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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

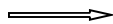
Wow, time sure goes by fast. It's already December and Pancake Breakfast is right around the corner. I am extremely proud of the fact that once again, our winter ball program was a great success! The clinic style programs that were conducted in the T-Ball, A-Ball, AA, and AAA divisions were well organized and very instructional for all that participated.

My sincerest thanks go out to all those parents and coaches that helped on and off the field. A special thanks goes out to those persons who ran each clinic, Tom Dorward Juniors, Derek Matjeka and Don Bennett AAA, Jim Sandberg AA, and Dwayne Wangenheim for helping me in A-Ball.

I would also like to thank Kevin Hartt, Alan Darby, Norm Gordon, Bill Briggs, and Walter Smith for managing and coaching the teams in the Senior division.

My sincerest thanks goes out to the members of the Auxiliary who helped out by volunteering their time coordinating, stocking, and staffing the snack bar. This probably the hardest and most unappreciated job at CJBL and the Auxiliary did an awesome job this winter. Special thanks to Kathy Fierro and Ramona Nostaja for all that they did to make sure the snack bar ran smooth this winter.

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Message from Auxiliary

Happy Holiday Wishes to All

Its time again to gear up for baseball.

CJBL's 51st season is just around the corner. The Auxiliary Board is already busy planning many upcoming events.

We begin with Pancake Breakfast and sign-ups on Saturday, January 13th, 2007. Our adult social event "Bowling Night", is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2007.

The Auxiliary is always looking for additional volunteers. We encourage you to join us in our continued efforts to provide the families of CJBL a safe, fun, place to play baseball. Come by and share your ideas at one of our monthly meetings. For information on meeting dates or if you have any questions on what you can do to get involved call either

Loree Marcoe at 886-2648 or

Laurie Renno at
709-6393

We are looking forward to
hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Loree Marcoe, Laurie Renno
Auxiliary Board Co-Presidents



On a personal note, I want issue a special thanks to all my little Dodgers in the T-Ball division and the A-Ball Reds who let me come out and play with them every Sunday. I really enjoyed every minute of it. Thanks to all of the parents from T-Ball and A-Ball that came out on the field and helped with the kids. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. This is what CJBL is all about, spending time with your children and having fun. Nothing is better than coming down to CJBL learning and practicing baseball, running around, smiling and laughing the whole time. I wonder if I can get them to do that in the Seniors?

Well, that's all for now. See you at Pancake Breakfast January 13th.

Steve Mathias,
President-CJBL Board of
Directors




“The winning attitude is one that allows you to think of yourself as a winner all the time while still giving yourself room to grow.”

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Dear Parents, Fans & Players,

I would just like to say thank you for all the hard work and dedication that has been put towards the CJBL tournament team, by the parents and the players. I do appreciate the sacrifices that were made in order to make practices and games. Many have given up a major part of their summer so that baseball could be played. I applaud the effort and the commitment. I hope that all the players walk away from this season with the same positive experience that I will walk away with and remember this summer as a great time, as I know I will.

I have coached many teams over the past years and have seen many great moments, but I will say that this year's tournament team had something about it that will always be a found memory. I spend most of the year teaching young men/women how to play the game of baseball. I often feel I reach one or two kids and help them become better at it. This in itself is a great reward, but this summer I learned a lesson from your kids. I will not lie and say that ?I knew we would come back ?in that championship game, I had in fact had given up. But, your kids had reminded me of a lesson I had forgot, if I could have taken pictures during that last inning in which we started our comeback? it was amazing!

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Too often we place too much credit on being first, when I stop to look back on what we did, together as a team this past weekend, I feel the lesson and feelings that we gathered from that last game far out weigh any first place trophy we could have won. 12 boys yelling, cheering, applauding each other, believing in each other, that's what being in youth sports is about!

Thank you!
The Coaches

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come join us as we kick off CJBL's 51st season on Saturday, January 13, 2007 for spring ball sign-up's and our traditional pancake Breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM, and registration will be open until 1:00 PM.



Breakfast is complimentary, and will include pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. Don't miss this chance to see old friends and make new ones.

Registration

Spring Registration:

The registration process has become much easier. We have computerized our registration forms. If you played in our 2006 season (Spring or Winter), you'll no longer have to fill out the cumbersome registration form. Just show up at the Pancake Breakfast or any other scheduled date for registration and we'll print out your form for approval, collect the fees and that's it, you're done. There is no need for any existing player to sign up on the Internet.

Internet Registration:

Internet registration is now reserved for new players to the program. If you did not play in the 2006 season, just go to CJBL.ORG and click the registration button to pre register online. When you come to the field your form will be ready for you to sign. All information will be downloaded the night prior. Please do not pre-register online in the morning and come to the field immediately thereafter. Please visit our website for further information.

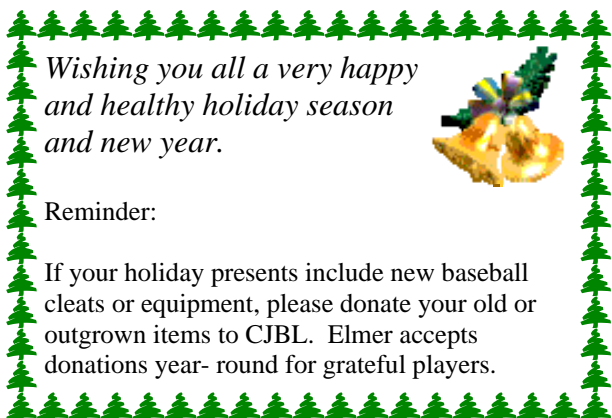
We hope these improvements to the registration process will make your time at CJBL more enjoyable.

Registration rates are as follows:

T-Ball	\$125	Age 5 & 6
A-Ball	\$145	Age 7 & 8
AA	\$165	Age 9 & 10
AAA	\$165	Age 11 & 12
Juniors	\$175	Age 13 & 14
Seniors	\$175	Age 15 thru 17

Snack bar deposit (per participant) \$50
(Ages are general ages for each division. Fees listed are subject to change.)

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy holiday season and new year.



Reminder:
If your holiday presents include new baseball cleats or equipment, please donate your old or outgrown items to CJBL. Elmer accepts donations year- round for grateful players.

Get ready to show you CJBL spirit. CJBL tee shirts, sweatshirts, hats, etc will be sold at our annual pancake breakfast. If you don't see your favorite item be sure to ask. One of our CJBL Board Members will assist.



"Save the date. CJBL's annual social event, May 12th, 2007, Bowling for Baseball"



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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Spring Registration	Saturday, January, 6th	9:00am-1:00pm
Pancake Breakfast	Saturday, January 13th	8:00am-1:00pm
Spring Registration to continue	Saturday, January, 20th	9:00am-1:00pm
Spring Registration to continue	Thursday, January 27th	7pm-9pm
Tryout Day-all divisions	Saturday, January 27th	8am
Picture Day	Sunday, February 25th	10am
Opening Day	Saturday, March 10th	9am
Social Night	Saturday, May 12th	TBA
All Star Games	Monday, May 28th	All Day!
Mothers Softball Game	Monday, May 28th	TBA
Family Campout at the Field	Saturday, June 16th-Sunday, June 17th	6:00pm
End of Season & Alumni Game	Sunday, July 7th	TBA