



On Saturday August 22nd, St. Rita's Society #1368 hosted this years PRCUA National Softball Tournament. The tournament was held at Halmich Park in Warren, Michigan. Thirteen teams participated this year, including two Women's teams and two teams in the Legend's Division. The weather was great, and the softball was equally as good. After round robin games in the morning in the Men's Division, a delicious barbeque lunch was served at the park pavilion.

The afternoon began with the Legend's games and Women's Division play. In the Women's Division, the St. Rita team beat the St. Rita Paczki team in the best of three format to capture the Women's title. In the Men's B Division, St. Stan's Youngsters beat St. Rita Skurski to capture B Division honors. In the Men's A Division, The East Chicago Aces defeated the St. Stan's Gdowski team to grab this years Men's A Division title.

The day's events wrapped up with a tremendous banquet at the Father Kramer Knights of Columbus Hall in Centerline. A full Polish menu was served, featuring pierogi, galabki, pork chops, saurkraut and kielbasa, and potato pancakes. The Champions, All Stars, and MVPs were presented with awards, then DJ Ruff Dirt entertained the crowd for the remainder of the evening. A great time was had by all!

Awards were presented to the following:

CHAMPIONS:

Men's A Division	East Chicago Aces
Men's B Division	St. Stan's Youngsters
Women's Division	St. Rita

ALL-STARS:

John Czerwinski	Legends
Frank Nasiatka	Legends
Mark Dobek	Legends
Paul Kuhar	Legends
Scott Rietz	Pope John Paul
Jason Losinski	St. Rita West
Mark Okonowski	St. Rita East
Paul Hazuka	St. Rita Skurski
Jerry Stafford	East Chicago Aces
Christian Flores	East Chicago Aces
Tim Sobczak	St. Stan's Youngsters
Jeff Neese	St. Stan's Gdowski
Jerry Nasiatka	St. Stan's Boomba Boys
Mike Sopko	St. Stan's Youngsters
Donna Skurski	St. Rita
Katie Hyso	St. Rita
Christy White	St. Rita Paczki

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS:

Dan Mika East Chicago Aces
Lisa Murrah St. Rita

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Thank you to Jerry Nasiatka for his assistance in organizing the Legends games.

A special thank you to those that volunteered their time to make the tournament a success: Jack Steinhebel, Jeff Curcio, JoAnn Thomas, Tommy Lisiecki, Barb Toboy, Jason Losinski, Mark Okonowski, and Steve “the Grill Man” Gardner. Thanks to Marina Losinski for her fantastic mustacoli, which was served at Friday’s hospitality room. An extra special thanks goes out to Greg Losinski, who served as tournament Co-Chairman. Without his hard work, dedication, continuous friendship and support, the tournament would not have been the success that it was!

Jerry Lubiarez
2009 PRCUA National Softball Tournament Co-Chairman