i>St. Sebastian – Zwisler Hall</i>
<b>July 10th</b>	<b>2010 DAY of CHAMPS games and parade</b>  <b>PARADE TIMES:</b> 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM Parade Drop-off 11:15 AM Parade Line-up 11:40 AM Parade Step-off  <b>CEREMONY:</b> The 2010 WABL Day of Champs ceremony starts at 12:00 PM and ends at 1:00 PM at Perkins Field on Mull Avenue	
<b>July 13th</b>	<b>BOYS' BASEBALL ALL-STAR GAMES</b>	
<b>July 15th</b>	<b>BOYS' BASEBALL ALL-STAR GAMES (makeup date)</b>	
<b>July 24th</b>	10AM - 12PM	Mandatory Equipment Drop-off <i>Northwest Family Recreation Center</i>
<b>July 31st</b>	12PM - 2PM	Mandatory Equipment Drop-off <i>Northwest Family Recreation Center</i>

## 2009 WABL SPONSORS – THANK YOU!

Advanced Auto Glass  
Akron Aeros  
Akron Children's Pediatrics  
Akron Life & Leisure Magazine  
All Packaging Services  
Andy's Trophies & Awards  
Blooming Designs  
Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs  
By Design Sportswear  
Chem Technologies, Ltd.  
Clear Shot Sports Photography  
CP & Sons Landscaping  
Dicks Clothing & Sporting Goods  
Dies Electric

Dr. John Sassano DO Sports Medicine  
Ferguson & Hanlon  
Great Lakes Installation  
Greg Santos Photography  
Impact Landscaping & Irrigation  
InfiniteParadigm  
JG Pads  
Jim Laria - Clerk of Courts  
Judge Alison McCarty  
Judge Beth Whitmore  
Judge Eve Belfance  
Judge Kathryn Michael  
Judge Lynne Callahan  
Judge Stephen Fallis

Montrose Toyota  
National City  
Northwest Family Recreation Center  
Play It Again Sports  
Robert J. Events & Catering  
Safelite AutoGlass  
Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P.  
Stagecoach Antiques  
Swenson's Restaurants  
Wadsworth Family Physical Therapy  
Warner Mendenhall  
Zack's Frozen Yogurt & Ice Cream

## SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic  
Akron City Council  
2009 WABL Sponsor of the Year: Greg Santos - Santos Photography  
2009 WABL Volunteer of the Year: John Heffern  
The Northwest Family Recreation Center and its friendly staff  
The City of Akron Recreation Bureau who issues our ball field permits  
The City of Akron Police Department, Fire Department, and EMS  
for lending their support at our Day of Champs Parade  
The Firestone High School Marching Band for their participation in  
our Day of Champs parade

The Firestone High School Baseball program for providing  
refreshing concession services  
Saint Sebastian Parish  
Summit Christian Church  
The parents of all of our players  
The coaches and assistant coaches for all of their time and patience  
Andy's Trophies for all of the wonderful awards  
All of our fantastic sponsors who keep us going  
The Akron Aeros  
The Akron Racers  
AND all those we forgot to mention but greatly appreciate

## 2010 T-BALL NEWS AND EVENTS

WABL is excited to announce the addition of T-Ball in 2010. We have agreed to continue the program that was previously run by the City of Akron Recreation Department at the Northwest Community Center. The addition of T-Ball allows WABL to continue to grow and begin to reach a younger group of boys and girls.

T-Ball participants ages five, six, and seven years old (as of July 1, 2010) will be instructed on the basic skills of T-Ball and will play every game. The T-Ball season will run from Monday,

June 21, 2010 to Thursday, August 5, 2010. Each team will be scheduled to play eight games. Every participant will receive a hat, t-shirt, and an award at the end of the year. You can sign up your child to play games on Monday and Wednesday evenings or on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. WABL will be looking for volunteer coaches to help with the success of this new tradition.

