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"Win With Dignity, Lose With Class"
Ted Boet - 2010



California 4 Finances

-April Statement-

Opening Balance	59,731.60
Jamboree Expense	2,129.64
Senior WRBB Donation	1,100.00
Line-Up Cards	688.88
May Dinner	800.00
Awards and Pins	6,534.96
Bank Fee	3.00
Umpire Hats	224.05
Umpire Clinic	92.20
Western Region Donation	469.85
Division Pennants	162.45
All Star Books	978.48
DA Travel	137.96
Affidavit Verification	560.53
Office Mailing	6.45
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Section Umpire Meals	62.91
League Dues	490.00
Donation	100.00
Vendor Donation	250.00
Bank Fee	3.00
Umpire Hats	316.25
Antioch WR Travel	2,292.00
Antioch Advance	2,292.00
Bank Fee	3.00
Tournament Meals	658.04
New Storage Facility	700.25
Mailing	32.00
Umpire Meeting	150.00
DA Travel	26.01
Banner Hardware	41.05
Appreciation Dinner Deposit	1,200.00
NorCal Meeting Deposit	610.00
Bank Fee	3.00
Ending Balance	29,898.91



Lewis Cup

-2016 Lewis Cup Winners-

Winners of the 2016 Lewis Cup will be announced at the September District 4 Meeting. Less than 150 points separates the top three leagues.



California 4 Tournaments

-TOC Baseball Champions-

AA Minors	Martinez
AAA Minors	Walnut Creek
Major League	North Oakland
Intermediate 50-70	Alameda
Junior League	Albany

-TOC Softball Champions-

AAA Minors	Martinez
Major League	Martinez
Senior League	Antioch



-All-Star Baseball District Champions-

8-10	North Oakland
9-11	Lafayette
10-12	Alameda
Intermediate 50-70	Alameda
Junior League	Walnut Creek
Senior League	North/South Oakland

Alameda was the Intermediate 50/70 Section 1 Champions.

Walnut Creek was the Junior League Northern California Champions.

North/South Oakland was the Senior League Section 1 Champions.



-All-Star Softball District Champions-

8-10	East County
9-11	East County
10-12	Martinez
Senior League	Antioch

East County was the 9-11 Northern California Champions.

Antioch was the Senior League Northern California Champions.



DA's Desk

-Fall Ball-

Leagues operating a Training & Development (Fall Ball) programs are reminded that volunteers who did **NOT** complete a Volunteer Application and complete a proper background check and wish to volunteer during the 2016 Fall Ball and Training and Development seasons are required to successfully complete a background check before they may take on responsibility with the league. Completed background checks are to be securely cataloged. Upon successful completion of the background checks Social Security Numbers are to be **"BLACKED OUT"**.

-League Constitution-

Local Little Leagues should review their league constitution at their Annual General Membership Meeting. If the General Membership propose any changes the proposed constitution must be sent to the Region Center for approval before any of the changes may be implemented. A copy of the approved constitution must be sent to Ted Boet. If there are no changes to a league constitution inform Ted Boet the local league is operating under the current constitution.

-Local League By-Laws-

Local League By-Laws are established each year by the newly established 2017 Board at the beginning of the season. These local By-Laws must be sent to Ted Boet for review and approval before a local league may implement any of the By-Laws for the 2017 Season.

-League Charter-

Any community wishing to re-charter with Little League Baseball and Softball, will do so via the Little League Data Center. By logging into the Little League Data Center, and using your league's ID Number.....the chartering process will remain virtually the same as in past seasons. A charter application has been specifically created for each league, along with the related insurance information. All of the charter and insurance fees may also be processed online.



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-Combined Teams Request-

Not enough players to form a team....or enough teams for a division? Consider a request form for Combined Teams. This form is used by leagues in which there are not enough players to field a team or when there are enough players to field one team, but not enough for two. In either case, two or more leagues could use an approved Combined Teams Request Form to pool their players, and select the teams from among all players in the pool. The leagues could also request permission to allow a combination for Tournament Play.

