

Welcome to All Participants



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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION PACKAGE

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President`s Message

Layritz Little League takes great pride in hosting the *2013 Little League Major Softball Canadian Championships*. On behalf of Layritz Little League, I would like to congratulate all the provincial champions. We would like to welcome everyone, especially those who have travelled to come to Victoria. We hope your experience here is an enjoyable one.

We have a great week ahead of us where you will be meeting other softball players, enjoying exciting activities at the ballpark, visiting our beautiful city, and most importantly, playing great softball! During the competition, teams will also enjoy a participants' banquet and skills competition.

We at Layritz Little League look forward to meeting our fellow ball players and their families during this exciting week of the *2013 Little League Major Softball Canadian Championships*.

Good luck to all competitors!

Sincerely yours,
Jenna Hiser
President
Layritz Little League



The History of Layritz Park

Richard Layritz was born on April 27, 1867, in Ernstthal near Dresden in Germany, the youngest of eight children. Richard first moved to Kelowna and managed a nursery over the winter of 1886/87. In the spring of 1887, he decided to move to Victoria, thinking that with the mild climate he could grow all year round. Unfortunately, he guessed wrong—his entire stock was frozen during the winter of 1887/88 and he lost both his business and his property.

In 1898, Richard went to the Klondike to earn more money. By 1900 he had raised enough money so that he could come to Saanich and get his nursery going. He bought 14 acres on Wilkinson Road just north of the jail and later increased his property holdings to 99 acres. In 1906 Richard returned to Germany and married his wife Eliese. Tragically, Eliese died in Saanich on October 4, 1916. Three years later, Richard married his second wife, an English girl 14 years his junior.

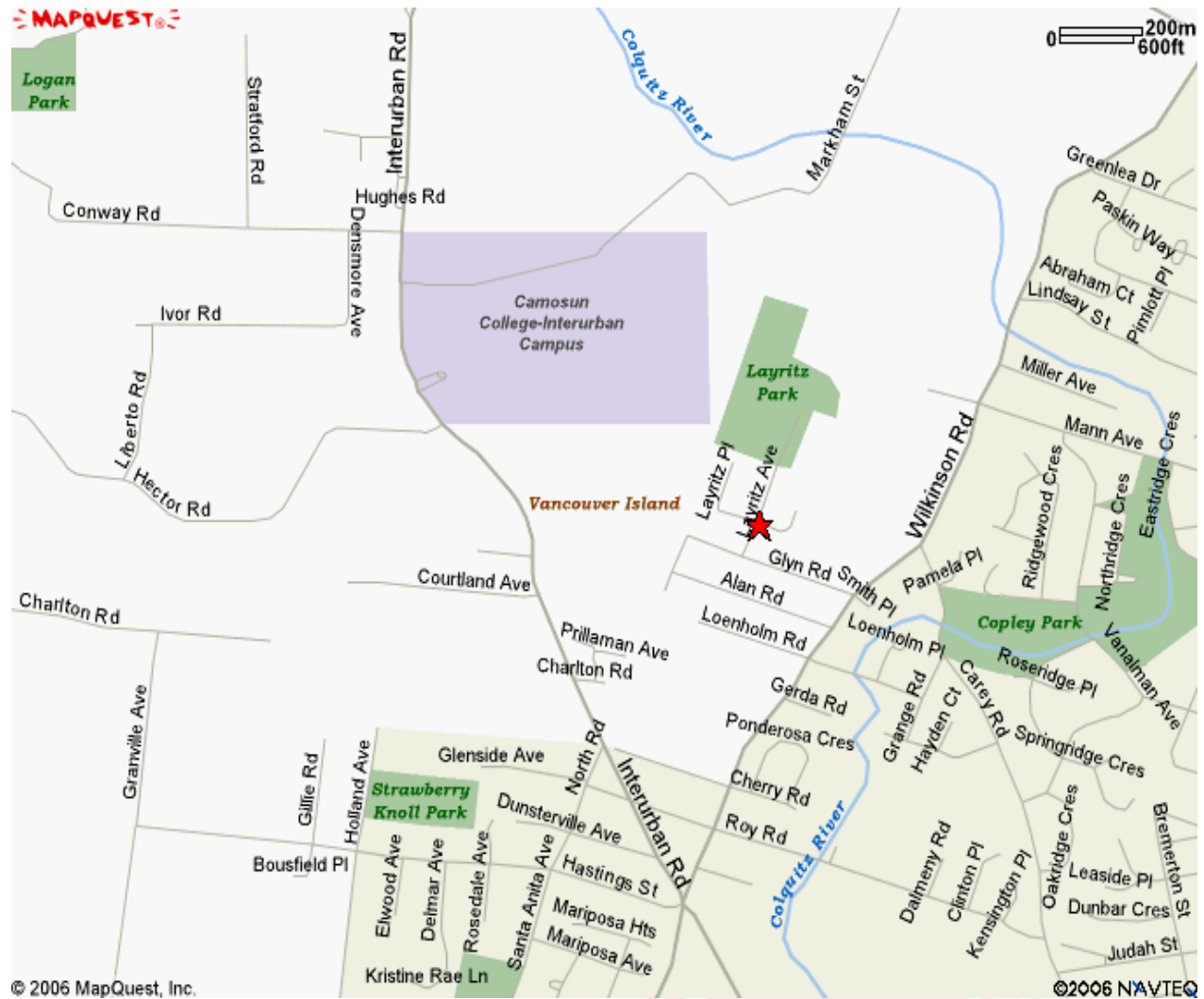
Richard gradually expanded his nursery holdings to two 10-acre plots of land in Gordon Head. One plot was at Ash and Barry, where he had a summer house and grew orchard seedlings. The second property was closer to Mount Douglas and both acreages had sea frontage.