- Kevin Floyd and Jim Weber

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
1/23/2010 – 5/21/2010	TBD	TBD	Registration
6/15/10	6:00PM	Balch St. Community Center	Coaches Meeting
6/21/10	5:30PM	Fields	Practices Begin
7/5/10	5:30PM	Northwest Community Center	Picture Day Monday/Wednesday League
7/6/10	5:30PM	Northwest Community Center	Picture Day Tuesday/Thursday League
7/12/10	5:30PM	Fields	Games Begin for Monday/Wednesday League
7/13/10	5:30PM	Fields	Games Begin for Tuesday/Thursday League
8/4/10	5:30PM	Fields	Games End Monday/Wednesday League
8/5/10	5:30PM	Fields	Games End Tuesday/Thursday League

## 2009 V.P. OF BOYS BASEBALL REPORT

Another WABL season has come and gone and it won't be long before we are signing up our kids again for another fun-filled season. The 2010 season promises to be unlike any other in the history of our league, as we are assuming some new responsibilities: First of all, we will take over the City of Akron's T-Ball program at Northwest Recreation Center. This is very exciting news for WABL, because it's this age group where children get their first taste of organized baseball, and there's nothing more rewarding than seeing a child grow within an organization from the very beginning. Second, we are teaming up with Falcon Baseball to field multiple travel teams throughout the season. These teams will ultimately be more competitive than our usual WABL leagues - but we, as an organization, felt that it was important to offer this learning experience to our better players, allowing their growth

while maintaining the overall recreational focus of WABL. More information on this matter will be forthcoming.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to invite anyone who is interested to consider joining the WABL Board. There are varying levels of commitment within the Board, and no one is asked to do more than they are willing to do. What we need more than anything is more points of view, which can only make our organization stronger and healthier.

On that note, I hope you all had a great off-season and I'm looking forward to seeing you all during the 2010 season.

- James Daniels, Vice President - Baseball

## 2009 H-LEAGUE REPORT

### **WABL's 2009 H-League was composed of ten teams, in two Divisions:**

The Bob Feller Division included the A's (Dies Electric), managed by Mike Dies; the Indians (Warner Mendenhall), managed by Augie Micozzi; the Orioles (Clear Shot Sports Photography), managed by Gary Kincaid; the Pirates (Play it Again Sports), managed by Justin Herideen; and the Reds (Judge Beth Whitmore), managed by Chris Hutchinson.

The Rocky Colavito Division included the Aeros (All Packaging Services), managed by Jim Weber; the Cardinals (Swenson's), managed by Jamie Donohue; the Cubs (CP & Sons Landscaping), managed by Chris Pfeiffer; the Phillies (Jim Laria - Clerk of Courts), managed by Matt Beaven; and the Yankees (Judge Allison McCarty), managed by Mark Fields.

We had a great regular season, and the playoffs featured some great plays and close games. When it all played out, the Cubs and the A's would meet in the Day of Champs. For the second year in a row, rain

crept in on the festivities, but after a short delay, the two teams slugged it out, with the A's prevailing to become the 2009 H-League Champs!

Congratulations to Ben Wachtel, who received the Spirit of WABL award. Ben always has a smile on his face, and just loves the game. Best of luck to Ben as he moves on to G League in 2010.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors. Their support is truly a gift to the community, benefiting our children, and bringing us all together through baseball. I would also like to extend my thanks to all of the coaches, assistant coaches, and bench moms (and dads). All gave so generously of their time and talents to make our 2009 season a resounding success.

### **We are all looking forward to another great year in 2010. PLAY BALL!**

- Augie Micozzi, H-League Commissioner

## 2009 G-LEAGUE REPORT

The 2009 season brought us another fun and growing year of baseball for 11 and 12 year olds. Players at this age really understand the game better and start making better decisions as far as stealing bases, hitting good pitches, and concentrating on the basic fundamentals of baseball.

