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## Home Runner

February, 2007

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Can you feel the excitement? It's almost here! Opening day at CJBL is right around the corner. We are getting ready to start our 51<sup>st</sup> year of youth baseball, and I can't wait. Mark your calendars for March 10th, 9:00 AM for the start of the opening day parade and ceremonies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the Board of Directors and the Auxiliary for all of their hard work and countless hours that they have put in to making CJBL the great organization that it is. So far this year, they have had to go over and above the call of duty, enduring freezing cold and windy weather during Pancake Breakfast, and cold and wet weather on Tryout Day.

A special thanks to Sue Briggs for all she does each year to make picture day run so smooth and so successful.

As I have every year in the past that I have been President of the Board of Directors, I always like to remind everyone about why we do what we do at CJBL. We do it for the children of Chatsworth and the surrounding communities. Baseball is a game! You play games to have fun. Its not all about winning, its not all about losing, its about having fun and learning the fundamentals of baseball and how to be part of a team. Lets all team up together and see if we can make this the best year ever for the children that play at CJBL. I am willing to bet that if you open up your heart to the tradition, and goals

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### Message from Auxiliary

Welcome to CJBL's 51<sup>st</sup> Season! This year we have made some adjustments with our season's calendar by moving up Opening Day 2 weeks. In turn, it will end our season July 1<sup>st</sup>. We have been weighing the scales about this change for years, and this season we are implementing it on a trial run. Any comments can be made on our website, so let us know what you think! We have already been challenged by the weather, freezing temperatures on Pancake Breakfast, and the drizzles on Try Out day. No matter what Mother Nature throws at us, we seem to make the best of it and everything works out. Thank you families for working with us in a positive way for the benefit of the kids!

CJBL has a great group of people who volunteer their time and talents to improve and enrich our league. These volunteers ask nothing in return and yet give so much. We would like to thank the many volunteers who have already contributed countless hours getting ready for this season. This leagues greatness is a result of their contributions.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!**

Mark your calendars and plan on joining us at this years "Bowling for Baseball", social event on May 12<sup>th</sup>. This is an adult event held at Canoga Bowl from 8:00 pm to midnight. Tickets sales will begin on Opening Day. All our players are encouraged to participate in our raffle ticket sales fundraiser. Detailed information on both events will be distributed through your team parents.

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President Message Continued:

that we have set at CJBL, you will have a more enjoyable season as well.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Opening Day and around the ballpark.

Sincerely,  
Steve Mathias  
President CJBL Board of Directors

Auxiliary Message Continued:

Once again our goal is to provide a safe environment for the kids to learn, play and have fun. Remember your support, enthusiasm, and participation will further enhance your CJBL experiences. See you at the field!

Sincerely,  
Loree Marcoe & Laurie Renno  
Co- Auxiliary Presidents

**“Bowling for Baseball”**

Please join us for the CJBL adult **Social Night** on **May 12, 2007, 8:00 pm**, at Canoga Bowl.

Don't miss out on the fun! With Billiards, Karaoke, Door Prizes, Raffle and more, there will be lots to do...

Tickets on sale starting opening day at a price of \$20.00 each—includes bowling and shoes.  
(See any Board Member for tickets).



SNACK BAR UPDATE



Get ready for all your favorite goodies to return and some new ones too!!!

As always and most importantly, we need your help to run the snackbar. Please sign up at the field on Opening Day or in the snack bar throughout the week with the Coordinator on duty. The signup deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>, Don't lose your \$50.00 deposit!!! Please keep the date you pick - "No Shows" are a forfeit!

We will not be hiring subs until after the deadline date (April 15th)!

If you have any questions, please call:  
Kathy Fierro @ 723-1775

**PLEASE NOTE**

To save on mailing costs this season, the Homer Runner will be distributed through your Team Parents.

Also you may register on the CJBL web site at [www.cjbl.org](http://www.cjbl.org) to receive your monthly Home Runner via e-mail and there will also be extra's available in the snack bar throughout the season for pickup.



**Dine Outs**  
are coming back. Enjoy  
an evening/after-noon  
out “without cooking”!

The first dine out is  
set for **Friday March 30th, at Baja  
Fresh.** We also have **Tuesday April  
17th, at L.A. Best Pizza.** Look for  
flyers from your team parents.

There are several more fun dine out  
dates being scheduled. So keep a  
watchful eye in the next Home Runner  
and for posters with detailed  
information regarding all the  
upcoming fun events.

*CJBL fundraisers are fun for all as well as  
beneficial to our great organization.*



## **WOW WE WON SECOND PLACE!!!**

Our CJBL Holiday Parade  
entry was a grand success....

Thank you to the Dupree  
Family and the Boyajian Family for the use  
of their vintage vehicles, and to Steve  
Mathias for the ACH flat bed truck. Thanks  
also to The Johnsons, The Pessins, and  
The DeGrasse families, for decorating in  
the rain the night before. A very special  
thanks to Dawn Pessin for her creativity in  
planning and organizing this event.

Also thanks to all the CJBL Board  
members, other volunteers, and players  
who helped decorate the fire truck and flat  
bed, rode in the parade proudly  
promoting the CJBL spirit and cleaned up  
after the parade. With everyone pitching  
in, the event was fun and very  
successful.



## **IMPORTANT**

Please remind your  
children to walk, “don’t  
run” through the CJBL  
parking lot. In this world of “SUV’s”, it  
makes it hard to see our precious little ones.  
Please keep a watchful eye when you are  
pulling in or out of the parking lot.

We are currently working on new ideas  
to help better safeguard our  
CJBL children.

Thank you for your  
safety assistance.



## **Reminders**

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 of new or used tennis  
balls. CJBL kids love to play with them in their  
spare time. (Hurry!!! Most of ours are flat!!!!)  
They rent for \$1.00 from the snack bar. Return  
the ball and get your \$1.00 back!

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### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

<b>Picture Day</b>	<b>Sunday, Feb. 25th</b>	<b>(Times to be distributed)</b>
<b>Opening Day</b>	<b>Saturday, March 10th</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Social Night</b>	<b>Saturday, May 12th</b>	<b>Time TBD</b>
<b>All Star Games</b>	<b>Monday, May 28th</b>	<b>All Day!</b>
<b>Mothers Softball Game</b>	<b>Monday, May 28th</b>	<b>(Following games)</b>
<b>Family Campout at the Field</b>	<b>Saturday, June 16th-</b> <b>Sunday, June 17th</b>	<b>5:00pm</b> <b>9:00am</b>
<b>Thank-You Party</b>	<b>Friday, June 22</b>	<b>Time TBD</b>
<b>End of Season &amp; Alumni Game</b>	<b>Sunday, July 1st</b>	<b>TBA</b>