

HISTORY
NORTHWEST CLASS "A" REGIONAL
TOURNAMENT.

THE NWCART WAS BORN OUT OF THE NEED FOR CLASS "A" AND JUNIOR AMERICAN LEGION TEAMS TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE ON PLAYING AFTER THEIR REGULAR SEASON FINISHED. SINCE THERE WAS NO ORGANIZED PROGRAMS FOR THIS GROUP OF PLAYERS TO CONTINUE ON THEIR SEASON WAS FINISHED. THE STATE CHAIRMEN FROM WASHINGTON (GARY GEORGE), OREGON (GEORGE MCRAJ), AND IDAHO (NORBERT HEITMANN) AT THEY'RE ANNUAL BASEBALL CONFERENCE IN INDIANAPOLIS DISCUSSED PUTTING TOGETHER A PROGRAM WHERE BY THEIR INDIVIDUAL CLASS "A" AND JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONS COULD GET TOGETHER AND HAVE A ROUND ROBIN PLAY-OFF. IN 1984 THESE GENTLEMEN EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO MONTANA (WAYNE DAVIS) AND HIS PROGRAMS TO JOIN THEM IN THIS TOURNAMENT. AT THAT TIME MONTANA, OREGON, & WASHINGTON SENT THEIR FIRST AND SECOND PLACE TEAMS TO THE TOURNAMENT. IDAHO, BECAUSE OF ITS FEW NUMBER OF CLASS "A" PROGRAMS, ONLY SENT THEIR FIRST PLACE TEAM. THEN THE STATE THAT WAS HOSTING THE TOURNAMENT GOT TO INCLUDE THE HOST TEAM. THE TOURNAMENT WAS TO BE ROTATED

AROUND BETWEEN THE FOUR STATES. IN 1985 THE FIRST FOUR STATES TOURNAMENT WAS HELD IN YAKIMA, WASHINGTON. IN 1991 AT THE ANNUAL BASEBALL FALL MEETING THE STATE OF WYOMING WAS ASKED TO JOIN IN THE TOURNAMENT AND THEY PLAYED IN THEIR FIRST TOURNAMENT IN 1992 IN PENDLETON, OREGON. 1994 NORTH DAKOTA JOINED THE PROGRAM AND PLAYED FOR 3 YEAR. IN 1996 SOUTH DAKOTA ALSO PLAYED IN THE TOURNAMENT. BOTH STATE PROGRAMS HAVE STOPPED PLAYING IN THIS TOURNAMENT. AT THE 1998 ANNUAL BASEBALL FALL MEETINGS THE STATE OF ALASKA WAS INVITED AND WAS ACCEPT INTO THE TOURNAMENT AND HAVE PLAYED IN THE LAST THREE TOURNAMENTS. WITH THE ADDITION OF ALASKA IT IS NOW A SIX STATE TOURNAMENT WITH THE STATE OF WASHINGTON SENDING BOTH THEIR FIRST AND SECOND PLACE TEAMS TO THE TOURNAMENT. THE HOST STATE WHICH IS NOW ROTATED BETWEEN WASHINGTON, OREGON, IDAHO, MONTANA, AND WYOMING EACH SENT THEIR FIRST PLACE TEAM AND THE HOST CITY TO THE TOURNAMENT.

AT THE 1998 AMERICAN LEGION FALL CONFERENCE, ALASKA PETITIONED THE STATE CHAIRMEN WITH THE PROPOSAL THAT ALASKA ALSO SEND THEIR STATE CHAMPION TO PLAY IN THIS TOURNAMENT. AT THE 1999 NWCART IN GLENDIVE, MONTANA THE FIRST ALASKA CLASS "A" PROGRAM WAS IN ATTENDANCE. THEY HAVE BEEN A WELCOME

ADDITION TO THE TOURNAMENT, DURING THE 2002 NWCART IN LaGRANDE, OREGON, ALASKA ALSO SENT AN UMPIRE TO HELP OUT AT THE TOURNAMENT. SINCE THAT TIME THEY HAVE SENT DOWN AN UMPIRE TO HELP OFFICIATE WITH THE TOURNAMENT. AT THE 2003 AMERICAN LEGION FALL CONFERENCE THE STATE OF UTAH REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ALSO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 2003 NWCART TOURNAMENT IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON. THE BONNEVILLE LAKERS TEAM WAS THE FIRST TEAM FROM UTAH.

PAST HOST & CHAMPIONS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>HOST CITY/STATE</u>	<u>CHAMPION</u>
1985.	YAKIMA, WASHINGTON	KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON
1986	HAMILTON, MONTANA	ROSEBURG, OREGON
1987	IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO	KIRKLAND, WASHINGTON
1988	EUGENE, OREGON	ROSEBURG, OREGON
1989	YAKIMA, WASHINGTON	HOOD RIVER, OREGON
1990	ANACONDA, MONTANA	VAUXHALL, ALBERTA
1991	COEUR-D'ALENE, IDAHO	MOUNT VERNON,
	WASHINGTON	
1992	PENDLETON, OREGON	BURLINGTON, WASHINGTON
1993.	YAKIMA, WASHINGTON	FORT McLEOD, ALBERTA CA.
1994.	MISSOULA, MONTANA	FORT McLEOD, ALBERTA CA
1995.	BOISE, IDAHO	NORTH JACKSON, OREGON
1996.	POWELL, WYOMING	OKANAGON, WASHINGTON
1997.	EAGLE POINT, OREGON	KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON
1998.	YAKIMA, WASHINGTON	BITTERROOT, MONTANA
1999.	GLENDIVE, MONTANA	BURLEY, IDAHO
2000.	LEWISTON, IDAHO	MARYVILLE, WASHINGTON
2001.	POWELL, WYOMING	LA GRANDE, OREGON
2002.	LaGRANDE, OREGON	RICHLAND, WASHINGTON
2003.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	RICHLAND, WASHINGTON
2004.	BOZEMAN, MONTANA	VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON
2005.	IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO	BURLINGTON, WASHINGTON
2006.	SHERIDAN, WYOMING	FLORENCE, MONTANA
2007.	ANCHORAGE, ALASKA	MONTPELIER, IDAHO
2008.	ANACORTES, WASHINGTON	CHEHALIS, WASHINGTON
2009.	KEARNS, UTAH	KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON

2010.	BOZEMAN, MONTANA	ASHLAND, OREGON
2011.	ROSEBURG, OREGON	HYRUM, UTAH
2012.	BURLEY, IDAHO	POLSON, MONTANA
2013.	WHEATLAND, WYOMING	CENTRAL POINT, OREGON
2014.	ANCHORAGE, ALASKA	POCATELLO, IDAHO
2015.	LOGAN, UTAH	BITTERROOT, MONTANA
2016.	LAUREL MONTANA	BITTERROOT, MONTANA
2017.	EUGENE, OREGON	POST 87 UTAH
2018.	LEWISTON, IDAHO	GLACIER TWINS, MONTANA
2019.	CODY, WYOMING	LAYTON, UTAH
2020.	No Tournament	
2021.	ANCHORAGE, ALASKA	MARSH VALLEY, IDAHO
2022.	VERNAL, UTAH	