

President's Corner . . . JJ Sells

Fellow Boosters - Happy New Year! Maybe a month late but still best wishes to you and yours for a fabulous 2018. Can you believe that spring training is just a couple of weeks away? Although we didn't have an active off-season, I think with this off-season, more than recent ones, we have fewer questions to answer. I get what the team did in getting under the salary cap for this year, so I do expect they will be active at the trade deadline.

As most of you know, we purchased 8 season seats (6 regular 2 handicapped) for 2018, along with our usual mini plans. I realize this is quite different from how we have selected seats in the past and will take some getting used to. I think it will offer us more options going forward.

Well, as I close, I look forward to an exciting 2018 season that starts February 23rd at Camelback Ranch. I hope you make plans to join us for this ride. I look to see you all at the ballpark.



Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz

This year tickets are being handled differently! To begin with, there will be **NO Projection Sheet** this year. Our required minimum ticket order per game is still set at 20 and for the last couple of years we have had to cancel so many games, which brings us to 2018 Tickets. We have purchased 6 regular and 2 handicapped Season Tickets for our club members to purchase tickets from. ***If you purchase a minimum of 5 games***, the price per ticket is \$26 regular and \$20 HC, which is \$12 & \$9 less than even the 2018 Mini Plan ticket prices. ***If you purchase 4 or fewer games***, the per ticket price will be \$30 regular and \$24 HC. The Dodgers have allowed us to purchase these season seats in our regular section 6. JJ Sells, 714.315.8156, will be handling the selling of these Season Tickets and tracking what's available. Therefore, you must contact him for availability of tickets and to order any of them. However, I will be handling all payments and distributing the tickets, so the checks should be mailed to me.



We feel because of the price difference, we can accommodate more members going to more games. Moreover, Season Ticket holders will have access to purchasing World Series tickets. In addition, we are trying to circumvent what happened last year with the World Series tickets. Listed below are the games and dates that are still available to purchase. So, look it over and give JJ a call and order up. 19 members purchased regular Mini Plans, along with 7 purchasing HC Mini Plans. I'm still your contact for Mini Plans and all other possible games. When it comes to digitally emailing tickets, I will be the one sending them out. Therefore, I need everyone's current email address.

As of this writing, I do not have any info regarding Opening Day tickets or our annual Awards Night, but as soon as it is available, you will be notified via Email Blast and the instructions for ordering. In addition, if there is enough interest in Fan Appreciation Day on September 23, I will order tickets. So, again be sure and let me know. Also, if there are any special event games during the season and there is enough interest, we will order tickets.

Here's your contact information: **SEASON TICKETS - JJ Sells**, 000.000.0000 or 00000000@0000.com; **ALL OTHER TICKETS - Mae Rosenkranz**, (H) 000.000.0000, (Cell) 000.000.0000 or 000000@00000com. **ALL PAYMENTS - Mae Rosenkranz**, 0000 00000000000 000., 00000000 0000000, CA 0000000.

GAMES AVAILABLE: 3/30 Giants 5 & 2HC; 3/31 Giants 2; 4/1 - Giants 2; 4/10 A's 1; 4/13 D-Backs 5 & 2HC; 4/14 D-Backs 2 & 2HC; 4/23 Marlins 1; 4/25 Marlins 6 & 2HC; 5/8 D-Backs 1; 5/9 D-Backs 6 & 2HC; 5/10 6 & 2HC; 5/11 Reds 6 & 2HC; 5/21 Rockies 4; 5/23 Rockies 2HC; 5/25 Padres 6 & 2HC; 5/28 Phillies 2 & 2HC; 5/29 Phillies 6 & 2HC; 5/31 Phillies 6 & 2HC; 6/8 3; 6/12 Rangers 1; 6/15 Giants 3 & 2HC; 6/25 Cubs 4 & 2HC; 6/28 Cubs 4 & 2HC; 6/29 Rockies 5 & 2HC; 7/ 2 Pirates 2 & 2HC; 7/3 Pirates 4; 7/4 Pirates 4 & 2HC; 7/30 Brewers 2 & 2HC; 8/1 Brewers 6; 8/2 Brewers 1; 8/3 Astros 3 & 2HC; 8/5 Astros 2; 8/13 - Giants 4 & 2HC; 8/15 Giants 4 & 2HC; 8/20 Cards 2 HC; 8/21 4; 8/24 Padres 6 & 2HC; 8/25 2HC; 8/31 D-Backs 5 & 2HC; 9/1 D-Backs 1; 9/2 D-Backs 2 & 2HC; 9/3 6 & 2HC; 9/4 Mets 3; 9/17 Rockies 4 & 2HC; 9/19 Rockies 6; 9/21 Padres 6 & 2HC; 9/22 - 3. **Any questions, give a call.**

Booster Blog . . . Brent Wood

In February of 1964, the country and the musical world were forever changed by four lads from Liverpool named John, Paul, George and Ringo. In November of 1981, another “musical” foursome made the musical scene but not with the same results. They were the Big Blue Wrecking Crew, with members Jerry Reuss, Jay Johnstone, Steve Yeager and Rick Monday and their song celebrated the recent World Championship win over the New York Yankees. The recording was Queen's We are the Champions, and though musically it does not match the lads from Liverpool, it was met with great enthusiasm by fans of the blue.