### **We had nearly 100 players in 2009 G-League, a growth which allowed us to field nine teams. Those teams were as follows:**

A's - Coach - Sean Yost,  
*sponsored by Stagecoach Antiques*  
Aeros - Coach - Dion Seminatore,  
*sponsored by Robert J. Events & Catering*  
Cardinals - Coach - Paul Perantinides,  
*sponsored by John Sassano D.O. Sports Medicine*  
Dodgers - Coach - Micah Posten,  
*sponsored by Advanced Auto Glass*  
Indians - Coach - Dave Kormushoff,  
*sponsored by Chem Technologies*  
Orioles - Coach - Brad Ager,  
*sponsored by Akron Childrens Pediatrics*

Phillies - Coach - Paul Tharan,  
*sponsored by J.G. Pads*  
Reds - Coach - Scott Ouellette,  
*sponsored by Safelight Autoglass*  
Yankees - Coach - Ed Buehrle,  
*sponsored by Wadsworth Family Physical Therapy*

The regular season ended with the Aeros in first place with a record of 13 - 1 and the Cardinals in second place with a record of 13 - 2. These two teams were scheduled to face off in the final playoff game on the Day of Champions; however, heavy rain washed out both the parade and the game. Unfortunately, attempts to reschedule the game for later in the day were unsuccessful, and so the Cardinals and Aeros were named Co-Champions of G-League for the 2009 season.

I would like to thank all the coaches, parents, sponsors, players, and fans for making 2009 another successful year!

- John Renner, G-League Commissioner

## 2009 F-LEAGUE REPORT

2009 marked the first year of WABL's affiliation with the Community Baseball League, or CBL. WABL sponsored two teams in F-League, the Aeros managed by Henry Payden (Andy's Trophies and Awards, sponsor), and the Indians Managed by Matt Miller (Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey, sponsor).

In addition to our WABL teams, communities such as Revere, Highland, Copley and Norton competed in the CBL. Our teams play both home and away games with all other teams in the

league. The Aeros won a 3 game series against the Indians to win the WABL Championship and play in the CBL playoffs, where they went 1-1. Greg Rybka from the Indians was the winner of the 2009 WABL Spirit Award.

Thanks for your interest and support. Should anyone have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Dies at 330-867-4332.

## 2009 E/EE LEAGUE REPORT

WABL had a successful summer campaign in E/EE League travel baseball during the summer of 2009 as the West Akron Falcons. The success of the teams is demonstrated by the fact that the West Akron Community supported five travel teams in these age brackets combined with the former West Akron travel baseball organization, the Ohio Bucs. WABL suited up three teams in the U18, U16, and U15 age brackets with participating players representing area high schools. These included Firestone, Buchtel, Hoban, St.V-M, Copley, and Barberton. The teams participated in the Stark Summit Baseball Leagues at the high school level, and also participated in two open division tournaments.

In 2010, the E/EE teams will again support three travel teams and possibly one community team. The travel teams will now be a combination of players from the former Bucs organization and the former Falcons, and will now be named the West Akron A's. The A's are expected to participate in the SSBL, as well as the Cuyahoga Valley Baseball League, and participate in two open division tournaments. The Community Team, if the need is there, will participate in the Copley Athletic Association Community Baseball League.

### The team season summaries are as follows:

<b>U18 Falcons:</b>	<b>Overall Record:</b>	<b>19 - 9</b>
	SSBL Record:	12 - 5
	SSBL Final Placement:	2nd
	Tournament Record:	5 - 4
	Non-League Record:	2 - 0
<b>U16 Falcons:</b>	<b>Overall Record:</b>	<b>11 - 14</b>
	SSBL Record:	9 - 8
	SSBL Final Placement:	3rd
	Tournament Record:	1 - 5
	Non-League Record:	1 - 1
<b>U15 Falcons:</b>	<b>Overall Record:</b>	<b>9 - 17</b>
	SSBL Record:	8 - 8
	SSBL Final Placement:	4th
	Tournament Record:	0 - 6
	Non-League Record:	1 - 3

## 2009 I-LEAGUE REPORT

The 2009 season was another successful one for WABL's I-League, thanks to our sponsors and to the time and effort of the coaches, players, and parents involved. Your dedication is most appreciated! We started 2009 with some new coaches, lots of bad weather, and many first-time players... And we found that once again, with good communication and a little help from the friends and parents of WABL, we laid a strong foundation for our kids - and when not rained (or snowed) out, we had a great time. The players in I-League are as varied as can be: boys and girls ages 6-8, some of whom are new to baseball and some of whom think they're ready for the majors! The coaches in our league do a great job of bringing this all together in a fun environment that mixes basic baseball fundamentals with team awareness.

