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California 4 Finances

-May Statement-

Dues	1,866.00
Vendor Fees	250.00
Challenger Donation	19.44
Tournament Fee	500.00
Umpire Sales	441.50
District Expense	101.92
Challenger Food	1,637.25
Umpire Clinic	51.00
May Dinner	38.97
Umpire Clinic	75.50
Ending Balance	**$41,986.46**

-June Statement-

WR Donation (Hospitality)	1,000.00
Dues	4,932.00
Awards	12,900.08
May Dinner	884.44
Verification Supplies	236.92
Office Supplies	23.95
Bank Fees	3.00
DA Travel Fund	100.00
World Series Ad	650.00
Verification Supplies	128.44
Verification Supplies	108.46
Umpire Supplies	26.15
Bank Fees	3.00
Ending Balance	**$30,854.02**

-July Statement-

WR Donation (Popcorn Machine)	342.36
Printing	905.06
Improvement (Cooler)	35.00
Umpire Hats	2,365.30
Awards	6,639.12
DA Travel	229.40
Verification Supplies	404.97
Antioch Loan	942.00
WR Travel Antioch	500.00
WR Travel Martinez	2,484.00
ADA Travel	1,000.00
Umpire Sales	1,017.00
Ending Balance	**$16,023.81**

-August Statement-

District 4 Banner	150.42
DA Travel	506.79
Bank Fees	3.00
Ending Balance	**$15,363.60**

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-September Statement-

DA Travel	995.01
September Dinner	30.20
Bank Fees	3.00
Ending Balance	**$14,335.39**

Lewis Cup

-2014 Winner-

The Lewis Cup, named after Ernie Lewis who was the former District 4 Administrator for over 40 years, is annually awarded to the league in District 4 that best represents Little League principles and District 4 policies. 2014 Lewis Cup Winner and the top 4 leagues will be announce at the September District 4 Meeting.

Western Region News

-2015 Regional Clinics-

The following training opportunities will be available at the Western Region Center for the 2015 Season. Registration opens on **October 1, 2014**. Dates and times to be announced.

- Chief Umpire "Train The Trainer"
- Player Agent Seminar
- Umpire Field Mechanics
- Rules Clinic #1
- Rules Clinic #2
- Score Keeper Clinic
- Week Long Adult umpire School

"I trust in God
I love my country
And will respect its laws
I will play fair
And strive to win
But win or lose
I will always do my best"

-TOC Baseball Champions-

AA Minors----------North Oakland
AAA Minors----------South Oakland
Major League----------Walnut Creek
Intermediate 50-70--------Pinole Hercules
Junior League----------South Oakland

-TOC Softball Champions-

AAA Minors-----Walnut Creek/Continental
Major League----------Martinez
Senior League----------Martinez

-All-Star Baseball District Champions-

9-10----------North Oakland
10-11----------Lafayette
11-12----------Alameda
Intermediate 50-70----------North Oakland
Junior League-------North/South Oakland
Senior League-------North/South Oakland

Lafayette was the 10-11 Northern California Champions.
North/South Oakland was the Junior League Section 1 Winner.
North/South Oakland was the Senior League Section 1 Winner.

-All-Star Softball District Champions-

9-10----------Antioch
10-11----------Walnut Creek/Continental
11-12----------Antioch
Junior League----------Clayton/Concord
Senior League----------Martinez

Walnut Creek/Continental was the 10-11 Northern California Champions.
Martinez was the Senior League Northern California Champions.
Antioch was the Big League Northern California Champions.

District 4 Special Games

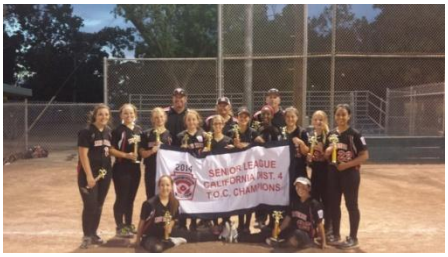
-Baseball & Softball-

11-12 Summer Baseball Classic -- The 11-12 SBC was hosted by Alameda Little League. Six Major Division teams participated in this annual tournament using a pool-play format, which allowed each team to play a minimum three games over a eight day period. The tournament included teams from Pinole Hercules, Martinez, Lafayette, Alameda, Clayton Valley, and Continental. Alameda played Lafayette in the championship game with Alameda winning 15-2.

9-10 Summer Baseball Classic -- The 9-10 SBC was hosted by Albany Little League. Six teams participated in this inaugural tournament using a pool-play format, which allowed each team to play a minimum three games over a eight day period. The tournament included teams from Albany, Concord American, Lafayette, Alameda, Clayton Valley, and Pinole Hercules. Alameda played Lafayette in the championship game with Alameda winning 4-2

Junior League Mid-Season Classic -- The Junior League SBC Maynia was hosted by all leagues in the tournament. Four teams participated in this inaugural tournament using a round-robin format, which allowed each team to play a minimum three games over a six day period. The tournament included teams from Antioch, Albany, Concord American, and Walnut Creek.

Michelle Johnson Mid-Season Classic -- The MJMSC was hosted by Martinez Little League at Hidden Lakes Park. Six teams participated in this annual tournament using a pool-play format which allowed each team to play a minimum three games. Antioch and Clayton Valley played in the championship game with Antioch the winner.



-Special Game Volunteers-

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers from Alameda and Albany for hosting Special Games Tournaments after their International Tournament obligations were completed. Volunteer efforts allowed more players to enjoy the "Tournament" experience.