You know of ex-player and current broadcaster Rick Monday, but what of the other members of the group? Jerry Reuss gained all-time Dodger fan appreciation when he pitched a no-hitter against the Giants in 1980. Steve Yeager was co-MVP of the 1981 World Series and Jay Johnstone, hit a home run to win game 4. He was also quite a prankster. For instance, he locked Tommy Lasorda in his office during spring training. Another time, he removed all of Lasorda's office pictures of celebrities and replaced them with pictures of Ron Cey, Don Stanhouse and himself. If your appetite is whetted to hear this recording here is the link to watch it, but be forewarned, they are not the lads from Liverpool. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKRYC9BTI8Y>

Opening Day 2018



Dodgers vs. Giants
Thursday, March 29th, 1:10 PM

Delicious & Fun Pot Luck Dinner. . . Dorothy Wylie

Our **Annual Potluck Dinner** will again take place before the start of our February 12th General Meeting! Break out your cookbooks and dust off those golden oldie recipe index cards to show off your best secret family dish! This year's potluck will commence around 6:30 PM, to accommodate

our 7 PM start time for the meeting itself. Be sure you bring a healthy appetite, as there will be a wide variety of food from which to sample.

Members who bring food will go through the buffet line first, along with their guests. After they have all been served, then anyone else can then go through the food line. To be sure you're all at the front of the line being able to sample the most variety, please bring a main or side dish, salad, appetizer or dessert. Since there is always plenty of food, please scale your recipe to handle just 8 servings. One beverage per person will be supplied by the club and more can be purchased for a nominal price.

IMPORTANT REMINDER – Please be sure to mark ALL your dishes and utensils with your name for easier retrieval afterwards. I will need some help with setting up and with serving. If you are available to help, please contact me at 000.000.0000.

Also you can call me to sign up to bring something if you didn't at the last meeting or if you've forgotten what it was you had signed up to bring!

2018 Meeting Dates

Monday, January 8th
Monday, February 12th
Monday, March 5th
Monday, April 9th
Monday, May 14th
Monday, June 11th
Monday, July 9th
Monday, August 13th
Monday, September 10th
Monday, November 5th
Christmas December TBA

Electing Your 2018 Board Members . . .

Your 2018 Board members currently consist of the following - President JJ Sells, Vice President Alicia Trujillo, Secretary John Eiden, Treasurer Olivia Armenta, Ticket Chairperson Mae Rosenkranz, co-Membership Chairs Danee Gallegos & Brenda Marsh and At-Large Board Members Michelle Gorum & Brent Wood.

At the February meeting, we will select among 4 nominees to fill the 2 remaining At-Large Board Member positions. The nominees (alphabetically) are Lidia Carrillo, Gary Droeger, Jeff Marsh and Pat Moore. Each submitted a campaign statement in the January Booster Bits.

By now, all members eligible to vote in this election (those who paid their 2018 Membership dues by January 8th) have received their ballot in a separate mailing along with instructions as to how to vote.

If you lose or forget to bring your ballot, a new one will be issued to you at the meeting. Good luck to all the candidates and see ya at the February meeting!

The Quakes Booster Club with a request . . .

At last year's Quakes game, we had the pleasure of being introduced to the Quakes Booster Club president and his wife, **Robert and Debbie Grieci**. We shared information about both our clubs and what we do. It was clear the Quakes Booster Club is far more involved with the Quakes players than we are at the major league level. They care for, house, feed and provide other services for the young baseball hopefuls while they are assigned to the Quakes team. We decided then to explore ways in which we can help one another's clubs and interact more.

Your 2017 Booster Club Officers . . .

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to this project, to please bring it to the February meeting. They can also use any spare bath and face towel sets you may have to donate. One thing they already do have an abundance of is pillows, so none is needed at this point. Anything you have to offer will be very much appreciated by both clubs and the Quake players.

If you have any questions, please contact John Eiden at 000.000.0000. See ya at the meeting with armloads of any of these items you can bring – along with your favorite dish for the potluck of course!

To that end, we have invited both Griecis to speak about their club and possible opportunities at our February meeting. With that in mind, we are already at work on a project with them. Their club supplies mattresses, bedding, towels and other items for the players when they first arrive in April. Their club had to replace quite a number of mattresses this year and have asked whether we can help out with supplying bedding, towels, etc. The mattresses are all Queen Size.

Therefore, we are asking our members if anyone has any spare, and in good condition, Queen sized bedding (sheet sets, pillow case sets, blankets or comforters) they can donate

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