

# Wallingford Little League **Spring Training Newsletter** March 2024



#### **Letter from the President**

Welcome Spring 2024! As we look forward to an exciting Spring baseball season, I thought I'd take a few minutes to officially welcome everyone to our 75th Anniversary year. We have plenty of fun events planned for our players and our community as detailed in the calendar section below.

In WLL news, we had a great player evaluation event at Choate. I was once again amazed at the overall skill level of our 8-12 year-old players. These kids are ready to go!

Teams are now being formed with practices to start very soon. As some of you may have heard, even though our overall numbers are down, we decided to expand Majors to 5 teams to open additional spots in our upper division. This will mean that lower divisions have somewhat fewer teams, but we will once again compete against Yalesville and Meriden teams at intermediate levels to expand competition.

Next up, fields are expected to open very soon. The batting cages at Viet Nam Memorial Park are repaired and will be ready to go for the season, and scoreboards are due to arrive next week! We are also working with the town to make other improvements to our fields, including a very exciting planned renovation to our field at Community Lake – watch this space!!!

And finally, I would like to thank our 2024 WLL Sponsors, Managers, Coaches, Board Members, and Volunteers. It truly does take a team to make this happen! We are happy to welcome several new sponsors and welcome back many long-time supporters. Please support the businesses that support our league!

Play Ball!

Larry McClure

PresLarryWLL@gmail.com

## **2024 WLL Sponsors**

Thanks to our SPONSORS!!! We couldn't do it without your support!

Bishop Photo Margaret Bennett Realty Calcagni Real Estate Michalowski Agency Central CT Acoustics Pawloski Auto Body

Connecticut Orthopaedics DQ North Haven QC Electric

D Wooding Landscaping Scoopy's Ice Cream Sunset Landscaping Thurston Foods **Executive Chevy** Hamden Sports Ulbrich Steel

Incredible Oil Vertucci Automotive

Iron Horse Equipment JMB Home Improvements Wallingford Lawn Care Juliano Associates Walton Electric

We still have openings for banner sponsors and Opening Day sponsors contact our Sponsor Director <u>Jessica Santore</u> for more information!

Wave Car Wash

#### **WLL Days at Dick's Sporting Goods**

Order your 75th Anniversary gear HERE!

Need new equipment? Get it THIS WEEKEND, March 22-24, at Dick's in Meriden or North Haven SAVE 20% with this COUPON!

LL Bat Rules can be found HERE!

Logan Steel



#### **Calendar of Events**

Sat. March 23 Fields Open (Weather Permitting)

Wed, April 3 WLL Night at Slider's Grill and Bar, 5-9p

Percentage of in-house (not to-go) sales go to WLL

Shake-A-Can, Wallingford Stop & Shop, 9a-1p Sat, April 13

Volunteers needed - Sign up HERE!

Mon, April 15 Unofficial Opening Day - Games Begin!!!

Opening Day / 75th Anniversary Celebration Sun, May 5

PNA Park, 1-4p

Join us for Fun, Food, Games, Music, Player/Team Photos, Player Parade, and MORE!!!

75th Anniversary SWAG!!!



#### **WLL Board of Directors**

#### **General Officers**

Field Director

President **Larry McClure** Vice President Chris Cirri Vinnie Salzo Secretary Jim McLaughlin Treasurer Equipment Mgrs. **Chris Santore** 

Derek Hodder

Joe Corso

Master Scheduler Player Agent Safety Director Sponsor Director Umpire-in-Chief Volunteer Coord.

WLL Auxiliary Chair

Ian Secord **Erin Corso Dawn Thomas** Jessica Santore Matt Hennessey Joe Reynolds Maria Secord

### **Division Commissioners:**

Majors **Rob Bouffard** AAA Ed Eckert Mike Trocchio AA Brian Whalen Single A T-Ball **Brett Tonaldo** 50/70 Mike Deek

Thank You Thank You

Members-at-Large: Billy Rich, Erik Bouchard, Jeff Tillbrook

