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with Jeff Blair

2012 Season Awards

In 2006, policesoftball.com started a tradition of honoring the end-of-season award winners at the Police Softball World Series. The winners are introduced on the field during the event's opening ceremony and it is patterned after the festivities associated with Major League Baseball, college football, and other high-ranking athletic associations. Nominations are solicited and those who

ultimately are selected are announced just prior to the World Series on the www.policesoftball.com website.

The following is a list of this year's recipients:
East Conference Sponsor of the Year:
Cop Plus- NYPD Blues
West Conference Sponsor of the Year:
RDP- SoCal Lockdown



East Conference Shevy Wright Sportsman of the Year: Kevin Deck- Maryland Outlaws

Kevin started the "Kids Fighting Cancer" foundation where he raised thousands of dollars in donations and two special dogs for the kids.



West Conference Shevy Wright Sportsman of the Year: Mick Hardenbrook- Stanislaus Combo

Mick is the Undersheriff in Stanislaus County. Even though he is a high-ranking law enforcement official, he treats all of those in the circuit like a brother regardless of their rank. He will be retiring from police softball after this season.



East Conference Manager of the Year: Matt Lonczack- Shamrock Enforcers

Matt created this team a few short years ago and has already built them into one of the top teams in the nation. This year, no team had a more active travel schedule, as the Shamrocks attended tournaments from West Palm Beach, Florida, to Lake Tahoe, California.



West Conference Manager of the Year: Ben Zaredini- SoCal War Pigs

Ben joined the circuit in 2011 and his team is already considered a top contender for the Gold Division championship. They notched championships at the DEA Kickoff & West Conference Regional championships this year.

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**East Conference
Defensive
Player of the Year:
Scott Hall- Capital
City Lawmen**

Scott plays middle in-
field for Capital City and
anchors a defense that

is considered one of the best in the East Conference.



**West Conference Defensive Player of the Year:
A.J. Biama- Concord Combo**

A.J. can no longer fly under the radar as his shut-down
defense at shortstop has commanded the attention of
his teammates and opponents alike.



**East Conference Player of the Year:
Scott Waxweiler- Great Lakes Lawmen**

Scott led his team to the World Championship in Las Vegas last year and he was se-
lected MVP for his efforts. This season he has excelled both as a player and coach
of the team as he racked up several other MVP and All-Tournament awards. Former
Player of the Year and teammate Scott Czopek had this to say about Scott: "Wax is
our MVP on and off the field. He is the heart and soul of the Great Lakes Lawmen."

**West Conference Player of
the Year: Mike Snyder-
SoCal Alliance**

Mike is the only player to ever
receive numerous nominations for
the Player of the Year award from
his opponents. Typically players are
nominated by their coaches and/
or teammates. Mike commands so
much respect that he was nominated
by his manager and several oppo-
nents. Hall of Famer Keith Benjamin
summed it up best in his nomination,
stating, "Snyder is most deserving of
this award. He is head and shoulders
above the rest of us and he proves it
every time he steps on the field."



As I write this article we are three weeks out from our Police
Softball World Series in Las Vegas, Nevada. The next time you
see my Cop Corner article, I will be announcing the results of
the 2013 World Series. Till next season, 34-Sam-12 is 10-98.
(cop jargon).