



Cupertino National Little League

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Message From The President

Hello, baseball fans young and old. For those of you who may not know, the new President for Cupertino National Little League is Derrick Hirsch. As the President, I want to thank all of you (over 100 people) who voted in the August election.

With 1992 behind us now, we all have something to look forward to—the beginning of a brand new season of Little League Baseball. That's right, just around the corner are sign-ups, tryouts, and before you know it, Opening Day will be here.

A lot of work has been going on to prepare for another fun-filled baseball season, but as most of you know much more work is needed throughout the season.

One important task the Board has each year is selecting managers. The selection process is serious business, as it guarantees the quality of our league. With this in mind, I would like feedback from you about your manager from last season. A questionnaire is enclosed with this newsletter for that purpose and will help the Board make informed decisions.

To build a "Quality" program, there are two items that are essential: (1) total commitment to continuous improvement from all the members and (2) continuous feedback. To provide the community with a quality league, I need to know what *isn't* working just as much as I need to know what *is* working. This questionnaire is the beginning of our commitment to each other and to the league. Please take the time to fill it out and return it.

In addition to "evaluating" managers, I am also interested in getting feedback from the players and parents on their overall view of *CNLL*. You may feel there are aspects of our program that are outstanding and require no change, but you may also feel there are aspects that bother you and need improvement. For example, some parents have expressed a dislike for the Hit-A-Thon, the method we have used to raise funds (a necessity to keep the league afloat). Other people do not care for the tryout process and draft system. There may be other areas of concern to some of you. Speak up, I will listen. Effective immediately I am establishing a Fund Raising Task Force to look into possible alternatives to present methods. If you want to be on it, please sign up at registration. If other issues concern you, let me know and we'll work together.

I anxiously await your responses to the questionnaire and the familiar call from Blue, "Play ball!"

CNLL Calendar

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JANUARY

- 7 Board meeting, Quinlan Center, 7-9 PM.
- 16 Sign-ups, Quinlan Center, 10AM-1PM.
- 20 Sign-ups, Quinlan Center, 7-9PM.
- 23 Sign-ups, Quinlan Center, 10AM-1PM.
- 24 Practice/warm-ups for tryouts, Jollyman 10AM-3PM.
- 28 Board meeting, Quinlan Center, 7-9 PM.
- 30 Tryouts, Jollyman 9AM-4PM.
- 31 Tryouts, Jollyman 9AM-4PM.

FEBRUARY

- 4 Board meeting, Quinlan Center, 7-9 PM.
- 6 Tryouts, Jollyman 9AM-4PM.
- 7 Tryouts, Jollyman 9AM-4PM [IF NEEDED, RAIN MAKE-UP].
- 13 & 14 Coaches clinic, 1½ day, mandatory for all T-Ball & Minors coaches, open for all, place/time TBA.
- 20 & 21 Tryouts, Junior/Senior/Big Leagues, Kennedy, 9AM-3PM.

MARCH

- 4 Board meeting, Quinlan Center, 7-9 PM.
- 13 Umpire's clinic, p/t TBA.
- 20 Umpire's clinic, p/t TBA.
- 27 Umpire's clinic, p/t TBA.

APRIL

- 1 Board meeting, Quinlan Center, 7-9 PM.
- 3 **OPENING DAY**, Jollyman.

Managers WANTED

If you ever wanted to manage a baseball team, from T-Ball up to the Big Leagues, now may be your opportunity. *CNLL* is looking for quality managers for all divisions. All levels of baseball require managers and coaches who are extremely knowledgeable about the game and about the children playing the game.

The manager in Little League is considered the most important volunteer in the organization. They are the adults who are teaching our children basic baseball skills, teamwork, strategy, and sportsmanship. They are also the ones responsible for building our children's self-esteem, or breaking it down. The manager is indeed a very important person. Now is the time for all interested parents to step forward and say, "I can do it! I can teach these kids how to play baseball, how to be good sports, how to feel good about themselves, and how to have fun." Even if you do not fully understand the game, do not despair, we will teach you so you can teach the children.

All managers of T-Ball and Minors teams will participate in a 1½-day coaches clinic on Feb. 13-14 (full day Saturday and half day Sunday). Others who are interested in attending should call *CNLL* for more information.

So remember, if you think you have what it takes to be a *CNLL* manager, then be prepared to sign up at the volunteer table at registration on Jan. 16, 20, or 23. Or if you want to take immediate action, call the appropriate Division Director today (see list of Board members on page 3 for phone numbers).

FUNDRAISERS

Unfortunately, *CNLL* can not survive totally on volunteerism, we must also ask that you allow your child to participate in at least one of our planned fundraisers for the year. Typically, registration, fundraisers, and team sponsorship each account for about one-third of our annual income. Many of the Board members would like to see the cost to the child, the registration fee, lowered, but in order to do that we must raise more from sponsors and from fundraising. In the future we want to give you options for your child's involvement in a fundraiser. Many of you are aware of the Hit-a-Thon, a very worthwhile venture by *CNLL*. We will definitely have the Hit-a-Thon back for 1993. We would like to make an alternative available for those who wish not to participate in the Hit-a-Thon.

