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California D4 Finances

-March Statement-

Opening Balance	26,823.53
Challenger Donation	2000.00
(Lafayette and Alameda)	
District Dues	17,970.00
(CVLL, ECLL, PLL, NOLL, SOLL)	
Staff Clothing	543.75
Jr. Umpire Shirts	371.11
Jr. Umpire Breakfast	49.96
Jr. Umpire Booklets	213.15
Oakland A's Challenger	1250.00
Deposit	
Volunteer Dinner	4000.00
Volunteer Awards	66.63
World Series Ad	1000.00
Western Region DA	100.00
Travel Fund	
Western Region Hospitality	1000.00
Western Region Umpire	500.00
Donation	
March Dinner	183.33
Bank Fee	3.00
Ending Balance	37,512.60



King of Clubs Tournament

7th place:

WCLL 16 vs. CVLL 6

5th place:

EC TKB 13 vs. ALAMEDA BLUE 3

3rd place: CLL 3 vs. Suisun 1

King of Clubs Champions:

Alameda Graphite 7 vs. EC Diehards 5



Lewis Cup Standings

Alameda	2147
Walnut Creek	2142
East County	2044
Clayton Valley	2025
Martinez	1968
Concord American	1951
North Oakland	1896
Pinole Hercules	1890
South Oakland	1875
Richmond	1855
Concord Continental	1808
Pittsburg	1678
Lafayette	1570
Antioch	1480
Albany	1053



From ADA Challengers,
Stephen Mohammed

We're getting ready for our final push for the Jamboree, we had our meeting on Saturday to finalize the schedule. The schedule is done, and it'll be out before the meeting, the ELks have over 150 volunteers lined up this year.

We're still looking for donations, thank you to all the leagues whom have donated to the event.

We're also in need of extension cords and a couple of generators in case we need them this year.

Thank you, Stephen



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From ADA 50/70/Junior/Senior Baseball, Marco Rosen

Intermediate Baseball:

Starting April 15th, the intermediate division goes from COB to batting 9. All managers Must adhere to the substitution rule or six consecutive outs and one at bat.

This past weekend we hosted and played our inaugural King of Clubs tournament. I would like to thank all the volunteers & leagues for hosting games on their fields WCLL & CVLL. The volunteer umpires, from Leagues, Alameda, Oakland, Albany, WCLL, Pinole, CVLL & a guest from D35 Westside LL. We honored past WCLL player Ryan McLeod. He helped transform the Field from a school field to a Junior BB field and then again to an intermediate field. Our goal was to have fun but more importantly was to help bring awareness to teen suicide prevention. We had a guest speaker Duke Zielinski speak to the teams and parents on this subject. Duke has a degree in sports Psychology. We also brought awareness by providing information about teen suicide as it is the Silent epidemic and rated now the 2nd largest fatality in teens ages 10-24 years of age.

While doing the research for the epidemic I came across a foundation named "The Jason Foundation". TJF is a not profit organization in helping teach not just students but parents, coached and educators through workshops how to learn signs in teens

or adults and what to do. Not to be silent but "B1"!!!

B1 means; Be there for someone else. Help that person in need or step in to get them that help. B1 to prevent another statistic.

B1 is a logo being used by TJF to bring awareness to teen suicide prevention. I called this foundation and spoke with their operations manager to get more information and was allowed to use their logo for our tournament. I hung banners at the two fields one read – "Each1 Teach1 B1". Meaning – Me/you teach one player, (pay it forward) & be there to help then in need of a mental state. We also brought awareness by directing people to use TJF app downloadable for either iPhone or Android. "A Friend Asks"

My new goal for this year is to help raise awareness to this cause and help prevent it if possible. With this being said I am challenging each of you to help bring awareness to teen suicide prevention in your leagues.

Junior baseball

I have been going to some games as well as being the umpire in them. We are still seeing illegal bats (BPF 1.15) There should be none of these in the dugouts at game time and the teams should not be practicing with them either. There have been a few questions regarding "POOL PLAYERS". Pool players are players identified by a player agent that can play from team to team in the same league. The caveat is that they have to be a starter, play 9 consecutive outs and 1 at bat before they are substituted, and THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PITCH AT ALL. Not

as a starter or as a reliever!!! Please refer to page #43 of the 2019 rule book Section V.

Senior Baseball:

If your league is going to have a senior team I need to know by April 19th. I am working with my peers in neighboring districts to come up with a schedule so that our teams can play locally and not have to travel far for games. Please remember Senior BB can play a modified 10 game schedule to qualify for All Stars. Once we have teams then we can commit to a schedule date with other districts.



From ADA Little League Baseball, Steve Harris

Dear League Presidents,

Do you have girls playing baseball in your league? Would they like to continue playing once the season is over? If so, please consider looking into the program: Baseball for All. You might remember David Preuss advertising this last year... I'd like to reintroduce you to this wonderful program. If you have players that might be interested, they should contact coach Pat Noonan (patnoonan555@gmail.com) for The East Bay Oaks, I'll allow him to provide all of the program details, but I'll just share this brief endorsement. The team has players from all over the Bay Area and they've played in the Girls Baseball for All Tournament in the historic home of the Rockford Peaches, as chronicled in the famous movie A League of Their Own, a number of times; last year they made it to the championship game. I coached a few girls on his team and can attest that these players are well



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coached and better prepared when the season starts. The program is fantastic!

