



# California District 4

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## California 4 Little League

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## California D4 Finances

Opening Balance	25,695.91
Volunteer Dinner	1,504.00
Down payment	
Hall Rental	825.00
DA Travel Expense	1507.41
Lewis Cup Award (CALL)	250.00
Lewis Cup Award (Alameda)	500.00
Lewis Cup Award (Martinez)	1000.00
Volunteer Dinner	1,504.00
Down payment	
End of fiscal year Balance	18,605.50



## 2019 Volunteer Dinner

On Saturday September 28th the District held its annual appreciation dinner for the volunteers within District 4. The event was attended by over 90 volunteers and their spouses. All of the Volunteer of the Year winners from the 15 leagues were honored for their service. In addition, special guest Jenice Condie (current member of the International Board of Directors and District Administrator of CA 12) was in attendance. Also, on hand was Rick Duarte, District Administrator of CA 35 and Howard Dickson the winner of Little Leagues National Volunteer of the Year award. We wish to thank all of those that attended and look forward to your continued efforts in making Little League the best run volunteer youth sports organization in the world.



## 2019 Lewis Cup Award

Congratulations to Martinez Little League as they were crowned the 2019 Lewis Cup Champions at the 2019 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Saturday September 28. In addition to taking home the coveted Lewis Cup banner, Martinez Little league received a cash award of \$1000. Alameda Little League received a \$500 award for taking second place and Concord American Little League took home \$250 for their third-place finish. The complete standings for 2019 are as follows.

Martinez	3818
Alameda	3383
Concord American	3371
Walnut Creek	3362.5
East County	3273
North Oakland	2941
South Oakland	2939
Clayton Valley	2825
Pinole-Hercules	2815
Pittsburg	2686
Lafayette	2636
Concord Continental	2617.5
Antioch	2502
Richmond	2415
Albany	2093

## 2019 Ernie Lewis Dedicated Volunteer

The 2019 Award was made to Ron Matthews the president of Alameda Little League. Ron has demonstrated his love not only of the game of baseball, but more importantly his love for the youth of his community. During Ron's involvement in the league he has hosted the Section one and Northern California Little League tournaments. He has seen the construction of an entire new Challenge field for the disadvantaged youth of



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Alameda. He has also ushered in night baseball in the District with the addition of lights at his facility. Congratulations to Ron Matthews the winner of the Ernie Lewis Dedicated Volunteer Award.

## 2019 Bob Beberg Coaching Award

A new award was created for the 2019 season. Each year the District will honor a man or woman who best exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding manager or coach. The award is named after long time manager of the Concord American Rockets. Bob was a member of Concord American Little League for over 40 years. He not only was the manager of the Rockets during his tenure, but also served as UIC for the District and went on to umpire at the Little League World Series in Williamsport.

The winner of the first Bob Beberg Award went to Martinez Little League Phil Raines. Phil has spent the past 3 decades instilling his values of the game of baseball and softball to his players as well as his belief that volunteerism starts early. Phil has taught his teams not only the fundamentals of the game, but also the importance in giving back to the community. On any given day during the regular season it is not unusual for members of his teams to be actively involved at the fields lending a helping hand to those in need. Phil has also been instrumental in leading 3 different teams to 3 different Western Region Tournaments. He managed the Martinez Senior League softball team to a 2014 Western Region appearance in Missoula, Montana. In 2018 he took a Little League Softball team to San Bernardino and this past year took the Martinez Junior Softball team to Tucson, Arizona.

## Chartering Now Open

On October 1, the charter application and insurance enrollment process launched exclusively on [the Little League Data Center](#), marking the official start to the 2020 Little League Baseball® and Little League Softball® seasons. Before chartering, it is critical to log into the Little League Data Center to update your officers, review 2019 team information, and verify your website URL. To watch a video tutorial on how to complete the chartering and insurance enrollment process, visit [LittleLeague.org/CharterOnline](http://LittleLeague.org/CharterOnline).

- League Information needed to charter:

Review the league officers; as well as the charter and the participation information that was included in the 2019 charter. If there are any changes expected regarding player and team totals, additional divisions of play, and other adjustments of note, be sure to log into the Data Center, then update as registration is conducted.

- Charter in time to maintain insurance coverage for the coming season:

If your league utilized the group insurance program provided by AIG for the 2019 season, please remember that those policies will expire as of 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2020. It's important to have your charter approved, as well as your insurance renewed, and premiums paid in time for any of your 2020 league activities that will take place after January 1, 2020.



From ADA Challengers,  
Stephen Mohammed

Welcome to another exciting year of our Challenger program, I hope everyone had a great summer? Would you please send me all of the contact information for your Challenger Division VP? Also, we talked about getting more Corporate and personal donations for the Jamboree in April 2020. Would you please let Ted and I know if you have a company whom might be able to donate to us? Thank you



From ADA Little League Baseball,  
Steve Harris

Now that your Board of Directors have been formed and the planning has begun for the upcoming 2020 season, don't miss the opportunity to organize a Fall Ball league. There are many benefits to running a Fall Ball season: keeping the community engaged in the league, allowing the kids to continue playing ball, getting your league umpires some practice time without the pressure of league results, and most importantly, IT'S FUN!!! There's a nice article on Little League University (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/four-ways-to-make-the-most-of-fall-ball/>); it provides suggestions on how to get the most out of your Fall Ball program. I strongly suggest your leagues consider hosting a Fall Ball league and this article can help you make sure it's successful.



