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## Making baseball fun for all ages

We look forward to our 2011 season and hope that everyone spreads the word about how great baseball is for fun, friendship, learning baseball skills and ensuring that children receive the rewards of playing a team sport.



## Newsletter

November 2010

### Presidents Message

Well, fall is here and the baseball fields are looking empty, but I want to take a few minutes now to reflect on the 2010 Calgary East Little League season. First of all, a huge thank you to all of our players, coaches, managers, umpires and parents for another excellent year. Thinking back it is easy to find success at all levels within the league, and it is all because of the commitment and hard work from all of you. Thank you!

Some specific accomplishments stand out from this season – the major green team going undefeated and winning the tournament, the national all star team being excellent ambassadors for Cal East, two senior players participating in a combined team that won their division, several positive notes about umpires forwarded to the executive, some parent letters commending our coaches and managers, our first auction fundraiser, chocolate bar sales, and, of course, the fun and entertaining baseball we were all privileged to watch.

None of these ventures are possible without commitment and organization, and I would like to recognize the dedication and behind-the-scenes work of the executive who work all year long to try to make Cal East the best league it can be. For those executive members moving on in their volunteer career, a huge thank you for the work that you have been part of, and a big welcome to our new

executive members. For the past few years we have been thrilled at the number of people who have attended our annual general meeting held at the end of June and, for the past two years, our executive team has grown. With more voices at the table, we are bound to continue to operate a successful league. Just a reminder that our executive meetings are open to all members (and anybody who participated in our league last year is a member!), and meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of each month. We always appreciate feedback from participants, and would love to hear from you about the positive things from last season as well as some suggestions for growth.

Finally, just because the snow will soon be covering the fields doesn't mean we should stop thinking about baseball. Several fall and winter camps are available from various other baseball organizations around the city. Also, just a reminder that we will be starting our registration for the 2011 season early in February, as it takes time to organize for the year.

Once again, thank you for a successful 2010 season and know that we are already busy preparing for an even better 2011 season!

Yours in baseball,

Tracy



## 2011 Executive

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	Perry Osweiler
	Wendy Starkewski
	Todd Swisher

Thanks to all new and returning executive for stepping up to help with the operations of Calgary East Little League.

Your support is greatly appreciated!!!



## Important Dates for 2011

### Casino at Calgary Casino

January 17th, 18th, 2011

### Registration dates at Walmart at Marlborough Mall

February 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 26th, 27th, 2011

### Registration dates at Calgary East Little League Office

March 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, and 12th, 2011

### Spring Training

March 5th, 12, 2011

### Pitching Clinic

March 6th, 2011

### Hitting Clinic

March 13th, 2011

### Evaluations

March 19th, 26th, 2011

### Calgary East Little League 2nd Annual Fun Night Fundraiser

April 16th, 2011

### Opening Day & Pictures

May 7th, 2011



## Spring Training 2011

We will once again be offering two spring training dates for all of our registered players aged nine and up for the 2011 season. We will be providing times on the first two Saturdays in March at the North East Sports Facility. For any interested players there will be more information provided at all of the registration dates in February so register early and ensure that you are on the list for these dates. We will once again be partnering with the Okotoks JDawgs who will be providing the great program as well as the low player to coach ratio that they were able to deliver for us last year.



### Congratulations

To our AAA/National All star team for your excellent efforts in the All star tournament. We are all proud of your second place finish. Way to go!!!!

Great job coaches Ron, Curtis and Greg!

### Calgary East Seniors Attend Prairies

Congratulations Kelly and Cameron on being selected to the combined district 3 senior team. The combined team from Calgary East, Centennial and Airdrie placed first in the All star tournament and then went on to gain the experience that comes from attending prairies. Way to go boys! We are very proud of you.



### Congratulations Majors

We would also like to congratulate our Major Pythons team who entered the 1st Annual Pee Wee Baseball tournament in Chestermere this past season and won first place in the tournament! Great work!! We are all very proud of all of you.





## Thanks Coaches!!!

Thanks again to all of our managers and coaches for the past season. Without your hard work and dedication our children would not be able to become the best that they can or be able to learn the great lessons being part of a team can teach them. We are currently looking into more coaching support in the form of coaches clinics and training so if you are interested in coaching in 2011 please email Dwayne @ [dmorphet@shaw.ca](mailto:dmorphet@shaw.ca) so that he can add you to his list of those interested in furthering their knowledge and skills



## Casino Dates for 2011

We have received our 2011 dates for our casino to help with the costs of running the league. If anyone is interested in working the casino to help support our league please contact Erica at [SHENhands@shaw.ca](mailto:SHENhands@shaw.ca) We need quite a few volunteers so please help us fill all of our positions for this event.



## Players Equipment for 2011

For the 2011 season we are strongly advising parents that in addition to the required batting helmets, protective cups and good shoes that parents also have their children wear mouth guards. Although they are not mandatory at this point they are worth using to ensure the safety of your children's dental health.



## Off Season Training

Off season training is now available in Calgary all year. If you have a child who would like to work on their skills during the off season they now have several choices to do so.

The Okotoks DAWGS run on going training during the off season and offer various camps that will help players keep their skills fresh all year round. To find out more about what they offer check out their website at [www.dawgscamps.com](http://www.dawgscamps.com) or call Dave Robb at 403 982-3662.

