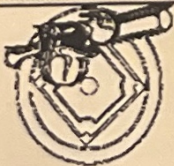


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Belmont Youth Softball Association



News for players and parents

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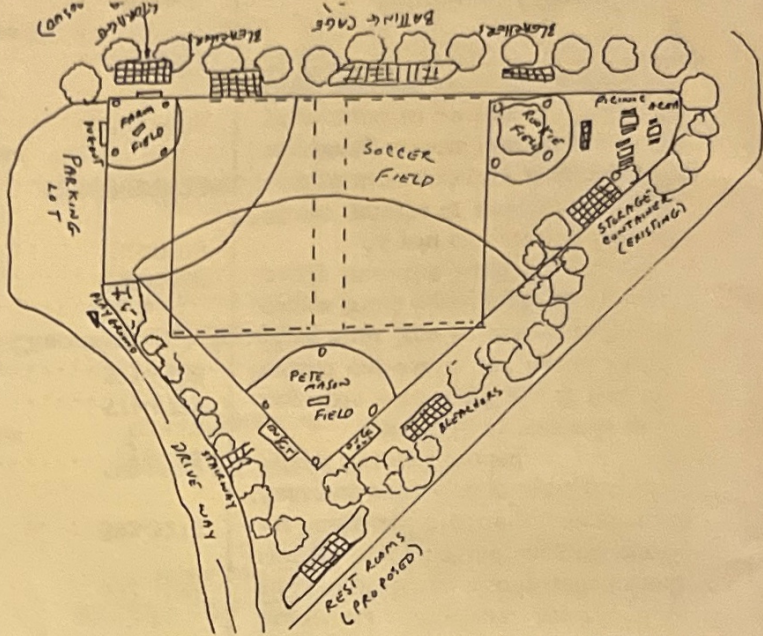
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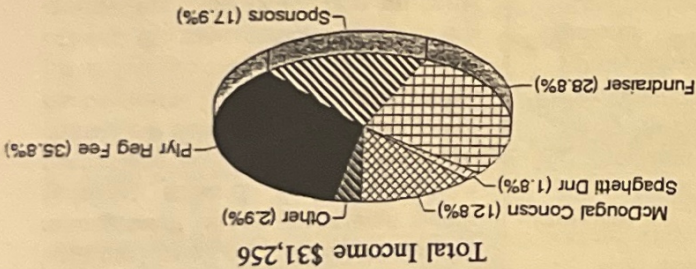
*We've Seen the Future...
And It's Softball!*

Pete Mason has been working with BYSA and the Parks & Rec Dept. to develop a master plan for McDougal Park. This plan includes tops to the backstops, perimeter fencing and roots for dugouts, batting cages, picnic tables, barbecue stands, fences for the fields, parking, restrooms and other additions. BYSA is also looking to obtain by either purchase or donation some expensive equipment like break-away bases, pitching machines, and electric scoreboards. Below is the proposed plan for McDougal Park.



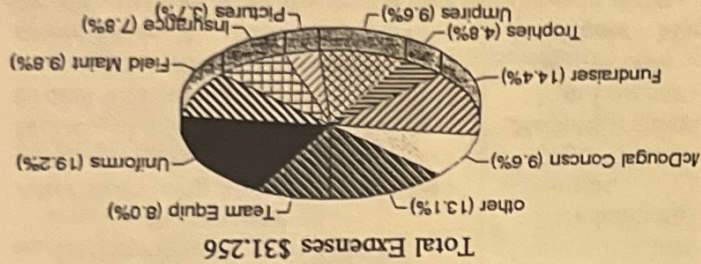
New Field Conditions Phone Number
The Belmont Parks & Rec Dept has given Kathy Moskovitz the authority to determine for our league whether or not our fields are playable. If in doubt call Kathy at 345-0576 for a recorded message.

Last year our emphasis was on the purchase of equipment that would provide a positive and safe softball experience for our girls. This year we concentrated on uniforms and fields. We know that how our girls look has an impact on how they feel about themselves. Our field expenses have provided safer playing surfaces and make field preparation easier. Unfortunately, because we are still in our league building stage we have not been able to budget funds for long term planning or contingencies.



Prior to the start of the season a committee of Board Members was formed to set our budget for the year. Because we are a new league and have no reserves it is crucial that the income and expenses be balanced.