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## From Liz Berg, ADA Safety

**ASAP Template** - 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



## Little League University

### For Coaches:

## Five Reasons to Continue Your Coaching Education

**Pop quiz.** What was the title of Hall of Fame Major League Manager, Earl Weaver's autobiography?

The answer: "It's What You Learn After You Know It All That Counts."

That bit of wisdom was good enough to guide the World Series Championship

manager of the Baltimore Orioles, and it's motivation for you to continue your own coaching education.

Whichever combination of training, from district, state, or region clinics; Little League University; or other live and online options, that you may choose, pursuing continuing education is crucial to your enjoyment and effectiveness as a coach.

### Continuing education keeps the coaching experience fresh for you.

Baseball and softball are endlessly fascinating sports. The deeper and more nuanced your knowledge of the games, the more they fascinate. If you have the slightest twinge of burnout or a sense that your coaching has become a paint-by-numbers exercise, a coaching course or clinic will quickly remind you of what you love about the sport and why you started coaching in the first place.

### Education can re-shape your view of your role as a coach.

The wide variety of courses and clinics available cover some combination of fundamental skills, game strategy and tactics, and sports psychology. The best ones not only impart that knowledge to you, but also teach you exactly how to pass that knowledge along to players. Once you learn how to share knowledge, not just possess it, you can have major impact on your Little Leaguers®, both as players and as people. Empowered as an educator yourself, you gain the intrinsic reward of helping children. And, once those kids see you as a proven provider of baseball or softball information that helps them improve, they are that much more likely to listen to you about life lessons (which are even more rewarding to share than sports lessons).

**You gain confidence.**

Even if you take just a few tidbits from your continuing education, you now know that you know more than you did before. The fact that you went out of your way to improve will make you more decisive in practices and games and in building your team culture. That sense of confidence can exude leadership that goes a long way with players, their parents, fellow coaches, and even umpires.

### You improve.

That may seem obvious as a reason to pursue continuing education. But let's face it, plenty of people are satisfied with whatever level they have achieved, and many others feel they cannot (or need not!) improve.

Nothing will invigorate your coaching like re-investing time and energy into being the best you can possibly be, and then seeing actual, measurable improvement in your coaching, in player performance, and in how you help players develop as people.

### You demonstrate to players and their parents your commitment to improving.

That can't help but rub off on your players. When they know you have worked to improve, they are more likely to work to improve. Parents who see you having that effect on their kids will become friends and allies for life, and more of your community will gain from the idea that "It's What You Learn After You Know It All That Counts."

Additional free resources from PCA are available at [www.PCDevZone.org](http://www.PCDevZone.org). For more ideas on getting the most out of your players while teaching life lessons, take the full-length Little League Double-Goal Coach® Course at:

<http://shopping.positivecoach.org/Little-League-DGC>

By David Jacobson, Positive Coaching Alliance



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From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

### League Chief Umpire Meeting

The first meeting of the League Chief Umpires will be Tuesday, November 13th at 7:00 pm at the UC Cooperative Extension office at 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord. This is an important meeting to help the League Chief Umpires with their duties for the new season. Attendance by each League Chief Umpire is required or send a substitute.

### District 4 Umpire Staff Will Run Your Rules Clinics

This year the District 4 umpire staff is offering to run your League Rules Clinic. We will provide the teaching staff and a 2 1/2-hour Little League rules presentation that is a suitable for managers, coaches, umpires and other volunteers. The host leagues need to arrange for the meeting room which must have a projection screen and power outlets, along with Rule Books, local rule handouts, and any refreshments. To arrange a date for your Rules Clinic contact Don Waddell.

### Western Region Training Opportunities

A reminder that several Western Region training opportunities are scheduled to be held at the Regional Center in San Bernardino. These are excellent opportunities for your umpires or other volunteers to get the best instruction on organization, rules and mechanics. Here are the clinics:

### Umpire in Chief/Train the Trainer – November 1-3.

All League Chief Umpires should attend this clinic at least once, and perhaps every other year. This clinic is designed to get you ready for your job as League Chief Umpire, focusing on volunteer umpire program recruitment, development, recognition, and retention.

You will walk away with the tool kit for your job as Chief Umpire, how to work with your board, how to run a training clinic, and more.

### Rules Clinics – January 17-19 and January 31 - February 2.

Review of Little League rules and regulations for all league members – managers, coaches, board members, umpires.

### Umpire Mechanics Clinic - January 31 - February 2<sup>nd</sup>

This clinic will emphasize the on-field experience and umpiring philosophy for local league as well as District umpires. Base and plate mechanics will be taught with an eye towards attendees learning new skills, removing some of the rust as the season approaches and bringing training information back to the leagues and Districts. Umpire gear is required.

### Softball Umpire Clinic March 20 – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Little League's Western Region is proud to present its first ever umpire training clinic designed exclusively for the Little League Softball Umpire! If you haven't umpired softball before, this is a chance to expand your game. Most of the mechanics used to umpire a Little League softball game are universal throughout Little League. If you are an experienced softball umpire, this is an opportunity to get ready for the season, meet other softball umpires and expand your softball umpire network. Over the course of the weekend we will reinforce the basics of Little League's two-umpire mechanics system - both on the plate and in the field. In addition, you will learn both the rules and on-field mechanics that apply specifically to softball. WE will address recent rule changes within the softball program, provide you drill repetitions on the field, along with plate work the cages

and simulate live game opportunities. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions of Softball Regional and World Series umpires. Come join a group of highly-qualified Western Region instructors for a weekend of education and camaraderie as we work to continue to expand the Little League Softball program!

