

SWBL: What's the Point?

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SWBL. Wiffleball. 4 Days. 8 Teams. 1 Champion. Good Friends. Priceless Memories.

Throughout the 13 years of the SWBL, many home runs have been hit, disbelief after a bad call, beers consumed, shock when eliminated from a championship run, and even fights have broken out. Yes, this is Wiffleball: A sport that all of us have played for at least half of our short lives.

Each individual in the league has some reason that keeps them coming back year after year. Let's take a look at some of the players in the league and see what they like most about the 4-day weekend extravaganza:

Corey Pohle - I would say my favorite part of the weekend is hanging out with all the guys and being apart of something bigger than yourself. Obviously I love the competition and getting to play the games but bringing your lawn chair and cooler to watch games is something you can't find anywhere else

Ty Butler: What I like most about the weekend is simple, the competition. There is nothing better to me than competing at something along side some of your best friends.

Peter Leicht: My favorite part about SWBL weekend is the fact that I can drink and play wiffleball for 72 hours straight and not have to think about going to work on Monday.

Luke Bakula: (His actual grammar used in his quote...) "What I like about the SWBL weekend? Simple. Perfect combination of fun and competitiveness. It's fun showing up and knowing in your the atmosphere of good people, and good beer hahah. Lastly, its fun knowing that someday the As might shock the world."

Stephen Carter: I really like how competitive everybody is, but still keeping it in good fun. More importantly, I love the camaraderie and heavy drinking. Brewers for life (mic drop).

Alex Heck: The thing that I like most about the SWBL weekend is just being together with everybody. There's a camaraderie with everyone there, both with good friends and people you really only know because of the league. Honestly watching the games and heckling with everyone is the most fun.

Grant Boyd: Everything about it. The dirt, the beer, the rays (not the team, they suck), and all the personalities.

John Callaway: The competition of the game, the Skibbe's hospitality, and the friendly environment of great people. I look forward to this weekend every year, knowing I'll have a memorable weekend, once again.

Commissioner Sam Skibbe: My favorite part of the weekend is opening ceremonies. It brings all the teams together as we prepare for the best weekend of the year. There is hope in the air for all teams.

Blake Spencer: First and foremost, the absolute best thing about the weekend is having everybody come together and hanging with people that you may only see a few times a year. Secondly, it's about the competition and seeing how each team has upgraded in areas of their game that needed a good patching.

Will Rath: What I like most about the weekend is getting to hang out with a group of friends, whom I rarely get to see anymore now that we've all moved away. I also really enjoy crushing the spirits of my arch rival, Sam Bakula.

Nick Lape: I think my favorite part is the competitiveness. For a long time I viewed wiffleball as just a fun backyard game. Now I can take a sport that I tend to be decent at and play it in a way that adds a little competition to my life for 3 straight days. Ohhh... And Beer.

Chris Meador: I like that in a time when people live all across the country, and when everyone has their own personal agendas, that everyone can get together for one weekend.

There is one common theme that surrounds a lot of these responses. The camaraderie, the brotherhood, and the chance to hang out with lifelong friends. Jobs, women, and money will take many of us around the country or even the world. But, one event will bring us back together each year...

Yes, this is wiffleball. However, it is much more than just wiffleball, it's a way of life.

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