Treasurer's Report
by Jim Cole



As of the last Board meeting we were pretty much on budget. There were fewer girls signed-up than had been budgeted. Therefore, we have less revenue from player registration and fewer team sponsors. However, we were able spent less than budgeted on uniforms, insurance, pictures, and fields. Our concern now is that the McDougal and Marina concessions will be able to provide the revenue that has been projected. The player registration fees that you paid at sign-up contribute only a portion of the funds needed to provide the BYSA experience for your child. Contributions from our sponsors and the profit from our concession stands are needed to pay the bills. So please patronize our sponsors and let them know you appreciate their support. And be generous with your time when asked to work in one of our concessions.

New Fundraiser

Selling chocolate candy bars has been the standard fundraiser for girls softball in this town. Although disliked by almost everyone it has always brought in the needed capital. However, this year we have replaced door to door candy sales with the management of the concession stand at Island Park.

Ever since Island Park was built the Little League has retained the management of the concession stand. Belmont softball had received a percentage of the income from this concession based on the amount of our participation. Due to difficulties within Little League last year, we have been offered the management rights to this concession. This means that we could have the lion's share of the profits. For this to be a replacement for our usual fundraiser will require a couple of hours from each parent to work the concession. Remember that this is in lieu of selling candy so please be cooperative when your turn comes to work the concession.

McDougal Concession

By Pam Lommori

After many long hours by a few hard working men, the container at McDougal is finally open. We still have to deal with setting up tables, but all of our drinks, food and supplies are stored inside. We realize that from the farm and minor fields it seems a long way off, but the walk is definitely worth it. This year the profits from concessions are in place of a major fundraiser, so we need your help and support. Remember, you will be supporting a very worthwhile cause, our children. So stop by and enjoy a hot dog and soda or some new items for McDougal such as nachos, popcorn, or ice cream and of course the kids favorite, candy.

Have a great season and see you at the concession.

Your 1993 Board

The Board meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Island Park at 7:30pm. If you would like to address the Board at one of the meetings, please call Nancy Hayes to be added to the agenda. On a less formal basis if you have comments or suggestions that can benefit our league feel free to call any of your Board members or League Commissioner.

President	Nancy Lund Hayes	593-6350
Vice President	Kathy Moskovitz	345-0576
Player Agent	Marie Selvaggio	571-7327
Treasurer	Jim Cole	591-5969
Secretary	Bob Burger	591-3924
Equipment and Safety	Chris Fornaciari	571-7327
	Sergio Rossi	349-5949
Field Maintenance	Mike Walsh	
	Dave Hansen	592-5489
Finance	Jody Nyberg	592-8199
Umpire In Chief	Dick Sanborn	593-3273
Uniforms	Gayle Griffin	593-9719
McDougal Concession	Pam Lommori	571-6773
	Marlyn Solis	591-9626
Fundraiser - Marina Concession	Linda Wright	
	Nancy Hayes	593-6350
	Kathy Moskovitz	345-0576
Publicity	Susan Pennel	593-6837
Rookie Commissioner	Mike Griffin	593-9719
Farm Commissioner	John Edwards	592-5916
Minor Commissioner	Marlyn Solis	591-9626
Major Commissioner	Wanda Daniels	595-0853

What's New!

Thanks to the efforts of Mike Walsh, Sergio Rossi and others we have a new storage container at McDougal. This provides secure storage for our equipment and concession supplies. Dave Hansen and Jim Cole ran the bureaucratic maze to get permits for the container and Dave did the electrical and phone hookups. With this container the bathroom at McDougal does not have to be used for storage. A cleaning party lead by Nancy Hayes and Kathy Moskovitz attacked the bathroom and made it a sanitary and usable restroom once again. A special thanks also to the Alexander School for their cooperation in these projects. Another work crew trenched the fields to bring water and electricity to each backstop and scoreboards at McDougal. Among the many who helped were Mike Walsh, Sergio Rossi, John Edwards, Dave & Pam Lommori, Kathy Moskovitz, Ed & Dora Brown, Nancy & Steve Hayes, Dick Sanborn, Mike Griffin, Chris Fornaciari and others. Mike Walsh and Sergio Rossi also installed small storage boxes behind each backstop for bases and other equipment. Each field was enhanced with a layer of infield dirt and leveled.

Nancy Hayes was able to negotiate with the Parks & Rec to extend our use of the Island Park Field until 7pm so that weekday games could be completed without hassle from the adult leagues.

