WELCOME

WSSL Membership Meeting

December 9, 2025

Purpose of the Meeting

- Look Back/Look Forward on the State of the League
- Vote for 3 Open Board Positions
  - JTD President
  - YTD President
  - Secretary

Wins/Losses

2025 Accomplishments

- Stayed True to Our Purpose
- Decisions Influenced By Player/Manager Input
- Began Documenting Some of Our More Significant Processes
- Began a League Strategic Planning Process
- Maintained 5 Teams in YTD and Grew to 8 Teams in JTD
- Reduced Sponsor Fees for 2026 and Redefined the Sponsor Value Proposition
- Have 14 Sponsors Already Committed for 2026
- And the Biggest Accomplishment of All . . .
  - We Got To Play 24 – 30 Games of Softball!!

Challenges

- The Weather
- Growing YTD
- Managing the Overall Growth of the League
- Consistent Umpire Quality
- Filling Board and Other Key Roles That Makes the League Run

Jamestown Division Season Recap

- Enjoyable season, weather challenges

- 104 players, 8 teams, all players on a team.
- Planning expansion in 2026 to perhaps 10 teams

- Highlights
  - 8 Teams
  - Breast Cancer Awareness Game
  - Fun And Competitive Regular Season and Tournament
  - Food Drive for local charity, FISH, provided 12 shopping carts full of food
  - November League, weather challenges but made up almost all games

- Call Outs
  - Leonard, Dave, John, Bill, Bob and all the Umps and Scorekeepers and volunteers that kept us going
  - 8 Managers – Bud R., Jim R., Al U., Jerry H., Jim H., Kim B., Joanne W-F., Rich T., and the assistant managers
  - November League, 66 players, 6 teams, great playing experience
  - All – for the respect and caring shown for the Driver family after the loss of Gary

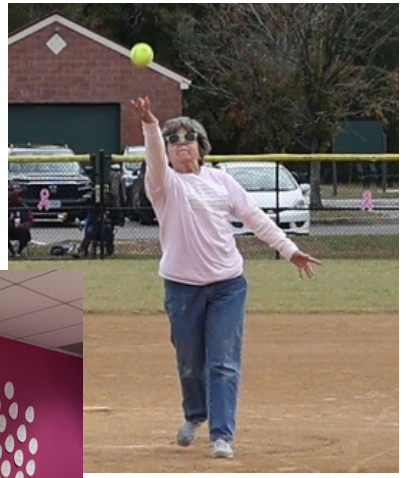
Yorktown Division 2025 Season

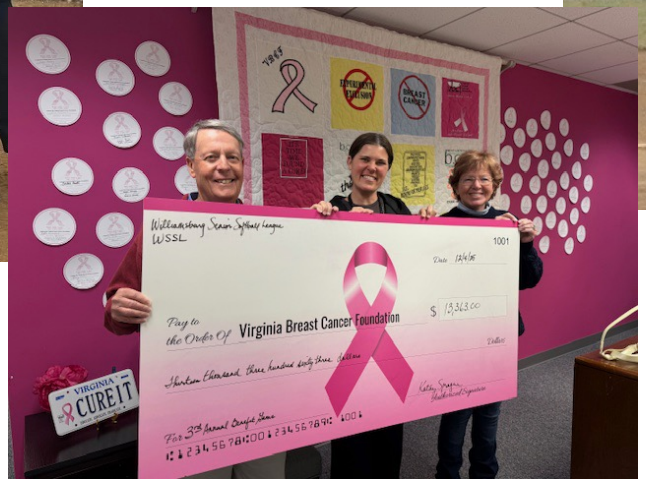
- 5 Teams, 68 players, 24/25 game season
- Approximately 12/14 new players
- Congratulations to the Blue Team - Season Champ and Tournament Champ
- Transitioned to 70-foot bases
- Great managers and assistant managers!
- Special Thanks to Ken, Tom and Ray for their help with umpire/scorekeepers, substitutes and field prep!
- Andy completes 3 years as Yorktown President - the future is bright!

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND RECRUITMENT

- Va. Gazette Articles
- Facebook Campaign
- Williamsburg Sun
- Radio spots featuring ‘Dr. Detroit’

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS BENEFIT GAME & AUCTION





Recruitment Process

- You are our most effective recruitment tool.
- Ask a friend, neighbor or pickleball buddy to join us.
- Post the league flyer on your HOA site. Place one in a business.
- Our Facebook blitz starts January 2 and runs thru March.
- Up-to-date tracking of all new potential recruits starts with a phone call from Kathy Sprague and a form posted on our Google Docs site for BOD.

2026 Focus

- We already have 14 sponsors lined up for next year.
- Sponsor names will be assigned a team and their names will be printed on team shirts.
- Should we have any additional teams, we have some potential sponsors waiting in the wings.
- Able to approach food sponsors by explaining to them to go back to their distributors for assistance.
- Increase lunch participation
- A rematch with the boys for our Breast Cancer Benefit game.
- We were able to raise $13,363.00 for the VA Breast Cancer Foundation in October.
- We look forward to potentially hitting the $15,000 mark in 2026.

