



Welcome to this month's edition of The Pony Express, the monthly newsletter from Seattle Pony Baseball & Softball. Each month we'll bring you news and notes from the league, and updates from each division.

Events Calendar

Lost the game schedule for your team? Fear not, our website features the full game schedule for each division!

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Saturday May 30th – Strikeout Hunger – League-wide food drive benefiting Northwest Harvest. Details below.

Saturday May 30th, 3:00PM Mustang end of season party – Miller Community Center. Details below.

Saturday June 20th, SPBS Jamboree, Washington Park. Watch for details.

Tip of the Month

Here's an idea so worthwhile we are re-running for a second month: it's a great idea to take your child to see a game played by older kids -- you and your player can really see how PONY baseball "grows the game" as the players grow. Use the schedule for the older divisions to see when and where you can take in a game!

From the Board

Strikeout Hunger – Seattle Pony Baseball & Softball's league-wide food drive.

Seattle Pony Baseball & Softball has always been a great organization for youth sports in our city. As an all-volunteer league we strive to provide quality instruction and great recreational baseball and softball, as well as some plain-old fun for our kids and their families. But as you look around at your next practice or game, seeing both new and old friends, season after season, perhaps you see something more, a community within the larger community. And as many great athletes in the world of sports feel compelled to do, we at SPBS feel it is time to give back to our community in these troubled times. That is why Seattle Pony Baseball & Softball is proud to announce our first ever league wide food drive, benefiting Northwest Harvest, on Saturday May 30th.

For one day only, as our seasons wind down, we are asking all the families in our league, our community, to help us give back to the community at large by giving donations of food to those who are in need.

On Saturday May 30th, at each Pinto, Mustang and Bronco game there will be a collection bin from Northwest Harvest where you can place your food donations. These bins will be collected by league volunteers and delivered to Northwest Harvest's Cherry St. distribution center in the week following our event. We are not able to accept monetary donations for this event, but please give as generously as you can and help us make this event a success.

What Northwest Harvest Can Us

Baby food	Brown rice
Canned fruit	Canned meats
Canned milk	Canned vegetables
Cereal	Chili
Infant formula	Macaroni and cheese

Pasta	Peanut butter
Pork and beans	Powdered milk
Soup	Stews

Items for seniors and those on restricted diets

More information about Northwest Harvest can be found online: <http://www.northwestharvest.org>

A few volunteers are still needed for this event; if you are interested, please email board member Max Rose - atlarge5@spbpony.org

We look forward to your support in making this a successful event.

Pinto Report

The end of what, by all accounts, has been another successful season of Pinto play fast approaches with two, remaining and notable events on the horizon. First, three of our teams will play their Canadian counterparts this Saturday, May 23. The Mud Cats and Sand Gnats will play at Rogers at 10am and noon, respectively, and the Bats will play at Miller at 12:30pm. Feel free to come out and waive the flag in support of our teams. Also, notification of selection for the Pinto 7 year-old all-stars, The Rainiers, have been sent, as have invitations to kids that have been nominated to tryout for the Sockeyes, the 8 year-old all-star team, on May 31 from 1 to 4pm.

Pinto post-season play is comprised of a one-day, three-team tournament for The Rainiers (coached by Ken Mundt) on June 20 and two tournaments for The Sockeyes (coached by Johnny Dagnen, Cam Darweesh and Greg Carson). The first tournament is in Renton on June 20/21 and the second is in West Seattle on June 27/28 with the possibility of an evening game on June 26.

Finally, I'd personally like to thank all who contributed to such a great season, especially the kids and coaches. If parents have suggestions as to how we can improve any aspect of our Pinto Program, please send me an email at the address below. I really would welcome your suggestions.

Harold Malkin, Pinto Commissioner pinto@spbpony.org

Mustang Report

Hello Mustang players and families. The season is wrapping up, with the last season games on May 30th. Join us at Miller Community Center on May 30th at 3pm for the end of season party. We will draw for seats in the tournament and hear highlights from the season. We need volunteers for this event. Would you be willing to coordinate snacks? Maybe your team would "sponsor" snacks for 50? I look forward to hearing from you all about supporting this event with snacks and beverages. Our tournament will be the first two weeks in June. A tentative schedule is posted on the Pony website. See you all at the ball field.

The Mustang Reds and Red Sox will also be playing teams from Canada. We play on Saturday, May 23rd at 10am

Nash Perkins, Mustang Commissioner mustang@spbpony.org

Bronco Report

Bronco play has persevered through another wet spring and our players and their cleats are finally drying out. I love that rain or shine everyone is congregating on the bleachers of Washington Park to watch these eager teams compete. It's truly one of the best parts of Bronco baseball - the chance for friends to see one another and catch up on baseball and everything else that we have going on in our busy, end of the school year lives.

Our baseball season continues through June 6th, followed by the end of the season Bronco Tournament which will be June 10 - June 20. The tournament schedule and brackets are now available on the SPB website. The season will culminate on June 20th with the final game of the tournament and a BBQ. Think

hot dogs, chips, sodas, a loud speaker, medals, etc. This is a long-standing Bronco tradition that we look forward to continuing. If you can volunteer to help with the end of the season festivities, please send me an email. I'll welcome any and all help

Sue Dietrich, Bronco Commissioner bronco@spbpony.org

Pony Division

The Seattle PONY Baseball Pony Division comprises two teams in 2009: the Lumberjacks, who are mostly 14-year-olds and play Olympic-level competition, and the Redhawks, who are mostly 13-year-olds and Cascade-level competition. Each team has played about half a dozen games so far in April, on their way to playing about 30 games each this season. Lumberjacks and Redhawks play against teams from other PONY organizations in the region: North Seattle, Mountlake Terrace, Lake Samammish, Vashon and West Seattle just to name a few. Pony schedules are posted on the web site. Home games are at Montlake, Judkins, and Bobby Morris Playfields. Families with players in the younger divisions -- especially 12-year-olds who will be moving out of Bronco next year -- are encouraged to come out and support the Redhawks and Lumberjacks and see how the game is played at the next level!

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