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## Player Agents Corner

As we once again get ready for the season to start, practices are well underway even with the recent weather; it is time once again to look at why we are here. Our focus as a league should be about the players in the league. That means all the players, not just the coaches' kids, or the future all-stars. Everyone should be striving toward teaching our players to learn, improve, and love this great game.

We have spent a lot of time and money this year upgrading our equipment and getting the fields in shape, please take care of both. This year the league spent over \$3K to get brand new helmets for every bag. If you do not take care of them, they will be just as bad as the old ones by the end of the season.

Here are few things to remember:

1. NO one, and I mean NO one has ever earned a college scholarship or a pro contract playing in Shetland to Pony divisions. This should be fun for the kids, not a tryout.
2. Anyone who is not a safety problem to themselves should be allowed to try and play where they would like to play. Since winning isn't the most important thing, we should not be worried about the outcome.
3. The kids will learn their behavior from the adults. If the adults get mad or behave badly, the kids will respond in kind.
4. In the Shetland and Pinto divisions, WE DO NOT KEEP SCORE OR STANDINGS. Please keep this in perspective, no one should be keeping score, and if the kids ask, them it was a tie, tell them both teams won, whatever you want as long as you keep the understanding that this is learning and development.
5. Parents, please feel free to talk to your coaches, they are there to help your player get better, but remember they are volunteers and should be treated with respect.
6. Coaches, remember you are helping to mold someone's child, there is a lot of responsibility that goes with that, be respectful of the parents and players.
7. Be positive. For example, when you tell your pitcher that there is "no batter" in the box, you're not helping your pitcher, you're degrading the player in the box.
8. If you have any issues, look for the folks in the green and yellow MHPB hats, they are your board members and are here to help.
9. If you see something that is wrong or needs to be done, please fix it, don't wait for someone else to come along.
10. HAVE FUN

Finally, I would like to remind everyone of a few things that everyone already knows, but invariably, someone always thinks they're special and the rules don't apply to them. NO CARS are to be parked inside the fences at Britton. That is a fire lane, and I have no problem having people cited. NO DOGS are allowed. This is a state law, leave Fido at home. NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, again this is state law. Please don't make me or anyone else on the board be a cop, that's not why we are here, and what kind of example are you setting for your child when you don't follow the rules?

Make it a great season and be sure and thank some of those that have been working so hard to provide your children a safe place to play in a fun and exciting league.

Thanks  
Gregg

## Boosters

Opening Day is just around the corner. By the time you read this edition of the newsletter we will have had Team Parent night. At Team Parent night, we distributed a package of information to the person who has been so kind as to volunteer to be your Team Parent. This information covers Opening Day Festivities, pictures, Hit-A-Thon, See's Candy, John Wedge award ballots, and basically, just general information on the comings and goings of the league throughout a season.

I am looking for a volunteer from each division to help coordinate different activities. Susan Silveira and Bernadette Andrade have already jumped on board for Mustang and Bronco. Any Shetland, Pinto or Pony takers?? Give me a call.

Pony Baseball is a great organization. Get involved, trust me you won't regret it!!

Laura Moquin  
Co-Booster President  
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## Pony

First, we would like to thank all the Pony players for coming out for evaluations on January 31. Second, what a great turn out there was--81 out of 104 players came out! Also, there was a lot of talent on the field. I can't wait to watch these players on the field playing baseball.

Okay, now, for the people that helped. **"You" are all-stars.**

John Bennett, Wow! Threw batting for the evaluations. Let's see, 80 players, 5-6 pitches each. That is roughly 400 pitches. Then, he also hit balls for the outfield, 3-4 hits x 80= 240-320 balls, and then he hit the same for infield. John, you asked for a work out and you got it.

I'd like to add a personal thank you to all that stayed all day so that we, the managers/coaches, could take our notes and look over all the players. Daryl Hughes, as always, was the guy who stepped up to the plate, and said, "how can I help?". Daryl, after calling out the player's #s left, and then came back. Thanks! Tim Harris, what a great job you did getting the players ready for each station. I don't think anyone asked what # was called when you were calling them out (Just kidding, you did a great job). Brian Bantilan, thanks for helping. You where here, there, and everywhere. Ken Valencia and Ron Habina, thanks for digging out the base posts. You were out there at 8:00a.m sharp, helping out. Cody Neet thanks for helping get all the gear out of the shed and my truck; pitching machine, L-screen, and generator, thanks. Last, but not least, Tracie for setting up the #s, signing up players, right to the end. You really hung in there all day in the cold. Thanks for offering your help. And Joe Devine for getting all the forms and player rosters out in time for the evaluations.

