

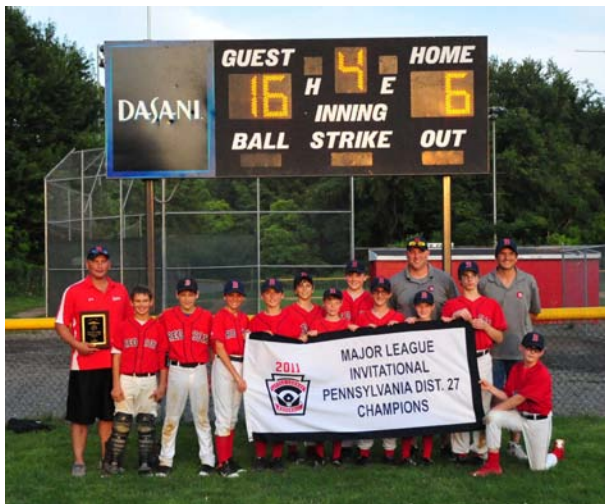
# Coventry Little League News

## STARTING OUR 47th SEASON...SEE YOU IN THE SPRING

### COVENTRY ALL STARS - 2011

#### Coventry Red Sox win the D27 Major League Tournament

The Coventry Red Sox went undefeated to win the CLL in house Majors Division Tournament. They then went undefeated to win the D27 Major League Tournament. They handed Pottstown their first loss of the year in the D27 MLT final 16-6 capping a very impressive post season run. Congratulations to Manager Brian Siket and Coaches Rob Besecker and Mark DeHarde.



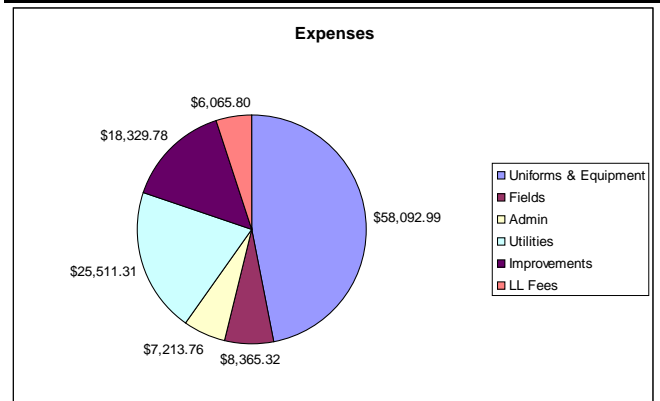
Members from left to right: Jordan Siket, Brian Siket, Austin Kitchen, Riley McGinley, Mark DeHarde, Gabe Willis, Brendan Rau, Jason Weirzbicki, Jeremy Wagner, Liam Cooper, Jake Puderbach. Manager and Coaches from left to right: Manager: Brian Siket, Coaches: Rob Besecker, Mark DeHarde

### COMPLEX DISASTER IN SEPTEMBER 2011

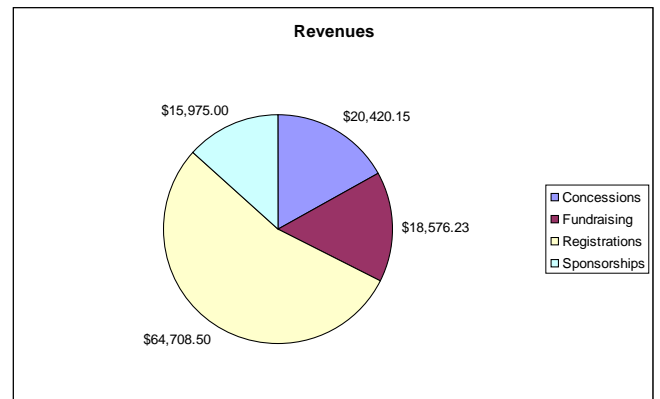
Coventry Little League experienced a major flood for the second time in six (6) years at our Wampler Complex. Just prior to Fall Ball beginning, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee hit the area. The back to back storms were too much and the Schuylkill flooded. We ended up with almost four (4) feet of water covering Wampler Complex. With the help of too many volunteers to list, under the direction of Jay Hakun, the complex was ready for Fall Ball in less than three (3) weeks. **Thank you to all who gave of their time, money and equipment!** We power washed and sanitized everything, put down over sixty (60) tons of infield mix, removed all of the trash from the river, repaired damage and put things back where they were prior to the flooding. We were able to save 90% of our equipment and tools by removing them prior to the flood. Chris Murray graciously allowed us to store freezers and other equipment in one of his buildings. He also supplied the trailer to move it all. Many people and businesses donated money and equipment. A complete list is posted on the web site. **We still need money and equipment donations; please give if you can. Jay Hakun can be reached at 484 919-6887 if you have questions about donations. The concession stand**

