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Banner Contest Winners

Charlene Brum – Booster Chairperson

First Place:

Best Homemade Banner – Banner must be completely home made, no professional help.

Prize: \$100.00 Gift Certificate to **Mountain Mikes Pizza**.



Bronco A's

Second Prize:

Most Elaborate Banner – Banner that has the most detail and intricacy.

Prize: Coupon for one **Free** hot dog and one **Free** Soda from our Snack Shack for each team player.



Pinto Cardinal's

Third Prize:

Most Fun & Unique – Banner that is most creative.

Prize: "Booster Buck" \$1.00 Snack Shack Coupon for each team player.



Mustang Rangers

Congratulations to all! We would like to also thank all of the Volunteers that helped make this year a fantastic Opening Day for the kids. Have a great season.

Dates to Remember

This should be a handy reference as the season progresses. Look for more info along the way.

- June 17 City Championship Day (all Div.)
MHPB Board Election Day
- June 30 **Pony 13 Sectionals @ Los Gatos**
- July 1 – 7 **Pinto Sectional All Stars - @MHPB**
- July 4 – 12 **Bronco Sectional All Stars @ MHPB**
- July 8 – 15 **Mustang Sectional All Stars @ MHPB**
- July 15 **Pony (A/B) Sectionals @ Santa Clara and Los Gatos**

NOTE: MHPB will be hosting 3 sectional tournaments. Some All Star teams will travel to out of town sectionals.

Quotable Quotes

"In the great department store of life, baseball is the toy department."

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Housekeeping Notices:

There will be **NO PARKING** inside the gates at the entrance to the Britton School Fields on game days or practice days. The only exceptions...Snack Shack crew and Fields & Groundskeepers. Managers, Coaches, Parents – please respect this request! Illegally parked cars will be cited by MHPD.

Dogs are not allowed on School Grounds – Please do not force board members to ask you to leave the premises with your pooch.

Alcoholic beverages and ALL tobacco products are strictly prohibited on school property and by MHPB Rule. Please Comply!

Please be a good neighbor and pick up trash and recyclable items after yourself. Thanks!

The 2006 MHPB League Directory is Out!

If you have not received your copy of this year's directory, please contact your team manager or Division Rep as soon as possible. A copy was printed for every child in the league and the directories were in the process of being distributed by Player Agent Manny Brum to the DRs, who in turn were to get them to the team managers. This applies to all divisions, from Shetland to Pony. Make sure you get your keepsake copy.

All Star Season Fast Approaching

Managers from Pinto through Pony Divisions have been meeting for the last two weeks to identify, vote upon and select the All Star players and managers for the 2006 tournament season. More to follow in the weeks ahead.

Time to Give Thanks!

Although it is no where near Thanksgiving, the board at MHPB would like to give thanks and recognize some people for their efforts and generosity this year.

First and Foremost, a big THANKS to Jayne Porras. Jayne has been photographing Opening Day for at least the last five years, and her posed and candid photos are the basis for the league directory. The publisher failed to acknowledge her in the Directory this year (sorry Jayne!) and the league wants to again thank her. Thanks Jayne!

We also have a special thanks to Mike Sullivan. Mike was instrumental in acquiring and installing new flooring in the Snack Shack. The old vinyl flooring was destroyed and in desperate need of replacement. Mike helped make it happen. Thanks Mike!

Lastly, thanks again to Jim Persons. Jim makes his business (Frank's Plumbing) available to us to receive, warehouse and distribute the candy ordered during the See's Candy Sale. Jim was also critically important to us

by offering his services to install the new Ice Making machine in the Snack Shack. Thanks Jim!

Candidates for the 2006 – 2007 Board of Directors of MHPB

President _____	Mike Rusch
Vice President _____	John Bennett
Treasurer _____	Damon Grose
Secretary _____	Chris Blocker
Player Agent _____	Manny Brum
Shetland DR _____	Mike O'Connell, Mac Jones
Pinto DR _____	Dan Jennings, Tom Moorehead Matt Crawford
Mustang DR _____	CW McGowen, Dave Affourtit
Bronco DR _____	Ed Struzik, Stan Styczynski
Pony DR _____	Victor Rousseau
Colt DR _____	Daryll Hughes
Head Scorekeeper _____	Joe Grove
Chief Umpire _____	Steve Sorce
Training Coordinator _____	Todd Branon
Booster Chair _____	Charlene Brum
Publicity / Newsletter _____	Shelley Greenhalgh, Matt Crawford
Fields _____	Chris Houle
Equipment Manager _____	Tim Mason
Sponsorship _____	Gary Winzeler
Tournaments _____	Stan Styczynski
Fundraising _____	Matt Crawford
Webmaster _____	Ed Cox, Gary Winzeler
Snack Shack _____	Marsha Struzik

Elections will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2006.

Early Registration For Spring 2007

MHPB wants to move registration for spring baseball forward by a few months to relieve some the stress related to planning and purchasing new equipment and supplies. The league is so interested in driving this change that they are willing to "pay you" in the form of early registration discounts. If you submit your child's registration, POST MARKED by no later than July 4, 2006 for the Spring 2007 Season, the league will give you a \$20.00 discount. This is for returning players only, and forms must be mailed to MHPB, PO Box 353, Morgan Hill, CA 95038. There will be a \$25.00 late fee for forms received after January 7, 2007. Forms are included in today's newsletter.

Publicity

The Morgan Hill Times is looking for game results and other team information. Managers should send details to:
sports@morganhilltimes.com

DATE CHANGE: PONY Baseball, Inc. recently announced that the age "cut off" date for registration has been changed from July 31 to April 30. Please note in the spring '07 registration form. More to follow.