

## MVP Rettie earns a handful of hardware for senior Jays



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It may not be the hardware he and the rest of the Aurora Jays were hoping for, but Ian Rettie's trophy case got a little fuller over the weekend.

The individual awards for the 2015 North Dufferin Baseball League season were handed out at Sunday's annual general meeting, held at the Lisle Royal Canadian Legion. Rettie was the recipient of five offensive awards, four of which he earned automatically through an impressive stat line and one of which was voted on by his peers.

A breakout year for Rettie saw him lead the 14-team league in each offensive category. His ability to reach base was highlighted by an incredible .603 hitting percentage and reached base almost seven of every ten at-bats.

Rettie's eight home runs through twenty games just edged out Jeff Shilling of the Midland Indians and Stephen Warden of the Clearview Orioles, scoring a total of 33 runs over the season, a lead he shared with his teammate Chris Fafalios.

His top honour of the evening was certainly being named the league's Most Valuable Player, chosen over nominees Todd Gowan of the New Lowell Knights and Brad Grieveson of the Ivy Leafs, staples on the mound for their respective squads.

Fafalios was also honoured as the MVP for Team East in last July's All-Star game in Midland.

At the junior level, Aurora's Jordan Knight scored the most runs in the 2015 season, while Carter Chapley was a finalist for the trophy for best pitcher.

The North Dufferin league offers a junior and senior division with teams from Dufferin and Simcoe Counties and York and Peel Regions. The second-place Jays were on the wrong end of a surprising upset in the 2015 postseason, knocked out in four games by the seventh-place Orangeville Giants.

The Knights defeated the Leafs in six games to win the Strother Cup in late September.

The 2016 season will get underway in early May. For more information, visit [www.ndbl.ca](http://www.ndbl.ca).