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Something Old is New Again!

Same Old Board – Lots of New Faces

For over twenty five years now, Morgan Hill Pony Baseball has served the youth of Morgan Hill and Southern Santa Clara County. And for every one of those years, the league was led by an intrepid band of volunteers known as the Board of Directors.

Now this board is an unusual bunch of people. They draw high salaries, work little or no hours, respond to no one and take a lot of executive privileges. Sounds a little like Enron, doesn't it?

Clearly, nothing can be further from the truth. The pay comes in the form of personal satisfaction. The hours are long. It seems like you work for everyone. And everyone thinks it's his or her right to dump on you if they don't agree with the way things are going. Sounds like fun, huh? So why bother?

For the answer to that question, we're going to have to talk to a few people this year. This season we hope to be able to introduce you to a number, if not all, of the members of the Board of MHPB. We'll learn a little about who they are, what they do at MHPB, why they ran for the board and what they hope to accomplish in the coming year. I hope you find the information enlightening and possibly a motivating reason to get involved yourself!

For now, take a look to your right and meet your Board of Directors for the 2005 – 2006 Season.

Winterball Registration

Registration Form Found Inside

For the first time this year, MHPB will function without a Winterball Director. The position was outdated, with the Division Representatives doing most of the coordination. So if you have any questions about Winterball, please contact your Division Representative. Registration fees for Winterball this year have been raised for the first time in many years. Most of the cost increase goes into the operation of the league, not the big salaries we pay the DRs. Winterball registration will take place at Mountain Mikes Pizza two Saturdays in August, the 13th and the 20th, between noon and 2 PM. It will also take place on Wednesday Aug. 24, from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Mail in registrations will be accepted through the start of the season, Sept. 10, or until all openings are filled. Questions? Contact the Player Agent.

Executive Board

President	Bob Morris
Vice President	Mike Rusch
Secretary	Gregg Hall
Treasurer	Carolyn Rusch
Player Agent	Manny Brum

Division Representatives

Shetland	Mike O'Connell
	Open
Pinto	Tom Moorehead
	C W McGowen
Mustang	Cody Pyle
	Stan Styczynski
Bronco	Chris Blocker
	Jim Person
Pony	Louie Andrade
	John Howard
Colt	John Bennett
Palomino Commissioner	Roy Jackson

Staff Positions

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Training Director	Todd Branon
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Tournament Director	Open

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*"The Mission of Morgan Hill Pony Baseball
is to teach life skills through Baseball"*

Player Agent's Corner

Manny Brum

PARENT FORUM NIGHT!

We will be conducting a parent forum night Monday, September 12th, 8:00pm at Anritsu in Morgan Hill. This is your opportunity to speak directly with board members that will be deciding upon rules changes for the upcoming year. Representatives from all divisions will be present. Any concerns you have had in past years, or ideas you have to improve our league are welcome. Please come out with your ideas on how to make our league even better. Please note: NO children will be allowed inside the building.

For directions please call Manny Brum at 685-8624



JT Miller before a base hit up the middle against SJ Pacific

All Stars End Run – In what could only be described as the end of another successful season, the **All Stars from Morgan Hill** represented the community and the league well in tournament play.

At the end of every season a bevy of teams from every division but Shetland is put together to represent MHPB in post season All Star tournament play. The league has experienced great success in the past few years and 2005 was no exception.

In the Pinto division the **Pinto A squad** coached by CW McGowen, Pete Quinby and Tom Moorehead and the **Pinto Gold team** coached by Dan Jennings, Mark Nelson and Mike Dziuba both advanced to Regional play in Rodeo, CA before being eliminated.

The **Bronco A team**, coached by Rich Wallace, Rich Dunne and Tom Giles dug themselves out of a huge hole in their first game of the Regional tournament hosted by MHPB at Britton School. Coming back to win a game that ran over three hours in near record heat may have taken the starch out of the squad as it was eliminated later in the tournament.

The **Pony 13 team** coached by Ken Bradley, Bill Singleton and Andy Peabody showed again that history does repeat itself as the team swept its way through both Sectional and Regional tournaments in Northern California before being eliminated in West Zone play in Fullerton, CA. It was the second year this squad advance to Zone play before being eliminated.

The **Pony 14 A squad** coached by Brian Bantilan, James Neet and Alan LaBranche showed a lot of resiliency by winning three straight games through the loser's bracket to win the Sectional tournament before advancing to the Regional tournament in Los Altos where they were later eliminated.

Led by Dave Newton, Mike Bouslog and Mike Perez, the **Colt Athletics Squad** fell just short of advancing to the Colt World Series by losing in the finals of the West Zone tournament hosted by MHPB at Valley Christian H.S. The Athletics have advanced to the Zone finals for two years in a row.

Roy Jackson's **Palomino Athletics team** advanced to Regional tournament play for the first time in several years, but was eliminated in three games, beating Santa Cruz in their opener but falling to the San Mateo White Sox and the Delta Indians.



Francis Tuttle preparing to strike out a SJ Pacific batter

Other MHPB News – In a radical departure from its history of independence, MHPB is aligning itself with the Orchard Valley Youth Soccer League, Morgan Hill Pop Warner Football and the South Valley Sand Volleyball League to form the Morgan Hill Youth Sports League. The MHYSL announced its intention to form a new 501(c)3 non profit association, and its intention to make a bid to maintain and operate the Outdoor Sports Complex planned by the City of Morgan Hill. Located on Condit Road. the site is now presently occupied by the Soccer Complex. The present design is configured to include 5 Soccer fields, one combination Soccer / Football field and five baseball diamonds / multi purpose fields. Designs are not yet final. More news on the complex in future editions.