



January 2017

Happenings @ Hampton



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We Have A New President!

You can read more information about Hampton's new president on page 2.

Please Note: From here forward, please direct general inquiries, comments, etc to our main email account info.hamptonll@gmail.com and any private or business related emails to president.hamptonll@gmail.com. If

you or someone you know has old, current, or new business with Hampton

Little League, please contact the president or call (250) 385-0022. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during the Board's transition.

T Ball Helmets for Sale

Does your TBaller need a helmet? We have lots for sale! Cost is \$15.00. If you are interested email or come see us at the clubhouse.

Financial Assistance

Did you know there are different organizations that provide financial assistance so kids can play ball? For more information please go to our [Registration page](#). Hampton now has a Financial Assistance Committee please contact the Registrar at Registrar.Hamptonll@gmail.com for further information.

Looking For Cooks



Everyone loves Hampton's concession! Hampton is currently putting together a roster of volunteers who are interested in helping out with cooking in the concession. The cook is responsible for running the Grill (hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, onion rings, etc). Some kitchen experience is an asset, Food Safe is a bonus. Shifts are 4-4.5 hours in duration and volunteers receive a \$60 honorarium for their service.

Baseball Assessments

Baseball Assessments are coming this weekend! For details on specific dates and times please see our website. Please note, assessments are for the Baseball program, not Softball. Softball players will be contacted by their coach.



Meet Hollis Hodson—Hampton's New President!

Hello Hampton Park Community!

My name is Hollis Hodson and I am the new President of Hampton Little League. The transition, although sudden and unexpected, has been a smooth one thanks to Hampton's resilient and very experienced Board of Directors. Together we have been busy preparing for the fabulous upcoming season we have planned and keeping the community informed, as we draw closer to opening ceremonies on April 9th **Let's get ready to play ball!**

Who am I and Why am I here?

First and foremost, I have had a passion for ball as long as I can remember. My home is near Hyacinth Park and one of my favourite sounds in the spring is the "tinking" noise a bat makes when it is still a little cold. Each year for me, this sound that starts the build of excitement for the upcoming ball season. Over the years, I have played on many teams, which provided me with the opportunity to experience tournament ball in Canada (competing at the Provincial and National level), US and even Mexico. I have additionally had the honour of managing, coaching and umpiring, which I love as much as playing.

In 2000 my first son, Aidan, was born and when he was three, we arrived at Hampton Park to play Blastball. That first year I was called on to manage/coach and be the division's Director. The following year I would do the same for TBall. Alas, Aidan did-

n't share my passion for the game and TBall was as far as he went. I was not to be disappointed, as from the side lines my second son, Liam, had been watching with a sparkle in his eye. When he is on the field he is grinning ear to ear and he can stand to play catch as long as me. Liam has been at the park since BlastBall, and this year is his twelfth and final season in Little League, playing Majors at Hampton. It has been wonderful for me watching Liam growing up through the divisions, as I have continued to manage, coach and direct. There has always been something new to learn! Last year in addition to coaching Majors, I even had the privilege

of coaching Hampton's "Team Blue" the umpires, who were totally awesome!

From a practical perspective, I have sat on Committees and Boards from Saanich Neighbourhood Place (2000 as Member at Large) to the Resident's Association of Strawberry Vale, Marigold and Glanford (2017 as President). By day, I am a Product

Integration Manager for an IT Company. My personal quest is to make a difference and goofy as it sounds I enjoy leading, planning, and organizing. At the end of the season, if you and your player have big smiles on your faces and can say that was the best season – I too will have a big smile on my face and will say that was the best season ever!



Photo Credit: Our own very talented photographer Ashley Ohtsijah Hall



Managers, Coaches & Team Parents—*What are they and what do they do?*

There are so many different volunteer roles that are needed to get players on the field playing ball and running a ball park! The volunteers who do the most work with the players are the Managers, Coaches and Team Parents. Each team needs to have all of these roles in order to play. But what exactly are they and what do they do?

MANAGER

Managers are responsible for the overall running of the team while working with the Park Head Coach and the Coaches to develop players. You will have several tasks that you will be responsible for however you will also have a

team parent and other coaches who will be able to assist you. Skills that are helpful: knowledge of baseball/softball, like working with kids, organizational skills, teaching/coaching skills. Hampton has a Head Coach to provide support and provides clinics for coaches to help grow your skills and knowledge.

COACHES

Coaches work with the Manager and the other Assistant Coaches, providing coaching and developing the players, as well as managing the dugout during games and practices. Skills that are helpful: herding cats (very helpful in managing the dugout during games!),

teaching/coaching skills, a willingness to help. Hampton has a Head Coach to provide support and provides clinics for coaches to help grow your skills and knowledge.

TEAM PARENT

The team parent is like the air traffic controller—you organize, coordinate and keep everyone on the team informed of the different events, activities, practices/games, and parent expectations. Skills that are helpful: organizational skills! People skills. Hampton has a Team Parent Coordinator who provides information and support for you throughout the season.