Another choice that is available is the camps that are arranged by absolute baseball academy at the Viper Dome. If this would be more convenient you can contact them at [www.absolutebaseballacademy.com](http://www.absolutebaseballacademy.com)

Yet another choice is the Calgary School of Baseball who run ongoing camps out of the Trico Center in Calgary. If this is perhaps better for your player they can be reached at [www.calgaryschoolofbaseball.com](http://www.calgaryschoolofbaseball.com) or by email at [dcself@shaw.ca](mailto:dcself@shaw.ca)

If you decided to do off season training with any of the above organizations any feedback you have would be greatly appreciated by the executive



## OUR SUPPORTERS

Associated Grocers	Mark's Work Wearhouse	Totem Building Supplies
Auto value	Okotoks DAWGS	Vipond Inc
Buylow Foods	Old Dutch	Weston Bakeries
Cal Gas	Penbrooke Meadows Community Association	
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Cut-rite Meats	Shoppers Drug Mart	R&S Evans
Michener's Auction	Sobey's	G&M Janick
Grand Slam Sports	Staples	
HSBC Bank	Supreme Basics	
Huckleberry Kids	Real Canadian Wholesale	
M&M Meats	Tuxedo Sports	

## THANKS

Without the support of all of these great people and organizations we would be unable to provide the quality of events each season. We would like all of our supporters to know how much we appreciate their ongoing support.



## Fundraising for 2011 Season

Last season we tried several new ways of fundraising. These worked out great and have enabled us to do more for all members of Calgary East Little League.

Thanks to Dianne and Dwayne for coordinating our 1st Annual Fun night. This event was a great success and we will once again ask that you set aside the date of April 16th, 2011 to come out and support the league while having fun and meeting other members of our organization.

Thanks as well to Ron and Sharon Evans for all of their hard work with our chocolate fundraiser. Ron and Sharon worked diligently to ensure that we were able to sell all of our cases of chocolate bars which made the campaign very successful as well. We will be doing another fundraiser in the spring so would greatly appreciate any assistance with this. If you are interested in helping with our new fundraiser please contact Erica at [SHENhands@shaw.ca](mailto:SHENhands@shaw.ca)





### Thanks to our umpires!!!

I'd like to thank all the umpires that umpired games in the 2010 season. You all did a great job and I hope that you all come back next year and help make 2011 season a good one. Just a reminder I will be calling as soon as I find out when and where the umpire clinics will be held in 2011. I'd also like to thank Carolyn for doing a great job making the schedules for the games.

Thanks

Kelvin Wudrich

CELL Umpire in Chief

Last year many members of Calgary East Little League offered their time and commitment for our umpire program. We can only hope for the same enthusiasm for the upcoming 2011 season. If you're a parent or a player and love the game, come out and be an umpire!

### Frequently asked questions regarding umpire program:

Would I get paid? Yes! Cal-East pays its umpires for each game.

What about training? Training will be provided at no cost to umpires via a league sponsored one-day clinic.

**All umpires are required to re-certify with CELL each year.**

What about equipment? If you have your own equipment, you are welcome to use it, provided it is deemed safe. However, masks and shin guards will be provided at every game you ump. Chest protectors can be bought at a discount through Cal-East, and you can work off the price of them. All umpires are also required to provide and wear protective cups to all games.

Overall, umpiring is another fun way to get involved with baseball.

If you have any questions or would like to register, please contact Kelvin @

### Great job by young officials

To Whom it may concern;

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Calgary East Little League Junior Umpires!

This year you junior umpires have shown the most professional and consistent attitude towards the game of baseball that we have seen in recent years. Most of all there are two that have stuck out for me and all the families we have talked to. I have heard over and over the great job these two have demonstrated throughout the season.

- \* AJ for demonstrating consistent professionalism on and off the field. For remaining calm when things could have been carried away. He could take charge, stick to his guns and show he could not be pushed around by parents or coaches. For his consistency in calling as it was and consulting with his base when the time was needed. This young man was a pleasure to watch and have at our games. He stood out as an ump and that was to be respected no matter what. I hope in the new season he continues to umpire and sticks with Calgary East Little League.
- \* Melissa AKA NO GUF MEL! This young woman is totally a respected umpire. She is fair no nonsense and very professional. Her direct manner and attitude has earned her respect among players parents and coaches. Giving everyone playing the game a fair chance to bring newly acquired skills, by opening up the strike zones even though this was rare among the young ump's. She has shown skills as an umpire that far exceed that of a first year ump. Consistent calls and knowledge of her position be it as a base ump or plate umpire was demonstrated time and time again. It is our hope that she continues as an Umpire with Calgary East Little League as to lose her would be a big loss for the sport, the kids, and for an organization that could benefit from more like her.

Thank you CALGARY EAST LITTLE LEAGUE for a wonderfully fun year. All the best wishes in up and coming years.

### League Feedback

As you can see from the above story we are happy to get any feedback but it is especially nice to hear the great things that the people in our organization have accomplished over the season.

We hope that everyone keeps up the great work and that we continue to hear ways that we can improve the league as well as all of the great things that you might see going on, on and off of our diamonds that make our league better every year.

CELL 2011 Executive