

# MIKE REID MEMORIAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

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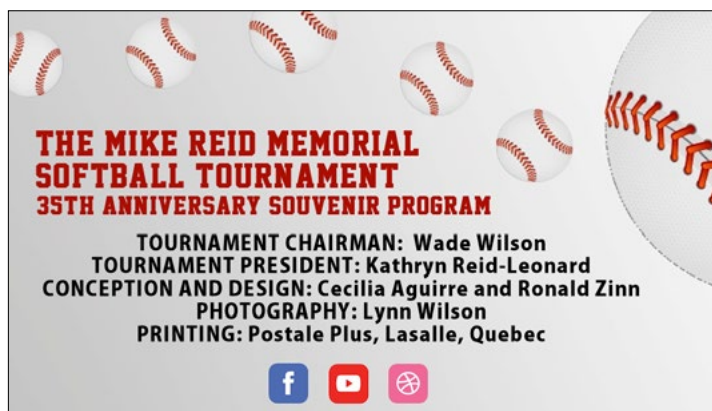
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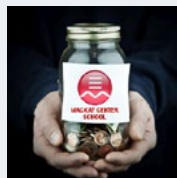
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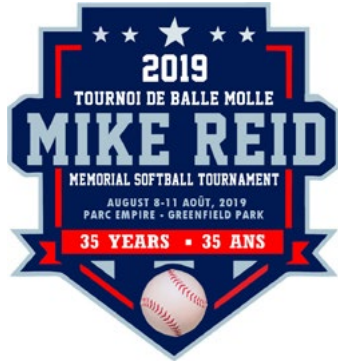
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# MORE THAN JUST A SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

BY STU COWAN

This has become much more than just a softball tournament.

**When the first Mike Reid Memorial Softball tournament was held in 1985,** 16 teams took part. The tournament was organized in memory of Reid, who died the previous year at age 20 after battling Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a genetic disorder characterized by progressive muscle degeneration and weakness.

In the 34 years since, the tournament has grown to 40 teams, including eight on the women's side. There is also a golf tournament that has become part of the tournament event schedule.

But what the tournament has really become is an annual reunion for people who grew up on the South Shore – especially the Anglophone community. If you're one of those people who went to Centennial Regional High School or MacDonald Cartier (now Heritage Regional), you'll have a hard time walking more than 50 feet during the tournament without bumping into someone you know.

If it's not someone you knew from your high-school days that you're bumping into, it's probably a friend or a familiar face (even if you can't remember their name) that you've met and got to know over the years by playing in the tournament or watching it, whether they're English or French - most likely over a beer or four.

They talk about six degrees of separation? At the Reid Tournament (as it has become known over the years) it's more like two degrees of separation when it comes to meeting people you know.



It really is something special.



If you've never attended — either as a player or a spectator — you don't know what you're missing. There are teams that come from out of town every year to compete, including The Aliens, CGA and Cascadia, three teams that include players who now live in Knowlton, Toronto, Ottawa, Calgary, Vancouver, Edmonton, Minneapolis and even Bangkok.

In this day and age where so much connection to other people is through social media (way too much), it's nice to see people face-to-face, put your phone away and actually chat instead of texting.

That's a big part of what makes the Reid Tournament so special. It doesn't really matter who wins the games — something players who might take it a bit too seriously at times need to remember. The umpires are volunteers, just like everyone in the organizing committee who put in all the hard work every year to put the tournament together. There are also key sponsors like Labatt, the Greenfield Park IGA, Scotyz Pub, Winnie's Pub, Mullins Sports and Schwartz's.

That doesn't mean there isn't some very good softball played at the tournament — along with the errors. But believe me, after the tournament is over 95 per cent of the people won't remember or care who won the trophies. The memories will be about the people they got to meet and chat with over a cold beer.



It's also important to remember Mike Reid.



The real winner every year is Montreal's MacKay Centre School, which educates children with motor, speech or sensorial difficulties. The majority of the money raised every year at the Mike Reid Tournament goes to the Mackay Centre School and the total heading into this year's 35th anniversary tournament is \$885,000 with a goal of reaching \$1 million.

## WHY THE MACKAY CENTRE ?

Because that's where Mike spent much of his life before his untimely death.

Mike loved sports and he loved school. He also had an outgoing personality even when confined to a wheelchair by his brutal disease. He entered the Mackay Centre on Sept. 1, 1971 and in 1982 received the Mackay Centre's Prudence Baxter Award for scholastic achievement.



