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## Home Runner

April, 2006

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow! Was that not the best opening day ever? I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. Lot's of thanks go out to all of the Board members, Auxiliary members, and others that worked so hard to make it such a special day. A special thanks to Chuck Jelloian for all his help with the politicians.

Well, the season is in full swing now and except for the fact that me and Mother Nature are having a little bit of a battle, things seem to be going pretty good. I hope that when you are down at the field you take the time to notice how wonderful our fields look, and that even with all this rain we have been able to keep the rainouts to as few as possible. This is not by accident. This is due to the very hard work of a lot of people. I would like to take a moment and single out a few that has worked over and beyond the call of duty. A very sincere thanks to Charlie Carlson, Jim Sandberg, Bill Briggs, and Ken Paschal for all they do, and all they have done to provide us with best playing fields in the whole area.

I was given an excerpt from a magazine by one of my fellow board members, Steve Levine, that I would like to share with you all. It was written by a gentleman that knows a little bit about baseball, Cal Ripen Jr. This is from his new book titled **Parenting Young Athletes the Ripken Way**.

#### Take the organization out of organized sports.

One of your jobs as a parent is to remind your child to be a good sport. Here are some tips on setting a good example on and off the field. Kids love to stay outdoors all day, play pick up games and get dirty, but when games become structured, a child's sense of freedom can get lost. The solution? Let kids enjoy free play. Make practice less formal. Scatter the equipment on the field and get out of the way. There is a time for structured practice, but there is also a time to let kids be kids.

#### Stay cool on the sidelines

Just let the kids play, that is the only way they will  
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### Message from Auxiliary

Opening Day was definitely worthy of a fifty year celebration! Now that the season is underway, the Auxiliary is busy getting ready to "Party at the Dugout Club" at Dodger's Stadium on April 29th! Tickets are \$35.00 per person (adults only). VIP tables are still available! Please call Kristy Gergen @ 363-6651 or Betty Duran@ 772-4714 for more info! Tickets are on sale at the snack bar or find a CJBL Board/Auxiliary member at the field. You don't want to miss this one!

#### PLAQUE ORDER DEADLINE IS JUNE 3RD!

The first group of memorial plaques are being made as I write this! Have you ordered yours? This fundraiser is a very special one, so don't wait too long to order yours! This is your chance to be a part of the next 50 years at CJBL. A dedication wall is being constructed on the West wall of the snack bar which will hold each memorial plaque personalized with your favorite player's name, team, coach or what ever you choose! Order forms are available at the snack bar or on our website, CJBL.ORG. Don't forget to pick up your box of chocolates at the snack bar for the CJBL candy bar drive. There will be prizes for top sellers. Additional boxes will be available at the snack bar!

The Auxiliary board would love to see you join us at our monthly meetings held the first Monday of each month. Please call Tori Jacobson @ 701-9197 and check out the article, "Invitation from Kathy" on page 2 for more info.

See you at the field!  
Tori Jacobson, Auxiliary Board President



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learn. Instead of shouting comments from the sidelines, jot a few tips in a notebook. Once the game is over and the emotion of the event has passed, talk about it with your child. Find a way to start and finish with something positive.

### Teach your child to win and lose the right way

Parents need to teach children about sportsmanship. When it comes to teaching young athletes to be gracious in both victory and defeat, the balls in your court. Explain to your kids that while it is okay to be passionate about the outcome, sometimes being overly enthusiastic or upset can make others feel bad. Help them redirect their energy and use it to improve their game.

### Be a team player, even from the bench

Not being picked to play but a few innings can bring kids down. If it happens to your child often, speak to the coach. And be sure to talk about it with your child. Explain that everyone on the team wants to play as much as possible. with kids and baseball. So when it is his or her turn, they should enjoy it and

work hard so that the coach will want to keep them on the field. It really comes down to how it is presented to them. I hope some of you out there reading this will really think about some of the things mentioned in this article. If you do, I think some of it will make a lot of sense to you, and help you improve the ways we deal

Now, let's talk about something really fun and exciting that is coming up really soon. That is our big **social event "Party at the Dugout"**. **This is going to be lots of fun for all that attend. It is on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 PM until 12:00 AM at the Dugout Club at Dodger Stadium.** Everyone over the age of 21 is welcome. There will be a Silent Auction, DJ, dancing, food, drinks, and a great way to help celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year. So come one and all and join the fun.

Well, that's enough for now. Lets do all we can to keep those kids smiling out there, and remember, I will be watching you. See you at the ballpark!

Sincerely,  
Steve Mathias, President -CJBL Board of Directors

### AN INVITATION FROM KATHY...

Hello, help make a difference @ CJBL and become an Auxiliary Board Member today!

As many of you know, CJBL is run by an awesome group of volunteers and we would like for you to join us! Would you like to see improvements at CJBL? Have you ever said to yourself, "I wish CJBL had....." or "I wish that certain snack sold...?" If so, it's time you join the Auxiliary Board and make a difference!

