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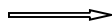
December, 2007

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I sit and write this letter, Winter ball 2007 has just ended and Christmas is right around the corner. Right after Christmas, of course is New Years day, and right after that is the CJBL 2008 Pancake Breakfast and spring registration.

My how time flies when your having fun! So once you have welcomed in the New Year, come join us on January 12th from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM for pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. While you are there enjoying breakfast, you can register your children for our 2008 Spring Season. Registration will be held from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. If this day is a bad day for you, we will also be holding registration on January 5th & 19th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

I would like to thank all of the men and women from the board and auxiliary that helped make this winter ball a great success. It takes an extreme amount of time and work to provide the quality environment and facility that we have at CJBL. Volunteers do all of this work. I hope that you appreciate them as much as I do, and maybe will consider becoming a volunteer yourself at CJBL.



Message from Auxiliary

Wow, can you believe that it is that time of year again?!?! Not the Holidays...BASEBALL!

Believe it or not, the Auxiliary has been meeting since October planning for many great times during the 2008 season. As you will read and see in this issue of the Homerunner, the calendar for the spring season is set and ready to go! The big kick-off in January is the Pancake Breakfast. This year we anticipate beautiful weather and will actually serve you "hot"cakes rather than "Pancakesicles". Although sign-ups are held throughout the month of January, the Pancake Breakfast is one of CJBL's oldest traditions and full of fun!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank a few Auxiliary members who worked endlessly during Winterball as coordinators in the snack bar. Without these few ladies, we would not have been able to provide you with all the snacks, hot dogs, hamburgers, goodies, etc. on those long Sundays at the field. First and foremost, a special "shout out" to Kristy Gergen and Kathy Fierro for working the majority of the coordinating shifts and also scheduling all of the workers. You ladies ROCK! Also to Laurie Renno, Kim Hayes, and Jodi Hotchkiss for stepping up and working MANY shifts. You all gave up many a Sunday and we want you to know how much you all are appreciated!

We would love for you to join our "team" on the Auxiliary and share in the fun. We meet every first Tuesday of the month. (Check the website for details). If you have any questions, or would like to find out more about what the Auxiliary does for the league, call either Loree Marcoe (886-2648) or Laurie Renno(709-6393). We would love to hear from you!

Sincerely,
Laurie Renno and Loree Marcoe
CO-Auxiliary Presidents



Thanks to all of the managers, coaches, and parents that were out there on the fields helping the kids learn and improve their baseball skills. A special thanks to Steve Levine for T-Ball, Mike Garbo for A-Ball, Jim Sandberg for AA, Casey Gill & Steve Ryder for AAA, Tom Dorward and Brad Gunches for Juniors, and all of the Senior managers.

I hope all of the families that participated in Winter Ball had a good experience and will come back and join us for the spring season. I really hope to see all of the wonderful boys and girls from my T-Ball and A-Ball groups. I can't tell you enough how much fun I had coaching you. Thank you for letting me be out there every

Sunday with you. Your smiles are like gold to me.

Remember, baseball is not just about winning. Its about being with friends, working as a team, improving your skills, learning to deal with victory and defeat, and most of all, its about smiling while your playing and enjoying the game. After all, it is just a game

Well, that's all for now. Hope everyone has a Happy Holiday season and hope to see you all real soon at the ballpark!

Sincerely,
Steve Mathias
President CJBL Board of Directors



SHARE TIME

To take in a Boston Red Sox game at Fenway Park is truly one of lives grand experiences. The dedication of the Red Sox fans makes you believe that you are one too, no matter who you are routing for. The food is Delicious. From hot dogs, peanuts to the famous Italian Sausage sandwiches dripping with sautéed onions, you won't be disappointed and "Sweet Caroline" never sounded so good playing at the end of a "winning inning".

For us history folks, there is no other baseball park that can compare. Built in 1911, with play starting in 1912. The halls are filled with memorabilia history pictures that are so interesting to view. From the original concession stands, the lone red seat in the outfield that marks the furthest hit home run made by Ted Williams and the famous Green Monster Wall all make the park an enjoyable history lesson. "The stories that this place could tell".

Our trip consisted of a morning tour at the park. We were guided through the grand stands, concession stands, green monster wall and even down on the field. We were told not to touch anything while down there and of course, my son later announced to me that he had put some "Fenway Park" dirt in his pocket...ooopps!

After the tour, we headed back out and took in a Boston Duct Tour – a whole other experience in itself, then returned for an evening game of **Red Sox vs. Texas Rangers**.

No matter who your favorite baseball team is, Fenway Park is somewhere to visit. It's more then home of the Red Sox, it's history.

The Hotchkiss Family 2007 Vacation
Contest Article

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come join us as we kick off CJBL's 52nd season on Saturday, January 12, 2008 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: We have computerized our registration forms. If you have played at CJBL in our Spring or Winter programs in the last three years, 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 reserved for new players to the program. If you have never played at CJBL, just go to 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.



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.)

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



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.

"Save the date. CJBL's annual social event, May 10th, 2008, Bowling for Baseball"



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To the Parents of:

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Spring Registration	Saturday, January, 5th	9:00am-1:00pm
Pancake Breakfast	Saturday, January 12th	8:00am-1:00pm
Spring Registration to continue	Saturday, January, 19th	9:00am-1:00pm
Tryout Day-all divisions	Saturday, January 26th	8am
Picture Day	Sunday, February 24th	10am
Opening Day	Saturday, March 8th	9am
Social Night	Saturday, May 10th	TBA
All Star Games	Monday, May 26th	All Day!
Mothers Softball Game	Monday, May 26th	TBA
Family Campout at the Field	Saturday, June 14th-Sunday, June 15th	6:00pm
End of Season & Alumni Game	Sunday, June 29th	TBA