



# California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –  
Senior League – Challenger  
**September 19, 2018 District 4 Meeting**



**Meeting Called To Order:** 7:08 pm, UCCE – Contra Costa, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

**Staff Attendance:** Ted Boet, Geoff Shiu, Liz Berg, Steve Harris, Phil Raines, Stephen Mohammed, Carla Moore, Jim Rose, Paul Rosky, Grayson Lawrence

**League Attendance:** Alameda, Albany, Antioch, Clayton Valley, Concord American, Continental, East County, Lafayette, Martinez, North/South Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, Walnut Creek

## **District 4 Administrator: Ted Boet:**

**Introduced** the District Staff and new board members:

Jim Rose – Training & Presentations for Post Season

Grayson Lawrence – Volunteer Coordinator, Will put together a group of volunteers from all leagues to help with games/tournaments past the District level to help leagues hosting but need more help.

Volunteer Dinner – will be held in September, leagues are to submit their Volunteer of the Year with a write-up of what they have done by the May District meeting. From those submissions we will select a District Volunteer.

Paul Rosky – Western Region Tournament Coordinator

Ted and Paul applied to host the Junior tournament (12 western states), may get the Senior Tournament (western states) to be held at Laney College. The only dirt area of the field is the pitching mound, the rest is turf.

Had league presidents introduce themselves, one new president this year – Walnut Creek LL.

## **The Awesome:**

1. Each year leagues are to submit an ASAP plan. Grand Prize for the National Winner is a set of Musco Lights. This year Liz Berg submitted the winning plan for Concord American LL.
2. Manager Phil Raines of Martinez LL Junior Softball team advanced to the Western Region tournament in Tucson Arizona. As a manager Phil has also advanced to the Little League and Senior League Western Region tournaments.
3. All leagues completed their Report Card to participate in TOC. I would like for Albany to participate in TOC this season, with their participation all 15 leagues would be represented.

Please do not drop All Star teams prior to the start of the tournament – I must redo the brackets before one game gets played.

A listing of all TOC and All Star Champions for District 4 are on the back page of the September Newsletter (posted on the D4 website)

## **Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell: as reported by DA Ted Boet**

- Please read the newsletter for rules clinics, mechanics clinics and Umpire trainings. There is an Umpire Training in January that is very good for those who want to get better.
- Don and D4 Umpire staff worked with 13 umpires this past season who wanted to improve their skills. Staff met with the umpires, critiques them, and trained them.
- There is no reason to spend good money on umpires for your league. If you need help forming a volunteer umpire association, we will meet with you. Spend the money of the kids.

## **District 4 Administrator: Ted Boet:**

The District 4 calendar will be on the website later this week. Website: [LLCAD4.org](http://LLCAD4.org)

People are following District 4 on Facebook and Twitter



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**District 4 Budget** – was handed out to the league presidents. It shows where funds come from and where they will be spent. Every league should have one. It does not need to be expansive. It can be a pie chart as long as it shows parents where the funds are spent.

**Dues** - are due in March, they can be paid sooner. Dues for the 2021 season will increase for each All Star team to \$65, this will help to pay for the Appreciation Dinner that was started for umpires and Ted has expanded to include managers and volunteers. A vast majority of volunteers are needed during All Star time.

**District 4 Operating Manual** – each league president received one. Little League used to send out an Operations Manual to each league, the last year was 2015. In 2016 they added it to the Rule Book – some items are missing. Included in the D4 Operations Manual: history of District 4, State and National levels; bios for D4 staff.

This year (2020) Little League will host the 75<sup>th</sup> Little League World Series.

**Snapshots of leagues** – were handed out to each league. They show how each league has increased or decreased from 2007 to present. The data used was from the Data Center. The numbers are in teams based on 12 players per team. Last year D4 lost 35 baseball teams, went from 560 teams to 525, 5 leagues had an increase.

**Red** – indicates your league at its lowest participation

**Green** – indicates your league's most participation since 2007; 2014 – Baseball had its highest participation

**Yellow** – league has the same number of teams as the year before; the number in (..) indicates where your league placed in the district with the amount of teams

**The second page represents Softball** – it is not as bleak as baseball; last year softball lost 1 team, 84 to 83; 2007 was the lowest year with 56 teams

**Challenge this year** is to increase by 5%, that is approximately 300 more players across the district. I would like to do something for those leagues who increase by 5%.