WISC Off-Season Training

- Purpose: Provide a safe and comfortable environment where current and prospective members can enhance skills and develop conditioning techniques
- Enhance the program and the league through participant input
- Program dates: February 4 – March 3 2025
- Structured sessions (hitting, infield and outfield play, base running, conditioning, umpire positioning and basics)
- WISC Open House on January 30 and February 3
- Scheduled open sessions and scrimmages will be part of the program
- Williamsburg Indoor Sports Complex (WISC) membership ($20/month)
- Use of Team App required to participate (details to follow)

Website (wsslva.org)

- Recruitment info on home page: New Player Information
  - Point your friends to this content (will be updated for 2026)
- Website tuned for two-division play
- 2026 rosters, schedules, etc., will be updated in early 2026
- Note the sponsor logos are links to sponsor websites
- Navigation and pages adapt to mobile devices
- Please send problem reports, corrections, etc.

Website (wsslva.org)

When is our next game? Who's the home team? Visit the home page, look under Latest News for next two play dates:

Jamestown Division (Kiwanis):

Thu Oct 2:

9:00, field 2: Purple vs Forest

9:00, field 3: Orange vs Grey

10:30, field 2: Maroon vs Red

10:30, field 3: Blue vs Green

Yorktown Division (Quarterpath):

Thu Oct 2: (Red off)

9:00, field 2: Blue vs Green

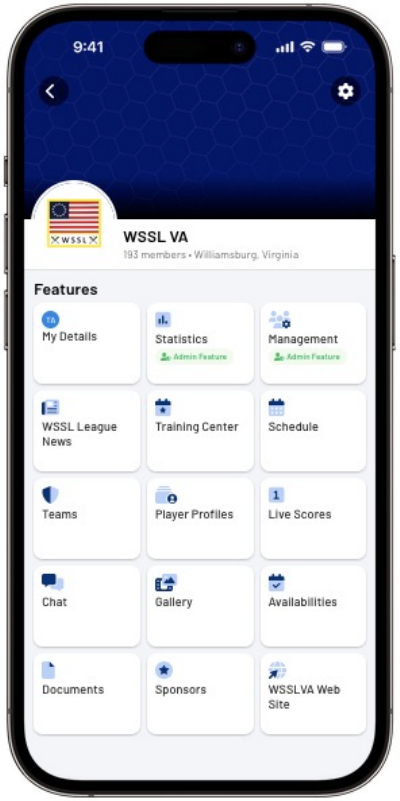
10:30, field 2: Orange vs Purple

Tip: Keep a tab open to our home page in your phone's browser.

For later dates:

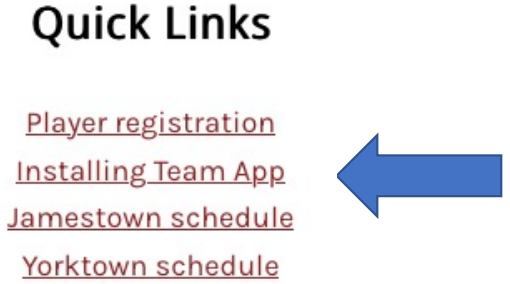
See Jamestown Schedule or Yorktown Schedule under Quick Links.

Get the Team App



Installing the Team App

- Link opens to a separate page with info about the Team App.
- A link on that page takes you to a PDF file with detailed instructions.



Future Website Management

- After 7 years, Ben is stepping away from the webmaster role
- Mike Burcher will be taking the reins in 2026
  - Transition period for a few months
  - Mike will be fully available starting in April
- Going forward, the webmaster role will likely not be a board position
- Next year the board can initiate a Bylaws revision

WSSL Election
2026 Nominees

The following are the nominees for:

- Jamestown President
- Yorktown President
- Secretary

Jamestown President:

Larry Rouse

Larry grew up on Long Island, just outside New York City. After graduating high school in 1969 he attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison on an Army ROTC scholarship. Commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Military Police he entered the Army Reserve and attended Hofstra Law School, receiving a Juris Doctor degree in 1976. After admission to the New York Bar in January 1977, he entered active duty in the US Army Judge Advocate General's Corps serving for 29 years. During service in the United States, Germany and the Middle East he led five Army legal offices and a Division of the Army Staff. Retiring as a Colonel in January 2006, he moved into a civilian attorney position with the Army at Fort Monroe, later moving to Fort Eustis, working Base Realignment and Closure and strategic planning issues until retiring at the end of 2016.

Joining the WSSL during their initial season in 2019, he has played ever since and also served as head of the Rules Committee and Head Umpire for several seasons. He took over as President, Jamestown Division in early 2025 to complete the term of Bill Leonard. He is also Vice Commander of American Legion Post 39 and active in veteran's issues in the local area.

Yorktown President:

Bobby Jankovic

I am Bobby Jankovic. My wife and I have been married 29 years and raised 4 children in First Colony in Williamsburg. Roxana is a 5th grade teacher at Matoaka elementary school. I own a full service real estate brokerage with about 40 agents. I played baseball as a youth and found adult softball in 2003. I played night ball at QP and the season was cancelled after one of the hurricanes, maybe Isabel. I got back into a night league and played off and on. 5 years ago I ran into Andy J. at Billsburg. He recruited me and I joined Team Red mid-season. I have been very impressed with the operation of the WSSL, because it has a positive culture and focuses on the bigger picture. I have enjoyed being a manager and assistant manager with some terrific players, now friends. I am excited for the chance to be a part of the WSSL in a new capacity.