## Mustang

Mustang Parents: We will be having a Field Day at Mustang 1 and Mustang 2 on Sunday, March 7 from 10 AM to 2 PM. This is critical, so please make every effort to attend with a shovel, hoe and/or rake as these fields are in great need of attention in order to ensure that they are beautiful and safe for our kids. Keep in mind that the school district does very little to maintain their fields so it is up to us to make sure that are brought up to appropriate standards.

## Shetland

This year's Shetland Division will consist of 12 teams, all of which will be sporting minor league uniforms. The season will feature a 10 game schedule with no post-season play. We are very excited with the new group of dedicated managers and coaches who will mold these future MHPB stars. Practices started on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, but due to the unstable weather, only a few teams opted to practice. Opening day is March 13th with The Rock Hounds hosting the Lugnuts at 2 PM followed by a Hit-a-Thon for all Shetland players. Come out and enjoy the excitement of our youngest Division.

## Sponsors

First, let me tell you "THANK YOU" !! You are awesome! So many of you have supported the league year after year, and we appreciate your dedication. For those of you new sponsors who have stepped up to " The Plate", thank you, too, and welcome aboard.

We on the MHPB Board appreciate your generosity and willingness to support the children of this community with your finances. Without you, many children would not receive the chance to enjoy the sport of baseball. With about 67 teams this year, your donations will be used to address a variety of different needs. This will greatly help our program to become stronger and more valuable to the community.

Most importantly, I would invite all who read this newsletter to visit our web-site. Please view the list of sponsors and demonstrate your thanks by patronizing their businesses. Maybe even a phone call to share your thanks for their support of one of the best youth athletic leagues in the county.

Thanks for a great start to the 2004 season!  
Sponsorship Chair,  
Daryll Hughes



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## Morgan Hill Pony Baseball 2004 Fundraisers

Welcome to another year of Morgan Hill Pony Baseball. The league board has been very busy in the off-season planning for another great year of baseball. We have listened to your suggestions on how we can make improvements to the league. You will see a lot of new equipment that was purchased for this upcoming season, and in addition, you will see many new items for sale in the baseball store and snack shack. We are also excited by the number of volunteers that will assist in the snack shack and will helping with the various league responsibilities throughout the season.

After the end of last year's All-Star games, the board sat down and reviewed the needs of the organization. One such need was a replacement for the "Green Monster". The "Green Monster" is the mower for the league. It has been in disrepair for some time now. We also want to purchase a few quad runners for dragging the infields at Britton. The league fees simply will not cover these major equipment purchases. Therefore, we will be conducting several fundraisers this season.

The first fundraiser this season will be **See's candy**. It will start on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> and end on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The See's flyers are available through your league representatives. These are due no later than March 13<sup>th</sup> opening day. They are to be turned in to your manager, or to the snack shack. **Checks must be made out to MHPB or Morgan Hill Pony Baseball.** \*To be considered for throwing out the first pitch on opening day, candy money must be collected and turned in by March 12<sup>th</sup>.\*

The second fundraiser this year will be a **Hit-A-Thon**. The Hit-A-Thon will be scheduled for opening day on the Bronco and Mustang fields. We ask that all players try to participate in this event. Each player will be allowed 5 hits into fair territory. Each division will have a minimum distance. The longest of the hits, and or the minimum will be used for the calculation of funds due. Each manager will be given a time slot for the Hit-A-Thon for his or her team. Players will have from March 1<sup>st</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup> to collect donations and or sponsors. **All pledge sheets and funds must be turned into your manager by March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

There will be several prizes this year for participants in the See's candy sale and the Hit-A-Thon. There are several individual prizes as well as team prizes, in addition to throwing out the first pitch on opening day. Please direct all your questions in regards to fundraising to [fundraising@mhpb.org](mailto:fundraising@mhpb.org) or you can contact me at 408-848-6483.

Thanks for all of your help in making this a successful year.

Bill Cinnamond  
Fundraising Chair MHPB