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California 4 Finances

-October Statement-

Opening Balance	29,708.91
Staff Meeting	190.00
Lewis Cup Winner	1,000.00
Lewis Cup 2nd Place	500.00
Lewis Cup 3rd Place	250.00
Travel Fund To WCLL	1,510.00
September Meeting	365.61
Nor Cal Meeting	1,608.00
Nor Cal Meeting	491.06
Bank Fee	3.00
Ending Balance	23,981.24



Lewis Cup

-2016 Lewis Cup Winners-

The Lewis Cup, named after Ernie Lewis, former District 4 Administrator for over 40 years, is annually awarded to the league in District 4 that best represents Little League principles and California District 4 policies.

The 2016 Lewis Cup Winner is Concord American Little League and will receive \$1000 cash award and the Lewis Cup Banner. The 2nd place winner is Martinez Little League with a \$500 cash award and the 3rd place winner is East County Little League with a \$250 cash award.



DA's Desk

-Northern California State Meeting-

California District 4 hosted the 2017 Northern California State Meeting on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at the Willow Pass Community Center, in Concord. Ted Boet led the meeting with special guests from headquarters. Sara Thompson, Softball Director, from Little League International Headquarters in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania and Mark Bernstein, Chief Umpire, from Western Region Headquarters in San Bernardino, California. A very successful meeting with breakout sessions for district chief umpires and a opportunity to hear from Headquarters on their recent adjustments to player age levels.

-League Charter-

As in past years local leagues must complete their annual charter application by logging into the Little League Data Center. Enter your league's ID Number and 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. Charter applications should be completed in November but no later than December 23, 2016 to receive gratis league operating materials.

-Volunteer Appreciation Dinner-

The 2016 Annual California 4 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held Saturday, October 1, 2016 at the Back Forty Texas BBQ Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. Ted Boet and Don Waddell had 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, Sara Thompson, Softball Administrator, International Headquarters, and Mark Bernstein, Chief Umpire, Western Region Headquarters.

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

-Contact Information-

League Presidents are asked to please keep their personal contact information current. As the season progresses often it becomes necessary to contact another league especially if involved in District 4 interleague play. Please provide Geoffrey Shiu with all changes as soon as they become available.

-Combined Teams Request-

Not enough players to form a team....or enough teams for a division? Consider submitting a Combined Teams form. 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 combined team for Tournament Play.



ADA Reports

-Don Waddell, DUIC-

-League Chief Umpire-

A League Chief Umpire organizational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2016, UC Extension, 2nd Floor, 75 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill. 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. League presidents should make sure their league is represented at this very important meeting.

-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

Outreach Mechanics Clinics: 6-8 hour sessions held on a Saturday or Sunday in mid February and early March. Two lined 60' fields, water, and lunch. Clinics will be held in different areas of District 4 and opened to neighboring leagues.

Rules Clinics: Two, 3 hour, classroom sessions are tentatively scheduled for February 8th and 15th, 2017. One will be held in the western part of the district and the other in the eastern part. Rules clinics require a classroom type setting for approximately 100 people. Basic Baseball and Softball rules will be covered.

-District Wide Umpire Clinics-

Basic Umpire Clinic: Sunday, March 5, 2017. Open clinic for leagues to prepare for the regular season. More to follow.

Softball Rules Clinic: Softball specific rules. More to follow.

Tournament Mechanics Clinic:

Sunday, June 4, 2017. 3-Umpire Mechanics to prepare for Special Games, TOCs, and All-Stars.

Junior Umpire Clinic: TBA

90' Mechanics Clinic: TBA

-Carla Moore, Softball ADA-

The first softball organizational meeting for 2017 was held on September 28, 2016. Representatives from 6 of the 8 leagues met to discuss the **New Levels** of play for softball in District 4. The new levels of play are designed to have teams equal in age represented.

There were very good discussions concerning last season which led to several changes for the 2017 Interleague Season. Minutes from the meeting were sent to all league representatives and presidents with softball programs.

