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California 4 Finances

-September Statement-

Opening Balance	\$49,694.16
League Dues	1,616.00
Awards	3,415.58
Challenger Jamboree Food	2,377.78
Bank Fee	3.00
Chevron Donation	500.00
Umpire Sales	532.00
Umpire Clinic	386.59
Awards	7,305.28
May Dinner	1,003.92
Verification Supplies	105.05
Printing	65.40
Meeting Supplies	81.69
Awards	752.10
DA Travel	142.50
Verification Supplies	109.66
Awards	80.99
Verification Meal	31.26
Mailing	48.75
Bank Fee	3.00
Western Region Match	542.00
Antioch Little League Loan	900.00
Verification Dinner	450.00
Umpire Supplies	250.00
Umpire Supplies	840.00
DA Travel	113.00
District Improvements	138.29
Bank Fee	3.00
Umpire Sales	104.00
Chevron Donation	500.00
DA Travel	796.68
Western Region Match	978.00
Bank Fee	3.00
Ending Balance	\$32,019.64



Lewis Cup

-2015 Lewis Cup Standings-

Winner of the 2015 Lewis Cup will be announced at the September District 4 Meeting. This year there are three leagues in a very close race with only a few more items left to review before the final tally.



California 4 Tournaments

-TOC Baseball Champions-

AA Minors	North Oakland
AAA Minors	South Oakland
Major League	Alameda
Intermediate 50-70	Alameda
Junior League	Albany

-TOC Softball Champions-

AAA Minors	Martinez
Major League	Antioch
Senior League	Pinole Hercules



-All-Star Baseball District Champions-

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

North/South Oakland was the Junior League Section 1 Winner.

North/South Oakland was the Senior League Northern California Winner.

-All-Star Softball District Champions-

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

East County was the 10-11 Northern California Champions.

Antioch was the Big League Northern California Champions.



DA's Desk

-Fall Ball-

Leagues operating a Training & Development (Fall Ball) programs are reminded that volunteers who were **NOT** part of your league during the regular season and wish to volunteer during the 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 send 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 2016 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 current season.

-League Charter-

Beginning with the 2016 season, any community wishing to 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.

-2016 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-

2015 California 4 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, 2015, 730pm, Fuddrucker's, in Concord. Ted Boet will be sending out invitations to all league presidents, leagues who hosted tournaments and C4UA members who umpired games at the Section, Division, and Special Games levels in 2015. Ted Boet has arranged to have Mark Bernstein, Western Region Chief Umpire, to attend this year's Appreciation Dinner. Please let Ted know if you and members of your league would like to attend the dinner. This is a great opportunity to hear from the "Chief" on his perspective of the Little League Volunteer Umpire. A "Question & Answer" session will be scheduled.

-Western Region Round Tables-

A conference for all 11 states in the Western Region has been scheduled for the last weekend in January 2016. Conference will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Seattle, WA. Ted Boet will assign his staff to attend training sessions.



DA's Desk

-Vendors Night-

2016 Vendors Night is scheduled for 7pm, October 20, 2015 and will be held at the Martinez Boys & Girls Club, 1301 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez. This is a great opportunity for leagues to have their directors responsible for fundraising, equipment, team photos, snack bar, etc. meet the experts in that field.

-October Due Date Items-

Following items due at the October District (Vendors) Meeting.....**10-20-15**

- Copy of 2014 Tax Return.....Ted
- Contact information to ADAs:
 - Cary Dryer.....LSO
 - Don Waddell.....LUIC
 - Fred Flint.....CLBB Director
 - Carla Moore.....SB Director
 - Don Mayjoffo.....LLBB Director
 - David Preuss.....Big Diamond Director

-California 4 ASAP 100%-

California 4 was recognized at the Safety Plan Awards Luncheon in Williamsport, PA for another 100% season. Congratulations to all leagues for having their league safety plans approved by Headquarters. This would not have been possible without the relentless efforts of our District Safety Officer Cary Dyer. We are all winners when it comes to playing safer in California 4.

-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.

-50/70 Intermediate League ADA-

David Preuss has been appointed to include the 50/70 Intermediate Division along with his Junior and Senior Baseball responsibilities.