“...Mike was determined to live life to the fullest despite his physical disabilities and never lost his passion for sports...” ”

Mike was determined to live life to the fullest despite his physical disabilities and never lost his passion for sports, cheering for Bobby Orr and the Boston Bruins, playing wheelchair hockey and keeping statistics for the Greenfield Park Legion softball team his father coached. He loved listening to music from the Carpenters and Jim Croce, and his favourite TV shows were M\*A\*S\*H and The Carol Burnett Show.

Mike became the Quebec poster child for Jerry Lewis’s annual Labour Day muscular-dystrophy telethon and traveled to the WPTZ studios in Plattsburgh, N.Y., to appear on TV. It was there, while being interviewed, that Mike decided he wanted to become a

TV sportscaster after graduating from the Mackay Centre.

Unfortunately, that never happened.

On June 12, 1984, Mike died peacefully at the Montreal Children’s Hospital while surrounded by his family and close friends. It was the day he was supposed to graduate from the MacKay Centre.

How sad and unfair is that?

Now, Mike’s memory lives on through the softball tournament. Eighty-five per cent of the money raised at the tournament goes



to the MacKay Centre, helping to pay for field trips and other things the kids there otherwise wouldn't be able to experience. The other 15 per cent of the money goes to Greenfield Park community organizations.

Shortly after Mike's death, Wade Wilson and some of Mike's other friends decided they wanted to start a memorial tournament. Wilson, now chairman of the tournament, and Gary McLarnon approached Mike's father, Frank, with the idea of a charity softball tournament.

The Mike Reid Memorial Softball Tournament was born the next year.

I'll never forget a conversation I had with Frank on a warm summer night in 1998 when we were teammates in the Greenfield Park Over the Hill Softball League. After one of our games, Frank sat with me and shared some memories of his son.

"He had difficulty walking (as a young boy)," Frank said as his eyes started to moisten. "He was slow and he would fall down a lot. He just didn't seem to be normal physically."

Mike was eventually diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy and Frank and his family had to watch this terrible disease eat away at his son's muscles, eventually putting him in leg braces and then a wheelchair, before killing him. At the time of his death, Mike could no longer lift his hands to his mouth.

"He never complained," Frank told me on that summer night in 1998. "He was happy in his limited life."

Frank passed away in 2012 and his memory now also lives on through the softball tournament.

"I'm proud of what's happened since Mike died and what's been done in his memory," Frank told me during our conversation that night. "This (softball tournament) is an event he would have really enjoyed being a part of."

Enjoy this year's tournament and don't forget at some point to raise a glass and toast the person it's named after, along with the organizing committee and the entire Reid family.

This really is much more than just a softball tournament.



Stu Cowan is a columnist at **The Montreal Gazette** and a long-time participant in the **Mike Reid Softball Tournament**.



*Félicitations au Tournoi de balle molle Mike Reid pour ses 35 années d'hommage à la mémoire de l'un des nôtres en recueillant des fonds pour l'école Centre Mackay de Montréal.*

*C'est ce genre d'esprit de communauté et de générosité qui fait de Greenfield Park un lieu merveilleux!*

***Joyeux 35ème anniversaire!***

*Congratulations to the Mike Reid Memorial Softball Tournament for 35 years of honouring the memory of one of our own by raising much-needed funds for Montreal's Mackay Centre School.*

*It is this kind of spirit of community and of giving that makes Greenfield Park the wonderful place that it is!*

***Happy 35th anniversary!***

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# THE MNDB CHALLENGERS

The highlight of any Mike Reid Memorial Softball Tournament is the Challengers game.



## WE REMEMBER AARON



**Aaron's smile and personality** touched so many people at the annual Mike Reid Softball Tournament. Aaron was heavily involved in all types of sports including soccer, softball and the Special Olympics. Sadly, Aaron passed away just before the 2018 Mike Reid Memorial Softball Tournament. He will be remembered at the Mike Reid Tournament as the back to back to back MVP of LNDB Challengers game at the tournament.



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Greenfield Park's elected officials are pleased to participate in the Mike Reid Tournament and to celebrate its 35th anniversary. As is the case each year, the money raised will be given to the MacKay Center in Montreal and local organizations in Greenfield Park. We would like to commend the volunteers for their dedication and passion for this tournament that we hold dear.



