

# Northern Cal Ripken Baseball and Softball

January 2008

## **President's Message**

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I am excited that I begin my second year as League President and look forward to a great year. Last year we had a record number of kids for Northern Cal Ripken for both baseball and softball. Our girl's 10U softball team hosted the state tournament which they won and proceeded to take the Ohio Valley Region title as well. What an accomplishment! Our Boys 12 year old all stars won the district title, and finished second in the state to the eventual 12 year old World Series Champ, South Lexington. What an awesome representation of Northern Cal Ripken by both of these teams, please join me in congratulating them on their accomplishments.

In this newsletter is a list of all the current Board of Directors for the 2007-2008 year. Please take the time to thank these board members for their commitment to this league and your children. They have already spent countless hours volunteering their time working at the park during clean up day, organizing the Fall League, working in the concession stand and working Bingo as a fundraiser for our league. Many times this comes at the sacrifice of their kids and family.

Our Men's and Women's bathroom facilities were renovated last year and I want to thank all of you for patience during this process. I am sure you will agree with me that it was well worth the wait. We have additional capital projects in the works for this year.

I ask each of you to participate in the fundraising efforts in our league. Wouldn't you agree it is worth the time and effort to make this investment in our park for our kids? All the proof you need is to watch a game, feel the excitement and see the smiles of the kids on the fields.

Remember, we are here for the kids; so I ask that each of you be encouraging, positive role models on and off the field.

John Melvin  
President-Northern Cal Ripken

## **Coaching Opportunities**

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There are a limited number of coaching positions still available. Anyone interested in coaching baseball or softball should go online and fill out an application by January 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions contact the coordinator for the league that you are interested in.

## **2007 Year in Review**

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### **Softball**

2007 was another banner year for the girls fast pitch league. We increased the total number of girls in our 2 divisions. Both divisions went down to the final week before the 1<sup>st</sup> place teams clinched their division.

Congratulations on a good year go out to all the young ladies who participated in our league last year.

We sent out 3 teams to all star play last year. Our 10U and 12U teams played hard and were competitive in both the local and state tournaments. Our girl's 8U team won the Babe Ruth state tournament and advanced to the Babe Ruth Ohio Valley Regional tournaments in Indianapolis, IN. This is the first time that any All-Star team from Northern has ever won the Babe Ruth Regional tournament. Starting this year, we are the only Babe Ruth league in Lexington. This means that our league boundaries include the whole city. We are also adding an

8U coach pitch league. This is new to the league so I need everyone to get the word out. We are also looking for coaches to fill the vacancies left from non returning coaches. If you know of anyone interested, please send Jim Morris their information.

**T-Ball**

Our T-Ball league had a record number of players this year. It was a busy spring season on our T-Ball field with Braves eventually winning the league. This past summer the all-star teams competed in numerous tournaments, highlighted with two 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes including the Bluegrass State games and winning the Scott County Stampede. The all-star team finished with a record of 25-4.

**Rookie**

The NCR Rookie league fielded 7 competitive teams in 2007. The Reds won the post season championship game. The Rookie league went on to field two All-Star teams during the summer months following the season. The teams were divided by age groups with an 8-year old team and a 7-year old team. Both teams played several tournaments and did very well. The 7-year old team beat several 8-year old teams and finished third in one of their tournaments.

**Major/Minor**

There were 8 Major league teams and 5 Minor league teams that combined for two competitive leagues. The Yankees won the Major league division regular season. There were all-star teams for 12, 11, and 10 age groups represented our league last summer. The 12 year old team won the district title and finished second in the state tournament. We look forward to an even more exciting year in 2008.

**2008 Season Timeline**

January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sign Ups	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo-Major Baseball	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Season Begins
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sign Ups	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Day
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sign Ups	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo – Minor Baseball
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sign Ups	May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo – T ball
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sign Ups	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Board Meeting
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo - Softball	June 9 <sup>th</sup>	All Star Picks
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sign Ups	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Major Coaches Meeting	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Season Ends
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Major/Rookie Tryouts	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Awards Day
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Major Tryout makeup	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day for board applications
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Draft Major Baseball	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Draft Minor - Rookie	July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Board Meeting	August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Softball Tryouts	August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Ball Sign Ups
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Softball Draft	August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Ball Sign Ups
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Coaches Meeting	August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bingo – Rookie	August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Ball Sign Ups
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Team Mom Meeting	August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fall Ball Sign Ups
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Clean Up Day	September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Board Meeting
		September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Ball Season Begins

# League Sponsorship

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We are entering into the exciting 2008 season of our league and are currently seeking sponsors to help grow and expand our league. Our goal is to raise enough money to buy tarps, scoreboards, uniforms, lights, equipment, and other items to make the necessary improvements to keep Northern Cal Ripken up to date. The park continues to play an important role in the community and through your generous donations we can continue to support the youth in the area.

## **Honorary Sponsor- \$10,000 / 3 year**

- Large sign on the backstop of the field they sponsor
- Field named after them
- Plaque put on field with name
- Name on the sponsorship board
- Logo on NCR website with a link to their web site
- Ad in Northern Cal Ripken yearbook.
- Throw out the first pitch of the season on the field they sponsor

## **Platinum sponsor- \$5,000 / 3 year**

- Vinyl sign underneath the Major League Scoreboard
- Name on the sponsorship board
- Logo on NCR website with a link to their web site
- Ad in Northern Year book

## **Gold Sponsor- \$2500 / 2 year**

- Vinyl sign underneath the Rookie or T-Ball field
- Name on sponsorship board
- Logo on NCR website with a link to their web site
- Ad in Northern yearbook.

## **Silver Sponsor- \$1200 / 2 year**

- Vinyl Sign on a prime location at the park
- Name on the sponsorship board
- Logo on NCR website with a link to their web site
- Ad in the Northern yearbook

## **Bronze Sponsor- \$750 / 2 year**

- Vinyl sign at the Major League field at the park
- Name on the sponsorship board
- Logo on the NCR Web site
- Ad in yearbook

## **Premium Team Sponsor- \$550 / 2 year**

- Banner on the T-Ball or rookie field
- Name on sponsorship board
- Name on web site

## **Team Sponsor- \$300 / 1 year**

- Banner at the T- ball or rookie field
- Name on the Sponsorship board
- Name on the web site

# Board of Directors 2008

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
John Melvin	President	Mike Levan	Rookie Coordinator
Jim Morris	Vice President	Mark Eads	Major Coordinator
Penni Miley	Secretary	Beau Beall	Softball Coordinator
Deana Mclean	Treasurer	Jim Land	Minor Softball
Kevin Stinnett	Baseball Player Agent	Caryn Reynolds	Major Softball
Bryan May	Softball Player Agent	Charles Parrish	Bingo
Cliff Hensley	Safety/Equip/Ump	Jimmie Lockhart	Advertising
Mark Hukill	Sponsorship	Brock Powell	Grounds Coordinator
Mike Brownell	Sponsorship	Robbie Sharpe	Grounds
Christy Helton	Team Mom Coordinator	David DeMarcus	Grounds
Randy Johnson	T-Ball Coordinator		

**We need two volunteers to fill the positions of Minor League Coordinator and Concession Stand Coordinator.**



# Northern Cal Ripken Baseball and Fast Pitch Softball

Come join the fun!  
Sign up Now!!!!  
Registration forms inside

Visit our new website @ [www.northerncalripken.com](http://www.northerncalripken.com)

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