needs a complete overhaul after inspection by the Chester County Health Department after the flood. Significant damage was sustained and all stock and supplies had to be thrown out. Please help if you can! See below for our financial statements prepared by our outside CPA Mike Lenge for 2011.

### Coventry 2011 Financial Snapshot



**EXPENSES = \$123578.96**



**REVENUES = \$119679.88**

### 2012 CONCESSION STAND BOND POLICY

A SINCERE AND HEARTFELT "THANK YOU" TO ALL THE PARENTS THAT VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME IN THE CONCESSION STAND THIS PAST SEASON!

The Wampler Concession Stand is the **primary** source of funding for the league after registrations; generating annual revenue of \$20,000. All revenue is put directly back into the league for utilities, equipment, uniforms and field maintenance.

The league has always struggled to find a fair manner to "guarantee" that the concession stand is open during the season. Even with the implementation, of what we consider the most equitable of scheduling scenarios, concession stand coverage continues to be a challenge.

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Therefore, continuing for the 2011 season is the **CONCESSION BOND PROGRAM** (amended for 2012). At registration, CLL will require a **separate check, now for \$100 per player, to be held in escrow** until completion of all scheduled concession stand duty, at which time your check will be shredded. The 2012 schedule will be alphabetical (from A to Z), posted on the CLL web site as soon as possible prior to Opening Day.

One of our most pressing needs is members for the **Concession Management Team**. The committee is a crew of 14 volunteers who work throughout the season as openers and closers. Opening up, getting things started for the first crew, and the closers coming in at the end to supervise the closing process. For your efforts, CLL will reimburse one registration amount for that family. If interested, indicate so on your registration form.

For all star and tournament post-season activities, the concession stand will be scheduled with participating players the same as the spring regular season. Bonded, alphabetical, and posted on the web site in advance.

**Complete detail about the Concession Stand Policy and Bond Program can be found on the web site.**

Thanks again to everyone for a great 2011 season.

## LEAGUE STRUCTURE

Coventry Little League is open to both boys and girls who reside within the Owen J. Roberts School District. The softball and baseball divisions are organized based on age.

Tee Ball ages are between 5/1/04 thru 4/30/06

Baseball ages are between 5/1/98 and 4/30/04

Softball ages are between 1/1/92 and 12/31/03

**THESE DATE RANGES ARE FOR THE 2012 SEASON ONLY.** Divisions are broken down by DOB as follows:

Tee-Ball – 5/1/05 to 4/30/07

Baseball Divisions:

Training\* - 5/1/03 thru 4/30/05

Minors – 5/1/01 to 4/30/03

Majors – 5/1/99 to 4/30/01

\*Machine Pitch

Softball Divisions:

Minor B – 1/1/03 to 12/31/04

Minor A – 1/1/01 to 12/31/02

Majors – 1/1/99 to 12/31/00

Senior – 1/1/97 to 12/31/98

Big – 1/1/93 to 12/31/96

**NOTE:** For girls with a DOB of 1/1/05 thru 4/30/05, division placement will be based on:

0-1 years experience in Tee Ball – Place in Tee Ball

2 years experience in Tee Ball – Option to play a third year in TB or play Minor B SB

The season runs from the first week in April (weather permitting) thru mid-June. Adult volunteers run the league. The majority of practices and games are played at the Wampler Complex in North Coventry Township.