Headquarters

-League Charters-

The 2015 League Charters will be sent out in October to the **League President and address currently listed in the Little League Data Center.** This packet will include the league's charter application, insurance information, and valuable tools to help a league market prospective players and volunteers.

-Contact Information-

To assist local chartered Little Leagues have a successful season Headquarters provides a valuable amount of administrative information throughout the year. Local leagues are asked to visit the Little League Data Center (http://www.littleleague.org/datacenter) to update their league officers and their contact information by September 30th.

-Training & Development-

Leagues operating a Fall Ball or Training & Development programs are reminded that volunteers who were **NOT** part of a league during the regular season and wish to volunteer during the Fall Ball and Training and Development seasons are required to successfully complete a background check before they may take on responsibility with the league. Completed background checks are to be securely cataloged and each social security number is to be **"BLACKED OUT".**

-Pitch In For Baseball-

Now is the perfect time to inventory uniforms and equipment and to donate gently used items to Pitch In For Baseball. Donations of baseball equipment can be sent directly to:

Pitch In For Baseball
1901 Pennsylvania Avenue
Fort Washington, PA 19034

District 4 News

-October Due Date Items-

Following items due by the October District Meeting.....**10-21-14**

- League Audit & 2015 Budget
- Copy of 2013 Tax Return
- Contact information to ADAs:
  - Cary Dryer...LSO
  - Don Waddell...LUIC
  - Fred Flint...CLBB Director
  - Carla Moore...SB Director
  - Don Mayjoffo...LLBB Director
  - Ralph Garrow...50/70 Director
  - David Preuss...JLBB Director

-Volunteer Appreciation-

Umpire and Tournament Volunteer Appreciation Dinner scheduled for Saturday, 10-18-14, 730pm, Fuddruckers, Concord. Invitees will be contacted.

-Vendors Night-

2015 Vendors Night is scheduled for Tuesday, 10-21-14, Boys & Girls Club, 1301 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez

-Communications-

District 4 Meetings are monthly meetings for the leagues. Ted Boet will discuss topics that are important for the current month and reminders for time sensitive matters in upcoming months. This is also a great opportunity for league presidents to ask questions or share solutions to problems or issues in their local league. District 4 meetings are opened to all league members in District 4 that are in good standings with their local league. It is very important for all leagues to be represented at these monthly meetings and to pass on information learned from these meetings to their membership.

-Teenage Baseball-

David Preuss, JLBB ADA and Ralph Garrow, 50/70 ADA has scheduled a "Teenage Baseball" meeting for Tuesday, 10-14-14, 730pm, UC Extension, Office, 75 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill. Very important for all leagues with teenage baseball players to attend as most leagues with 50/70 and JLBB interest will need to interleague. Baseball directors, potential managers & coaches, and parents interested in the teenage baseball divisions should attend.

-California 4 ASAP 100%-

California 4 was recognized at the Safety Plan Awards Luncheon in Williamsport, PA for another 100% season. Congratulations to all leagues for having their league safety plans approved by Headquarters. This would not have been possible without the efforts of our District Safety Officer Cary Dyer. We are all winners when it comes to playing safer in California 4.

-California 4 Softball-

Carla Moore, Softball ADA, wish to thank all league presidents and softball representatives for their support in 2014. Their support has resulted in a very successful season and substantial growth in the program.

-Little League Baseball-

Don Mayjoffo, Little League Baseball ADA, would like to remind all leagues as they prepare for the new season that if they are in involved with interleague play all games will be following Little League Baseball Rules and Regulations (Green Book & Operating Manual).

The Third Team

-Tournament Umpires-

Don Waddell, District 4 UIC, would like to thank all leagues for supplying umpires for the 2015 post season TOC, All Star, and Summer Classic tournaments. Every league participated which made coverage a lot easier. Together District 4 provided umpires for over 300 games, with 100 different volunteers working these games. Once again District 4 proved we have an outstanding volunteer umpire program.

-League Chief Umpire-

Each league is required to have a volunteer umpire on their local Board...typically the League Chief Umpire. The LCU should be responsible for the management of the league's umpire programs, including recruitment of umpires, training, assigning to games, and ensuring that players and teams have the right level of umpires for their games.

A Board should establish a budget for the Chief Umpire that includes all the funds needed to meet the league's umpire needs. Budget should include funds for training, equipment, and recognition awards for volunteers. If a league decides to use "paid umpires" the budget must include those costs. Sample budgets are available.

A local league should not make the mistake of letting managers or division coordinators handle umpire issues. Umpires need a voice on the Board as other large group of volunteers and league members have a voice.

-District Sponsored Umpire Training-

The C4UA Training Staff will once again offer several events to help leagues meet their needs for rules and umpire mechanics training. Please contact Don Waddell if a local league would like to host a Rules or Field Clinic.

Rules Clinics: 3 hour classroom sessions held in mid February for 50 to 100 people. Tables, chairs, and a projector required.

Mechanics Clinics: 6-8 hour sessions held on a Saturday or Sunday in mid February and early March. Lined and groomed 60' fields, water, and lunch required. Clinics will be held in different areas of the District and opened to all leagues.

-Tournament Mechanics Clinic-

The Annual Tournament Mechanics Clinic has proven to be a very valuable training aid in preparing volunteer umpires for Tournament of Champions and International All-Star Tournaments in District 4. The 2015 TMC is scheduled for Sunday, **5-31-15**, 9am - 4pm, Continental Little League. At this time we do not anticipate any cost for this event. The TMC is an **All-Day** clinic and students need to stay for the entire clinic. Leagues are asked to **NOT** schedule any major local league event on this day.

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