



# California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –  
Senior League – Challenger  
**September 19, 2023 District 4 Meeting**



**Meeting Called to Order:** 8:00 pm, at UCCE – Contra Costa, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

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

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

## District Administrator, Ted Boet:

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting for those who are league president; Ron Matthews, Alameda LL President – 20 consecutive years
- Volunteer Dinner – new Award to be presented “Ron Matthews Award”
- Thanked the District 4 Staff and told how many years each have served D4
- ASAP Awards Luncheon – only Das with 20 consecutive years of 100% participation were invited to attend; It was the nicest one yet
- LL Districts in USA = 330; LL Districts in West Region = 24
- Newsletter was sent out at 8am. Good info included, Please read
- President is responsible for appointing all volunteers. At some point do this have it entered into your league Minutes.

## LL Baseball ADA, Geoff Shiu:

- Thanked all of the leagues that participated in LL Interleague Baseball. Huge thank you to Lafayette and Walnut Creek who did not need to participate but did to help out other leagues.
- Please look at your calendar and try to help those leagues that need games. If you have an odd number of teams they can pick up a Saturday game.
- We had good contact info to be able to reach out and prevent long drives or anything else.
- Please send Contact Info to me for all levels of play (AA, AAA, Majors)
- Thank you Lafayette for hosting the 8-10 Baseball Tournament. Your volunteers learned and did a great job. Kid announcer was awesome, adults did fine. Volunteers did great field work.

## Assistant District Administrator, Geoff Shiu

- When planning your league calendar – Do Not announce League Season ends in June. Let them know July for Post Season play, Announcer, Scorekeepers, and Snack Bar Help.
- West Region Senior Baseball Tournament at Laney College in July
- Volunteers – it helps to have more people involved in the league to help it grow. Have more people informed with the correct information, more leaders – well informed leaders. Thank you for last year and for the upcoming season.

**DA Ted:** There is a chart in the booklet you will receive lists participants in your league from 2007-2020. Pink indicates the lowest point in Softball or Baseball, Green indicates highest point in Softball or Baseball. District is at 86% of best year of 2016.

## Secretary, Carla Moore

- Board of Directors roster – please send to me by October meeting. I will email them to the D4 Staff. Email addresses and phone numbers for all D4 Staff are listed on the front page of the newsletter.

## Training Coordinator and Asst. UIC Softball, Jim Rose

- Rules Clinics: There will be four in February, these are for Everyone (managers, coaches, umpires, volunteers)
  1. Basic Rules in Baseball and Softball
  2. Teenage Rules
  3. Softball Rules (will be In-person)
- Manager/Coach Meetings: I will come and speak about Behavior on the Field, Rules, anything else you may want me to cover. Feel free to take advantage.

**DA Ted:** We are the only district to have a Training Coordinator. Jim was an instructor at Cal State Sacramento



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## Assistant ADA Chief Umpire Baseball, Candido Anicete:

- Post Season: Over 100 umpires, youth to adult from the leagues. Thank you for your support.
- Please share the Contact Info for your league UIC.
- Fall Ball: this is a good time to recruit umpires. We will be out at games.
- Jim Rose and I have been invited to Evaluation Camps for Little League Baseball and Softball.

## Big Diamond Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence

- Big Diamond Baseball: 50/70, Juniors, Seniors
- Any questions you may have for these divisions send them to me
- Interleague Scheduling in February for those who want to participate
- There were 49 teams last year across all levels, almost every league hosted Post Season games

## Challengers ADA, Stephen Mohammed, Sr.

- Thank you everyone who has teams last year. It was a great year.
- I am looking for someone to help with getting donations for the Jamboree. If someone with your league will help please have them contact me.

**DA Ted: DA Ted:** My favorite day of the year is the Challenger Jamboree. There is not one parent that thinks they're player is the next Major League Baseball player. Everyone is there to have FUN!  
At the Little League World Series Tournament Challenger game all of the International Teams cheer every player as they come to bat and then mingle with them after the game.

## Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- Leagues who have softball please send me the contact information for your Softball Reps.
- February – Rules Clinic and Scheduling Meeting
- I look forward to the new season
- Start recruiting now for the Spring
- Boundaries: Part of Antioch will go to Pittsburg Little League
- Number of players in the district have been improving
- Post Season teams that have been excelling are hybrid Little League/Travel Ball
  - a. League/House Teams play Monday – Thursday; Travel Team play Friday – Sunday
  - b. Albany Baseball splits travel players across their house teams so enough players to play on weekends.
  - c. Call me if you are interested in having a Travel Team

## Western Region Tournament Chairman, Paul Rosky

- 11 teams participated this year
- There is a ton of Volunteer opportunities
- Arnold Lum, Thank you for all of the time you gave
- Snack bar – all Tips are given to the Kid Workers
- Laney College – all turf field, no field prep needed
- Volunteers are needed for the Snack Bar
- Lots of GREAT! Baseball
- District 4 team has beaten Hawaii at night v Hawaii beats District 4 team during game
- Thank you to everyone who made it a success

## Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

- **Live Scan** – January 2024, State Law requirement
- **ORI** – is needed by every league for the Live Scan
- **First year** will be BIG, the following years only NEW volunteers will need to do a Live Scan; as long as a volunteer continues with your league they do not need to do another Live Scan
- **ORI** – Alameda, Clayton Valley, Martinez and Concord American have one



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- **Assistance with Request for ORI:** I can help if you need it, please email or call
- **ASAP Safety Plan:** start working on it now. It is super easy now.
- **Assistance with ASAP:** I can help you
  - a. Data Center: download and update the dates and Board Members
- **Injuries:** Injury Form, please submit a copy to me so that I can track also
  - a. No Injury Report: Little League Insurance will not cover medical costs
  - b. Live Scan Event: If Liz gets her Business License this can occur.
    1. Alameda had sign ups for Managers/Coaches – had a local Live Scan business do them.
  - c. Cost: Anywhere from \$30-\$40, one time as long as they remain a volunteer
- **Live Scans:** if not completed on Volunteers the league's Board of Directors can be held libel
  - a. 52 school districts have Sexual Abuse Suits right now; there was 1 case in 1960's
  - b. There is a Live Scan section in your D4 manual with How and Why's
- **ORI paperwork** should be submitted by the end of the week; ask Liz for contact info for submission
  - a. Liz will forward to presidents the paperwork for ORI and contact info to send the completed paperwork

## District Administrator, Ted Boet:

- **Elections:** Concord American and Walnut Creek will hold theirs next week
- **League Constitutions:** will be sent to Western Region headquarters. If you have made changes please send the updated version to me before the October meeting.
- **Fiscal Year:** ends September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Send your Financial Report to Becky Bassett at Little League Headquarters, this is required of all leagues
- **Insurance:** returning presidents should have received a letter from Pat Wilson about Little League Insurance, there is a copy in the newsletter
- **D4 Calendar for 2023-2024:** changes/corrections will be made and then uploaded onto the D4 website
- **Volunteer Dinner:** possibly Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Thank you to those leagues that have sent me name for your Volunteer of the Year
  - b. Leagues: you can still send me your Volunteer of the Year name
- **Urban Initiative Softball Jamboree:** District 4 will no longer host. Southern California will host due to more teams there.
- **January Round Tables: for D4 Staff** – held every two years. Little League instituted the Round tables to discuss Rule Changes halfway between International Congress that is held every four years.
- **Fields availability**
  - a. Albany is up in the air as to the continued use of the University fields.
  - b. Alameda is losing a field this summer.
  - c. Fields are a premium now. District needs fields through the middles of July for All Star play. Need fields through middle of June for Tournament of Champions.
  - d. Participation in Tournament of Champions: a league must provide fields in order to participate.
- **All Star Tournaments hosted by District 4**
  - a. Junior Baseball Section to be played at Concord High School
  - b. Junior Softball Nor Cal

**Adjourned: 10:00 pm**

**Next meeting:** October 17, 2023, Vendors Night at Alhambra High School, Commons Area outside the Cafeteria;  
Dinner and Vendors: 7pm – 8:30pm; Dinner: New Mecca Café of Pittsburg  
8:30-9pm: short meeting  
Presidents please bring at least six people to meet with the Vendors