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## Home Runner

February, 2010

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's time for baseball! Hi everybody and welcome back for another season of Chatsworth Junior Baseball.

There are many fun filled events planned for this season including bowling night, poker night, movies at the ballpark, skill improvement clinics, and many other activities.

This year we have partnered with Major League Baseball (MLB) to hold the annual Pitch, Hit, and Run competition. The event will be held at CJBL on April 30, 2010. The winners will move on to the next round, and ultimately the national winners will compete at the MLB all-star game. The competition is free and we encourage all our kids to participate.

CJBL is a non-profit organization that is staffed and run by volunteers. I would like to thank the Board of Directors, the Auxiliary Board, Managers, Coaches, Team Parents, and all of our volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please drop us a line.

Special thanks to Mike Glendenning and the coaches from the Southern California Baseball Academy for a great clinic.

As always I am interested in your thoughts, comments, and ideas. Feel free to send me an email or give me a call.

I look forward to seeing you at the ballpark.

Jim Sandberg, President CJBL

### Message from Auxiliary

Welcome to the 2010 CJBL Spring Season of Baseball! We have been blessed with beautiful weather for our Pancake Breakfast, Try Out and Picture Day. Now, we hope for the same on our opening day Saturday, March 6th at 9:00am. No matter what Mother Nature throws at us, we will make the best of it and enjoy every minute watching the players return with anxious smiles and parents who can not wait to see their children play again.

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 1st. This is an adult event to be held at Mission Bowl from 8:00 pm to midnight. Ticket sales will begin on Opening Day. We will be bringing back our raffle ticket sales fundraiser this year and encourage all to participate. There are great prizes to be won! Detailed information on both events will be distributed through your team parents.

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!

Jodi Hotchkiss and Betty Duran  
Auxiliary Co-Presidents



*The CJBL Clothing Booth is off to a great start this year with lots of exciting new things. Thanks to all of you who've supported the league and shown your CJBL pride by purchasing and wearing logo wear this season!*

*We have two new t-shirt designs which are extremely popular. Just look around the field if you haven't seen them. Better yet, come on over to the "Dugout" (new name for the clothing booth) to buy yours. Stock is limited so come early for the best selection.*

*Now that we have a new dedicated snack bar staff this season, you'll find the clothing booth will become the center of information for the field. If you need help or information, feel free to ask us in the Dugout. If we don't know the answer, we'll do what we can to find it!*

*I'm looking forward to a great Opening Day, a great season, and seeing all of you out there showing your CJBL pride and cheering on our kids!*

*Tonia Palomera-CJBL Clothing Coordinator*

## **"Bowling for Baseball"**

Please join us for CJBL's **Social Night**  
**May 1st, 2010, 8:00 pm,**  
at Mission Bowl (adults only)

Don't miss out on the fun! With a DJ to get the party rolling, door prizes, raffle, silent auction and more, there will be lots to do...

Tickets on sale opening day  
\$20.00 each—  
includes bowling and shoes.  
See any Board Member for tickets.



## **Snack Bar Buzz**



Allow us to introduce you to our  
**"Home Plate"**

(New name for our snack bar.)

Our new staff will be providing high quality food with a "customer comes first emphasis."

New items to try:

Hebrew National 100% beef hot dog,

Quesadilla—spicy or mild

Cinnamon sugar pretzel

Of course the favorites are still there too!

Please stop by and introduce yourself.

Julie Samuel and Lisa Sheeran  
co-managers

## **CJBL Beanie Babies and Webkinz Drive**



Did you know your old Beanie Baby and Webkinz collections can save the lives of our heroes?

Please donate your Beanie Babies and Webkinz on March 6th at CJBL in the designated box.

They will be delivered to Operation Gratitude to help our Troops!!! (They do not need to have tags or be new, just in good condition—they will be priceless!)

Operation Gratitude received the following letter from a Marine:

**"I live with 17 Marines and Sailors in one room. Everyone got a package and everyone loved it especially the beanie babies. The beanie babies help us out a lot with the local kids. We give them candy and toys and they give us the location for IED's. Once again, thank you for everything and for all the hard work that you put into the package. LCPL ND"**

Question? Please Contact Matthew Bowman  
AAA Cardinals @ 818-831-0260



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

The first dine out is set for **Tuesday, April 13th at Casa De Carlos**. We will also have **June 8th at Vincenzo’s Pizza**. Look for flyers from your team parents.

Keep a watchful eye in the next Home Runner and for posters with detailed information regarding all the upcoming fun events.

Watch for our new addition  
“**CJBL—Movie at the Park**”  
Weather permitting, coming on May 21st.  
*CJBL fundraisers are fun for all as well as beneficial to our great organization.*



### IMPORTANT

Please remind your children to walk, “don’t run” through the CJBL parking lots. In this world of large 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 our parking lots.

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

Thank you for your safety assistance.



### Fundraiser Time! Fundraiser Time!

On March 25, 2010, we will begin CJBL’s “Player Raffle Ticket Fundraiser” event. Each player will be asked to sell 30 tickets at \$2.00 each. The Raffle Ticket Fundraiser will run from March 25<sup>th</sup> to April 25, 2010. Grand Prize is a weekend Mexican Cruise Vacation Getaway for two. (Winner will have 12 months to schedule the trip.) Second place wins a 50” flat panel TV, third place wins a \$400.00 American Express gift card and fourth place wins a Blu-ray DVD player!

Players will have a chance to win an XBOX 360 Elite Bundle in addition to category prizes depending on the number of tickets sold.

The Raffle drawings will take place at our 2010 Social event, “Bowling for Baseball.” This is an adult only night out for our CJBL families and friends. This year’s event will take place on May 1, 2010 at Mission Bowl from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight. Raffles, Door Prizes, Memorabilia’s, 50/50, Arcade, and DJ are just a few of the fun things happening that night.

All proceeds from our fundraiser/Social events go solely to CJBL. Tickets for our “Bowling for Baseball” Social go on sale on Opening Day. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. You may purchase your tickets from any Auxiliary or Board of Director member. Tickets will also be available at the clothing window the “Dugout.”

Help support our wonderful league and ask your families, teachers, and friends to support CJBL by buying a raffle ticket or a ticket to our Bowling Social! Thank you in advance for your support.

Paulette Collins and Gracie Rogers  
Co 1st VP Ways & Means

### Reminders

Any extra household towels or wash clothes that you may want to part with are always needed for snack bar cleanup. Please deliver to the snack bar.

Please donate your old or outgrown baseball items and equipment 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!

**Chatsworth Jr. Baseball League**  
**21350 Mayall Street**  
**Chatsworth, CA 91311**

*“Dedicated to the Youth of Chatsworth Since 1956”*

To the Parents of:

**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

<b>Opening Day Parade of Teams</b>	<b>Saturday, March 6th</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Family Dine Out (Casa De Carlos)</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 13th</b>	<b>Check Flyer</b>
<b>Social Night</b>	<b>Saturday, May 1st</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>
<b>All Star Games</b>	<b>Monday, May 31st</b>	<b>All Day!</b>
<b>Mothers Softball Game</b>	<b>Monday, May 31st</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
<b>Family Campout at the Field</b>	<b>Saturday, June 19th-Sunday, June 20th</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Manager/Coach/Team Parent Thank You BBQ</b>	<b>Friday, June 25th</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>End of Season &amp; Alumni Game</b>	<b>Sunday, June 27th</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>

