# Monthly Newsletter

# THE GCLSL GAZETTE

September 2025



# Welcome! The President's Perspective

We're already more than halfway through the playoffs, and what a week it's been! The games have been nail-biters; thrilling to watch and even more exciting to play. Despite a few curveballs from Mother Nature, we've kept the action going, and the competition is heating up. Come cheer on the teams as they fight for a spot in the finals and their shot at the championship!

September is always one of the busiest (and best!) months for our league, packed with not only playoff excitement, but our September Tournament. The Tournament did not disappoint. Congratulations to all our tournament finalists and champions.

Looking ahead, don't forget about our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, October 1, at the Kanata Sensplex. This is a great opportunity to hear league updates, review survey results, and share your voice.

And of course, we can't wait for our Banquet on Saturday, October 4, at the Kanata Sports Club. The banquet committee has been hard at work planning a fantastic evening of celebration, so make sure to grab your ticket from your captain if you haven't already.

Best of luck to the remaining playoff teams, and we hope to see everyone at the diamond and then at the banquet to wrap up another incredible season!



# League Updates

## Add your photos to the GCLSL League Drive

We want to give a special shoutout to Delaney Ewing and Sierra Emmerson for being our unofficial official photographers this season! Capturing all the action is no small task, and we truly appreciate the time and effort you put into it.

We're excited to share that a League Photo Portal is now open for everyone to enjoy the pictures and even add your own. Check it out here: <u>2025 GCLSL Photo Drive</u>

## **The Year-End Banquet**

Just a quick reminder to get your \$10 banquet fee to your team captain as soon as possible. This helps us cover costs and lock everything in for a great night! The banquet will be held at the KSC on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, with the theme being *Country Party* (dust off your boots and hats!)

#### Schedule:

Arrive: 4:45–5:00 pmBull Riding: 5:00–7:00 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pmAwards: 8:00 pmParty: 9:00 pm

Looking forward to celebrating the season together — it's going to be a fun night!



# **Upcoming Events**

## Playoffs

September 2 - 26

#### **AGM**

October 1

### Banquet

October 4



# Sponsor Spotlights

The Glen Scottish Pub & Restaurant has been a longtime supporter and sponsor of our league. Serving the community since 1988, The Glen is a local favourite for hearty Scottish fare like fish & chips, haggis, and Scotch eggs, all served in a warm and welcoming pub atmosphere. To learn more, please visit The Glen.

# GCLSL Tips and Resources

## **Best Time to Buy Softball Gear**

Save big on bats, gloves, cleats, and more by shopping smart:

- End of Season (Aug-Oct): Big discounts to clear inventory.
- Black Friday/Cyber Monday: Great deals online.
- Pre-Season (Jan-Mar): Reserve popular gear early.
- Used Gear: Check local stores or online marketplaces for bargains.
- Tip: Expensive bats are cheapest after the season; gloves can be bought anytime.

# Community Corner

## The Lynne Heaslip Award

First presented in 1998, this award recognizes a long-standing member who reflects the welcoming spirit, mentorship, and positivity that Lynne Heaslip brought to the league. A sub-committee of past recipients and the current President oversees the award, with the recipient announced at the year-end banquet.

## Criteria:

- Long-standing member of the league
- Shares knowledge and skills of the game
- Demonstrates positive attitude, fairness, and determination
- Acts as a mentor for new players

Nominations are now open! Submit nominations here!

## Annual General Meeting - Wednesday, October 1st at 7 PM

Mark your calendars! Join us for the GCLSL AGM on Wednesday, October 1st at 7:00 PM in the Roger Neilson Room at the Kanata Sensplex.

Hear important league updates, review our financials, and have your voice heard. Plus, all attendees will be entered into a draw to win ½ off their 2026 season membership. Don't miss this chance to help shape the future of the league!

Thank you for reading!



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