



The Pony Express



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PLAYER AGENT'S CORNER

Well, we are right around the mid-point of the season. It has been fun going out and watching all the games, the kids improving and having a good time. We have had our selection meetings for Memorial Day, so keep tuned for information for those that are selected for the teams.

Mother nature hasn't been too kind to us, but it shouldn't be too much longer until we have 100+ degree temps to keep us all complaining.

<start soapbox> One thing that has been a continual problem this year is folks not following the rules. This includes bringing dogs to the schools, driving in the back, parking in red zones, wearing jewelry while playing, and the list goes on. Then they get upset with me when I have to enforce the rules. I have had a couple of cars ticketed for parking in the wrong place. I have had parents yell at me and tell me it was "just this one time" when they drive their kid out onto the field and drop them off. I have had parents tell me they didn't know dogs were not allowed, even though they have been told many times before, and there are signs posted. I have even had people tell me they didn't realize there was a fire lane, when they were parked right in front of the gate in the middle of the driveway. I have had numerous people ask me what is the big deal about wearing jewelry; this is a Pony national rule and is designed for safety. Please, I ask all of you, just follow the rules. There are over 800 kids and over 600 families in this league, if everyone just "does it this one time", then why have any rules? 99% of the time any rule is put in place it is for the safety and well being of all those present. <end soapbox>

Finally, nominations are open for next year's Board. I encourage everyone to take a look and see what position you may be interested in, and put your name in the hat. Voting will be held on June 4th at Britton, so come over and vote as well. It is like national politics, if you don't vote (or run), you shouldn't complain if you don't like what is going on.

Looking forward to seeing some more games, having a hot dog or two, and seeing who will win it all this year.

Gregg Hall

SEE'S CANDY

This year's See's candy sale went better than last year's, even with Easter being early. We made approximately \$12,000 for the league! Thank you to Rob and Daniele Conlan and Bill Cinnamond for coordinating this event. A big thanks goes out to Jim and Debbie Persons for letting us use their business, Frank's Plumbing Company, to distribute the candy.

The top sellers for each division are:

Pony- Jarod Poole, Red Sox

Bronco- Brandon Realmonte, Cubs

Mustang- James Aguilar, Giants

Pinto- Kenny Jones, Braves

Shetland- Charles Romriell, Riverdogs



SNACK SHACK

Thank you to all our volunteers who have made this year's Snack Shack the most successful in recent years; Daniele and Rob Conlan, Debbie and Jim Persons, Marlene Mooney, Carlene and Victor Rousseu, Marsha and Ed Struzik, Carolyn Rusch, Judy Mason, Sheila Aichle, Julie Hall, Tracy Smith, Suzanne Muller, Amy Carter, Pauline Ellefson and Christine Kerner.

This year we assigned TEAMS to host the Snack Shack on weeknights and a 4-hour block on weekends. Each division was responsible for one week night; Monday nights-Mustang, Tuesday nights-Pony, Wednesday nights- Bronco and Thursday nights were Pinto. Shetland and the other divisions hosted the Snack shack on Saturdays. The "dollar cart" was a great addition to the Snack Shack this year.

If you or your team have not been scheduled for a shift in the Snack Shack yet, please sign up with the Division coordinators. The team parents have the information. We have had some scheduled teams and volunteers "no show" for their scheduled time, which really makes it difficult to keep the Snack Shack running. Thanks to the people mentioned above who have picked up the slack to see that the SS is always up and running. Next year we hope to build on this and make the SS even better.

MHPB STORE

Please check out what is available at the MHPB store (located in the same building to the left of the SS). All of the items are on sale for 10% or more off.



PONY

First and foremost, is the participation of the players this year. We've had a great turnout for the pony division. There are 10 teams with a good balance throughout the division.

Also, for our volunteer base, Managers/Coaches, families (great job). As you know, this time of year things tend to start slipping a bit, so please don't give up helping out, the players depend on your help right through to the end of the season. This way we can all look back and see the fruits of our labor.

For the baseball players who have been involved since they started in Shetland years ago, and those who have come in somewhere in between, even if this is your first year in MHPB baseball, some of you will move on to high school/Colt division baseball next year, and some may never play again. We at Morgan Hill Pony Baseball want to thank "you the player" for your dedication to the game. Morgan Hill Pony baseball wishes you success in all your future endeavors.

Managers /Coaches /Families--we thank you also for your support, the fulcrum to any successful sports league. Pony is half way through the season. "Already" we are gearing up for the Memorial All-Star tournaments; we will be traveling to Seaside this year, which have very nice fields

With turning the corner toward the end of the year and post-season play, this should be a really exciting time for the player's parents to watch. Please come out and support all the teams for the big finish of the 2005 season.

Again, we thank you for your support to Morgan Hill Pony Baseball

Sincerely,
James Neet
Pony Division Representative
Alan LaBranche
Pony Division Representative



"Morgan Hill Pony Baseball 2005"

Honorable Mention for the Dan Larice Award

MHPB would like to thank Mr. Thomas, aka (Chas) or Jared's dad for his commitment to Morgan Hill Pony Baseball for so many years. He has volunteered for the league in many different ways, mowing the fields on Saturday mornings for all divisions. Whenever help was asked for for field days, he has been there (that's hard work as you all know). He stood there for 7 hours and filmed the entire Evaluations for the Pony Division. He also made DVD copies for the Managers / Coaches. Way to go Chas!!

Without people like you, the league would not exist.

You are the true definition of a volunteer.

Thank You,

James Neet

MHPB

Pony DR

PINTO

Hits! Hits! Hits!

The tee has been retired for the season!

Swing away!

Please let your Division Representatives, Cody [683-5611] or Manny [685-8624] know what you think of the batting outline of play that became effective at mid-season.

We want all the Pinto players swinging away!

Lots of good fundamentals and exciting play is happening at both Britton and Burnett.

Be sure to pass your feedback to your DRs!

-Cody & Manny

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COLT



Morgan Hill Pony Baseball is having open registrations and tryouts for 15 & 16 Colt division baseball players in the cities of Hollister, Gilroy and Morgan Hill.

Tryouts

Date: Saturday May 21st
Where: Live Oak High School
Time: 9:00AM-1:30 PM

Be in full baseball attire and cleats.

MHPB will be conducting tryouts for 2 or 3 baseball teams.
MHPB will play approximately 18 to 26 game season plus all-star tournament.
MHPB season will start on May 24th and will end July 7th
All-Star tournament will begin on July 9th and possible end date August 17th.
Fee is \$150.00, includes a full uniform, fees for umpires and all-star play.
All home games will be played at Live Oak High School.
Away games will be played at several High School fields throughout the greater San Jose area.

To register go www.mhpb.org and down load a registration form or you can register online at www.mhpb.org
All registrations needed to be turned in by May 8th. If you were not able to mail in the registration before May 8th, then call John Bennett @ 408-776-0983 to make arrangements.

Mail your registration to:
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