

Wheatsheaf Pub

2012 Inductee - Sponsor Category



The Wheatsheaf Pub is a landmark in Cedar, BC and opened its doors in 1885. The pub has been owned and operated by the Hutt family since 1978. Art and Marion purchased the Pub and not long after, they sponsored a men's Fastpitch team in the Nanaimo Senior Men's league. This would mark the start of the Hutt's family's long standing sponsorship of softball in Nanaimo. The Wheatsheaf Pub is the longest standing sponsor of Men's Fastpitch softball in BC at 34 years.



In 1988, Marion passed away and it was her wish to see green grass across the road from the pub. Art proposed to his three children, Brian, Jim and Dee that they build a softball field. Construction of the park began in 1991 and the first year of operations was 1993. The park became known as the Wheatsheaf Sports complex. This unique, privately owned 2-field complex is home to over 25 softball games per week. The Wheatsheaf Pub has sponsored teams in the following leagues and promoted the sport of Softball: Nanaimo Senior Men's Fastball League, Nanaimo Slo Pitch League, Nanaimo Mixed Orthodox League, Cedar Minor Softball, Nanaimo Ladies Fastball League and Nanaimo Ladies Coffee League. In 1995 the Wheatsheaf Pub was recognized as the Sponsor of the Year at the AGM in Nanaimo. Art has also since passed away and the pub continues to be run by their 3 children. They are honored every May with the Art and Marion Hutt Memorial Men's Fastball Tournament where teams from across BC come to play on the fields they built.