

2014 MBA Champions Awarded

Another successful Mountaineer Baseball Association little league season comes to a close as division champion teams and their families gathered for the annual banquet. Sponsored by Gold, Khourey & Turak and Bryan Electric, Inc., the 2014 MBA banquet hosted ten teams at the Wheeling Park White Palace on the evening of Thursday, August 21. The celebration kicked off with opening remarks made by MBA Vice President, Jonathan Turak. Turak thanked parents, coaches, and players for what he noted, “a remarkably smooth season.” Guests enjoyed a buffet style dinner as guest speaker, Mark Cisar, thanked the parents and stressed the importance of listening to coaches and active involvement in the league. Cisar emphasized the discipline learned by the players is carried on and off the field, with such skills being a necessity for success in school and life. Cisar currently fills the role as the West Liberty University Pitching Coach and as a teacher at John Marshall High School. He is a 1994 graduate of Magnolia High School, where he was a two-time Kennedy Award winner. As a student player at Charleston South University, he was awarded the Big South Player of the year, 1997, and Conference Pitcher of the Year, 1998. Cisar began his professional baseball career with the Boston Red Sox as an undrafted free agent in 1998 where he was awarded Red Sox Rookie League Pitcher of the Year. Cisar then continued his professional career signing with the Quebec Capitales, earning Northern League Pitcher of the Year. In the spring of 2000, Cisar attended spring training with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

To conclude the banquet, the following teams were awarded trophies:

Pinto Division, Warwood South (12-1) of the American League, Bethlehem Pirates (14-0) of the National League and Dallas Pike White (10-2) of the Continental League.

Mustang Division, Woodsdale Tigers (14-0) of the East League, Co-Champs Warwood South (11-1) and Pike Blue (11-1) of the West League and Elm Grove Eagles (11-1) of the Central League.

Bronco Division, Woodsdale Blue (9-6) in the National League and Glen Dale Rebels (15-1) in the American League.

Pony Division, Warwood West (14-0) in the National League.