

Play with players

There's a whole lot more than softball going on during World Series 2002

Sunday, August 18

Registration

Players register and get their passes. Anyone can buy a World Series pass for \$50. Some events require the pass. Registration is also Monday—same time, same place. (8 am-10 pm. Hilton Hotel Mezzanine, 921 SW Sixth Ave.)

Monday, August 19

Miss Gay Softball World Series Pageant

Players can sign up at www.portlandgaysoftball.com to be a contestant. There's no cover to watch them be judged on talent, gowns and Q & A. Coupled with Bid-a-Bachelor (or ette)—buy yourself a dinner date with a World Series player during the pageant. (9 pm. Red Cap Garage, 1035 SW Stark St.)

Tuesday, August 20

Round Robin Seeding Tournament Games

Play ball! (8 am-5 pm. Delta Park's William V. Owens Complex, 10737 N Union Court, and Hillsboro's Gordon Faber Recreational Complex, 4450 NW 229th Ave.)

Opening Ceremonies

Free of charge and open to the public, this spectacle pays homage to the athletes who make the World Series a reality. And there's beer. (6 pm food and beverages, 7:45 pm ceremony. Washington Park Amphitheater.)

Wednesday, August 21

Round Robin Seeding Tournament Games

Play ball! (8 am-5 pm. William V. Owens Complex and Gordon Faber Recreational Complex.)

Tournament Seeding Selection Show

Where do you stand? When will you play? Who will you play? Will you continue to play? (7-8:30 pm at Hilton Hotel Pavilion Room.)

Spirit Mountain Casino Trip

You need to have a World Series pass and register in advance for this one at www.portlandgaysoftball.com. It takes more than an hour to get to Grand Ronde, and

Although the Rose City Softball Association has dubbed the 26th annual Gay Softball World Series an athlete-driven event, it will be a great time for everyone to join the players in a host of social activities, as well as its five full days of games.

The Series 2002 Committee has made a special point to give queer Portland the sense they're at the World Series—from days packed with games, to bunting on the outfield fences, to an Olympics-like opening ceremony to party nights.

Some events require a World Series pass, which can be had for \$50. You don't have to be a player to buy one—just go to registration Aug. 18 or 19 (details below). With the pass, you'll get specials around town at gay-owned businesses and clubs.

"For anyone who has not been around the gay softball league, this is really the event to see," says player Randy Wampler of the Portland Storm. "It will show you how much fun gay sporting events can be.... There will be many events that accompany the tournament itself that will allow members of the community to meet and interact with softball players from all over the country."

Portland, get ready to interact.

you'll be captive for at least three. Don't save all your good luck charms for the field. (7:30 pm. Shuttle departs from Hilton Hotel.)

Portland Spirit River Cruise

Athletes and groupies can dance together to the tunes of Panorama DJ Rmen on the top level, be entertained by New York comedian Eddy Sarfaty on the middle level and meet-and-greet on the main level. (8 pm-midnight. Board at Southwest Salmon Street and Naito Parkway. \$25 at registration or at www.portlandgaysoftball.com.)

Title IX Celebration

Celebrate the 1975 federal amendment that forced all schools to provide equal sports options for women. (8:30-11 pm. Panorama, 341 SW 10th Ave. Call 503-221-7262 for cover.)

Thursday, August 22

Double Elimination Tournament Games

Play ball! (8 am-5 pm. William V. Owens Complex and Gordon Faber Recreational Complex.)

Twisted Talent Show

Players show off their nonsoftball talents. Activities director Tim Bias says, "It is truly amazing what these boys and girls can do." (8-11 pm. Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom. \$5.)

Girls Night Out

Dingo's is moving its popular Girls Night to Panorama for the World Series. Spread the news among Portland lezzies so they're not all at Dingo's going. "Where are all those mythical out-of-town softball players?" (9 pm-midnight. \$5.)

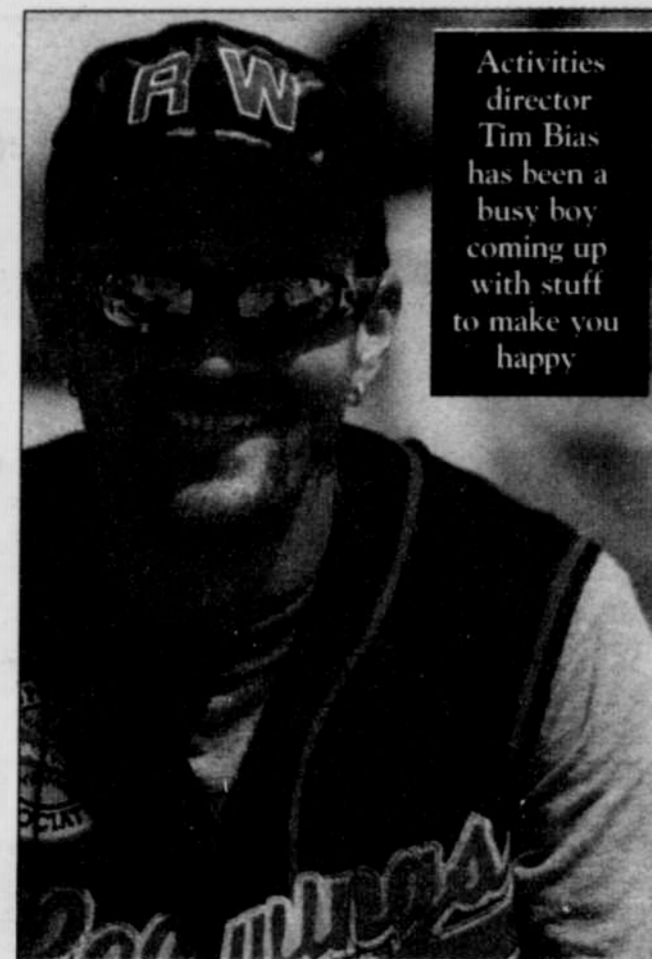
Friday, August 23

Double Elimination Tournament Games

Play ball! (8 am-10 pm at William V. Owens Complex and Gordon Faber Recreational Complex.)

Embers Avenue Party

Embers throws its own World Series bash for jocks and jock supporters. (9 pm-midnight. 110 NW Broadway. \$5.)



Activities director Tim Bias has been a busy boy coming up with stuff to make you happy

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Saturday, August 24

Championship Games

If you haven't been to any games yet, these are the ones to see. (8 am-4 pm. William V. Owens Complex.)

Closing Ceremonies

Free with World Series pass, and only passholders are allowed. Award presentations, dinner and a disco dance until the Oregon Zoo kicks you out. (7:30-10:30 pm. 4001 SW Canyon Road.)

Runs & Roses Block Party

The final event of the week! C.C. Slaughters ropes off the street and throws the block party of the year. Rub shoulders and more with the winners. Console lovingly the losers, er, those who didn't win. (10:30 pm until you pass out or are arrested for debauchery. 219 NW Davis St. Call 503-248-9135 for cover.)

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