## L'arrondissement de Greenfield Park

Les élus de Greenfield Park sont heureux de participer au Tournoi Mike Reid et de souligner son 35e anniversaire. Comme chaque année, les sommes recueillies seront consacrées au Centre MacKay de Montréal et des organismes locaux de Greenfield Park. Nous tenons à féliciter les bénévoles pour leur dévouement et leur passion à ce tournoi qui nous tient à cœur.



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# WINNERS OF PAST MIKE REID TOURNAMENTS



## MEN'S A DIVISION WINNING TEAMS

A-Division winners of the Mike Reid Memorial Softball Tournament

- 2018 - The Saints
- 2017 - The Incredibles
- 2016 - Reid's Raiders
- 2015 - The Longballs
- 2014 - The Mullins O's
- 2013 - The Incredibles
- 2012 - The Animals
- 2011 - The Animals

- 2010 - The Animals
- 2009 - The Incredibles
- 2008 - The Animals
- 2007 - ISC
- 2006 - Stadium 21
- 2005 - The Latenites
- 2004 - The Latenites
- 2003 - The Animals
- 2002 - Reid's Raiders
- 2001 - East Greenfield
- 2000 - The Latenites
- 1999 - East Greenfield
- 1998 - The Dirty Dozen
- 1997 - The Dodgers
- 1996 - Provigo
- 1995 - Scotyz Latenites
- 1994 - The Dodgers
- 1993 - East Greenfield
- 1992 - The St-Bruno Legion
- 1991 - Bar 1250
- 1990 - Bar 1250
- 1989 - East Greenfield
- 1988 - Mullins Sports
- 1987 - Elrex
- 1986 - Canada Drive-in
- 1985 - Canada Drive-in





## WOMEN'S DIVISION

Women's division winner of the Mike Reid Memorial Softball Tournament



2018 - Slump Busters  
 2017 - Slump Busters  
 2016 - Diamond Divas  
 2015 - Soul Sisters  
 2014 - Soul Sisters  
 2013 - Soul Sisters  
 2012 - Heliza Belle de Jour  
 2011 - Rubans Rose  
 2010 - Rubans Rose  
 2009 - Rubans Rose  
 2008 - Rubans Rose  
 2007 - Pointe-Claire Royals  
 2006 - GFP Husy's Honnies  
 2005 - GFP Diamond Dames  
 2004 - Les Barbies  
 2003 - GFP Diamond Dames

## THE TOURNAMENT M.V.P.

The Most valuable player of the Mike Reid Memorial Softball Tournament



2018 - Manny Garcia  
 2017 - Nathan Thompson  
 2016 - Grant Wood  
 2015 - Iain Main  
 2014 - James Kalantzis  
 2013 - Nathan Thompson  
 2012 - Mark Yaxley  
 2011 - Mark Yaxley  
 2010 - Patrick Bouchard  
 2009 - Peter Martin  
 2008 - Jay Smith  
 2007 - Mathieu Haetu  
 2006 - Aaron Lieblein  
 2005 - Aaron Lieblein  
 2004 - Jacques Raymond  
 2003 - Greg Girard  
 2002 - Mark Martel  
 2001 - Aaron Lieblein  
 2000 - Doug Robertson  
 1999 - D'Arcy Mott  
 1998 - Kevin Laurin  
 1997 - Martin Houle





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*Your Greatness is not what you have. It's what you give.*



# CONGRATULATIONS MIKE REID SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

**35** YEARS OF GIVING BACK  
TO MACKAY AND THE COMMUNITY



# THANKS FROM THE KIDS OF MACKAY



This year marks the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Michael Reid Softball Memorial Tournament.

**They have raised thousands of dollars** to send our students on several field trips every year. From the Biodome, to apple picking, horseback riding, visits to museums and concerts held at Place des Arts, including overnight stays at Camp Massawippi, students from the Mackay Centre School and Philip E. Layton School have benefited and been able to have enriching experiences that complement their learning. A BIG THANKYOU to all who have supported this annual event to benefit our students for the past thirty-five years. The total funds raised over the years has been \$885,000.00 **CONGRATULATIONS!**

In the name of the entire staff, students and parents, I would like to extend our sincerest gratitude and express our heartfelt appreciation to the **Reid Family** and to Brenda and Wade Wilson and the committee of devoted volunteers. This is truly a momentous occasion celebrating thirty-five years of dedication and commitment to the wellbeing of all our students.

Thank you and congratulations to everyone involved in making this 35<sup>th</sup> year anniversary special. Let's celebrate and inspire our community.