As you can see the fall and winter months ar a time for league organization and preparation for the upcoming season. Our league works year-round to provide softball opportunities for Belmont girls.

Linoleum Needed

We need a roll of linoleum for the floor of the container at McDougal that will cover an area 12'X16'. If you can help call Pam Lommori at 571-6773.

1993 Team Sponsors

By Jody Nyberg

BYSA is fortunate to have the support of many businesses in and around our community. In order for us to provide the equipment and uniforms for all 203 girls participating this spring we must count on the financial support from these generous companies. Each sponsor pays \$250 to sponsor a team. Eleven of the seventeen 1993 Team Sponsors have sponsored a team previously and they have returned this season continuing their significant support for our teams. This year we have made six new friends of BYSA, giving us a total of 17 team Sponsors. Please take every opportunity to thank the sponsors for their support and whenever and wherever possible patronize their businesses. Whenever you drop by the businesses please mention your participation in BYSA and let them know that we appreciate their support.

Rookie 1

Browning Ferris Ind.
P.O.Box 1068 San Carlos

Rookie 2

Topometrix
1505 Wyatt Dr. Santa Clara
(408) 982-9751

Rookie 3

Ausiello's Tavern
864 El Camino, Belmont
595-9531

Rookie 4

Wiedeman's Clothing
281 University Ave Palo Alto
328-4170

Farm 1

Pennel Appraisal Service
6 Phyllis Ct. Belmont 598-9831

Farm 2

Village Host
Carlmont Shopping Ctr 348-1967

Farm 3

Specialty Jeeparts
1617 Old County Rd #8 Belmont
592-4507

Farm 4

Beli Deli
1301 6th Ave Belmont 593-7311

Minor 2

Impressions, Inc.
300 3rd S.S.F. 495-7811

Minor 1

Law Offices of Edgar J. Steele
2755 Campus Dr Suite 255 San Mateo 349-1400

Minor 3

Walsh Plumbing
575 Bragato Rd. Belmont
594-1095

Minor 4

Palm Ave Motors
2180 Palm Ave San Mateo
345-3596

Minor 5

ABC Plumbing
Burlingame 574-0733

Major 1

Safe-Hit Corp
1930 W.Winton Ave #11
Hayward (510) 783-6550

Major 2

Supreme Produce
P.O.Box 2173 S.S.F. 583-5722

Major 3

Howard Tire
120 El Camino Belmont 592-3200

Major 4

Calloni Construction
506 Mountain View Belmont
592-5156

League Sponsors

This season we again have 6 businesses/groups who have generously agreed to sponsor the league. The league sponsors support the league in general and not one specific team and each one pays \$125. Four are returning League Sponsors. Thank you to our 1993 League Sponsors. Please thank and patronize our League Sponsors whenever possible.

James Smyrak, DDS
2130 Ralston Ave. Bel 591-4408

Pine Brook Inn
Carlmont Village Bel 591-1735

Aldo's Pizza
35 Laurie Meadows Dr. San Mateo 572-1797

Supreme Produce
P.O.Box 2173 SSF 583-5722

Lorenzo's Sandwich Shop
911 Villa Ave Bel 592-4321

Belmont Rotary
2 League Sponsorships

Equipment Donations

Supreme Produce
\$75

Richard's Dry Cleaners \$50

Iron Gate \$50

Brad Scheibner \$25

Bel-Carlos Autobody
\$25

Goods & Services

In addition to the other sponsors there are companies that support BYSA by supplying goods and/or services. We again are fortunate to be the recipients of such great support! Thank you to all our Goods & Services Sponsors.

Colonial Lumber Lumber for cabinets in the new container.

BFI Equipment boxes behind the backstops for safe storage.

Arc Electric Plug strip for container.

Cando Design BYSA letterhead and envelopes.

Fairlane Foods All merchandise at cost for concession stands, 7-UP cooler.

A Good Sign Signs at McDougal and Island Park.

Walsh Plumbing Sink and hot water heater for container.

Nadler Construction Cabinet construction for container.

Just a glance at this list should make all of you aware of how many give so much time, energy, and money to BYSA so that our girls can have a rewarding softball experience. Please remember them and give them a call!

What Children Want From Organized Sports

from Growing Child Research
Review, 11/91

Winning isn't everything - or even an important factor in a child's decision to participate in and stick with organized sports, according to a large study sponsored by the Athletic Footwear Association. The chief motivation for boys and girls alike is having fun.