-2017 Contact Information-

To assist local chartered Little Leagues have a successful season Headquarters provides a valuable amount of administrative information throughout the year. Local leagues are asked to visit the Little League Data Center (<http://www.littleleague.org/datacenter>) to update their league officers and their contact information by September 30th.

-Volunteer Appreciation Dinner-

The 2016 Annual California 4 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2016, Back Forty Texas BBQ in Pleasant Hill. No host cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 645pm. Ted Boet and Don Waddell have invited District 4 Staff, League Chief Umpires, California 4 Umpire Association Training Staff, leagues that went above and beyond in post season hosting and distinguished guests to this event. Each person invited is encouraged to bring a guest to this event. When contacted, please RSVP with Ted Boet by Tuesday, 9-27-16.

Special guests to this dinner are Sara Thompson, Softball Administrator, from Little League International Headquarters, Williamsport, PA and Mark Bernstein, Chief Umpire, from Little League Western Region Headquarters, San Bernardino, CA.

This is a great opportunity to have official answers to questions on softball, umpiring, and league operation concerns that surfaces during a typical regular season.



DA's Desk

-Vendors Night-

2017 Vendors Night is scheduled for 7pm, October 18, 2016, Martinez Boys & Girls Club, 1301 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez. This is a great opportunity for leagues to have their directors responsible for fundraising, team & field equipment, team photos, snack bar, etc. to meet the experts.

-Communications-

District 4 Meetings are monthly meetings. Important time sensitive topics are shared with league representatives. These meetings also offers a great opportunity for league representatives to ask questions or share solutions to problems they have encountered in their own local leagues. Meetings are opened to all league members in District 4 and is very important for all leagues to be represented. Information learned from these meetings should be reported back to local leagues.

-Baseball & Softball Restructuring-

The Little League International Board of Directors approved the restructuring of its baseball and softball programs, dissolving the Big League Baseball and Softball divisions, and capping participation in Little League program for children 16 years old.

As part of this restructuring, Little League International will also relocate the Senior League Baseball World Series from Bangor, Maine, to Easley, SC, which had previously served as the home of the Big League Baseball World Series. The Senior League Softball World Series will remain in Lower Sussex, DE.

-Northern California State Meeting-

California District 4 will host the 2017 Northern California State Meeting on Saturday, October 1, at the Willow Pass Community Center, 2748 E. Olivera Road, Concord. Ted Boet will MC the event. Please forward any questions or concerns you would like Ted to address to the Northern California District Administrators. Representative from Little League Headquarters and the Western Region Chief Umpire will be in attendance.



ADA Reports

-Liz Berg, Safety ADA-

California 4 was recognized for another 100% season at the Annual "A Safety Awareness Plan" Awards Luncheon in Williamsport, PA. Congratulations to all leagues for having their league safety plans approved by Headquarters. Special recognition to Concord American for being a finalist for the best Safety Plan in the Western Region. League presidents are asked to forward contact information for their 2017 League Safety Officer to Liz Berg.

-David Preuss, Baseball ADA-

With Little League's closing of the Big League Baseball program for 15-18 year olds big diamond baseball will only include 50/70, Junior League, and Senior levels for interleague play. League presidents are asked to forward contact information for their 2017 Big Diamond Directors to David Preuss.

-Don Mayjoffo, LLBB ADA-

Congratulations to the 2016 Summer Baseball Classic winners.....

- 9-10 -- Lafayette
- 11-12-- Concord American

Thank you to Concord American and Lafayette for hosting the 2016 Summer Baseball Classic tournaments. League presidents are asked to forward their 2017 Little League Baseball Directors contact information to Don Mayjoffo.

-Fred Flint, Challenger ADA-

Fred Flint would like to thank all the District 4 leagues who donated funds and/or participated last April in the 2016 California 4 Challenger Jamboree. League presidents are asked to forward contact information for their 2017 Challenger Director to Fred Flint.

