

After a successful recognition night held on October 9th that saw the Baldur Community honour the Baldur Regals and the Border West All stars, word has been received that the two teams, as well as coach Gerry Janz and player Darrick Jones have been nominated for 2009 Manitoba Baseball High Performance Awards.

Gladwyne Scott when nominating Gerry stated, "As a high performance coach he had an almost unblemished record in the Border West League; undefeated at the provincial senior AA championships in Wawanesa; and a gold medalist at the Western Canadians in Peace River Alberta." Gerry is a very capable coach who has been the Baldur Regals coach for more than 25 years. He is competitive, knowledgeable and has the respect of his players. Veteran Baldur star, Mike Johnson says, "It takes a lot of skill to mould a group of all stars into a team and Gerry has done it successfully on many occasions."

Darrick Jones was MVP at the Senior AA provincials at Wawanesa and MVP of the Western Canadians at Peace River, AB. He owned a .563 batting average! Darrick is a power hitting catcher for the Baldur Regals. He is a great receiver with a good throwing arm. Coach Janz has always said, "He is the best catcher in Manitoba!" Darrick is a gentleman and a great role model for baseball on and off the diamond.

And what can you say about our hometown Baldur Regals. Of the 18 man rosters that won the Provincial Senior AA Championships in 2008 and 2009, 14 players were either born or grew up playing minor baseball in Baldur. In addition, only 1 player was picked up from another team to fill the 2009 Provincial Championship roster! By winning back-to-back Provincial Senior AA Championships, the Baldur Regals were able to do something that only 4 other teams have been able to accomplish since 1970. The community of Baldur with a population of 350, is proud and recognize this achievement as a truly special feat.

Finally, the Border West All Stars. With 8 players of the team from the Baldur Regals, they won the 2009 Western Canadian Championships. How exciting and how impressive! As Team Manitoba they represented the province with distinction. They won 3 of the 4 round robin games and beat the host Peace River team twice to win the championship. It was a huge commitment for the team to travel by bus to Peace River and the Baldur community thanks the team for their devotion to the game and bringing back this honour to Manitoba.

The awards banquet will be held in Brandon on November 14th. The cost of tickets is \$40.00. If you would like more information please contact Kristine Janz, Baldur Community Development Association, at bcda@inetbiz.ca