The survey of more than 10,000 youngsters between 10 and 18 years old showed that the desire to play sports in and out of school declined steadily over these years. Forty-five percent of the 10-year-olds were on or planning to join non-school teams, compared with 26 percent of the 18-year-olds.

The natural increase in social activities - dating, hanging out - explained many teens' loss of interest in team play, of course. But the fade-out of fun was the second reason they gave for dropping out. Both boys and girls reported that "having fun" was their primary reason for turning to organized sports and both sexes listed "lack of fun" as their second most important reason for abandoning athletics.

Under the heading of "fun", kids included satisfaction with one's own performance; feeling challenged but not to the point of pressure; feeling good about exercising and getting in shape; and feeling excited about improving sports skills. The youngsters implied that pressure to practice immoderately, to perform well during games, and to win took the fun out of team play.

Contrary to the researchers' expectations, winning was a low priority for subjects of all ages, even among the most

dedicated young athletes, winning never rose above eighth place. "Improving my skills" was the number one motivator.

The Rookie League

by Mike Griffin

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be a manager or coach for those teams who did not have them. Our four teams look well balanced and have a real look of soon-to-be-great baseball players. Remember that the purpose of our league is to teach the girls baseball skills and to help them with their confidence. The experience and knowledge of the game will help them move successfully up to the other leagues. If you can play ball with your girl just 5 minutes each day it will make a great difference in her development. So take the time and you will be pleased with the outcome. See you Saturdays.

Calendar

April 2	Spaghetti Dinner
April 13	Board Meeting
April 27	Board Meeting
May 11	Board Meeting
May 22	Last Games
May 24-28	Make-up Games
May 25	Board Meeting
June 1	Sponsor's Tournament Starts
June 8	Board Meeting
June 22	Board Meeting- Election of officers
June 26-27	All Star Tournament

1994 Board Elections

It takes a lot of people to manage our league. We utilize so many different positions so that no one job becomes overwhelming. We realize that each family has just so many hours a week that they can volunteer. By dividing the work between many people makes each job manageable.

And each year we need to look for new volunteers to fill positions being vacated. Usually each Board position is held for two years. Only about half of the positions need to be filled each year. This maintains a Board composed of both experienced and new members. This, along with the reports from retiring members, means plenty of support for new members.

If you are interested in serving on the Board and influencing the direction of the league you can request a description of the Board position and/or speak with the person holding the position this year. Election will be held at the Board Meeting on June 22, 1993.

Young Athlete's Bill of Rights

Adapted from "Bill of Rights for Young Athletes", from *Guidelines for Children's Sports, Martens and Seefeldt, AAHPERD, 1979.*

- 1 The right to determine when to participate and in what sports, and to what degree of intensity and involvement.
- 2 The right to play in every game, no matter what her degree of physical ability or the relative importance of the game in terms of league competition.

- 3 The right to be taught the fundamentals of the sport by a qualified teacher/coach and to play on fields, courts, and rings that have been adjusted proportionally to children.

- 4 The right to be coached by those who have been trained in or who have been made aware of the various stages of emotional and psychological development in children, and to be treated on a level equivalent to her emotional and physical maturity - not by standards of collegiate or professional sports.

- 5 The right to have a coach who places the child first, the team second, himself/herself third, and winning fourth; to feel free to laugh after a defeat, and to have fun participating even while playing on a losing team; to be able to use play as an opportunity to test life; and not to be subjected to adult-imposed pressures to win.

- 6 The right to have a coach who is patient and supportive, as opposed to one who believes in a harsh, negative, "professional" approach; a coach who takes time to work with each athlete, regardless of ability or potential, and who offers periodic evaluation of the child's physical improvement and emotional growth as the season progresses.

- 7 The right to be treated as a member of a democracy including the freedom to voice opinions openly to the coach without fear or repercussion.

- 8 The right to proper medical treatment and the right to play in a safe and supportive atmosphere.

- 9 The right to report to coach or parent any physical pain or emotional concerns such as fear or rejection without fear of ridicule or loss of esteem.

- 10 The right to freedom from physical and emotional punishment by her parents or the coach. Punishment leads only to fear and inhibition. The purpose of sports should be to help a child grow, feel expansive, and realize his or her potential.