

As legend has it, Hammonds Plains Baseball was officially started around the early 1980's by a small group of local parents as a way of providing recreational baseball for a couple of dozen young players.

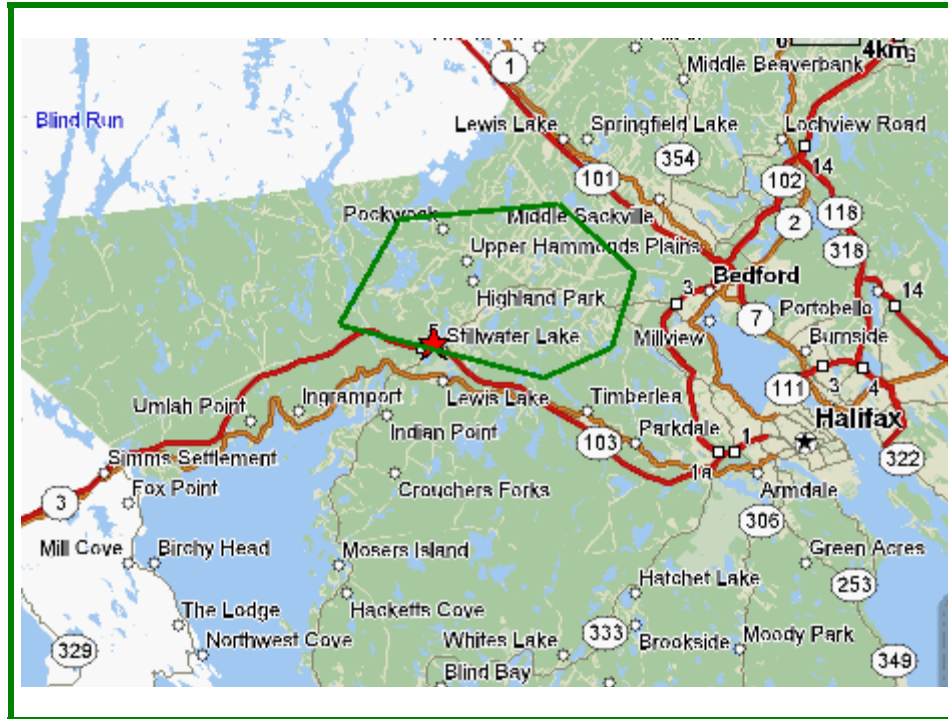
Over the next few years, as the community expanded and began growing into a bedroom community for Halifax (see map below), enrollment numbers started to explode and exceeded over 200 players, which allowed age groups to form their own house leagues. In some cases, partnerships were developed with other neighboring communities to allow for more diverse schedule with games outside the local area.

In the 90's, HPBA began to offer limited opportunities for players to tryout for "rep" teams that entered into provincial leagues and tournaments as some players were leaving the community to play at the highest level. HPBA also developed a strong reputation of sportsmanship, coaching and player development and a commitment to make baseball more than just wins and losses. **The organization was recognized in 1999 as the Nova Scotia Baseball Association of the Year** for many innovative concepts that were used to promote the sport and develop life skills that young people could use well beyond baseball.

Since then, HPBA has become one of the largest associations in NS and, with a recent partnership with St Margaret's Bay Baseball Association ([SMBBA](#)), has been able to field several highly competitive teams while still maintaining house league opportunities at all levels and a well organized young player development program.

As a totally volunteer organization, HPBA continues to offer amateur baseball that combines competition, fun, skill development while still focusing in on other life skills. Many of our volunteers have been recognized by Baseball NS, and local representatives have filled terms in executive offices on the provincial organization. Two local coaches currently hold posts on provincial teams.

Current enrollment continues to grow annually and now stands at over 250 players with an additional 50-100 volunteers who work tirelessly all year round to provide a first rate baseball opportunity for young people of our community.



Rough area of [Hammonds Plains](#), Nova Scotia