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Home Runner

March, 2007

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Opening day has come and gone and the season is officially in progress. Isn't it great! The sound of the bat as it hits the ball, the cheers of the families and friends as they root for their favorite players. The smell of the hot dogs, hamburgers, french fries, and popcorn coming from the snack bar. This is what it's all about. This is why we're here. This is CJBL! Baseball, families, friends, good food, and good times.

Thanks to all of the board members, auxiliary members, team parents, managers and coaches for all of their hard work to make opening day such a wonderful event. A special thanks to Dawn Pessin and her helpers for dressing up the park so nicely with all of those decorations.

The season is still young, and there is lots of baseball and fun still to come. We have dine outs, bowling for baseball, family campout, just to name a few of the events to come. I will give you a little tip about CJBL, to really enjoy it to the its fullest capacity, you need to participate in these special event days. Nobody has ever told me they didn't have a good time at a family campout or one of CJBL's social events.

Please remember the code of conduct when you are at the field. Let's keep our comments positive. It is great to cheer for your team, but there is no reason to make negative comments about the other team, the other managers or coaches, your managers or coaches, or the umpires. They are all out there doing the best they can. None of us are perfect and we all make mistakes. When your team wins, it's ok to be happy, but lets also show some compassion and understanding for the other team that played their hearts out and lost. And when your team loses, it's ok to be sad, but that doesn't mean we should be mad at the other team. Remember that good sportsmanship is an excellent quality to have. In the corporate bylaws of CJBL, the first statement that is made under Article II-Purpose is "to promote good citizenship and good character in young people and adults through the medium of baseball."

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Message from Auxiliary

Opening Day has come and gone, but the memory of another "successful" start of the season still brings energy to the field each day. So many people have worked so hard behind the scenes to ensure this great start.

First and foremost, a special thanks to the Board of Directors. The amount of time and work that you all put in prior to the season starting is astounding! It is impossible for any of us to comprehend the amount of work that is involved with pre-season planning, including all that is involved with game scheduling, game management, sign-ups, field maintenance, etc...Great job guys!

We are lucky to have an Auxiliary who is just as dedicated and hard working. Dawn Pessin did an outstanding job coordinating and setting up Opening Days festive decorations. With the help of Lisa Johnson, Yvette Degrasse, Maria Nakkashian, Kristy Gergen, Betty Duran, and Carla, the fields shined with patriotic color. Lisa Johnson provided fun trivia and pictures in the beautiful bulletin boards. Paulette Collins and Dina Cottrell worked diligently to make sure that our awesome new CJBL apparel would be ready to go in the clothing booth.

And, how about the Snack Bar...? Way to go Kathy Fierro and Ramona Nostaja for all the cleaning, stocking, and preparation it takes to get it up and running, and to keep it running throughout the season! Lets not forget our League Reps who did a great job making sure everyone was lined up and ready to go when the parade of teams began, and the Banner judges who had the difficult job of choosing "3" out of "38" banners to be

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That is what the founding fathers of CJBL felt was the most important thing that CJBL could do for the community. I think they were some pretty wise men. Lets hope we never lose sight of that purpose. Parents and coaches remember to be leaders, and leaders lead by example.

Well, that's all for now. I really am looking forward to watching lots of the games coming up in the next few weeks. I enjoy seeing the constant improvement of the teams as each week goes by. See you at the ballpark.

Sincerely,
Steve Mathias,
President CJBL Board of Directors

ATTENTION: SNACK BAR UPDATE

Due to many requests, we are now offering "Snack Bar Dollars" that may be purchased from our snack bar for face value of \$1.00 each.

As many of you team parents suggested, these are little treats for after game handouts, player rewards or just for fun.....

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recognized for their efforts. (By the way, the banner judges each year are not Board of Directors, Auxiliary Members, or have children participating in the banner contest). Everyone did a Great job! Other highlights of Opening Day include Susan Cashman, grandmother of Johnny Cashman, beautifully singing the *Star Spangled Banner*, George Genviese encouraging our players, the Sportsmanship awards, and Audra Strickland throwing out one of the game balls.

We also want to thank Steve Mathias, Mike Garbo, Charlie Carlson and Chuck Poepke for installing the 50th Anniversary Plaque wall. What a wonderful tribute it is to remind us of the many years CJBL has served the community.

We invite you to be on the "lookout" for upcoming events that we have planned for this season. Although we always have posters and the bulletin boards advertising our calendar, our website is the best source of information. Log-on to cjbl.org to check out all of the latest news, information, standings, and pictures.

Have a Great Season,
Loree Marcoe and Laurie Renno
CO-Presidents

Dine Outs

are 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** and **Wednesday, May 2nd, at Casa de Carlos.** Look for flyers from your team parents. There will be more dine out dates being scheduled. So keep a watchful eye in the future Home Runner, posters with detailed information and on our CJBL website regarding all the upcoming fun events.

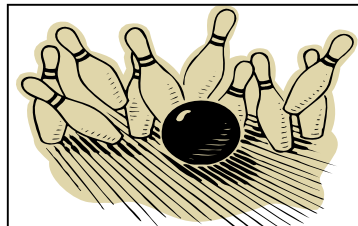
CJBL fundraisers are fun for all as well as beneficial to our great organization.

"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 NOW....at a price of \$20.00 each—includes bowling and shoes. (See any Board Member for tickets and also available in snack bar).



Standings

As of March 27, 2007

AA Team Name	Wins	Losses	Ties
A's	3	0	0
Indians	2	1	0
Marlins	2	1	0
Pirates	2	1	0
Twins	2	1	0
Red Sox	1	2	0
Angels	0	3	0
Phillies	0	3	0

Home Runs:

AAA Team Name	Wins	Losses	Ties
Cubs	4	0	0
Tigers	3	1	0
Yankees	3	1	0
Dodgers	1	3	0
Cardinals	0	3	1
White Sox	0	3	1

Home Runs: Nolan Bennett(3), Raul Camas (2), Scott Pallet, Garrett DeGrasse and Scott Voets

Junior Team Name	Wins	Losses	Ties
Giants	3	0	0
Mariners	3	2	0
Cardinals	2	0	0
Royals	1	3	0
Marlins	0	4	0

Home Runs: Chris Robertson and Chad Anderson

Senior Team Name	Wins	Losses	Ties
Padres	4	0	0
Reds	2	2	0
Pirates	1	3	0
Yankees	1	3	0

Home Runs: Kacey Funes(GS), Andres Cabrera, Terry Maur, Brandon Chapek and David Brody

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.

“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”

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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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 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.
- ◆ 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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Dine-out (L.A. Best Pizza)	Tuesday, April 17th	5:00-10:00 pm
Social Night	Saturday, May 12th	8:00pm
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	5:00pm 9:00 am
Thank-You Party	Friday, June 22nd	5:00-8:00pm
End of Season & Alumni Game	Sunday, July 1st	TBA