

Central Little League Now In Its 23rd Year

The Central Little League of Las Vegas has been operating in Las Vegas for 23 years. It was originally located in the North Las Vegas area. It now covers an area from Sunrise Mountain on the East, to Rancho on the West, Cheyenne on the North and Sahara on the South. There are presently 750 boys and girls playing baseball within the league.

The league has an executive board consisting of President Mike Aver, Senior Vice President Warren Van Land Schoot, Second Vice President Ed Johnson, Secretary Linn Van Land Schoot, Treasurer Jim Ahrens and Player Agents Terri Johnson and Julie Clements. The Board of Directors consists of approximately twenty-five parents of the players and it is open to any adult member of the league. All Board Members are volunteers and do not receive any pay. Most of these volunteers also are involved in other league functions, such as coaching, assisting in maintaining the baseball fields and being division commissioners.

The league consists of a Big League Division (16 to 18 years old), Senior Division (14-15 years old), Junior Division (13 - 15 years old), Major Division (10 to 12 years old), Minor Division (10 - 12 years old), Rookie

Division (8 - 9 years old), and T-Ball Division (6 - 7 years old). There are a total of fifty-nine teams throughout these divisions.

Little League Baseball is a non-profit, all volunteer function. Many volunteers spend as much time with this

function as they do with their full-time jobs, but to all these volunteers, the reward is seeing the involvement of all the ball players, thereby giving each of these children something constructive to take part in.

Little League Baseball has

produced many of the major leaguers of today, such as Will Clark (San Francisco Giants) and Tony Gwynn (San Diego Padres). So could Central Little League have a future big leaguer? Support your local Little League Program.



ANHEUSER-BUSCH SALUTES BLACK SKIERS AT 'MINI SUMMIT' -- Representatives if Anheuser-Busch Companies, who participated in the National Brotherhood of Skiers (NBS) 1990 "Mini Summit" recently in Lake Tahoe, Nev., are shown with young skiers who are striving to become future members of the U.S. Ski Team and eventually Olympic hopefuls. The Mini Summit, supported by Anheuser-Busch, attracted some 2,000 skiers from across the country who are members of local NBS chapters. Among the Anheuser-Busch officials shown with the skiers, left to right, are, Wayman F. Smith III, corporate affairs vice president, and Prevost Foushee, special markets manager. At right are Victor M. Julien, corporate affairs director of special programs, and Mick Lewis, corporate affairs southwest regional manager. The National Brotherhood of Skiers has chapters in states including California, Colorado, Nevada, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida and the District of Columbia.

Former Major League All-Stars Compete in Masters Baseball Classic Hosted by Aladdin Hotel

The Aladdin Hotel and Casino announced that it will serve as host and headquarters to two teams of recently retired major league baseball players including Steve Garvey, Steve Carlton, Ron Cey, Graig Nettles and Vida Blue the weekend of May 10-13. The two Teams will play in a nine inning exhibition game on Saturday, May 12, at Cashman Field in Las Vegas.

The game, called The Masters Baseball Classic, will be broadcast by NBC Sports on Saturday, May 19. Bob Costas is scheduled to announce this exciting event.

NBC officials said the Masters Baseball Classic will not be another "old timers game," but a highly competitive contest between high profile former Major League All-Stars. Some of the players were still active in the late '80s.

Besides Garvey, Cey, Carlton, Nettles, and Blue,

the rosters include Joe Rudi, Rollie Fingers, Buddy Bell, Sparky Lyle, Mark Fidrych, Cecil Cooper, Tug McGraw, Ferguson Jenkins, George Foster, Randy Jones, Rico Carty and more. The teams, with at least 16 players each, will be managed by Dick Williams and Earl Weaver.

To qualify, each player must have played in at least one Major League All-Star Game.

On game day (Saturday), and Sunday, May 13, the players will take part in a one of a kind baseball card and autograph show at Cashman Field. This show is presented by Smokey's Baseball Card Shops of Las Vegas from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

Tickets for the baseball game are priced at \$10, \$8 and \$5. They are now on sale at Cashman Field Box Office and at the four Smokey's Baseball Card Shops in the Las Vegas Valley.



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A Late Start for the Season

It has been a strange spring in major-league baseball. The big question early on was not about which team looks best, but whether or not there would be a season at all. I've heard a lot of people say that it just doesn't seem like spring without the usual spring training schedule.

Usual schedule or not, players need some training time to get ready for the season. There's no way a season can start without players taking the time to get ready to play. Whether it comes in February and March or in the middle of the summer, "spring training" is a must.

After a four- or five-month layoff, the players need to get themselves into what I call "game condition" before they can play a regular season game. While most players stay in shape in the off-season, they need to toughen themselves up for the game of baseball. Get used to playing nine innings. If you are a catcher, you need to get used to squatting again for nine innings. If you are a pitcher, you need to sharpen up to be able to hit the corners of the plate and throw the ball 90 mph. Those sort of tune-ups are needed at every position.

If it were the middle of the season and there were a six- or seven-day layoff, the players could handle it with no real problems; but with such a long break, some kind of camp is needed to get back into the swing of things.

I personally looked at camp and spring training as an opportunity to get off to my best start, a chance to get some momentum going that would carry over into the season. People actually used to warn me not to try to hit home runs in camp, saying that I shouldn't "waste" them on exhibition games. I didn't pay attention to them. There is no such thing as wasting a home run, and if I could hit 10 in camp, I was just that much ahead of other players when the regular season started.

I've been asked if I see any teams coming out of the delay as favorites for one reason or another. That's a tough question. Right now, every team has had the same holdup and should be on the same level. It would be hard to say if there is any winning result of the delay.

As to who are the losers this spring, that's easy. The real losers are the fans. The public is always the loser in a strike situation, whether it's a delay in the start of baseball season or not being able to take a bus. It's the people who really care who are deprived. *Bill*

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