

# Western Branch June 2007 News Little League

## WORDS FROM THE PRES.....

Well, the season has gone pretty well even though it was short. I'd like to thank all of the managers, coaches, team parents, board members and especially the girls for making it a successful season. Although work has kept me from the fields as much as I would like to have been there, the times I have been able to watch the girls seemed to be having a good time and were improving with each game. The girls having a good time and learning is what makes the season a success.

As we approach the selection of All Stars and the beginning of tournament play please keep in mind that the girls on the All Stars teams are not professional ball players. While the play and practice is more intense and serious, they still need to have fun and we as parents need to support them and present ourselves as good sportsmen and remember that our children learn from what they see us doing. So please, if you attend an All Star game, conduct yourselves appropriately and in a manner that you would not be afraid to have your children conduct themselves.

Lastly, it's time to think about the board for next year. Our Annual meeting will be in September and at that you the parents (that attend) elect the Board of Directors that will run the league in 2008. Please think about that and get involved and consider becoming a board member..... after all it is YOUR league.

Have a great summer and don't forget that Fall Ball starts in September and sign ups will start soon!!

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## FROM OUR FIELDS MANAGER...

Most of you may not know there is a small group of volunteers that tend the fields. We have sometimes been referred to as the "Field Fairies". We are the ones that make sure the grass is cut, holes are filled, and clay stays level, and most important in playable condition. For the most part you do not see us very much but we are the ones who do the work that all of you have come to appreciate.

With the spring season quickly coming to an end we are looking for volunteers to help over the summer with the grass cutting. Most of you may not realize that WBLL is responsible for cutting the grass all year, not just during ball season. This is also the time when we tend to the clay to keep it soft. Most work only requires a couple of hours a week.

What I am asking is for a few volunteers to cut the grass once a month. This usually takes about 2-3 hours of your time, counting travel time to and from the fields. So please contact me at [tomconter@wbll.org](mailto:tomconter@wbll.org) and I will put you to work. Even if it is just once a month, remember this is your daughter's Little League, all run by volunteers.

Thank you,  
Tom Conter, Fields Manager

## UNIFORM INFORMATION

Managers/Coaches need to collect uniforms from their players. Please make sure you have each uniform accounted for before turning them in. If you happen to be missing one, I would like that child's name written down so that we can track it down. Uniforms are to be turned in **NO LATER** than **June 16<sup>th</sup>**. Denise Conter will be at the field from 11 a.m. - 12 noon on the 16<sup>th</sup> to collect them. If you can't be there at that time please call Denise at 686-1001.

Remember parents, uniforms are costly and having to replace them each year because players are keeping them drives up the cost of registration. Thank you again for your help throughout the season.

P.S. Players who want to turn in their uniform after their last game can bring extra clothes to change into after the game. They can change clothes in the field house (2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room).

## WHERE'S THE MONEY GO?

We are frequently asked where does all the registration money go and why do we have to fund raise. Western Branch Little League does not receive ongoing support from the City or High School. In return for use of the fields that Western Branch Little League built for the city and school system we agree to do all maintenance. Well, very quickly here's where it's gone so far this year.

	Amount	Balance
Registration income	\$5,930.00	
Porta Potties March	- 100.70	5,829.30
Registration signs and copies	-172.50	5,656.68
Uniforms	-1,172.75	4,484.05
Umpires	-2,556.00	1,928.05
Dumpster Rental	- 336.00	1,592.05
Field Maintenance Lights	-412.95	1,179.10
Field Maintenance Lime/Gas/Turfus	-2462.15	(-1,283.05)
Bank Charges for Bad Checks	-55.00	(-1,338.05)
Newsletters and annual program	-690.96	(-2,029.01)
Little League Charter and Insurance	-909.20	(-2,938.21)
Electricity for Water Pump and buildings	-1,186.57	(-4,124.78)
Concession stand income as of May 31	3,064.74	(-1060.04)
Fund Raiser Income	1,723.75	663.71
Equipment for players/games	-724.50	(-60.79)
Sponsors	1,423.48	1,362.69
\$5 per player to capital fund	-1290.00	72.69

We also avoided a \$1500 expense when the Western Branch Booster Club and another donor purchased a new lawn tractor for the league to replace the one stolen.

## BUY YOUR BRICK FOR THE WALL OF FAME!

The dream of a field house/concession stand has become a reality! The enclosed flier on our Wall of Fame tells you about a great way to show your support for softball and the league. For only \$100 you can purchase a brick, which will be engraved and installed on our Wall of Fame on the fieldhouse. If you have questions on our brick campaign, please contact Karen Warren at 686-8221 or warren@wbl.org.

## ALL STARS!

This year the District 6 All Star tournament will be played at the Churchland Softball Little League fields starting June 30<sup>th</sup>. WBLL All Star teams (for ages 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, and 15/16) are in the process of being formed. The All Star teams will be announced June 15<sup>th</sup>, the earliest time allowed by Little League, and will practice extensively for the District Tournament. Teams winning at the District level will move on to State.



## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR WBLL?

WBLL is a volunteer organization. We rely totally on the efforts of people like you ... people who care about their daughters and about the Western Branch community. There are many, many ways you can help. You can be a team parent, a Board member, help with a fundraiser, help to prepare the fields, use your managing and coaching capabilities, help with our concessions stand, and more. Please contact one of the Board members if you would like to play a larger role in helping to make sure Little League Softball is alive and well in Western Branch!

Volunteers  
make  
WBLL  
great!

## WATCH FOR NEWS ON FALL BALL SIGN UPS!

Stay tuned for Fall Ball sign up info! Info will be posted on our web site, [WBLL.org](http://WBLL.org).

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THE place to go for info!