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California D4 Finances

-May thru August Statements-

Opening Balance	47,471.86
April Dinner	111.22
Jamboree Tables/Chairs	1,329.48
New Tables for Jamboree	129.84
Prizes for Jamboree	299.08
Jamboree Supplies	160.07
Jamboree Portable Restrooms	646.68
Jamboree Food	1712.18
Jamboree Player's Gifts	274.06
Rental truck - Jamboree	162.25
Fuel for truck	40.00
50/70 Tournament Shirts	1539.90
Bank Fee - May	3.00
Challenger Donation	500.00
Continental LL	
Pin Sales	940.00
Line Up Cards	652.50
May Dinner	921.11
Postage	52.85
Tournament Books	355.61
Wilson Trophies	10,111.80
A's Refund	1,250.00
Tournament Fee	250.00
Bank Fee – June	3.00
Martinez – Western Region	1900.00
District Improvements	87.15
(Repair Pop-up Canopies, storage containers, new canopies)	
D5 Donation –	1000.00
Sr. BB Western Region	
Umpire Apparel	1085.00
Storage Facility	820.00
Junior Section Pins	119.43

Meals – Verification Day	838.45
Donation –	420.00
Western Region: Badge Maker	
Vendor Donation	500.00
Umpire Sales	240.00
Bank Fee – July	3.00
Umpire Bag	50.00
Bank Fee – August	3.00
Ending Balance	25,695.91



Welcome to the 2020 Season

After a three-month break, we are back together again for the start of the 2020 campaign. 14 of the 15 leagues have returning presidents, welcome back. We would like to welcome Neal McSherry from Walnut Creek Little League as the new president.

2020 looks to be an exciting year in Little League as well as for us here in District 4. Little League will be holding their regional round tables beginning in the west. The Western Region event will be at the end of January. This will include possible rule changes to approve or reject and includes seminars and training for the District staff. At tournament time, California District 4 will play host to either the Western Region Junior or Senior baseball tournament. The exciting part of this venture is that the winner of the District tournament will advance directly to the Western Region. This should help your leagues in recruitment for these divisions. We will know by the end of October which tournament will be coming to Laney College this summer.



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New staff for 2020

We would like to welcome three new members to the District staff for the 2020 season.



Jim Rose – Training Coordinator

Jim will be responsible for training for the District. This will include working with the California 4 Umpires Association, the division coordinators on present material to our leagues. This includes training for local league managers and coaches on rules and procedures, training in conjunction with the C4UA and will also involve the year end training for tournament directors, and all things tournament related.



Grayson Lawrence – Volunteer Coordinator

Grayson scope will include putting together a network of willing and able volunteers throughout the District who want to go above and beyond the local league's responsibilities at tournament time. We hope to put in place a dedicated group of volunteers who are

willing to aid at tournaments that the District will be hosting once our local tournaments have concluded. This would include any sectional, Northern California, and Western Region tournament. Grayson will also work with each league in getting information from each about your 2020 volunteer of the year. Beginning in 2020 we will have a District volunteer of the year. That deserving individual will be honored at our volunteer dinner in September 2020.

Paul Rosky – Western Region Tournament Chairman

Paul along with North and South Oakland Little League have stepped up and taken on the responsibility of hosting either the Junior or Senior Baseball Western Region Tournament beginning in 2020. This is a three-year commitment by the District and North and South Oakland. Paul will oversee all aspects of the tournament and will work in conjunction with the District to make this tournament a memorable experience.

The rest of the staff has returned to aid and assist all leagues however they are needed.

Volunteer of the Year winners

We would like to congratulate the local volunteer of the year winners. Each league has chosen their worthy recipient and they will be honored at our volunteer dinner on September 28. Here is a list of the winners for 2019.

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| Alameda | Brandon Barker |
| Albany | Rob Bittner |
| Antioch | Scott McGreer |

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| Clayton Valley | Zack Torrey |
| Concord American | Destiny & Jason Sullivan |
| Continental | Phillip Juarez |
| East County | Chrystal Jost |
| Martinez | Kevin O'Leary |
| North/South Oakland | Bob Franklin |
| Pinole Hercules | Matt Avery |
| Pittsburg | Jamar Robinson |
| Richmond | Kandice Ward |
| Walnut Creek | Lia Bush |
- We applaud their contributions to the local leagues and their involvement in Little League Baseball.



Lewis Cup Standings

Looking to see who captured the 2019 Lewis Cup?

The winner of the 2019 Lewis Cup will be announced on the evening of September 28th at the Volunteer Appreciation dinner. Along with this announcement, the 2019 Ernie Lewis dedicated volunteer as well as the newly created Bob Beberg coaches award will be announced. All winners will be published in the October newsletter.



