

LADIES SOFTBALL

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- 1966 first started playing for the Ladies Softball team.
- There is one League in Richmond and usually the teams vary from year to year.
- Some years there are eight teams and other years there are seven.
- Every year we have a team from Ladner and up until this year there has been a team from Tsawwassen.
- The ages for this team were 18 and over.
- This League started out as a Housewives League; it was called the Richmond-Delta Housewives League until a few years ago when we started getting more of the younger girls.
- This was more of a fun league but it has become more competitive in the last four or five years with the younger girls joining.
- Usually the season starts in the first Tuesday in May and goes until the end of June.
- In order to go into the Tournament in the Lower Mainland, you'll have to belong to the B. C. Softball Association and that costs money so not every team in our league is affiliated with the B. C. Body.
- So we started putting one team from the League into the B. C. Body so we would have one team representing our League into this outside Tournaments.
- Usually had players from other teams to form an All-Star team.
- Discusses the Softball Playoffs.
- When the League first started, they found volunteers for umpires.
- In 1965 we started with Gordie MacDonald who is Umpire-in-Chief and he handles umpires.
- We got his umpire for behind the plate for the season.
- It cost each team so much per year; it started out costing each player \$3.00 - \$5.00 a season for umpires.
- Sometimes the sponsor will pay for this.
- Explains this more fully.

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- All the softball equipment was the responsibility of the team.
- I was the Secretary-Treasurer for ten years.
- Shirley Burr was President of the League for a number of early years.
- Has no idea how the League got started in the beginning.
- Discusses the problems the League has had in recent years.