The 2nd softball organizational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2017, 10am, UC Extension, 2nd Floor, 75 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill. This meeting **Must** start on time. Please **Arrive** before 10am. Lunch will be provided. Two main points will be accomplished at this meeting. Formation of Interleague Teams and Scheduling Games.

"Game Schedulers" must provide the following information at this meeting:

- Dates & Times of fields to be used.
- School Holidays and Events.
- Cannot play days.

Please contact Carla Moore if there are any questions or concerns about Softball in general and Interleague District 4 Softball.

-Valerie Potts, Secretary-

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

- 1-31-16 Tax Returns to Ted
- Board of Directors list 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



Western Region News

-2017 Regional Clinics-

Includes training materials dormitory style housing, and all meals.

-UIC Training The Trainer-

Provides information and tools on how to train your volunteers to train any level of Little League umpiring.

-Rules Instruction I-

Power Point presentation open to anyone who desires more comprehensive knowledge of Little League Rules and Regulations. January 20-23, 2017.

-Rules Instruction II-

A combination of Power Point and real game scenarios for the more advanced Little League volunteer umpire. Saturday, comprehensive rules review for both Baseball and Softball. Sunday, interactive discussion about real game situations. January 28-29, 2017.

-Umpire Mechanics Clinic-

Emphasis on field experience and umpiring philosophy for local leagues as well as District umpires. Base and plate mechanics will be taught with eye towards attendees learning new skills, removing some of the rust, and bringing training information back to the leagues and Districts. January 27-29, 2017.

-Adult Umpire Academy-

Academy is designed for the volunteer Little League umpire at all levels. A week of extensive classroom and on field training of rules, mechanics, umpiring philosophy and game management. Students are strongly urged to dress as umpires. February 11-17, 2017.



Western Region Umpire Academy

Saturday PM 9-1-16



Why Little League Volunteers Choose To **UMPIRE**



What does it really mean to volunteer as a Little League umpire and why do you do it? What is the draw that causes you to invest both time and money into clinics, keep reading and studying mechanics and rules, and purchase equipment?

If you wanted to get involved, you could have easily volunteered to be a scorekeeper, rake the fields, hand out equipment, or work in the concession stand. All noble and necessary duties of course, but instead, you chose to give back to your community in a way that many adults applaud, but few would be comfortable enough doing themselves. You chose to be an umpire.

It isn't about ego: it isn't about reaching a Regional Tournament or World Series or someday becoming a Major League Umpire. It is about two of the opportunities our craft allows, which are the essence of the Little League program: The inclusion in the greatest club on the planet, and more importantly, positively affecting the lives of children.

There exists an eternal camaraderie amongst fellow volunteer Little League Umpires. It is a group willing to mentor, provide advice, protect, and collectively enjoy the role they have taken on. Being a volunteer Little League Umpire makes us all brothers and sisters without hesitation or reservation.

Little League prides itself on not being just a baseball or softball program, but is a true leadership program where adult volunteers are able to teach those life lessons to children that will allow them to become productive adults. What an incredible responsibility, but more importantly, what a great opportunity. Each time you work a game, you have the opportunity to look and carry yourself professionally; teach the points of fair play, enforce rules in an equitable manner and make the experience for those children the best, most fun and most positive it can be.

You are a role model, and the next time you are preparing for your game, keep in mind that you are making a difference.

Mark Bernstein

Mark Bernstein
Western Region UIC

"Courage - Loyalty - Character"

2017 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



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I Trust In God

I Love My Country And Will Respect Its Laws

I Will Play Fair And Strive To Win

But Win Or Lose.....The Umpires Are Always Right

2017 California 4 Vendors



Positive Coaching Alliance



Alpine Awards

Wilson Trophy



Protime Sports

Golden Gate Fundraising



Shooting Stars Photography

Oakland A's



Casey Photography

BSN



Valley Athletics

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Official's Outlet