**Patrizia Ciccarelli**  
**Principal**  
**Mackay Centre & Philip E. Layton Schools**



# A FRIDAY GAME OF GOLF FOR A GOOD CAUSE



## THE GOLF TOURNAMENT IN THE NAME OF FRANK REID

Through the years of the Mike Reid Memorial Softball Tournament, we have had players coming from all over Canada to play in the tournament. For many of them, it is part of their summer vacation and they want to make the most of it.

**Some do the touristy things** of Montreal like Smoked Meat and bagels on the Main and The Montreal Nightlife, while some would get together with old friends for a friendly game of golf. Over the years, golf became hugely popular and tournament organizers decided to hold a golf tournament on Friday during the day when there were no softball games.

The first golf tournament was held back in 2011 at the Brossard Golf Club with 136 golfers. It was a huge success that we never dreamed of. The following year, the tournament was given a name: The Frank Reid Memorial Golf Tournament, in honour of Frank Reid (Michael's Father) who passed away May 28, 2011, a few months before the tournament.

The tournament has grown and is now a big part of the Mike Reid Weekend and another way we raise funds for the kids of MacKay. It hosts 160 golfers each year with always more wanting to play. The tournament is always a wonderful day with a lot of laughs, prizes with a barbecue held back at the softball park. In the eight years of the tournament, we have witnessed 2 golfers get a hole in one. **We raise our glass to honour the man named Frank Reid.**



## WINNING FOURSOMES

**2012** Shawn Seasons, Brian Ross,  
Ryan Meyers and Pat Dugas.

**2013** Sonny Normandin, Alex Normandin,  
Glenn Shields and Cory Anthony.

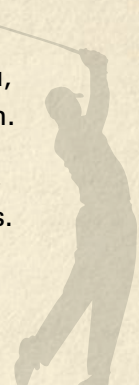
**2014** Bob Demick, Pat Ware, Graig Bluoin  
and Dean Grigoruk.

**2015** Don Marleau, Dave Reddick,  
Jeremy Reddick and Dane Elerton.

**2016** Mike Young, Brad Morley  
and Paul Auquoin.

**2017** Jeff Pelletier, Patrick Croteau,  
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# MEMORIES OF MICHAEL REID

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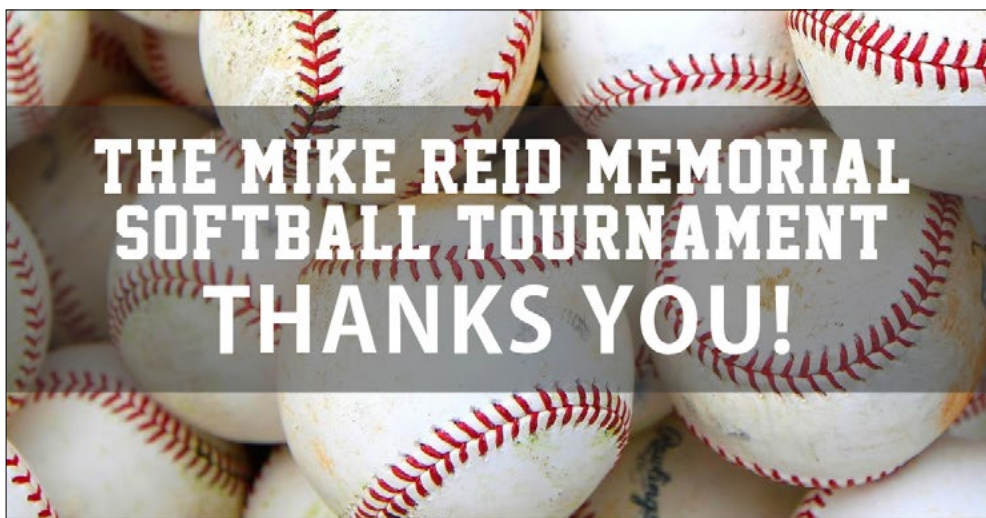




• My earliest memory of Mike was in Swanton Vermont. I must have been 3 years old and Mike was 5. We were at our cottage and I looked out the window and saw cows across the street eating some grass. I was so excited and begged him to take me to see them.

**He looked at me** with sad eyes and told me "sorry sis but I can't, my legs are tired and the braces are hurting me." I didn't quite understand back then what was happening, or why he couldn't take care of his baby sister so I just sat at the window and watch from there. Shortly after that he was wheelchair bound. I don't remember being mad, I do remember being confused. Writing this I see it in my mind.