### Wampler Complex:



## REGISTRATION

Registration is upon us for the 2012 season. There are two ways to register, by mail or in-person. All families from the 2011 season will be e-mailed registration forms, or the form can be found on our web site. Completed registrations can be mailed to:

**Coventry Little League  
P.O. Box 1585  
Pottstown, PA 19464**

**This year CLL has implemented a required fundraising bond for each family. The fundraising bond is \$75 per family. Each family will be given 15 tickets to sell at \$5 per ticket. You will keep the cash or have the check from the sale of the tickets made out to you. CLL will cash the fundraising bond checks the day of the drawing which will be the first weekend of May. This will give everyone the time necessary to sell the tickets and recoup the money for the fundraising bond check. This is necessary due to the flood and subsequent inspection by the Chester County Board of Health that requires us to make significant upgrades and changes to the concession stand. The concession stand is our number one source of revenue after registration fees. The work must be done so that we can open that concession stand as usual at the start of the Spring season. We appreciate your understanding as we implement this policy. We are completely self funded and the \$20K cost of the upgrades to the concession stand cannot be covered without the fundraising bond. Thank you, CLL Board of Directors.**

Be sure to enclose a check for the registration fees, a separate check for the Concession Bond, a separate check for uniform bond (**only for majors and SB divisions**), and have a parent or guardian sign the form. See not above concerning the new fundraising bond. Fee amounts are noted on enclosed form.

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Forms must be received by CLL (or postmarked) **no later than January 21, 2012** to avoid a late fee. If more than one registration form is needed per family, please make additional copies.

For **new** players or families wishing to register in-person, a total of three registration dates are available. **An early registration (12/10/11) date has been added again this year.** Players must be accompanied by an adult and need to bring a copy of their STATE ISSUED birth certificate (if new to CLL). Registration dates and times are as follows:

#### On-Line Registration is available!

You can now register on-line and pay by credit card if you would like. You will find a link on the Coventry Little League home page – [www.coventryll.org](http://www.coventryll.org), that is titled “On-Line Registration”. The cost will be an additional 3.25% + \$3.25 for the convenience of this new feature. If you do register and pay online, you will still have to bring any required bond checks to the tryouts or mail them to Coventry Little League prior to any tryouts. If you have any questions, please email [coventrylittleleague@gmail.com](mailto:coventrylittleleague@gmail.com).

#### Early Registration:

**DATE: Sat., 12/10/11**

**TIME: 9:00am to 12:00pm**

#### Registration:

**DATE: Sat. 1/7/12 AND Sat., 1/14/12**

**TIME: 9:00am to 12:00pm.**

**LOCATION: North Coventry Township Bldg. (Side Entrance), South Hanover St., just south of Rt. 724**

Registrations postmarked after January 21 will be charged a late fee. Additional information will be available on our website in mid-November or email Rob Moore at [CoventryLittleLeague@gmail.com](mailto:CoventryLittleLeague@gmail.com)

**“WHY SO EARLY?”** you may ask...our season is driven by the Little League International calendar ([www.littleleague.org](http://www.littleleague.org)).

**EMAIL – Very Important:** Please include an email on your registration form. In addition to the web site, most league communications are done via email.

**NOTE:** This is NOT an OJR school sponsored activity

#### TRYOUTS

Tryouts for Baseball (Training, Minor, Major) divisions for the 2012 Coventry Little League season will be held again at 422 Sportsplex in Pottstown. **Tryouts are for skills assessment only. No players are cut. TENTATIVE** tryout dates and times for baseball divisions are as noted below.