From Liz Berg, ADA Safety

Congratulations!!!! Concord American LL won the **National ASAP award**. They will receive a set of lights for the ballfield of their choosing. **Congratulations!!!!!!**



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Please provide me with your league's ASAP rep's contact information.

The 2020 ASAP plan will be due 2 weeks after the release of the model Document.



From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

Umpire in Chief Position on the Board of Directors

The best practice in Little League is that a league has a Chief Umpire Position on the Board of Directors who has full voting authority. The role of the Chief Umpire is usually to develop and implement the league Umpire program, and to provide training for umpires. In many leagues the Chief Umpire is also responsible to the Board for Rules interpretation and training, along with documenting Local Rules consistent with the Little League Rules. The Chief Umpire should be the advocate for volunteer youth and adult umpires to the Board, especially when conflicts with managers and coaches occur.

Each President is requested to provide the names and contact information for their League Chief Umpire to Don Waddell as soon as possible.

Western Region Umpire in Chief / Train the Trainer Clinic Registration

The Western Region Umpire in Chief /Train the Trainer Clinic is being held on Friday, November 1st to Sunday, November 3rd at the Western Region Headquarters in San Bernardino. This

is a unique Clinic designed to help those who are League Chief Umpires or key leaders in the Umpire program. The duties and responsibilities of the Chief Umpire will be covered in detail, along with how to develop a volunteer adult and youth Umpire program. The Clinic will also have sessions on how to instruct umpires, including the design of training as well how to be an instructor. Cost is \$90.00 which includes lodging at the Western Region complex and meals. All League Chief Umpires and interested volunteers should attend.

District 4 Staff Will Deliver Your Rules Clinics

Once again this year the District 4 Staff will come to your league and deliver a 3-hour Rules Clinic. Designed for managers, coaches, umpires and parents, the Clinic will cover Little Leagues Rules and official interpretations that will set everyone in your league on common understanding of rules. All your league needs to do is provide a meeting room with a projection screen, access to power, Rule Books for your attendees, and any refreshments. Clinic dates are first come first serve so contact Jim Rose early.

2019/2020 Western Region Training Schedule

Umpire Academy and Clinics held at the Western Region Center

Dormitory Lodging and Cafeteria Meals available.

For more information please contact Don Waddell.

Academy and Clinics registration open on October 1, 2019

Exception:

"UIC: Train-The-Trainer" is currently open.

UIC: Train-The-Trainer
November 1-3, 2019

Umpire Academy - Fall Session (Full)
November 9-15, 2019

Rules & Regulations - Session I
January 17-19, 2020

Rules & Regulations - Session II
February 1-2, 2020

Umpire Academy - Spring Session
February 7-14, 2020

Softball Clinic
March 21-23, 2020

Umpire Advanced Clinic
June 4-7, 2020



From ADA, Geoff Shiu

California 4 District Meetings

California 4 District Meetings are monthly meetings...no meetings in July, August, and December. The meetings are usually on the third Tuesday of the month and will start at



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7pm, until March when remaining meetings will then start at 7:30pm. The meetings will be held at the UC Extension Office, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord except for October. The October meeting is Vendors Night, place to be determined. Dinner will be provided at 6:30pm, until March when dinner will be provided at 7pm. At these monthly meetings important and often time sensitive topics are discussed which may require leagues to respond to due dated issues. While attendees are usually league presidents, any local league officer may represent their league. Two representatives from each league is a good number.

These monthly meetings also offer a great opportunity for league representatives to ask questions concerning problems their league may have experienced or are currently facing. Often other leagues have already dealt with a similar problem and may have a quick solution for your league. Meetings are open to all league members that are in good standing within their own local league and California 4.

All leagues need to be represented at these monthly meetings. Information learned from these meetings should be reported back to their local board of directors and shared with their membership in a timely manner. To keep communications open we ask that league presidents keep their personal contact information current.

Please promptly report any contact updates to:
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Recap of the 2019 Tournament Season

Tournament of Champions

Baseball

- AA – Walnut Creek
- AAA – Walnut Creek
- Major – Walnut Creek
- 50/70 – East County
- Junior – Antioch

Softball

- AAA – East County
- Major – Walnut Creek
- Senior – Martinez

District 4 All Stars

Baseball

- 8-10 – Alameda
- 9-11 – Lafayette
- Little League – North Oakland
- 50/70 – East County
- Junior - NOLL/SOLL
- Senior – NOLL/SOLL

Softball

- 8-10 – East County
- Little League – Walnut Creek
- Junior – Martinez

Northern California Champions

Softball

- 8-10 – East County
- Junior – Martinez

Future Stars Baseball

- 8-10 – Alameda
- 9-11 – Alameda



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