-Carla Moore, Softball ADA-

Little League will no longer include Big League Softball for 14-18 year olds. Based on local league structure Carla Moore will monitor age groups to include Mini Minors, Minors, Majors, Juniors, and Seniors for interleague play. League presidents are asked to provide contact information for their 2017 Softball Directors to Carla Moore.

-Valerie Potts, Secretary-

Following items due at the October District (Vendors) Meeting..... **10-18-16**

- Copies of 2015 Tax Returns to Ted
- Contact information to ADAs:
 - Liz Berg.....DSO
 - Don Waddell.....DUIC
 - Fred Flint.....CD Director
 - Carla Moore.....SB Director
 - Don Mayjoffo.....LLBB Director
 - David Preuss.....BB Director



The Third Team

-Don Waddell, DUIC- -Tournament Umpires-

Don Waddell, District 4 UIC, would like to thank all leagues for their volunteer umpires during the 2016 Special Games, post season TOC, and International All Star tournaments. Every league participated which made coverage a lot easier. Together District 4 provided umpires for over 300 games, with over 100 different volunteers working these games. Once again District 4 proved we have an outstanding volunteer umpire program.

-League Chief Umpire-

It is highly recommended that all local leagues have a volunteer umpire on their local Board...typically the League Chief Umpire in a voting position. The LCU should be responsible for the management of the league's umpire programs, including recruitment of umpires, training, assignments, supporting post season tournaments and ensuring that teams have the correct level of umpires for their games.

It is also recommended local leagues establish a budget for the LCU that includes funds for training, protective equipment, and recognition awards for their volunteer umpires. If a league decides to use "paid umpires" the budget must include those costs.

A local league should not make the mistake of letting managers or division coordinators handle umpire issues. Volunteer umpires need an umpire voice on the Board.

-District 4 Umpire Training-

The C4UA Training Staff will once again offer several events to help leagues meet their needs for rules and umpire mechanics training. Please contact Don Waddell if a local league would like to host a Rules or Field Clinic in 2017

Rules Clinics: Two, 3 hour, classroom sessions held in mid February for 50 to 100 people. Classroom setting.

Mechanics Clinics: Several, 6-8 hour sessions held on a Saturday or Sunday in mid February and early March. Two lined 60' fields, water, and lunch. Clinics held in different areas of the District and opened to all leagues.

-Western Region Training-

Following training opportunities will be available at the Western Region Center for the 2017 Season. Registration opens on **October 1, 2016**. Proposed dates.....

- Dec. 9-11, 2016 UIC
- Jan. 20-22, 2017 Rules Clinic #1
- Jan. 28-29, 2017 Rules Clinic #2
- Jan. 27-29, 2017 Mechanics Clinics
- Feb. 11-17, 2017 Adult Academy

-A Volunteer Little League Umpire-

It is a fallacy to believe that paid association umpires are better than volunteers. I'm a volunteer because there is a need and I want to do my part to support the league. A paid umpire only shows up because he/she is being paid to be there. Association umpires often do not know rules that are specific to Little League.....especially safety rules.

Volunteer umpires can be recruited the same way coaches are obtained. Advertise in local newspapers, recruit at registration, reach out to high school students to satisfy their community service graduation requirements, etc.

Volunteer umpires can be trained. Have them attend district rules and mechanics clinics. Region centers offer weekend and extensive weeklong training.

Nothing more gratifying than giving back to my community, while having fun with other umpires who are in it for the same reason that I am...to help children learn life lessons. This is my vocation.....

A Volunteer Little League Umpire.

2017 Little League National Sponsors

Today, 18 companies have earned the right to call themselves "Official Sponsors" of Little League. These companies have displayed a commitment to the children of Little League and to the ideals Little League hopes to instill in children around the world. Little League thanks each of these special companies and congratulates them on their commitment to the world's youth.