ADA Reports

-David Preuss, Big Diamond ADA-

David Preuss, Big Diamond Baseball ADA has scheduled a 2016 Kick-Off "Teenage Baseball" meeting for Tuesday, 10-20-15, 7pm, Martinez Boys & Girls Club, 1301 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez. Very important for all leagues with teenage baseball players to attend as most leagues with 50/70 and JLBB interest will need to interleague. Baseball directors, potential managers & coaches, and parents interested in the teenage baseball divisions should attend.

-Carla Moore, Softball ADA-

Thanks again to Mark Torres and Richmond Little League for an outstanding job with their Major Softball team at the **Annual Urban Softball Initiative Tournament** in Stockton.

The **Michelle Johnson Mid Season Classic** hosted by Pittsburg Little League included teams from Antioch (2), Clayton Valley, East County, Pinole Hercules, and Pittsburg. Antioch Blues defeated Clayton Valley in the championship game. Special thank you to Jessi Nolan and Charassa Johnson for their leadership efforts in the tournament.

The Inaugural **Queen of the Diamond Tournament** hosted by Martinez Little League included teams from Antioch, Clayton Valley, East County, Martinez, Pittsburg, and Walnut Creek. Antioch Blue Jays defeated Clayton Valley in the championship game.

-Alan Hatcher ADA-

I've been appointed by Ted Boet to collect data from local leagues in District 4 concerning problems they may have encountered while performing volunteer background checks using the current recommended system from Little League Headquarters.

I'm asking League Presidents to submit their concerns to me via email at silverdog81@comcast.net and no later than the Presidents Round Table Meeting on November 19, 2015. Leagues with volunteers who may have extensive or professional background checking skills and would like to join a team to forward recommendations to Little League Headquarters please contact me.



Western Region News

-2016 Regional Clinics-

The following training opportunities will be available at the Western Region Center for the 2016 Season. Registration opens on **October 1, 2015**. Dates and times to be announced.

- January 8th - 10th, Chief Umpire "Train The Trainer"
- January 22nd - 24th, Rules Clinic #1
- February 5th - 7th, Rules Clinic #2
- February 5th - 7th, Umpire Field Mechanics
- February 20th - 26th, Week Long Adult Umpire Academy



The Third Team

-Tournament Umpires-

Don Waddell, District 4 UIC, would like to thank all leagues for supplying umpires for the 2015 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-

Each league is required to have a volunteer umpire on their local Board...typically the League Chief Umpire. The LCU should be responsible for the management of the league's umpire programs, including recruitment of umpires, training, assignments, and ensuring that players and teams have the correct level of umpires for their games.

A Board should establish a budget for the Chief Umpire that includes all the funds needed to meet their umpires needs. Budget should include funds for training, equipment, and recognition awards for volunteers. 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. Umpires need an umpire voice on the Board.

-District 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.

Rules Clinics: 3 hour classroom sessions held in mid February for 50 to 100 people. Tables, chairs, and a projector required.

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

-Tournament Mechanics Clinic-

The Annual Tournament Mechanics Clinic has proven to be a very valuable training aid in preparing volunteer umpires for Tournament of Champions and International All-Star Tournaments. The 2016 TMC is tentatively planned for the Sunday before or after Memorial Weekend. Pinole Hercules Little League has stepped up to host this important clinic. The TMC is an **All-Day** clinic and students need to stay for the entire clinic.



-The Western Region Way-

In 2015 California 4 Umpire Association was honored with four region/world series appointments. Jim Rose from Martinez Little League headed out to Big Sky Montana for the Senior Softball Western Region tournament, Wayne Bonnington from Concord American Little League drove to Arizona for the 50/70 Western Region tournament, and Don Waddell, District 4 Chief Umpire, flew north to Washington for the Junior Baseball Western Region tournament. The Big Call went to Ed Newbegin from Continental Little League and he rushed to the east coast for the Senior Softball World Series in Delaware. Very proud to report all four received very high ratings in their performance evaluations. They performed the "Western Region Way".

2016 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.