Our season this year ended with a series of games just for the 8-year-olds moving up to I-League next year, in which they played "real" baseball rules - with players pitching, strike counts, outs and scores. We've seen that this "post-season" helps the players develop for the next step, and we're going to make it a regular part of the I-League schedule. I'd like to especially thank Todd Kaminski and the other coaches that took the extra time to make this a good experience for these players.

On behalf of WABL, I want to extend my appreciation to all the people involved in our 2009 season: the coaches, sponsors, parents, and friends and families of our players.

-Jeff Neusser, I-League Commissioner

### The eleven teams making up the 2009 WABL I-League were as follows:

A's, managed by Mike Johnston,  
*sponsored by Buckingham, Doolittle, and Burroughs*

Aeros, managed by Mike Jozic,  
*sponsored by the Akron Aeros*

Cardinals, managed by Matt Dangerfield,  
*sponsored by Zack's Frozen Yogurt & Ice Cream*

Cubs, managed by John York,  
*sponsored by Judge Stephen Fallis*

Indians, managed by Brian Ray,  
*sponsored by National City Bank*

Mets, managed by James Daniels,  
*sponsored by Akron Life and Leisure Magazine*

Phillies, managed by Steve Wilt,  
*sponsored by Judge Lynne Callahan*

Pirates, managed by Steve Bordenkircher,  
*sponsored by Greg Santos Photography*

Orioles, managed by Kevin Floyd,  
*sponsored by Judge Kathryn Michael*

Tigers, managed by Todd Kaminski,  
*sponsored by Montrose Toyota*

Yankees, managed by Dan Gunther,  
*sponsored by Judge Eve Belfance*

## 2009 V.P. OF GIRLS SOFTBALL REPORT

In the 2009 season, WABL Softball was represented by over 80 girls, making up 6 teams. They competed against teams from Copley, Highland, and Revere. We all owe our appreciation to the following sponsors and coaches:

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

- Force** Jim Williams, Coach  
Northwest Family Recreation Center, Sponsor
- Racers** Dan Petit, Coach  
Ferguson & Hanlon, Sponsor
- Bandits** Ed Foster, Coach  
Impact Landscaping and Irrigation, Sponsor

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

- Racers** Tim Lee, Coach  
Great Lakes Installation, Sponsor

### JUNIOR LEAGUE

- Force** Pete Drouhard, Coach  
Blooming Designs, Sponsor
- Racers** Jim Diestel, Coach  
Greg Santos Photography, Sponsor

As Co-V.P.'s of Girls' Softball, my wife and I would like to give thanks to the many generous parents for their time, patience, and dedication to this organization as well as their kids. We would also like to thank the field maintenance staff and all the umpires for their tireless and often under-appreciated effort. We would also like to thank everyone for their patience in regards to the umpiring situation early in the season.

The players deserve the biggest pat on the back for their effort, inspiration, and priceless entertainment. WABL Softball looks to build on its foundation of fundamental skills and recreational level of fun. Our goal this year is to get more girls involved, keep parents aware of opportunities to play, and pursue higher levels of play for those girls that are ready.

Special thanks are in order for Ed Foster, who jumped in to coach an American League team when registrations were higher than expected; and for Denise Diestel, who fixed the umpire situation early in the season; and for the American League Force & Junior League Racers for winning their tournament championships. Despite the rain that cancelled the parade, these 2 teams enjoyed the day.

We are looking forward to a great 2010 season.

Thank you,  
- Jim Diestel, Vice President - Softball



## 2009 V.P. OF UMPIRES REPORT



WABL's 2009 season was one of transition for our umpires. We'd like to thank Sara Miller for stepping in and doing the best possible job with very short preparation time. She coordinated umpires for various leagues on several ball fields; this was not an easy task, working amidst a schedule constantly changing and adapting to weather and other factors. WABL would also like to thank all the people who umpired these games – your time and dedication has been invaluable to our organization.

The 2010 season brings us new opportunities and new openings. Anyone interested in helping with umpire duties for this season should contact us by calling WABL's general phone number, 330-867-4332, and asking for President Mike Dies, or contact our V.P. of Umpires, Sara Miller at 330-703-3658 or by email, millersa317@yahoo.com.

Thank you all again,  
- Mike Dies, President