#### TRYOUTS

**DATE: Friday, 1/27/12**

**5:00-7:00pm – BB Minor and Major**

**DATE: Friday, 2/3/12**

**5:00-7:00pm – BB Minor and Major**

**BB Training Skills Assessment/ Tryouts – Dates To Be Determined**

**ALL PLAYERS IN THE NOTED DIVISIONS MUST ATTEND ONE TRYOUT SESSION.**

Tryout details will be available at registration and posted on our website. **Please verify tryout dates and times on our website in early January.**

#### VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Our players cannot fully enjoy the Little League experience without adult volunteers. In addition to managers and coaches, a Little League needs a lot of volunteers to make a successful season. Coventry Little League is no exception. Even our Board of Directors is made up of all volunteers. Help such as umpires, concession management team, field maintenance, team helpers, etc., is urgently needed for the 2012 Season.

#### **UMPIRES NEEDED**

#### **NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.**

Coventry Little League is known around PA District 27 as a league with quality umpires, and the Coventry Umpires had a very successful year in 2011.

We are looking for volunteers to continue our program and to provide our regular season softball and baseball teams with quality umpires so that our kids can enjoy their Little League experience. The league will provide training, support and umpire equipment if you will provide a little of your time. Umpiring is a great way to get involved with the game, be a positive role model for our players and have the best seat in the house for some exciting baseball and softball action.

Interested? Call our Umpire Coordinator, Corey Dissin, at 610-505-2262 for details or check out the web site.

Jay Hakun is starting a Building and Grounds Committee. He's looking for volunteers to help maintain the complex. About one hour per week of work – no experience necessary. For more info, please contact Jay Hakun - email address [jayhakun@yahoo.com](mailto:jayhakun@yahoo.com).

#### 2011/2012 CLL CALENDAR

*Dates and times are **TENTATIVE**. Always confirm on website – [www.coventryll.org](http://www.coventryll.org):*

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**NOVEMBER:**

11/6 - BOD Mtg. -  
6:00-7:30pm – Closed Session  
7:30-9:00pm – Open to Public  
11/12 – Wampler Complex Closing

**DECEMBER:**

12/4 – BOD Mtg. –  
6:00-9:00pm – Closed Session  
12/10- Early Registration (9-12:00 Norco Twp Bldg)

**JANUARY:**

1/8 - BOD Mtg. –  
6:00 - 7:30pm – Closed Session  
7:30-9:00pm – Open to Public  
1/7 - In Person Registration (9-12:00 Norco Twp Bldg)  
1/14 – In Person Registration (9-12:00 Norco Twp Bldg)  
1/27 - Tryouts at 422 Sportsplex (times on web site)

**FEBRUARY:**

2/3 - Tryouts at 422 Sportsplex (times on web site)  
2/5 - BOD Mtg. -  
6:00-9:00pm - Closed Session

**MARCH:**

3/4 - BOD Mtg. –  
6:00-7:30pm – Closed Session  
7:30-9:00pm – Coaches' Meeting at Township Bldg  
3/10 - Wampler Clean Up Day and Coaches' Equipment  
3/11 – Coaches' Equipment/Key Pick Up  
3/24 – Coaches' Clinic 3-5:00pm – MANDATORY  
End March – 2012 Season practices begin

**APRIL:**

4/1 - BOD Mtg. -  
6:00-9:00pm – Closed Session  
4/14 - Opening Day Ceremonies  
4/28 - Picture Day

**MAY:**

5/6 – SB Clinic  
5/6 - BOD Mtg. -  
6:00-7:30pm – Closed Session  
7:30-9:00pm – Open to Public  
5/13 - BB Clinic

**JUNE:**

6/3 – BOD Mtg. –  
6:00-9:00pm – Closed Session  
6/5 – Graduation Game 1:00 – 3:00 PM  
6/15 (approx) – All Star Post Season Begins

**JULY:**

7/8 - BOD Mtg. -  
6:00-7:30pm – Closed Session  
7:30-9:00pm – Open to Public  
7/9 – Fall Ball Registration Begins

**AUGUST:**

8/5 – BOD Mtg. –

6:00-9:00pm – Closed Session  
8/15 (approx) – Fall Ball Registration ends

**SEPTEMBER:**

Wk after Labor Day – Fall Ball begins  
9/9 - BOD Mtg. -  
6:00-7:30pm – Closed Session  
7:30-9:00pm – Open to Public

