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California D4 Finances

Opening Balance	21,912.11
Challenger Donation	3,000.00
March Bank Fee	3.00
Umpire Lunch	95.52
Clinic Printing	208.65
Umpire Patches	107.20
Umpire Rule Books	249.00
Training Supplies	42.15
Umpire Hats	391.50
RoundTable Pins	3,337.54
February Dinner	393.35
Office Supplies	29.35
Vendor Donations	500.00
League Dues (CVLL,Richmond, Alameda)	11,581.00
April Bank Fee	3.00
Website Fees	125.82
June Bank Fee	3.00
Storage Fee	205.00
Wilson Trophy (King of Clubs)	557.56
August Bank Fee	3.00
Ending Balance	31,238.47



I would like to personally welcome everyone to the 2021 Little League season.

As we saw in 2020, this will be a challenging time. For the first time since the inception of Little League in 1939 an entire season was lost due to our

current circumstances. With any luck on the horizon, we may be able to cobble together a normal (whatever that is any more) season for our baseball, softball, and challenger players and families.

I believe our biggest challenge in the upcoming months will be to reestablish the enthusiasm and trust that our families have for the Little League programs. With few or no games having been played in the 2020 season and the lack of a tournament season, it is easy to forget about what might have been.

There is also a concern amongst our membership regarding the financial wellbeing of our leagues and what another season without play would mean to them and their personal finances.

We must make every effort to make all of them feel welcomed and comfortable with the decision each one of our District leagues are making. This includes precautions for all of our members once we return to our familiar surroundings for practice and games. Each league should be setting forth protocols that will be used once we receive permission to return to the activity of youth sports. Most certainly the State of California and our local health agencies will also play a vital role in the decision we make and protocols we will implement.

Finally, I would like to welcome our 2 newest league presidents. Colby Powell of Lafayette and Zack Torrey of Clayton Valley. The District staff and I are here to lend our support in your efforts to make each of your leagues prosperous and fun for years to come.

I would also like to thank Dan Ventrelle for 15 years of service to Lafayette LL. His dedication to the youth of his community was exemplary. Additionally, thanks to Joe Knapp for his 3 years of service as the president at Clayton Valley.



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I and the board look forward to meeting with all of you monthly. Although it will look different from the past for the near future, we also look forward to seeing you in person in the foreseeable future.

District Administrator Ted Boet



From Geoff Shiu, ADA

League Presidents...Welcome to the 2021 Season.

I am excited and looking forward for the sound of baseball and softball being played again in our local communities. Ted Boet, your District 4 Administrator, has confirmed that his entire California 4 Staff will be returning for the 2021 Season. This is a blessing as we all need to work together to start the 2021 Season smoothly.

Any questions or concerns please reach out for the Staff person responsible for your division.

Past seasons many leagues required interleague play with neighboring leagues.

Good communication is absolutely vital for leagues to have a successful season.

Pandemic has caused many families to make some major changes with their employment, travel, communications, etc..

If your contact information has changed...please forward new information to Geoffrey Shiu...["MIB17@comcast.net"](mailto:MIB17@comcast.net) as soon as possible.

Geoffrey Shiu
CA4 Assistant District Administrator

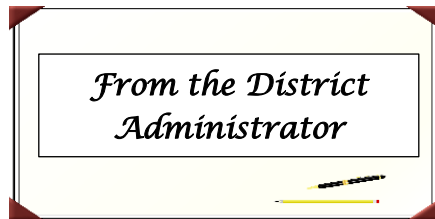


**From ADA Safety Officer,
Liz Berg**

Practice and Air Quality

If your league is actively practicing, please remember to take the air quality into account. Using an app such as **AirVisual** (used by most school districts) provides immediate readings. You can also go airnow.gov on any web browser. Your league may determine the safest number in which play may continue, however, AQI readings in the Red should be considered unsafe and AQI readings in Purple or above 201 range should be an immediate cease to all outdoor activities. Be Smart! Be Safe!

AQI Basics for Ozone and Particle Pollution Chart is on the fourth page.



League Credit at Headquarters

Alameda LL	664.00
Albany LL	686.00
Antioch LL	140.00
Clayton Valley LL	477.00
Concord American LL	409.00
Continental LL	238.00
East County LL	700.00
Lafayette LL	570.00
Martinez LL	619.00
North/South Oakland LL	953.00
Pinole Hercules LL	210.00
Pittsburg LL	127.00
Richmond LL	160.00
Walnut Creek LL	804.00



From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

Umpire in Chief Position on the District 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, including the recruiting, training, scheduling and recognition of volunteer 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 name and contact information for their League Chief Umpire to Don Waddell as soon as possible.



AQI Basics for Ozone and Particle Pollution

Daily AQI Color	Levels of Concern	Values of Index	Description of Air Quality
Green	Good	0 to 50	Air quality is satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.
Yellow	Moderate	51 to 100	Air quality is acceptable. However, there may be a risk for some people, particularly those who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
Orange	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101 to 150	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is less likely to be affected.
Red	Unhealthy	151 to 200	Some members of the general public may experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
Purple	Very Unhealthy	201 to 300	Health alert: The risk of health effects is increased for everyone.
Maroon	Hazardous	301 and higher	Health warning of emergency conditions: everyone is more likely to be affected.

District Administrator 2019 Report Card

Number of Evaluations	14
Has ADAs	Yes 100%
Availability Satisfaction	Completely Satisfied 85.7% Somewhat Satisfied 14.3%
Number of Meetings	7 14.3% 8 28.6% 9 21.4% 10 28.6% 12 7.1%
Knowledge Rating	Excellent 92.9% Satisfactory 7.1%
Documentation Responsiveness	Yes 100%
Provides Budget	Yes 100%
Provides Treasurer Report	Yes 100%