**Blue Sombrero** – when you enter a player or volunteer the information goes straight to the Data Center, you need only to enter the information once.

## Assistant District Administrator, Geoff Shiu:

- My thanks for all the leagues and presidents for hosting games; those who attended the Tournament Directors, Manager/Coaches respective meetings. I saw some good things at the games. The Dress Code was outstanding this past year.
- **Post Season Umpires** – a lot of leagues stepped up, not all leagues provided umpires. All games were covered, no phone calls were needed.

Don Waddell and the D4 Umpire staff will provide training here in the district. The trainings will be like those at Western Region headquarters in San Bernardino, League Umpire-in-Chief/Umpire Coordinator should be trained to work with your umpires.

**Scholarships** - District 4 has two scholarships for attending training in San Bernardino for two different league volunteers for a weeklong training, enough to cover room & board, training and materials. The scholarships will go to the first two who volunteer themselves.

**UIC training** is November 1-3, Friday – Sunday Clinic = \$90

Don Waddell will provide dates each month for Rules Clinics, Mechanics Clinics and UIC trainings

\*\*Please enter the dates into your league calendar so there are no conflicts

**District Secretary, Carla Moore:** Please send Board of Directors contact information to me, I will send to the D4 staff. It will be easier and faster for you to send to one person rather than each individual D4 staff member.

## Little League Baseball ADA, Steve Harris

As you start registration plan for Interleague play now! I will attend league Board meetings to share information, answer any questions you may have.



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## Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- Please send me the contact information for your Softball Representative, I would like to meet as soon as possible to talk and share what each league would like for the new season.
- Contact Information is due by the District 4 meeting

## Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

- Please send your Safety Officer contact info to me
- Two weeks after the ASAP is released from Little League, I will have the templates ready for your Safety Officer to complete. The Data Center has what your league completed last year.
- **Challenge** – This year marks the second time that District 4 has had a league win the National ASAP award – Musco It goes to show headquarters does read them.
- **Concord American LL website** – the winning ASAP plan has been posted – READ IT! I had help from the previous winner. Pinole-Hercules LL is the other league to win but was unable to use the lights due to neighbors and school district not wanting them.
- **ASAP Plans** – are to be uploaded and **APPROVED prior to Try-Outs**

## Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

- 12 leagues participated last year. It was a great season!
- Corporate Sponsors are needed and wanted to help with the Jamboree. Please send me information.
- I would like all leagues to have a Challenger team.
- Ted Boet - Challenger Day is the best day of the year, told this to the Walnut Creek mayor at the Jamboree. Mayor asked why. Ted's reason – no parent expects their child to be a major leaguer.

## Training Coordinator ADA, Jim Rose:

- Rules Clinics in the past were aimed at umpires, in recent years have switched to include managers and coaches to help them understand the rules.
- We will come to your league – your league is to provide a room and projection screen
- Contact me to schedule

## Volunteer Coordinator ADA, Grayson Lawrence:

- I will work on recruiting volunteers during the season for Post Season games

## Western Region Tournament Coordinator ADA, Paul Rosky:

- Nothing currently

## District 4 Administrator, Ted Boet:

- **D4 Operating Manual – page 112**, This is a District meeting not a President's meeting. All are welcome to attend.
- **Tax Returns** – Please submit from 2018, if you have filed the 2019 return you can submit now.
- **League Calendars** – It would be greatly appreciated if you sent me your calendar. I receive calls from parents looking for leagues/ when sign-ups are, I would be able to give them that information.

**Adjourned: 8:22m**

**Next meeting:** October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – **VENDORS NIGHT** - Alhambra High School: Vendors Night – Bring Your Board Members (Equipment Manager, Snack Bar Coordinator, Photos, Trophys, etc.)– earn Lewis Cup Points. Dinner from the New Mecca restaurant in Pittsburg

**November Meeting** – UCCE – Contra Costa, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord:

Round Table Discussions for Presidents, Vice Presidents, Chief Umpires and Division Reps (how they recruit players). Kick around ideas on how everyone does things in their leagues.