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Home Runner

May, 2007

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I sit here writing this letter, it is the Thursday before Memorial Day. Memorial Day is one of my favorite days of the year at CJBL. This the one day that players from different teams in each division forget about their division rivalries and play baseball just for the fun of the game. Not to mention, it is the day we get to watch the Moms from the league play softball. And of course, it is a day when our wonderful barbecue crew serves up those great tri-tip sandwiches. I hope that lots of you had the opportunity to be down at the fields to enjoy all this.

As always, I would like to thank some of the people around the league that help make the CJBL experience so special. A couple of Saturdays ago we had our Bowling for Baseball at the Canoga Bowl. This was a wonderful event, and I know that everyone had a great time. We had almost 200 people participate in this fun evening and it really was a great success. I can not thank the Auxiliary Board enough for all the hard work that they put into this event. Special thanks to Betty Duran and Kristy Gergen for coordinating this great evening.

On a personal note, I would like to welcome the newest member to the CJBL family, Wyatt Michael Garbo. Born 05/24/07-wt. 7lb 10oz 19" long. Congratulations to the proud parents Michael & Kimmy. That's one less T-Ball manager we will have to find 4 years from now.

By the time you receive this homerunner at home, the season will be just about over. All an all its been a pretty good year at CJBL. Thanks to all of the managers, coaches, team parents, and parents. I hope it's been an enjoyable season for everyone. I know I have seen improvement each week in the fundamental of baseball as I observed the kids. Our goal always has been to provide a safe, fun place for the children to learn the fundamentals and mechanics of baseball. I think that once again this year we have succeeded. I hope you think so also.

Well that's all for now. I will see you at the ballpark!

Sincerely
Steve Mathias
President-CJBL Board of Directors

Message from Auxiliary

Here we are in May, half way through the season, and it seems like Opening Day was just yesterday. Time goes by (fast) when you are having fun!

Speaking of fun... Bowling Night was a Blast! I'm sure a lot of us will never forget some of the events that took place that night. Derek Matejka sliding "head first" down his lane while bowling, Tom Johnson wearing a bikini top on his head, Paulette Collins jumping for joy when she finally knocked down "1" pin after bowling three games, and the guys singing and dancing to "New York New York" and "YMCA" in the Karaoke Lounge. Then there was JIM SANDBERG...for those of you who were there know that he was just plain old HYSTERICAL! It was a great time for all of us to just have a relaxed time enjoying each other away from the field. This night was made possible due to a lot of hard work and planning from Kristy Gergen and Betty Duran. Thank you ladies... You did an INCREDIBLE job! Thanks also to all of the Auxiliary members and Board of Directors who worked different jobs. The night ran very smoothly because everyone helped out in some way or another. We have a great team!

Thanks also to all the Teams and Players who participated in the Raffle. This fundraiser is vital to our league and it is so nice that so many of our families recognize this and support it. Another "shout out" to Betty and Kristy for doing an awesome job organizing this as well.

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Dine Outs

One more to go... Casa de Carlos was a huge success. Let's try and do the same with **Islands on Wednesday, June 6th** for an evening/after-noon out "without cooking"! 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 that are beneficial to our great organization.

Auxiliary continued:

Unless you have actually held this position on the Auxiliary, you can't fully understand the amount of time and work it takes to pull it off. CJBL appreciates the work you both have done for our league!

Although the season is half over, we still have some important and fun activities coming up. The next big event is the Family Camp Out on June 16-17th which is always a great time. June 22nd will be our Manager/Coach/Team Parent Thank you BBQ followed by the guy's softball game. Look for information posted around the field about all these events soon. You don't want to miss out!

Loree Marcoe and Laurie Renno
Auxiliary Co-Presidents

CHATSWORTH JUNIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE AUXILIARY NOMINATIONS 2007-2008 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Nominations revised on May 18, 2007 by the Auxiliary Board. Any further nominations must be submitted to the CJBL Auxiliary Board by the June 5, 2007 meeting 7:30pm at ACH 9610 DeSoto Ave. Chatsworth, CA You must be an Auxiliary Board member who has attended at least two meetings to be eligible to vote.

Our "Bowling for Baseball" event was a great success. Thanks for all the volunteers who helped put it together and all who attended and supported the event.

CONGRATULATIONS PRIZE WINNERS:

42" plasma T.V. went to Josie Curran (Hunter Pena's grandmother)
2nd place went to Gidget Krugel
3rd place went to Jordan Anker
Player raffle (Nintendo Wii) went to Jesse Marcoe
50/50 winner was Chuey Espinoza.

Kristy Gergen—Co-1st Vice President Ways and Means
Betty Duran—Co-1st Vice President Ways and Means

IT'S COMING QUICK, YOU ALL! FAMILY CAMPOUT AT THE FIELD

On Saturday, June 16th to Sunday, June 17th. Dinner and Breakfast included.

Watch for signs with details for registration for this annual family CJBL event.



Standings

2nd half standings through May 24th

AA Team Name	Wins	Losses	Ties
A's	4	0	0
Marlins	4	1	0
Indians	3	1	0
Angels	2	2	0
Phillies	1	3	0
Pirates	1	3	0
Red Sox	1	3	0
Twins	1	4	0

Home Runs: Kaitlin Ryder

AAA Team Name	Wins	Losses	Ties
Yankees	5	0	0
Cubs	3	2	0
Dodgers	3	2	0
Cardinals	2	3	0
Tigers	2	3	0
White Sox	0	5	0

Home Runs: Nolan Bennett(6), Raul Camas(5), Scott Pallet, Garrett DeGrasse(2), Scott Voets(6), Mathew Toledo, Miguel Olivas(2), Jeremy Rodriguez(3) Billy Dela Espriella, Jarod Holly(3), Michael Cosgrove(2), Cristofer Pessin and Darren Kriz, Frank Semponis and Josh Mick.

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

Home Runs: Keanu Gilleres(2), Chris Robertson, Chad Anderson(2), A. J. Silberman and Michael Gill.

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

Home Runs: Kacey Funes(4)(1GS), Andres Cabrera, Terry Maur(3)(1GS), Brandon Chapek(2), David Brody, Keith Higgins, Anthony Murphy(2)(1GS), Andrew Bundy(2)(1GS), Matt Young, Jesse Marcoe, Cody Nicholson(2), Matt Young, Josh Ulman and Aaron Soto.

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-

- ◆ "Don't loose your deposit" There are still shifts to fill. Also 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 (Islands)	Wednesday, June 6th	5:00- 10:00pm
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