Personally, this will be my 5th year at CJBL, but I have only been on the Auxiliary Board for 2 1/2 years. I really wish I would have realized how important the role of a volunteer is, so don't wait any longer! The Auxiliary Board has opened up a whole new world of friends for me, which is what makes volunteering so much more than just work. Being an Auxiliary Board Member is not only important for the league it is also very personally rewarding. The Auxiliary Board meetings take place on the first Monday of each month locally here in Chatsworth. I would like to personally invite you to attend a meeting.....I will even pick you up!! If you would like to talk to me first and maybe ask some questions please feel free to call me, my name is Kathy Fierro and you can reach me at home or on my cell - (818) 723-1775 or (818) 717-1981. I'm sure you have seen me at the field at one time or another. I am the crazy lady that never goes home. You can usually find me in the snack bar or in the stands. All of the VOLUNTEERS are there for one reason, yep you're right, for the kids.

Let's all have a great season and enjoy every minute we spend with all of our kids!!

Kathy Fierro  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP Snack bar

### WARNING.....

**Running out of time to sign up for your snack bar shift! Please sign up in the snack bar with the Coordinator on duty. Please keep the date you pick - "No Shows" are a forfeit! We will not be hiring subs until after the deadline date (April 16th)! If you have any questions, please call: Kathy Fierro @ 723-1775.**



*Our Second dine out date is set for April 24th at Islands. Keep watch for the flyers available in the snack bar prior to the event. There are several more fun dine out dates being scheduled. So keep a watchful eye for posters/flyers with detailed information regarding all the upcoming fun events. Information prior to each event can also be found on the CJBL web site at [www.cjbl.org](http://www.cjbl.org).*

*CJBL is a nonprofit organization run completely by volunteers and relies on fundraising events to help cover costs of maintaining our fields and giving our kids a safe, clean place to play the game of baseball!*

# Standings

As of April 6, 2006

| Team Name         | Wins        | Losses        | Ties        | Team Name   | Wins        | Losses        | Ties        |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>AA</b>         |             |               |             | <b>JUNIOR</b>   |             |               |             |
| A's               | 1           | 0             | 0           | Royals  | 2           | 0             | 0           |
| Indians           | 1           | 0             | 0           | Mariners  | 1           | 0             | 0           |
| Phillies          | 1           | 1             | 0           | Cardinals   | 0           | 1             | 0           |
| Pirates           | 1           | 1             | 0           | Giants  | 0           | 1             | 0           |
| Angels            | 1           | 2             | 0           | Marlins   | 1           | 1             | 0           |
| Marlins           | 0           | 1             | 0           | <b>Home Runs:</b>   |             |               |             |
| Twins             | 0           | 0             | 0           | <b>Team Name</b>  | <b>Wins</b> | <b>Losses</b> | <b>Ties</b> |
| <b>Home Runs:</b> |             |               |             | <b>SENIOR</b>   |             |               |             |
| <b>Team Name</b>  | <b>Wins</b> | <b>Losses</b> | <b>Ties</b> | Yankees   | 2           | 0             | 0           |
| <b>AAA</b>        |             |               |             | Pirates   | 1           | 1             | 0           |
| Yankees           | 3           | 0             | 0           | Padres  | 1           | 2             | 0           |
| Cardinals         | 2           | 1             | 0           | Reds  | 1           | 2             | 0           |
| Tigers            | 2           | 1             | 0           | <b>Home Runs: Scott Jacobson, Andres Cabrera</b>  |             |               |             |
| Cubs              | 1           | 2             | 0           | <b>For any questions/concerns you might have in regards to CJBL baseball play Rules, please refer to our web site- WWW.CJBL.org under section entitled RULES.</b>                         |             |               |             |
| Dodgers           | 1           | 2             | 0           | <i>"There is a big difference between living and just breathing. Choose to live, not just exist. Use your gifts and your days wisely, deliberately. You were put here for a purpose."</i> |             |               |             |
| White Sox         | 0           | 3             | 0           |   |             |               |             |

Home Runs: Carson Fenwick (2), Corey Duran (GS)

## REMINDERS-

- ◆ There are working hours available for those CJBL players who need to work Community Service Hours. Players must be 14 years or older. Call Kathy Fierro @ 818-723-1775 with any questions.
- ◆ Any extra household towels/wash clothes that you may want to part with are always needed for snack bar cleanup. Please deliver to the coordinator on duty in the snack bar.
- ◆ Please donate your old or outgrown baseball items and equipment items to CJBL. Elmer accepts these donations year-round for grateful players.
- ◆ We are taking donations for your used computer printer cartridges. We are able to obtain free paper for their return that can be used for printing informational flyers, etc for our league. Please deliver to the coordinator on duty in the snack bar.
- ◆ Once again we are taking donations of new or used tennis balls. CJBL kids love to play with them in their spare time. They rent for \$1.00 from the snack bar. Return the ball and get your \$1.00 back!

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|--|---|----------------------|
| <b>Dine-out (Islands)</b>              | <b>Monday, April 24th</b>                         | <b>5:00-10:00 pm</b> |
| <b>Social Night</b>                    | <b>Saturday, April 29th</b>                       | <b>8:00pm</b>        |
| <b>All Star Games</b>                  | <b>Monday, May 29th</b>                           | <b>All Day!</b>      |
| <b>Mothers Softball Game</b>           | <b>Monday, May 29th</b>                           | <b>TBA</b>           |
| <b>Family Campout at the Field</b>     | <b>Saturday, June 17th-<br/>Sunday, June 18th</b> | <b>6:00pm</b>        |
| <b>Thank-You Party</b>                 | <b>Friday, June 23</b>                            | <b>5:00-8:00pm</b>   |
| <b>End of Season &amp; Alumni Game</b> | <b>Sunday, July 16th</b>                          | <b>TBA</b>           |