Secretary:

Will Murray

During my career, I was an Engineer at Dominion Energy for 32 years-25 years at Surry Power Station. I retired in 2017.

I joined WSSL during the 2020 covid year. My 2nd year I was an assistant manager and then a manager for 3 years- thru 2024. Durind my 2nd year, I was an umpire and scorekeeper and was was responsible for identifying umpires, scorekeepers and subs for each game.

Notes

Outstanding checks amount consists of 2 uncleared checks and estimated additional expenses at year end of which major ones are as follows:

Championship shirts $225.00

Beverage tickets for Gala $900.00

Clubhouse rental for today $70.00

FINANCIAL REPORT As of November 30, 2025			
		At Year End	
Number of Players (2025 Dues)			172
Teams			13
Number of Games (Apr - Oct)			30
Cash in Bank - Start of Season			**$9,659.25**
Plus: Unrecorded Deposits			
Less: Outstanding Checks			
Beginning Jan 1 2025 Surplus (Deficit)			**$9,659.25**
Dues and Sponsors:			
Player Dues		$13,807.50	
Sponsors		$5,500.00	
Total Reciepts			**$19,307.50**
Season Costs:			
Fields		$5,365.00	
Jerseys		$1,699.90	
Caps		$2,407.50	
Balls		$1,544.59	
Facebook Marketing		$2,759.42	
AEDs		$25.00	
Trophies/Engraving/Gifts		$355.00	
Softball Supplies		$526.74	
Bank Service Charge		$5.00	
Website Renewal		$173.95	
Liability Insurance		$325.00	
League Parties/Meetings		$1,270.33	
Donations		$140.66	
Christmas Parade		$100.00	
Admin Supplies		$244.86	
Total Season Costs			**$16,942.95**
Season Surplus(Deficit)			**$2,364.55**
Ending November 30, 2025 Surplus (Deficit)			**$12,023.80**
Plus: Outstanding Checks		$ 1,588.82	
Less: Unrecorded Deposits			
Cash in Bank - Season to Date			**$13,612.62**

Major Expenses

• Field Usage –	$5,365.00
• Jerseys & Hats –	$4,107.40
• Balls (17 doz) –	$1,544.59
• Parties/Meetings –	$1,270.33
• Facebook Marketing -	$2,759.42
Total	**$15,046.74**

Field Breakdown

WISC Pre-Season	$300.00
Field Product	$120.00
Yorktown Practices	$225.00
Jamestown Practices	$1,170.00
Yorktown Games	$1,255.00
Jamestown Games	$2,295.00
Total	**$5,365.00**

UPCOMING YEAR BUDGET FACTORS

- **Number of Players**
- **Two fields at Kiwanis, likely one at Quarterpath - No rate from P&R yet**
- **Balls @ $80 doz**
- **Jerseys and Hats**
- **Mostly offset by more player dues**
- **Potential webmaster costs (not included in current projections)**
- **Amount of built up surplus**

Budget Projection for 2026
As of November 30, 2025

		Proj 2025 Actual	2026 Budget		
Number of Players (2025 Dues)		175	190		
Teams		13	14		
Number of Games (Apr - Oct)		30	30		
Cash In Bank - Beg		**$ 9,659.25**	**$ 12,023.80**		
Dues and Sponsors:					
Player Dues		$13,807.50	$9,500.00		190 Players @ $50
Sponsors		$5,500.00	$4,200.00		14 Sponsors @ $300
Total Reciepts		**$19,307.50**	**$13,700.00**		
Season Costs:					
Fields		$5,365.00	$6,000.00		Using 2025
Jerseys		$1,699.90	$2,033.00		190 Players @ $10 plus tax
Caps		$2,407.50	$1,123.50		70 at $15 plus tax
Balls		$1,544.59	$1,050.00		12 Doz at $80 plus tax - Have 6 Doz left
Facebook Marketing		$2,759.42	$2,800.00		Using 2025
AEDs		$25.00	$0.00		Using 2025
Trophies/Engraving/Gifts		$355.00	$300.00		Using 2025
Softball Supplies		$526.74	$500.00		Using 2025
Bank Service Charge		$5.00	$0.00		Using 2025
Website Renewal		$173.95	$200.00		Using 2025
Liability Insurance		$325.00	$350.00		$25 per team
League Parties		$1,270.33	$1,500.00		Using 2025
Donations		$140.66	$50.00		Using 2025
Christmas Parade		$100.00	$100.00		Using 2025
Admin Supplies		$244.86	$200.00		Using 2025
Total Season Costs		**$16,942.95**	**$16,206.50**		
Season Surplus(Deficit)		**$2,364.55**	**($2,506.50)**		
Cash In Bank - End		**$ 12,023.80**	**$ 9,517.30**		

Time to Vote

See Tom if you need a ballot

Questions?