

## Sports

# Kelowna team takes Nakusp mixed slo-pitch title

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The Browns of Kelowna vow to return in 2019 to defend their Nakusp mixed slo-pitch title.

The Browns won the championship last week, downing the 2017 winners, the Idiots of Kelowna, 15-7 in the tourney final for top money of \$1,500. Idiots took home \$1,000. The Tomahawks of Trail-Fruitvale and Built to Spill, also a Kelowna team, each won \$500. Nakusp sent two teams into the tournament

playoffs. The Grey Jays lost a heart-breaker to Tux of Calgary 11-10. SSP advanced a step further with a 17-5 romp over Asylum of Ponoka before dropping a 20-8 decision to Kelowna's Built to Spill to finish out of the money.

In a continuing power show, the Browns crushed five home runs in the final, a pair by Matt Stang with Garrett Wiese, "Bud" McKaig and Mike Bucknell also slamming circuit blows.

The teams were tied 6-6 after three innings but the Browns pulled away with three in the fourth, two in the fifth and four in the sixth



The Browns' Garrett "Proby" Wiese connects off Idiots' pitcher Darcy O'Heir with plate umpire Claude Gullickson right on top of the action. Wiese was among the hitting stars of the tournament.

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### ELECTORAL AREAS E, F AND G

Wednesday, August 15th, 2018

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

NELSON PRESTIGE LAKESIDE RESORT

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NAKUSP SENIOR CITIZENS HALL

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CRESTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPLEX

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Thursday, August 30th, 2018

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WINLAW COMMUNITY HALL COMPLEX

### ELECTORAL AREAS I AND J

Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

CASTLEGAR AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPLEX

The Regional District of Central Kootenay would like to invite members of the cannabis industry, interested community members and other stakeholders to a series of community workshops to build a common understanding of the role of local government in the transition and legalization of cannabis within the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK).

Workshops will focus on: building a common understanding of the cannabis industry in the RDCK; the various licensing requirements for retail, cultivation and processing; and land use and community considerations.

For more information on the work that is being undertaken and how YOU can participate, please visit the project website at [www.rdck.ca](http://www.rdck.ca) or contact the RDCK planning department. An on-line survey is also available for those who are unable to participate.



Sam Fillion of the Browns was a crowd favourite. The Kelowna outfielder was the winner of the womens' Home Run Derby and in one game hit for the cycle with a home run, triple, double and two singles. In another game she belted a pair of homers and a two-run double. In the final she was held to "just" a triple and single.



Nakusp SSP: Back row (left to right): Riley Weatherhead, Tristin Sinclair, Brodie Yano, Sarah Sanders, Dallas Sinclair, Luke Krbyla, Jesse Wilcott, Mike Salter, Travis Rebman. Front row (left to right) Jamie Coates, Sara Struck, Ryan Struck, Maria Volansky, Kaitlyn Wethal, Zac Wethal.



Kelowna Browns: Back row (standing): Cory Monteith, Tasha Monteith, Jim Stewart, Ryan Caig, Blaise Laveay, Dean McKaig, Matt Stang, Garrett Wiese, T.J. Wyatt, Cory Warner. Front row (kneeling): Karri Johnson, Ali Furgala-Reid, Sam Fillion, Marc Lamarre, Amelie Pepin, Mike Bucknell.

to run away with the ball game, interrupted briefly in the 5th inning when one of the Idiots was tossed from the game by plate umpire Claude Gullickson for a little too much carping about his calls.

Browns reached the final with a 27-13 victory over Built to Spill while the Idiots walked over the Tomahawks 27-14.

Will the Browns be back next year? The champs' Blaise Laveay could not have made it clearer.

"That's the biggest certainly ever! We will never miss! We've been coming for 15 years and skipped one year to go to Nationals and we were miserable the whole time! We had 14 young kids running around there this year so the Browns will be coming for a loooong time!"

Laveay said it's not just the ball, but the atmosphere. "We honestly just love it so much.

It's become our ball family reunion for us at this point. The area is just so beautiful and the whole group looks forward to it all year."

Tournament spokesman Jarrod Teindl expressed gratitude for the community's support. "Once again, the awesome people of this community came together to put on another huge success, and show 20 teams and their families, what Nakusp is all about." Teindl cited "the tireless volunteers, the professionalism of our much appreciated umpires, the food vendors ... a huge pat on the back is well deserved!"

The tournament is over, but another phase of Nakusp's slo-pitch growth is about to begin. A women's team has been formed and is slated to compete in a tournament at Castlegar next month. The club is expected to play a few games with local teams this month as a warmup to the competition.

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