Every weekend when I was a toddler my parents would take me to stay with my Nanna. I loved to go there because she taught me so much and played with me no matter what I wanted to do. Later in life I understood why, it was so my parents could concentrate on taking care of Mike. My older sister Susan knew more of the truth back then so she was able to help them. The simple things that 99% of us take for granted, was a full weekend task. They had to bathe him, wash his hair and do physio. It was tough on them and him as well. I was protected from this.



## THE MIKE REID MEMORIAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT THANKS YOU!

**MONEY RAISED IN THE FIRST 34 YEARS**

**\$ 885,000**

**FOR THE KIDS OF THE MACKAY CENTRE SCHOOL  
AND OTHER CHARITIES IN OUR AREA.**



Another memory was watching Hockey Night in Canada with him, my dad and his best friends. Wade Wilson, Mike Hegarty and sometimes Garry Galley would come watch the games. It was great because there were more Bruins fans than Habs fans. We would laugh at Peter Puck and make fun of everyone. My dad wasn't that happy about that being a Habs fan and all.

Mike had so many surgeries in his short life; too many to even count but the biggest one I remember was on his back. He had large rods inserted to straighten his spine. By now I am older and understand everything therefore I am in the middle of the chaos. We all had to help out with the physio on his legs, put his brace on his chest to aid in the healing of his spine, and also feed him. The surgery made him straight but also made it impossible to feed himself. When he was hunched over he could scoop the food in his mouth, but now lifting all the way up was impossible.

The Legion Softball team was Mike's favorite thing in the summers. He loved to go sit behind the back stop and tell all the guys where to hit, what they were doing wrong and who should play what position. This became his passion. He was in his glory.

The last thing I remember of my big brother was his love of life, his family and his friends. He would never complain about pain, never ask "why me"; he would apologize to everyone who had to help him.

“...Another memory was watching Hockey Night in Canada with him, my dad and his best friends...”

He would even time his bathroom routine, we would have to have our uncle Ray help my dad every day and Mike would look at the clock and say "ok dad call Uncle Ray now, he must be finished supper". He hated disturbing people. He hated that he had to rely on us. Wade would take care of him every Friday night so my parents could go play darts at the Legion and get a well-deserved break.

The day he died, he made sure to say good bye to everyone personally. He told my dad to call each person and tell him he wanted to talk to them. When I got the call I went, I was the last one. I told him I loved him, and he replied, "I lo..." he never finished that sentence, but I knew. He loved everyone to his dying breath.

This is the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Mike Reid Softball Tournament. If you asked me 34 years ago if I thought it would still be going, I would have laughed at you and said no way. I figured people would forget. Why would they remember my brother? Well I was wrong. People who never knew Mike look forward to this tournament every year. The people who knew Mike look forward to keeping his memory alive. Watching the generations are so incredible. The couples who met at the Reid, a few years later were expecting a child, a few years after that their kids are running around and now have their own team playing. We have also lost a few people along the way but their spirits live on within all of us and are felt every minute.





Every year there has been some rain and to me that is our angels telling us they know we are all together.

Wade and Brenda Wilson do so much work during the year and the volunteers step up and help out during the 4 days. There are so many people who make this tournament a success and give so generously so we can pass it forward and provide so many handicap children trips, computers or whatever the MacKay Center feels the money should go. These kids would have to do without if we didn't provide them with the funds to do so. Mike must be so proud to look down and see what has been done in his memory. He was always giving a helping hand to anyone who needed it. As some say what goes around, comes around, and to this family it is so true. The MacKay Center merged with the MAB which assists children and adults who are visually impaired. Mike's nephew

(my son) David is now blind and the MAB has helped him cope. They sent trained therapists to teach him how to walk with his white cane so now he is able to pick up his step-daughter at the bus, they provided assistance for around the house, he can now use the stove, dishwasher and heat up some food for himself in the microwave. MAB also ensured he had the correct glasses that were very expensive. Without all the assistance they provided free of charge he wouldn't be as autonomous as he is now.

So, to sum it all up, without your funds and dedication to this tournament many children and adults would not have the quality of life they are experiencing today.



Kathryn Reid-Leonard was Michael's sister and is President of the Mike Reid Memorial Softball Tournament.



# TEST YOUR TOURNAMENT SMARTS

## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE MIKE REID TOURNAMENT?