Baseball Assessments

- WHO?** Base Ball Players (softball players will be contacted by their coaches)
- WHERE?** Diamond 1 @ Hampton Baseball Fields
- WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?** Your player only needs to attend one session

Date	Time	Age Group
March 4 th	10 AM to 12 PM	7-9 year olds
	12:30 PM to 2:30 PM	10-12 year olds
March 5 th	10 AM to 12 PM	10-12 year olds
	12:30 PM to 2:30 PM	7-9 year olds
March 11 th	9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	10-12 year olds
	12:30 PM to 2:30 PM	7 to 9 year olds
March 12 th	9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	7 to 9 year olds
	12:30 PM to 2:30 PM	10 to 12 year olds
March 18 th	10 AM to 12:00 PM	5 to 6 year olds



New Address Verification Requirements from Little League



Beginning with the 2017 season, Little League International is implementing the following changes for Residence and School Attendance Eligibility Requirements:

Residence shall be established and supported by documents containing the full residence which includes parent(s) or guardian(s) name, street address, city, state and zip code information, dated or in force between February 1, 2016 (previous year) and February 1, 2017 (current year), from one or more documents from EACH of the three Groups outlined below:

Group I

- Driver's License (photo ID of parent(s) or guardian(s) with qualifying residence address)
- School records (home address of player's parents or guardians)
- Vehicle records (i.e., registration, lease, etc.)
- Employment records
- Insurance documents (with residence address)

Group II

- Welfare/child care records

- Federal records (i.e., Federal Tax, Social Security, etc.)
- State records
- Local (municipal) records
- Support payment records
- Homeowner or tenant records
- Military records

Group III

- Voter's Registration
- Utility bills (i.e., - gas, electric, water/sewer, phone, mobile phone, heating, waste disposal)
- Financial records (loan, credit, investments, etc.)
- Medical records
- Internet, cable, or satellite television records

Example – Three documents from the same Group (utility bill, cable bill, and bank statement) constitute only ONE document.

If your player is planning to try out for Tournament teams, please make sure you have met all the address verification criteria as they will not be eligible to play in Tournaments if the address verification has not been met.

Hampton's concession is in dire need of a new, or new to Hampton, large deep freezer. If you know of a reasonably priced freezer in good shape, or have one that you might consider donating, please let us know at

info.hamptonll@gmail.com

Divisional Directors Needed

Hampton needs a few more Divisional Directors to ensure we can run an excellent ball program. What is a Divisional Director? They oversee their division and work with the Head Coach and Player Agent with recruiting managers, coaches, and assessing players. They are also responsible for

- Distributing important coaching information. Assist managers, coaches and players in under-

standing and adhering to the Rules and Regulations of Hampton Little League and Little League Inc.

- Forward any complaints or problems to the appropriate executive member.

Currently we are seeking Divisional Directors for: Minor Baseball and T Ball. Please contact us if you think you might be interested.

More Clinic Opportunities!

What's better than the clinics Hampton Little League already has scheduled? More Clinics!

We are very pleased to announce that our friends at Central Saanich Little league has opened up their clinics to allow players and coaches registered at Hampton to participate. These clinics are free, and coaches as well as players, are encouraged to participate.

There are two remaining dates for these clinics:

Sunday, March 5 and Sunday, March 19.

Times:

- Ages 11-14: 10:30AM-12PM
- Ages 8-10: 12PM-1:30PM
- Ages 7-8: 1:30PM-2:30PM

Clinic instructors include several members of the Victoria Mariners baseball organization. For more details, please visit Central Saanich's clinic page.



Central Saanich Little League!

Committees That Need YOU!!!!

Hampton needs people to join some committees. Hampton's committees are responsible for organizing some of the special events we do. Please consider how you can participate and help.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Hampton depends on sponsorship monies to help keep registration costs down for all our players and to pay for equipment. If you can stuff an envelope, send some emails, or can

call some businesses let us know!

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PITCH HIT & RUN COMMITTEE

Pitch Hit & Run is a fun event for boys and girls aged 7 to 14. It is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball.

Each participant begins by competing in their local park and they have an opportunity to advance to Sections, Team Championships and the National Finals which is held at the MLB All Star Game!

We are looking for volunteers who can help plan and run this awesome event! This event will be a few hours and will possibly include a family BBQ!

Please contact Curt Waldner at vp.hamptonll@gmail.com if you can help.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Can you mow a lawn? Do some clean up? We need you! Contact Curt at vp.hamptonll@gmail.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Baseball Clinics 5-6 yrs: 6-7pm 7-9 yrs: 7-8pm	4 
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5	6 Clinics Softball 6:30-7:30pm Baseball 10-13 yrs: 7:30-8:30pm	7 	8	9	10	11
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UNIFORMS ISSUED—You will be contacted with time/date						

For more details and to stay up to date with what is happening at Hampton by checking our [online Calendar](#)