

Western Branch

August - September 2006 News

Little League

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WORDS FROM WOODY

First I'd like to congratulate our All Stars for a job well done. Our Juniors were 2nd in District and made a great showing. Our Majors (11/12s) won District and traveled to State where they made a good showing and even though they lost, they held their own against the 2005 World Series Champions from McLean. While our Seniors and 9/10s didn't win they gave their best and we are proud of them all.

WBLL needs YOU!!

We have 25 board positions allowed by our bylaws. Currently we have 14 members and some of those will be moving on this September. As you know we are an all volunteer organization. Without volunteers things don't get done. Contrary to some beliefs there are NOT softball fairies that make everything happen to support our girls. If you the parents don't get involved and do the things necessary they do not happen. So please get involved and help your Little League at WBLL continue to provide a quality softball program for YOUR daughters. We presently need help with the following committees: concessions, uniforms, fund raising, fields/grounds, newsletter/publicity, division reps, pictures, registration, equipment, Opening Day, sponsors, umpires and I'm sure at least 2 or 3 jobs I've forgotten. Some of these committees already have chairpersons and just need volunteers to help. Others need a chairperson to head them up. Being a chairperson of a committee doesn't mean you have to do the job all by yourself but rather that you are the leader/guide of the team that you put together for that particular function. If you would like to get involved please let us know. Remember, it's YOUR league and things don't get done if YOU don't do them. It truly is a great experience to be involved in providing a service to our young people and our future..... YOU need to try it... it will be worth it!!

Some of you may have heard that I announced that this past season would be my last as president of WBLL. I have been asked by District and others to stay one more year. After some thought I've decided that I will stay one more year.... besides where else would I get to work with such wonderful people and watch their children grow and become young ladies? As I said, it truly is a great experience and joy to watch children grow and become young adults.

Woody McLeod
WBLL President



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A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 11-12 ALL STAR DISTRICT SIX CHAMPS!

**From Greg Robinson, Major All Star Team
Manager:**

I would personally like to congratulate each of the All Stars and thank them, their parents and my two coaches, Randy Morgan and Jimmy Lovell, for a great experience and great time! I enjoyed coaching/managing the team and think they all did an awesome job at State! Even though we did not win at State we all represented the league well and are so proud of each of them. It has been a privilege to coach each of the girls and I enjoyed every moment. Thanks also to all the people who supported our team and to all the sponsors who helped make it happen. It is a great learning experience for the girls and a lot of wonderful memories to keep. I hope to see each of you next year and we can do it again. Once again CONGRATULATIONS! A big thank you for letting me be a part of your softball experience.



**Thank you to all of the following sponsors for
your support in helping these girls go to state!!**

Vinny's Pizza
David Neuman
Margie and Todd Bockwoldt
Colfax CLFX
RFD Enterprises
Chuck and Deb Anderson
C & P Entertainment
Balloon Fantasies
Sysco
Ralph Coleman
Talmadge C. Mountcastle
Hampton Roads Patio Room Inc.
Lucretia Moss
Elizabeth Mejia
Raymond Bond Sr.
Subway
Western Branch Fast Pitch Boosters Club
South Bay Communications
Land o Sun



A BIG THANKS TO OUR DISTRICT TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS!

A huge thank you goes to all the volunteers who stepped forward to prepare the fields, work concessions, clean up, keep score, announce, etc., etc., etc. during the District Tournament hosted by WBL. We heard lots of good things about the tournament and they were only possible because of YOU!

WBL ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2006
2:00 p.m.

RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

All WBL families are asked to
attend this important meeting.

REGISTER NOW FOR FALL SOFTBALL!

Interested in Fall Softball? The fall season games will be played on Saturdays from September 16 through November 4. Teams will be formed in early September.

To register, you can:

1. **Send in the attached application form with your check to:**
WBLL, P.O. Box 9784, Chesapeake, VA 23321, or
2. **Download copies of the form at www.wbll.org and mail them in, or**
3. **Register in person at the times indicated below.**
 - **Saturday, August 19 at WBLL Fields at Western Branch High School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
 - **Tuesday, August 29 at Russell Memorial Library on Taylor Road from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**
 - **Thursday, September 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Russell Memorial Library**

Registration fee is \$35. Remember, after the second child in the family, registration for other children is free! Who is eligible to play? All girls who will be league age 5-16 (age as of 12/31/2006), are eligible. For Fall Ball, individuals living outside ZIP code 23321 MAY register. New players (new to WBLL) must bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Do you have friends who might be interested in fast pitch softball? Please help us to pass on the word to others in our area! *Thanks!*

WBLL FIELDHOUSE/ CONCESSIONS STAND UPDATE

Yes, work has started on the WBLL Fieldhouse/Concessions Stand! If you have been to the fields recently, you have seen the poured concrete. The first floor concrete block walls are next (week of August 14).

We are looking for workers and for donations! If interested please contact Pete Reilly, Tom Conter, or Chuck Anderson.

With your help, this will become a reality!

WBLL PANSY SALE

The Annual Fall WBLL Pansy Sale is on! Included in this newsletter is the order form. Again this year we are offering 11 varieties of pansies (including a new offering - the red, white, and blue **Spirit Mix**), 2 varieties of violas, and 2 snapdragons. Orders (with payment) are due by September 30 and flower pickup will be October 7. Cost is only \$3.75 per 6" pot (which contains 3 plants) or \$3.50 each for 10 pots or more. Questions? Want to help? Contact Deb Anderson at casadecdc1@cox.net or 483-0234.



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- o About **registrations** – Karen Sheeley
- o About the **league's safety program** – Denise Conter
- o About the **web site** – Tom Conter
- o About the **newsletter** – Deb Anderson
- o About **sponsorships** – Karen Sheeley
- o About the **pansy sale** – Deb Anderson
- o About **\$\$\$** - Chuck Anderson

←←← See contact info!

Home numbers are not available on-line, please contact via e-mail.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR BOARD MEMBERS! INTERESTED?

Serving on the WBLL Board is a great way to get more involved in your child's little league! If you are interested please contact Woody McLeod.

SPONSORS???

If you identify a sponsor for the league, your registration fee is FREE! For more info, please contact Karen Sheeley.

HATS?

If you're interested in a WBLL hat, Karen Sheeley has about 12 left so give her a call!

WHO HAS THE ANSWERS???

These are the WBLL Board members who can help answer your questions...



- o About **concessions** – Sabrina Sexton
- o About **uniforms** – Denise Conter
- o About **equipment** – Bryan Smith
- o About the **fundraiser (candy sale)** – Denise Conter
- o About the **opening day ceremony** – Greg Robinson
- o About the **T-Ball Division** – Rick Cerza
- o About the **Coach Pitch Division** – Pete Reilly
- o About the **Major Division** – Chuck Anderson
- o About the **Senior Division** – Woody McLeod
- o About the **fields** – Tom Conter
- o About **team photos** – Sabrina Sexton

DO YOU STILL HAVE A TEAM UNIFORM AT YOUR HOUSE?

If so, please contact Denise Conter. We need them back!

wbll.org
The place to go for info!