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- Started one team in Richmond in 1959 or 1960 called Clarks Trucking and we played against the Catharic Youth Organization team in Vancouver and won. Catholic (?)
- Then the Richmond Legion challenged us; then the Municipality and the Postmen got a team and they challenged us.
- That's the way it went the first year, just playing fun games whenever we could.
- Remembers there once was a very good Softball League in Richmond but don't know what happened to it. (It'd disbanded years before).
- The following year, the Lansdowne Race Track wanted to put a team up against us.
- Since we had about 6 teams we decided to form a Men's Softball League.
- In those days if we had a sweater and a hat, that was a uniform.
- Clarks Trucking bought the sweaters, hats and bases, but the team members bought all their own equipment.
- We formed the Richmond Senior Men's Softball League in 1962 and Clarks Trucking won the Championships for several years.
- We formed the Lucky Logger team in 1967.
- In 1967 we affiliated with B. C. Men's Softball Association.
- That was the first year we entered the city finals then we went on to the B. C. Finals in the B. C. Playoffs.
- A lot of money then as is now, has to be raised by the team themselves.
- Originally when we first started playing baseball we played out of every school grounds in Richmond.
- The third year we played all our games in Minoru Park, however, it wasn't all that great of a diamond.
- Surprisingly when we moved our games to Steveston in 1963, we got far better crowds.
- Men's Softball has gotten to be very competitive now.
- Through the B. C. Body, Richmond has a zone of our own now for which we fought for years to get.
- We are connected with Ladner and North Delta.

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MEN'S SOFTBALL

- Unfortunately as yet, we have never won the B. C. Playoffs but we hosted the B. C. Playoffs here last year.
- We always have had problems financing our league because of umpires--- you have to have two umpires a game at a cost of \$16.00 or \$17.00 each and when you take that over the whole season, it runs into a lot of money.
- Discusses some of the ways in which the League goes about raising money for itself.
- I played Softball in 1961 and 1962, then started coaching in 1963 right up until this year.
- We had our First Tournament in 1965.
- Our season runs from the first week in May until the playoffs on the Labour Day weekend.
- There is no age limit in Senior Men's Softball.
- The teams themselves pay for travelling expenses.
- To join the B. C. Body, it cost \$25.00 per team.
- To join the League it costs around \$200.00 per team.
- Some of the people who have helped and been the back-bone of the League are: Ian Gardener, Ron Sullivan and Bobby Bruce.