

Mt. Seymour Little Leaguer



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Welcome to Issue 1 of the Mt. Seymour Little Leaguer!



2006 District Five 9-10 Division
Champion Mt. Seymour

Welcome!

This is the premiere issue of *Mount Seymour Little Leaguer*, created to keep you up to date on what's happening in our league.

Please take a few minutes to check out the various news items and links to features we believe you'll be interested in.

And please get back to us with any comments and

suggestions about how we can improve it. Simply email our Communications Officer, Bob Knight, at b_knight@telus.net

Online Registrations

We received more online registrations than ever, as more people discovered how quick and easy our online system is. However, there were a few glitches (our apologies to parents who had problems) and we're working to get them corrected.

Season Opener

For the past few weeks, parents and players have been asking when the sea-

son will start. We didn't have a date until now because we had to get all our registrations in before we knew how many teams there would be.

Then we had to complete Assessments and the Majors Tryout before we knew how many teams there would be in each division. Only when we had all that information were we able to start creating a schedule for the new season.

But most of the work preparing for the season is complete, and we're just about ready to start playing baseball.

To view the entire schedule, go to: www.eteamz.com/msll/schedules (soon).

Check out our website to find:

- * how we decide which players go to which divisions
- * the new law regarding the sports-fee tax incentive (yes your MSSL fees qualify)
- * team lists
- * information on our new, expanded Rookie Senior division
- * how to be the perfect baseball parent
- * calendar of important dates...

Step Up To The Plate. Please!

MSSL is totally volunteer-run. In fact, if it weren't for our volunteers, there would be no Mount Seymour Little League!

Right now we have three openings that we're very anxious to fill: **Umpire-In-Chief, Concession Stand Manager and Equipment**

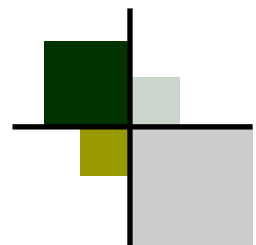
Manager.

You don't have to be an expert in the fields to qualify (we'll show you all the ropes). You just need to give a little of your time in order to help the kids.

To learn about what's in-

volved, contact Brett Kelly: brett-kelly@shaw.ca

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Here's to You!

- Thanks to **Bob Wakeling**, who repaired our pop cooler at the concession *gratis!*
- **Sharon McKenzie** (Looks Good Design) for designing our registration package
- **Mail-O-Matic** for assistance in mailing out our registration packages

SPECIAL THANKS
TO THE DISTRICT
STAFF, AND IN
PARTICULAR
DAVE PASKO
FOR ALL THE
HARD WORK IN
MAKING THE
MYRTLE PARK
FIELD EXTENSION
A REALITY



Field Prep Days

Why are our diamonds in such great shape? Because parents volunteer a little time on Field Prep Days to rake and shovel.

It's not heavy work. And with a bunch of parents helping out, it's actually fun. PLUS, this year we're



providing pizza for a real party atmosphere!

Join in to ensure that our kids have decent fields to play on. Contact Donnie Smith at: donnieand-leanna@shaw.ca



Rules Updates

Two major rule changes are coming into effect this year that parents and coaches should be aware of:

- (1) Little League is adopting a 'pitch-count' methodology to control pitching limits for pitchers
- (2) Composite bats will no longer be allowed in any divisions up to and including Majors for regular season play.

Check the league website for further details.

The Fence Is Up!

After more than a year of planning and working with the District, the fence at the Majors/AAA diamond has been extended. The players are going to enjoy playing at Myrtle more than ever. And now that we have a regulation field, we're eligible to host Division 5 tournament games. Our thanks to MSSL Field Maintenance Manager

Donnie Smith, as well as Dave Pasko of the District of North Vancouver for all their hard work.



New left Field Extension at Myrtle Park.

Tax Receipts

Starting the 2007 tax year you will be eligible for a tax deduction of \$500 for fees related to registering a child in an eligible program of physical activity. We have therefore issued tax receipts for registration fees—if you haven't received yours, please contact the league Treasurer Karen Jones (604 929-7630).

Umpire News

The District 5 umpire clinics were well attended this year, and again Mt. Seymour had a good turnout. These clinics help our new umpires get off to a good start, and provide a refresher for returning umpires. This year we will be providing our umpires with umpire shirts, which will be con-

trolled in the same way we manage uniforms—we will provide them for the season, and they will be returned at the end of the year. For umpires who would prefer to have their own umpire shirt, we will be providing them via the merchandise section of the concession for a reduced

price.

In addition, we are scheduling a special clinic specifically for our Mt. Seymour Level 1 umpires—it will be Sunday, April 1 at Blueridge Park from 10:00 am to noon. As a special treat, there will be **pizza and pop** afterward.