



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT...

I would like to take the time to introduce myself to the WBLL family. I have many years of experience at different levels of girls' fastpitch softball. I have coached with WBLL (1999-2005), travel softball (2002-2007) and currently at Peninsula Catholic High School. It is my goal to provide the girls of Western Branch an opportunity to learn an outstanding game, enhance their overall softball experience, and further improve the outstanding facilities many have worked very hard to build and maintain. In order to accomplish this goal, I need help from each and every parent.

The 15th anniversary of WBLL is upon us and the total support from all parents is essential for our success. WBLL receives absolutely no financial support from the city. As parents, our number one priority in this League is our children. We need the help of all parents whether it is through coaching, working concessions, maintaining fields, or fund raising to make this league work.

You will notice some subtle changes in our approach this year, starting with fundraising. Instead of selling candy, we will be raffling a large screen HDTV (more details in another article). We will be bringing back the fun and games to make Opening Day a true celebration, as well as holding a Championship weekend for all age levels the last weekend of the season. We are also working diligently to arrange for some preseason clinics for coaches and players in order to give the girls of WBLL every opportunity to enhance their softball skills. I look forward to working with each of you to make the 2008 Spring season a fun-filled learning experience for our children. I welcome any suggestions on how we can work together to truly make WBLL the #1 recreational alternative for our girls. Feel free to contact me with any ideas for improving WBLL.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who had a hand in making the past Fall season another success story. I truly wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please be safe and we can't wait until we hear the cries of "Play Ball"!

Respectfully,
Bill Perkinson



PRIMARY FUNDRAISER

The league's next challenge is to get running water to the new concessions building. This will be extremely costly, but with a little effort it is well within our grasp. Running water will allow us to offer a variety of hot foods and expand the present building to include restroom facilities.

To achieve this goal, we will be holding a Raffle with several prizes to be given away during Opening Day, April 5th. We hope to offer a grand prize of a large screen HDTV (at least 42"), a second prize of \$750 cash, and numerous third prizes (\$50-75 range). The third prize drawings will be held during each game on Opening Day. Ticket prices will be \$10.00 and each player will be asked to sell a minimum of 20 tickets. Ticket sales will occur from the first week of March until April 3rd. Similar fundraisers have been used in the past with exceptional results---the tickets almost sell themselves. Two young ladies on a travel team easily sold 80 tickets in less time, so you can see the sky is the limit. Help us continue to provide top-notch facilities for your children by giving your best effort during this fundraiser.

FIELDS

Some of you may not be aware that Western Branch LL agreement with the City of Chesapeake is that we maintain the fields. In return we use the fields rent free. Our fields are in tip-top shape due to the volunteers here at WBLL. With that said, I need all the volunteers I can get. So when ever you have free time and would like to help out your daughters little league, stop by the fields and see what needs to be done. The list of items that need attention are; raking the fields, cutting grass, cleaning out the dugouts, and picking up trash. And with fall in town, there are usual leaves that blow against the fences that need picking up. If you would like to help out, please contact me at tomconter@wbll.org

Thank you,
Tom Conter
Fields Manager

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR VOLUNTEERS...

All new and returning volunteers must fill out a Little League Volunteer Application Form for 2008. You must also turn in a copy of a valid government issued photo id, ex. driver's license, military id. A copy of the volunteer application can be found on our web site www.wbll.org under "volunteers". This form is needed for those who have direct contact with the girl's... ex. coaches, managers, or helper's, any one who will be on the field during a practice or game. Little League mandated all of these changes.

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**THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN WBLL'S
INAUGURAL GOLF TOURNAMENT! IT WAS A
TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!**