I encourage you to reach out to Pat if you have girls in your league playing baseball and would like to continue playing after the season. Here's a link to a great article about the summer tournament last year:
http://www.espn.com/espn/feature/story/_/page/181025-espnw/girls-baseball-all-tournament-home-rockford-peaches



From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

Leagues Should Plan Now for Tournament Ready Umpires

Soon the tournament season will be here! Each league participating in the Tournament of Champions, International All Stars, and the Future Stars tournaments must provide volunteer umpires. Umpire assignments will be allocated to each league based upon its share of the total number of teams in the tournaments. For example, if the number of teams from one league represents 10% of the total teams in the tournament, they will be assigned about 10% of the games. Leagues with softball entries will be expected to provide softball umpires; baseball only leagues will be providing umpires for baseball tournaments. Leagues should be identifying umpires their umpires now. The District Umpire in Chief will be requesting names of tournament umpires from the League Chief Umpires in early May.

Umpires must meet the following qualifications to be considered as a tournament umpire:

- Be a Board of Directors' approved volunteer with their league.
- Have completed the CDC Heads Up Concussion Awareness training.
- Met the requirements of the local league for umpire training including participation in the League or District umpire mechanics and rules clinics.
- Attend the District 4 Tournament Umpire Rules and Procedures Training.
- Agree to not receive cash compensation as an umpire in any tournament game

How to Handle Rule Questions

Every season all leagues are to bring rule interpretation questions to the District staff, including the District Umpire in Chief for advice. Often these questions involve formal game protests or other conflicts. Here are some guidelines for how best to handle these for your league:

1. Remember that only those who were at the actual game that involved the protest or other conflict know what took place, so when you ask our District staff, we will usually condition our response to be generic.
2. You should use the resources within your league first, generally your League Chief Umpire to answer rule questions. This will reinforce their role in your league as the "go to" person not only for rule questions, but also for umpire decision concerns. Each league should have a Protest Committee with the members defined in your league By Laws. Don't be afraid of protests, the rules allow for this process so the players can keep playing and then later, the decisions on the field can be reviewed.
3. Never call the Little League Headquarters or Western Region Headquarters staff directly without

contacting the District staff first. Those offices may answer your question, but again they will do so from a very general approach and may do nothing more than read the Rule Book back to you! Also, please understand that after they hang up the phone with you, they typically are calling the District 4 staff anyway!

District staff is here to help you get the call right. Let us help you understand not only the intent of the rule but also its application to your specific situation.

Welcome to our First District Umpire Development Program Group

This season we have started a program designed to grow the number of volunteer umpires who have advanced skills and are prepared to umpire in Little League District, Section and State level tournaments. We are doing this through a mentoring program where the umpire works with a District Staff Umpire throughout the season, concluding with a formal evaluation of both base and plate umpire skills.

We have 17 volunteer umpires in this first group:

- Alameda Little League - Jim Quilici, Jason Narin, and Randy Marmor
- Albany Little League - Robb Bittner, Laura Peterson, and Jim Radkey
- Martinez Little League - Chris Ortiz
- Walnut Creek Little League - Bob Andrews
- Lafayette Little League - Brendan Klim, Bob McMaster, and Tim Kehoane
- North/South Oakland Little Leagues – Steve Depetris, Andrew Bernius, Jim Fehr, Bill Karpowicz, and Angela Noury
- Pinole Hercules Little League – Matt Avery

Worried about Suicide? Learn the **FACTS!**

Are you concerned that someone you know may be at risk for suicide? Your first step in helping may be as simple as learning the **FACTS** or warning signs. The following signs may mean that a youth is at risk for suicide, particularly if that person attempted suicide in the past.

FEEELINGS

- Expressing hopelessness about the future.

ACTIONS

- Displaying severe/overwhelming pain or distress.

CHANGES

- Showing worrisome behavioral cues or marked changes in behavior, including: withdrawal from friends or changes in social activities; anger or hostility; or changes in sleep.

THREATS

- Talking about, writing about, or making plans for suicide.

SITUATIONS

- Experiencing stressful situations including those that involve loss, change, create personal humiliation, or involve getting into trouble at home, in school or with the law. These kinds of situations can serve as triggers for suicide.

If you notice any of these warning signs, you can help!

1. Express your concern about what you are observing in their behavior
2. Ask directly about suicide
3. Encourage them to call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (8255)
4. Involve an adult they trust

Remember, if you have **IMMEDIATE** concern about someone's safety, call 911 right away!

Suicide is a preventable problem.

By taking the time to notice and reach out to a peer, you can be the beginning of a positive solution.

**Don't Forget -
Youth Suicide Prevention is Everyone's Business!**