

Western Branch June 2005 News Little League

FROM WOODY...

Well another season is almost under our belt. I trust all of our players and parents have had an enjoyable experience. I know I have. I would like to thank the parents, managers and coaches, and the players for making this another successful season at WBLL. I would also like to thank all of the people that work so hard behind the scenes to make things run smoothly and keep the league functioning. Without them there wouldn't be a WBLL. Many of you don't see and realize just how much effort goes into making a season successful. There's field maintenance, repairs to our facilities, pictures, concessions, fund raising, uniforms, division reps that find managers, organize tryouts and the teams, someone to find umpires, put together a grass cutting schedule, team mom coordination, Opening Day ceremonies, the newsletter, equipment to buy and repair (balls, bats, etc.), pay the bills, the safety plan to LL, schedule games and that's just a small list of things to do. All of this is accomplished by your Board of Directors each season. So next time you run into a member of the board, just say thanks. If you would like to become a board member and get in on the work that has to take place so your daughter can play softball then let one of the current members know (see list on page 2) and we will get you where you need to be. Remember, we're all volunteers and if you don't do it, it won't get done.

As we approach the end of the regular season our attention turns to Allstars. Please keep in mind that Allstars is both an honor and a privilege and requires dedication and commitment to the team. It is also a wonderful experience for our girls and the learning and enjoyment that takes place is next to none.

Thanks again to everyone and have a wonderful summer. We hope to see you in fall ball in September.

Woody McLeod, WBLL President



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THANKS ... for the new tractor!

Wow! Parents, thanks a lot. The next time you are at the field take a look around and see the new orange garden tractor the league bought with some of the proceeds from the candy sale. I know when it's your team's turn to cut the grass you'll really appreciate it.

Our old mowers are going to be converted to just pull field maintenance equipment. That should help prolong the life of the new mower. Just one additional fact for you to log away. Since Western Branch Little League built these fields we have spent more than \$72,000 dollars on maintaining them. Imagine a flat piece of grass and a rusty backstop and dugouts only four feet high with no roofs and dirt floors. That's where we started. The girls would not have had this great place to play ball without the work you put in and the funds you raise. If we did not do fundraisers we would need to charge \$125 per player per year just to cover our costs.

Thanks again for your efforts!



Welcome to our new Board members -
Rick Cerza and Tom Conter!

THANKS TO ALL PARENTS
WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR
SPRING CANDY SALES
FUNDRAISER...

Without you our league would not be here!

NEWSLETTER IDEAS?

The next newsletter will be coming out in late summer. If you have any suggestions or info for the newsletter, please contact Deb Anderson at debanderson@wbll.org or 483-0234. Thanks!

ENJOYING THE SPRING PANSIES? ORDER YOUR PANSIES FROM WBLL THIS FALL!

Stay tuned for info this fall on ordering pansies from WBLL! Enjoy the flowers and help WBLL at the same time.

Little League International Adopts Change in League Age Determination Date

Starting in 2006, the date in all divisions of Little League Softball will be Dec. 31 of the previous year.

For example: Under the old softball regulation, a player who turns 13 from January through July of 2006 would have been considered league age 13 for the entire season. Under the new regulation, such a player will have a league age of 12 throughout the 2006 season.

The change was made in softball to reflect the fact that most national youth softball organizations use Dec. 31 as the league age determination date.

Also, the Little League International Board of Directors approved a change that provides an option for 12-year-olds to "play up" in the Junior Division.

See www.littleleague.org for more information on this, as well as implications for 2006 in the Tee Ball division.

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