Many of our league parents help the schools and other organizations with fundraisers and have many excellent ideas and suggestions. If you are one of these people or if you just want to get involved and help us bring down the cost of playing baseball, please let us know—sign up for the Fund Raising Task Force. It is never too early to start planning for the future. Call Sharon Bauer for more information.

Snack Shack News

WOW! Check it out at Jollyman. A lot has happened since you last had a snack there. Kids and parents both will like what they see—and eat!

Role of the Player Agent

The role of the Player Agent is one of the most important to the successful operation of *CNLL*. The Player Agent assists the league President in carrying out the important responsibilities of:

- (1) supervising the player selection system or draft,
- (2) maintaining complete player records,
- (3) handling trades and replacements, and
- (4) maintaining eligibility certification and team rosters.

If you have a question on the methods and procedures for selecting and maintaining player personnel, ask Rick Hamilton or Charlie Waters, the Player Agents.

Safety Sam Says:

Little League Baseball has the best record of safety and protection of any youth athletic program in the world. These safety practices result from continuing studies, application of rigid standards in equipment, and the adoption of rules and regulations distilled from long experience. The medical world has praised Little League for instituting regulations which limit physical exertion during this critical phase in the child's development.

Parents can be assured their children utilize the best and safest equipment available. Little League Baseball has created an atmosphere of concern and safety-consciousness unequalled by other programs, and we in *CNLL* are no different from our parent organization—safety is our main goal.

The Goals of Cupertino National Little League:

1. Create an environment in which children and adults have fun with baseball.
2. Teach baseball skills, rules, and strategy to our players.
3. Model and teach competitiveness with an emphasis on good sportsmanship.
4. Promote increased self-esteem among CNLL children and adults.

The Crucial Role of the Manager:

The most important person in CNLL is the team manager. The players look to the manager for instruction, encouragement, and inspiration. Coaches and parents take their cues from the manager. Our goals can be met only if managers embrace them and work to achieve them.

VOLUNTEERS

The success of any non-profit organization depends on the charity of its members. Please be a concerned parent—help your Little League. Registration (Jan. 16, 20, 23) is the perfect time for parents to get involved. Get a firsthand look at the Little League program by volunteering your services for one or more of the numerous duties needed for the successful operation of *CNLL*.

Did you know that it takes almost 100 volunteers to successfully run Opening Day? That's a lot of duties for one day, just think of how many other volunteers are needed throughout the season. On registration day, be ready to get involved, and experience the satisfaction and pride of helping your local Little League.

For more information on what you can do to help, please contact Sharon Bauer, Parent Auxiliary (see page 3 for number).

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CNLL Playing Fields—Are They Safe?

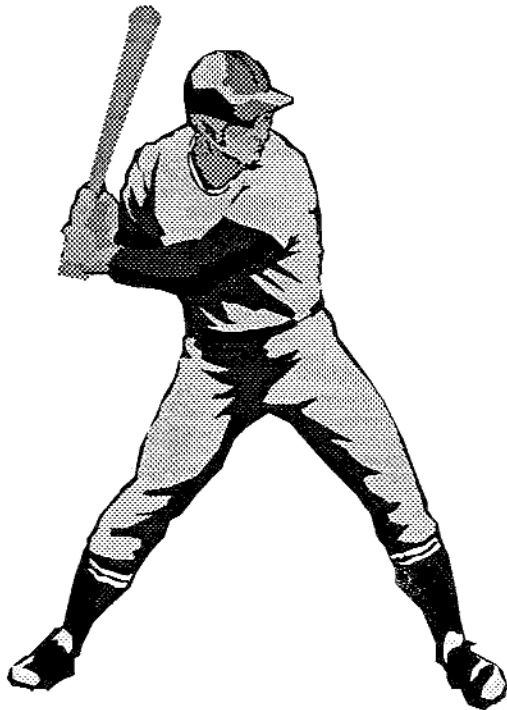
After several years of poor maintenance and neglect, we find our fields in various stages of disrepair. This sorry condition is a result of budget cut-backs by the city. In order to bring the fields up to a standard that is considered suitable and safe for baseball, our Little League has a lot of work that needs to be done. We will need considerable support from league parents to get this accomplished in time for the season. This support can come in many forms, as we need material, labor, and funds. I am sure that everybody can contribute in some way, whether it

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is a few hours of weeding or raking on the field, donating a can of paint or a box of grass seed, or asking a friend, acquaintance, or employer if they or someone they know can make a donation to the league. All of our kids play on these fields so it should be all of our concern to make them safe. We are in the process of reviewing the condition of the fields to determine what repairs need to be done, and we will keep you informed. All suggestions are welcome and much help is needed, so please give Dane Oliver, Fields Manager, a call at 996-1334.

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baseball sign ups
are happening
January 16, 20, and 23
at Quinlan Community
Center. See inside for
further information.