In 1953 Richard Layritz donated 15½ acres to the Municipality of Saanich with the stipulation that they be fenced in and used as a park for children. The original plaque was erected in 1963 and the road once called Sandra Lane was renamed Layritz Avenue. A new plaque was placed in 1995 on a rock near the park buildings.

Since Layritz Nurseries Ltd. was the only major nursery in British Columbia in the early days, most of the trees and shrubs on Victoria city streets and parks came from Richard's nursery. Richard died on September 10, 1954, and his ashes were placed, at his request, beneath a Redwood tree on Wilkinson Road near his house.



How to find us



http://www.layritz.ca/Content_Page.asp?Section=2&Item=83

To get to Layritz Park, turn off Wilkinson Rd. onto Glyn Rd., then right onto Layritz Ave., which dead ends into the park.

Park Information

PARK MAP



http://www.layritz.ca/Content_Page.asp?Section=2&Item=201

GAMES LOCATION

All games will be played on the Major Baseball diamond, located near the concession.

PRACTICE FIELDS/BATTING CAGE

A dual batting cage will be made available to teams as well as two on-site diamonds for warm-up before the games as well as practices while other teams play.

OTHER PARK AMENITIES

The clubhouse is located above the concession, behind home plate. Washroom facilities are located past centerfield on the Major Baseball diamond. A full concession will be available, and there is a new playground to keep our younger fans happy.

PARKING

- **There will be one reserved parking spot for each team** for the entire tournament to be used at your discretion. This will be clearly marked in the first row of parking. This will be your spot for the duration of the tournament so come and go to the park as you wish.
- Please also honour the other marked, reserved parking spots for our volunteers, including umpires and the district administrator.
- Please do not drive your vehicles on the service road or park near the diamonds or batting cage without prior approval. These areas are meant for Saanich staff and commercial service vehicles only.
- Please respect the residential parking signs along Layritz Ave.; we want to be a good neighbour to residents in the area.
- There are two parking lots readily available for the general public to use.
<http://maps.google.com/maps?ll=48.491127,-123.408308&t=h&z=16>
 - One is off Layritz Ave. (free)
 - The other is near the Vancouver Island Technology Park, off Markham Road (free during game hours - see below).



Vancouver Island Technology Park (VITP) **Free Parking**

Mon-Fri 5:30pm-10pm
Sat, Sun, Holiday 7am-10pm

- The parking lot is a very busy place; please slow down in the lot and entrance road to the park so that everyone stays safe.
- Please do not block in other vehicles at any time and especially at entranceways and walkways to allow for emergency vehicles to reach our park, if ever necessary.

Event Information

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 31st

7:00PM Mandatory Coaches' Meeting @ Layritz Little League Clubhouse
(above tournament diamond)

Thursday, August 1st

5:30PM Opening Ceremonies (all teams required to attend)
6:30PM Game 1 (Team 1 vs. Team 2)

Friday, August 2nd

6:30PM Game 2 (Team 2 vs. Team 3)

Saturday, August 3rd

12NOON Game 3 (Team 1 vs. Team 3)
2:30PM Skills Competition
6:00PM Tournament Banquet

Sunday, August 4th

12NOON Semi-final (2nd Place vs. 3rd Place)

Monday, August 5th

12NOON Final (Semi-final Winner vs. 1st Place)

COACHES' MEETING

A mandatory coaches' meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 31st, at 7:00pm at the clubhouse at Layritz Park. At the meeting, the tournament rules, schedule, and events will be discussed..

OPENING CEREMONIES

Opening ceremonies will occur on Thursday, August 1st at 5:30PM. **All teams are required to attend.**