### QUESTIONS

1. What team won the first official Mike Reid Tournament back in 1985?
2. What year did the Mike Reid Tournament introduce a Women's Division?
3. The Saints won Division A trophy in 2018. How many times did they win before that?
4. How many beers were sold at the 2018 Mike Reid Tournament?
5. What is the single year record of money raised at the tournament?
6. Who was Michael Reid's best friend while growing up?
7. How many hot-dogs are sold in the four days of the tournament?
8. Name the two guys who usually drive the beer cart at the tournament?
9. What team has the most tournament wins?
10. What team has the record for most tournament wins in a row?
11. Name a team that has played in the tournament since day one.

### ANSWERS

1. The Team from Canada Drive-in.
2. 2003.
3. 0. It was their first win of the Division A trophy.
4. 7800 cans of Labatt products including Bud, Blue and Labatt 50.
5. In 2009, the tournament raised \$50,000.00 for the Mackay Centre School and other charities.
6. Wade Wilson. Wade has worked with the tournament since day one and now is the chairman.
7. 1,632 hot-dogs were sold at last years tournament.
8. Dean Clark and Robert Macevicius.
9. The Animals won the Division A trophy in 2003, 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
10. Les Rubans Rose won the Women's Division 4 years in a row from 2008 to 2011.
11. The Mackay Team (formerly Elrex), East Greenfield and the Latentites have all played in the tournament since the beginning.

If you are going to sin, go big!



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# A TIP OF THE BALLCAP TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

BY BRENDA PHILP WILSON





• Mike Reid Memorial Softball Tournament had a very humble beginning. The first five or six years of the tournament only beer was served. There were 16 teams, five committee members, and a handful of volunteers. Beer was served out of the back of the old arena where the Zamboni was kept.

**Those same people would work from early morning until the lights** went off at the end of each day.

When Saturday night came around, there was a dance. The committee had to set up and tear down the dance area after everyone left. At first it was held at the old town hall. A few years later, it moved to the Cynthia Coull Arena where the set up and clean up still happened. After that, Scotyz Bar offered the use of their premises for the Saturday night Mike Reid Tournament dance. More recently, all entertainment has moved to the ballpark where there is a band on the field for our evening enjoyment.

In the early years, all the teams would show up for the dance. Teams who finished playing ball at 11:00 pm would show up in their uniforms. The next day, ball players would be down at the field ready to play ball.

The Mike Reid Tournament has developed into a multi-generational tournament. We have children and grandchildren of softball players and volunteers who now play and volunteer at the tournament.

Since I started volunteering for the Mike Reid tournament about 18 years ago, many volunteers have given their time.

The bar opens as early as the first customer comes to the field, and food starts shortly afterwards to feed hungry ball players and spectators.

There have been many times volunteers for all aspects of the tournament have been in short supply and I would send out my scout (Wade Wilson) to put on the charm and recruit people to fill in the missing gaps.

- Umpires have had to officiate over several games in a row in very hot or sometimes rainy conditions.
- Kitchen volunteers have had to work very long hours keep the food hot and ready.



## THERE ARE MANY EXAMPLES WHERE VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN CRUCIAL TO A SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT

- The set-up crew that starts working at 8 am on Thursday and work themselves thirsty by the end of the day.
- The beer brigade chain gang for the beer cases and ice truck who quickly volunteer with a moments notice.
- The beer tent crew spending endless hours hauling beer out of the reefer.
- The committee and volunteers that keep the bar running smoothly.
- The choppers and barbecuers; The cashiers taking food orders as fast as they can and the runners who keep our supplies stocked.

- The essential quiet few who keep track of what's going on (and you know who you are!).
- Ann-Marie and Tommy, the half and half Queen and King.
- Donald and his volunteers from Scotyz keeping a supply of vodka and you name it along with a spin of the Scotyz wheel.
- Jan from Winnie's and her crew charming wine drinkers to stop and have a glass or two.

I wish to thank all of you who have given your precious time in order to help the children at the MacKay Centre School and local organizations in our own community.

When I sat down to write this, I had just returned from the MacKay Centre School. I was outside mid-morning helping a class do an activity when I noticed a bus waiting.



I asked what the bus was for and one of the teachers told me that a child was in the hospital getting dialysis treatment. It was his birthday and of course the last day of school and the entire class was going to the hospital to see him.

Now that is a heart-warming story that portrays why this tournament is so important and why we do what we do.

A huge thank-you to all our current volunteers and in memory of those who are no longer with us.

With so many people who have helped over the last 35 years I am certain to have missed some of your names. I apologize for not mentioning you. This tournament would not run the way it has for all these years without you!

“...I wish to thank all of you who have given your precious time...”



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