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NDBL hands out annual awards

The North Dufferin Baseball League held its annual awards during at meeting in Lisle on March 8.

Mansfield Cubs players did well with Tyler Linger selected as the Most Sportsmanlike Player.

Teammate Rob Kinsely, along with Aurora Jays' Fab Dolan, and Midland Indian' Jason Seeler were awarded Best Catcher in a three-way tie.

The senior division batting awards went to Mike Wallace of the Bolton Brewers earning the best batter and best on base percentage award. Teammate Brett Chater had the most runs scored during the regular season.

Top pitching honours went to Brad Greiveson of the Ivy Leafs. Most Valuable Player was teammate Todd Gowan who also won the most home runs award.

For the second consecutive year, Rob Wilson and Michael Keon of the Aurora Jays won the coach of the year award.

Taking top honours in the junior division was Josh Wilkins of the Barrie Red Sox, winning the best batter, best on base percentage and most runs scored. Orillia's Nathan Dix picked up the Most Valuable Player award while Jamie Hanna of Creemore Barons was the Most Sportsmanlike Player.

A tie between five players for most home runs included Paul Bishop of Ivy Rangers, Ricky Darrell of Creemore Barons, Chris Fafalios of Aurora Jays, Jon Grootveld of Barrie Red Sox, and Brett Scott of the Rangers.

Best pitcher for the juniors was Devon Wu of the Aurora Jays.

During the event a President's Award was presented to Gord Dunn.

The award is a prestigious honour for dedication to the league and the sport of baseball. Dunn previously served as statistician in the 1980s, served a three-year term on the executive, and has been an umpire for four decades. He played his baseball career in Lisle. Dunn is the eighth person to receive the award since its inception in 1984.

The league held their annual general meeting after the awards presentation. Five-time champs Bolton Brewers have requested a one-year leave of absence and another Creemore senior team was accepted for the 2015 season.

The senior division will play a 26-game schedule while the juniors have a 21-game schedule. Opening day is set for May 2.

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