



California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –
Senior League – Challenger
September 21, 2021 District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 7:06 pm, via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions

Staff Attendance: Ted Boet, Geoff Shiu, Don Waddell, Liz Berg, Phil Raines, Stephen Mohammed, Carla Moore, Grayson Lawrence, Don Mayjoffo

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

Also in attendance: Travis Eastman (East County Rep), Michelle Vierra (Martinez LL), Matt Avery (Pinole Hercules LL), Chris B. (Clayton Valley LL), Ben Navarro (Pittsburg LL)

District 4 Administrator: Ted Boet:

- D4 Staff
- Contacts
- Charts of COVID Studies
- Calendar of Events
- Looking for Presidents for Antioch LL and Pittsburg LL
- Stats on Vaccinations
- Thank you to Alameda LL/Ron Matthews for hosting the bulk of Post Season LL Baseball games; Martinez LL/Phil Raines for hosting Softball Post Season games; NOLL/SOLL for hosting the Sr. Nor Cal Baseball Tournament – won by NOLL/SOLL
- D4 Meetings – October & November will be Zoom, hopefully in January we can meet in-person; No Vendors – I am contacting them and will pass on their information to you
- No Volunteer Dinner
- Lewis Cup – suspended again this year
- Changes to the D4 Staff – Grayson will now be the Teenage Baseball ADA; Don Mayjoffo returns to us as the LL Baseball ADA.

Assistant District Administrator, Geoff Shiu:

- **Welcome** – to Presidents and Thank you for doing a great job last year keeping everyone informed in your league.
- **Fall Ball** – a lot of leagues do this, good way to keep everyone updated.
- **Post Season** – you all were awesome, enjoyed the Post Season and Umpiring
- **New Season** – I look forward to working with you folks in 2022.

Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell:

- **Hello** – Hello everyone another season is upon us. I want to thank those leagues who provided umpires for Post Season, 60 Umpires. Umpires that were excited and UICs that were excited to schedule had large crews on games. Only one Official Protest, possible small ones.
- **Newsletter** – There is a list of top performers: Walnut Creek had a large number of youth umpires, other leagues had youth umps also. I had a chance to send out a survey to the umpires. I will send you the results.

Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- **Contact Info** – Please get me the contact info for your Softball Rep or
- **Registration** – Leagues should get started sooner so that your Rep will have number of youth playing when we meet to make schedules. There were a lot of cancellations due to leagues scheduling games based on what they thought they would have.

Good Luck everyone this year! I'll be in touch.



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Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

Hi Everybody, I'm your Safety Officer for the District.

- **Tryouts** – No ASAP = No Tryouts until the ASAP is completed.
- **New this year - OPIOID Fact sheet** : Leagues are to give to parents to sign. You can make it a part of the League Registration process, paper or electronic.

I look forward to new season.

Ted Boet – The Opioid Fact sheet is available on the D4 website under Forms. It became a law a few years ago. I was made aware of it by Arnold Lum/Pinole Hercules LL.

League Insurance – Leagues are covered till the end of the year (December 31st), this includes Fall Ball. Leagues are not covered for the 2022 season till you pay the Insurance Fee.

Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

Hi Everyone! We're doing ok. My wife had to go back to the doctor for treatment. I would like to thank everyone who sent thoughts for me when I had my stroke.

- **Contact Info**: Please send me the contact info for your league's Challenger Rep.

Teenage Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence:

- **Contact Info** – Please send me the contact info for your league's Teenage BB Rep
- **Interleague** – I will help any league that is interested in Interleague
- **Game Scheduling** – we will meet in February to set the game schedules
- **Rules Clinic** – will be held in February

Little League Baseball ADA, Don Mayjoffo:

- **Interleague Schedule** – lots of cancellations last year. I want to work on that this year.
- **Visits** – I will be visiting every league and complex to see how I can help. When I visit I will wear a D4 shirt. If I see something that is wrong/incorrect I will speak up at an appropriate time.

Little League Baseball is very important to me. It is my life. Antioch LL Is in dire straits. I spent 53 years there.

District 4 Administrator: Ted Boet:

- **D4 Staff meeting** – we met last Saturday to discuss the upcoming year.
 - a. There are eleven of us on the staff. Of the eleven of us we total 133 years of district staff experience.
 - b. Ted – starting his 31st year on the D4 Staff
 - c. Geoff Shiu – starting his 35th year on the D4 Staff
 - d. Geoff and I are grateful to Mr. Lewis for appointing us to the staff
- **Presidents tell about their Fall Ball experience**
 - a. **Alameda/Ron Matthews** –
 1. Volunteer Dinner, they should be recognized. I'll be giving my Volunteer of the Year a Gift Card to a restaurant so they can take their significant other out.
Ted Boet – I will provide the awards for the leagues who have a Volunteer of the Year. Send me their name and I will place the orders.
 2. Fall Ball – 260 kids. In past years it was half that amount. Parents feel more comfortable since it is outdoors. Other leagues are welcome to come play with us. Weekends only, all day, we have lights for Friday and Saturday nights.
 - b. **Albany/Frank Knowles** –
150 kids, Sundays only, Instructional. 50% more enrolled than what we thought would register. Annual meeting to be held soon to get ready for Spring Registration in a month.
Just an FYI to the leagues of D4 –we do not participate in Post Season due to our 11 & 12 year olds play Intermediate (50/70). We hold an internal All Star play for the league. It is very popular.
Travis from East County asked – How many years Hs Albany played that structure?



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Response: Since 50/70 was introduced by Little League headquarters. About 7-8 years. First year was a big issue for the 11 & 12 year olds so they played 2 halves; 1st Half by Majors Rules and the 2nd Half by 50/70 Rules, 12 games each half. We sent a 12 year team to D4 All Star Tournament and they had a hard time transitioning to the smaller field. Next year 11 & 12 year olds played 50/70 and continue to do so; 9 & 10 year olds play Majors. Don't lose many kids to Travel Ball.

c. Clayton Valley/Zack Torrey –

1. Thank you to Alameda for hosting the 10-12 All Star Tournament, did a fantastic job, we had a great time.
2. Fall Ball – 235 kids, doubled from last year. Sundays only. Have talked to other leagues for play. Please let me know if interested.
3. Spring Registration – starts next month, hopefully for a “normal” year.

d. Continental/Jake Spurlock –

1. Paired with Walnut Creek LL for this next year for play
2. Fall Ball – 350 kids between Continental and Walnut Creek; Sundays only; No interest in interleague play due to having enough teams in house.
3. Oakland A's Uniform donation – once again we have ordered shirts & hats from the A's (1400 each). We hope to have to use all of them. Ordered them last week

DA Ted Boet – Any leagues interested I will get you the contact information for the A's Uniforms next month. A's and Kaiser have partnered for the donations.

Other presidents spoke saying they need to order sooner rather than next month.

e. East County/Travis Eastman –

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Items due October 19th to Ted Boet:

- League Board of Directors
- League Calendar of Events
- 2020 Tax Return, this should have been filed by January 2021

Items to be e-mailed to the presidents:

1. District Budget
2. District Calendar – tournaments and clinics
3. September Newsletter
4. Lewis Cup – How it works
5. Operations Manual (a few updates) – will send an electronic version to all presidents and a hard copy to the two new presidents
6. Taxes are due January 15th, Fiscal year ends September 30th
7. TOC – is still the same time frame
8. Any info needed by Ted before the next meeting will be on the calendar.

Adjourned: 8:05 pm

Next meeting: October 19, 2021, 7pm via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions, DA Ted Boet will email the link