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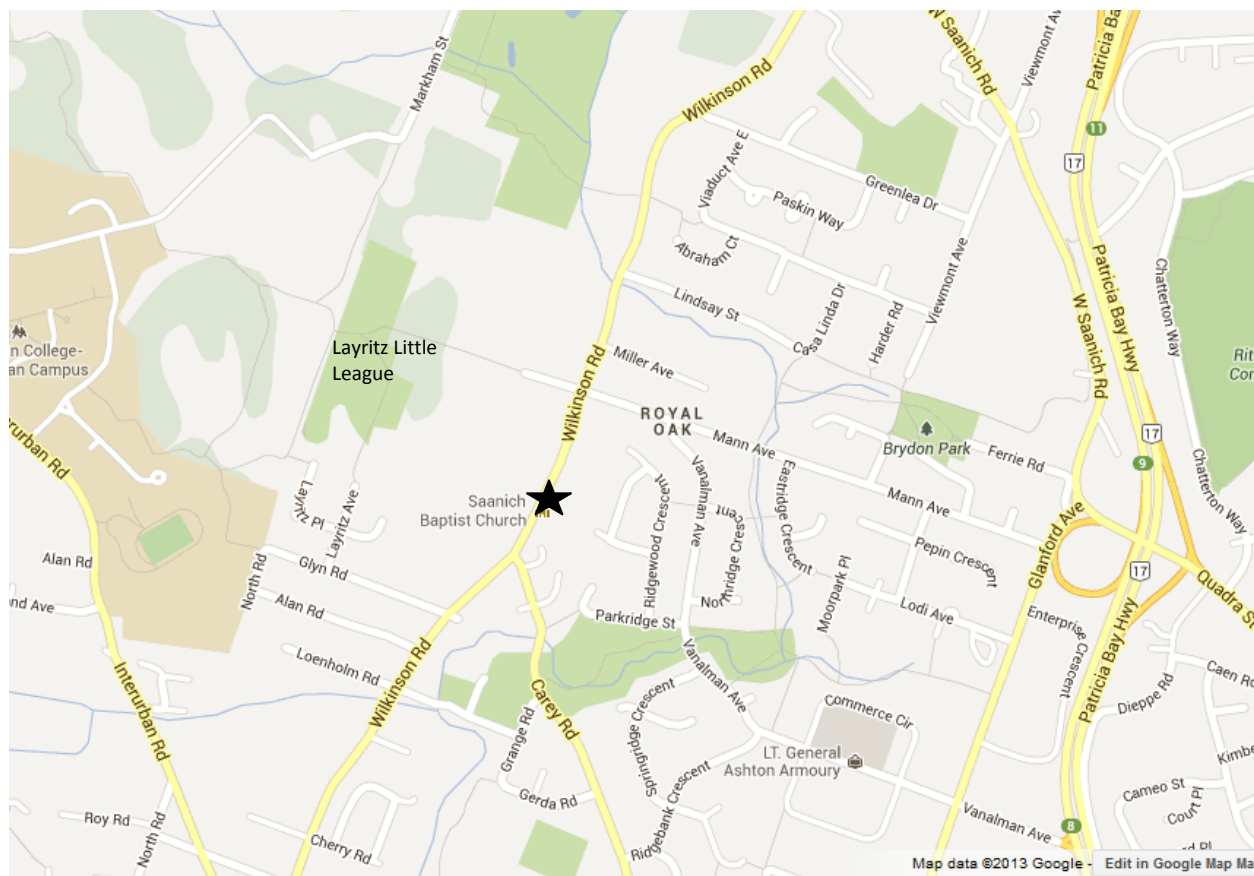
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SKILLS COMPETITION

The skills competition will begin at 2:30PM on Saturday, August 3rd, and will include a home run derby, base running race, a team throwing relay, and more. All players will participate in at least one event and it's a great opportunity for players to mingle with their competitors in a friendly environment. An information sheet (with sign-up information) will be sent separately.

BANQUET

The tournament banquet will be held Saturday, August 3rd, 6:00PM at the following location: Saanich Baptist Church, 4347 Wilkinson Rd. The church is only a few minutes away from the ball park.



The banquet, which will include burgers, hot dogs, salmon, salad, corn-on-the-cob, dessert, and drinks, will be free for all players and coaches. Friends and family are welcome to purchase tickets for \$10 (ticket order form will be sent separately).

Hotel Information

We have rooms reserved for coaches at the following hotel:

Comfort Inn & Suites Comfort Centre (13 minutes to Layritz)

3020 Blanshard St

Victoria, BC. V8T 5C7

1-250-382-4400

<http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-victoria-canada-CN904>

Free continental breakfast, an exercise room and sauna, and free wireless Internet are some of the features of this hotel.

For parents who are travelling to Victoria, almost all hotels in Victoria, including those Downtown and around the Inner Harbour, are less than a 25-minute drive to the park. For more information, please visit Tourism Victoria at <http://www.tourismvictoria.com/hotels/> or your favourite travel website.

Other Information

PHOTOGRAPHY

Gordon Lee Photography will provide photography services during the tournament.

SCOREKEEPING

Our team of volunteers will be scorekeeping all games so teams are NOT required to enlist any help for this task.

SOUVENIRS

Each player will receive a goody bag after opening ceremonies. Included will be a commemorative pin, coupons, and many more items to provide lasting memories of the tournament. Also, a small variety of souvenirs will also be for sale in the concession so get them early as supplies will be limited.

WATER

Water will be provided in the dugouts for all teams.

Contact Information

Please visit Layritz`s website as tournament time nears: www.layritz.ca.
If you wish to email us, please do so at tournament@layritz.ca

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