**OCTOBER:**

10/7 – BOD Mtg. –  
6:00-9:00pm – Closed Session  
10/30 (approx) – Fall Ball ends

**NOVEMBER:**

11/4 – BOD Mtg. –  
6:00-9:00pm – Closed Session  
11/11 – Wampler Complex Closing

### 2011-12 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As Coventry Little League gets set to begin our 47th season, we are pleased to announce the 2011/2012 Board of Directors:

President - **Mike Snyder**

VP, Scheduling. - **Mike Bowker**

Treasurer, Sponsors - **Rich Krumrine**

Information Officer, Webmaster – **Rob Moore**

Player Agent BB, Equipment Mgr - **Steve Streeter**

Player Agent SB – **Don Feltenberger**

Coaching Coordinator, Uniforms – **Andy Fisher**

TB Rep/ Sponsors - **Kathy Granahan**

Safety, Background Checks, BB Majors - **Sean Deviney**

Uniforms, Scheduling – **Charlie Rau**

Umpire Coordinator – **Corey Dissin**

Concession Stand Mgr - **Ray Frazier**

BB Minors Rep – **Jim McGinley**

Field Manager – **Jay Hakun**

Field Manager - **Jeff Knighton**

Fall Ball Coordinator, BB Training Rep – **Brian Siket**

Webmaster, Communication – **Tom King**



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**District 27 LL Volunteer and Presidents'  
Awards Banquet**

The District 27 Little League Volunteer and President's Awards Banquet was held at the Wyndham Garden Exton Valley Forge. The banquet is held each year to recognize the efforts of the volunteers throughout District 27.

Award winners for Coventry LL for the 2011 season were:

**Volunteer of the Year – Brian Tevis**

**Mom of the Year – Alita Murray**

**BOD Volunteer of the Year – Jay Hakun**

**2011 Coventry Champions** were:

*Major BB Champions* – Red Sox

*Minor BB Champions*– Tamarro Landscaping IronBirds

*Training Champions* – Piazza Honda Muck Dogs

**COMMENTS TO THE EDITOR**

[CoventryLittleLeague@gmail.com](mailto:CoventryLittleLeague@gmail.com)

**COVENTRY LL WEB SITE**

Check out the website **often** throughout the year for CLL news and announcements. [www.coventryLL.org](http://www.coventryLL.org)

**COVENTRY LITTLE LEAGUE  
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2011/2012**

Coventry Little League has undertaken a primary goal this year to increase volunteer participation within our league community.

***Please consider becoming a member of Coventry Little League.*** It is only with your support and involvement that Coventry Little League will be able to continue to provide an outstanding baseball/softball experience for your children. Each year Coventry Little League strives to improve the baseball/softball experience for players and families by finding and training our best volunteer coaches, planning and implementing field and facility improvement projects and managing the "Little League" experience locally and at the District, State and National Level.

***Volunteers are the driving force behind Coventry Little League.*** This year we are looking to organize and improve coordination of our Volunteers to better serve the Coventry community. Attached to the registration information you will find a Membership Form and Volunteer Information Checklist. Please consider becoming a member and take a few minutes to complete and submit the application and Volunteer information. There is **NO CHARGE** to become a member/volunteer at Coventry Little League.

***Individual Membership is required to manage, coach or assist in any way with a team.*** Individual Membership is required to become a board or committee member or participate in the administrative operation of the league. Only Members in good standing will be extended voting privileges.

You do not need to complete a membership application to volunteer with our league but we strongly encourage you to complete the application so that we have a better organized volunteer list and so that we can provide you with important information about projects, events, upcoming volunteer opportunities and administrative proceedings.

***Any individual interested in furthering the goals of Little League Baseball/Softball is encouraged to become a Member at Coventry Little League.*** Membership is not limited by Little League baseball to parents. Any person interested in Little League Baseball/Softball, is encouraged to become a Member/Volunteer at Coventry. Please note that member/volunteers who will be coaching or have any contact at all with our children will need to complete a separate application and obtain Little League Clearance Certification.