

# PARENT NEWSLETTER



Western Duluth Little League  
August, 2018

## ROGER PETERSON TOURNAMENT



WDLL hosted the third annual **Roger Peterson Baseball Tournament** June 1-3, 2018 at our fields. This year, the tournament

featured 18 teams at the 13AA, 12U, and 10U levels.

Congratulations to the following champions and runners-up...

**13AA:** Esko (Champion), Northwestern (Runner-Up)

**12U:** War Eagles (Champion), Esko (Runner-Up)

**10U:** Itasca (Champion), Expos (Runner-Up)

Special thanks to Corey Verhel, Mike Dosan, Matt Peterson, Roger Peterson, Stacy Nylund, Kari Bulthuis, Michelle Kilroy, Jeff Schaefer, Cam Larson, Chad Clore, and all of the volunteer scoreboard operators, concession workers, field maintenance helpers, umpires, players, coaches, and families for their hard work in making this event a success!

## QUAD CITY PLAYOFF RESULTS



Congratulations to the following Western teams for their strong finishes in the 2018 Quad City Little League playoffs!

**Cardinals:** Runner-Up, Major Silver Division

**Nationals:** Third Place, Major Bronze Division

## 2018 MN DISTRICT III TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the Western 8-10 Year-Old and Little League District Tournament teams for representing WDLL well during the 2018 MN District III Tournament.



Additionally, Western had the privilege of hosting the Little League division of this event. Thanks to all of the players, families, managers, coaches, league/District officials, umpires, and volunteer concession operators, field maintenance workers, and scoreboard operators who made this event a success. Lake Park beat Esko 6-3 in a great championship game to advance to the MN State Tournament.

## 2018 YEAR-END SURVEY



Please take a few moments to fill out a short survey to provide feedback on your and your child's experiences this season. We will use your responses to ensure WDLL continues to create a fun, safe environment for learning and competition in 2019 and beyond.

The survey link may be found here: [2018 WDLL Year-End Survey](#)

Your responses are completely anonymous. No personal information will be recorded when you submit the form, unless you choose to provide it.

If you have multiple children in our program, please feel free to fill out a separate survey for each.

**The survey will close at 11:59 PM on Monday, August 27, 2018!**

Thank you for your feedback!

**2019 Registration Opens  
January 1,  
2019!**



## WESTERN TAKES THIRD PLACE IN PROCTOR

The **WDLL 11-12 Year-Old Tournament Team** won third place in the 12B Division of the 2018 Proctor Baseball Classic with a win over Hermantown. Great job players and coaches!



## BENT PADDLE FUNDRAISER

In conjunction with the Duluth Huskies home opener and the Roger Peterson Tournament at Western, **Bent Paddle Brewing Company** hosted a very special fundraising event on Saturday, June 2, where they donated \$1 per beverage to WDLL. We also hosted a raffle and silent auction featuring great items donated by WDLL families and local businesses.

In total, we raised approximately \$1200 from the auction and well over \$1000 from the beverage sales. We thank Bent Paddle and everyone who donated to and participated in this great event!



## SHARE THE GLOVE GRANT

We are pleased to announce that WDLL has been chosen as a recipient of the Northwoods League's "**Share The Glove**" grant. The grant includes \$2500 in Rawlings youth baseball equipment, including bats, catcher's equipment, and gloves. Western is one of ten recipients of these grants, which were offered in conjunction with the Northwoods League's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Several Western board members took part in an on-field ceremony at Wade Stadium to receive the award and equipment. We at Western thank the Duluth Huskies, the Northwoods League, and Rawlings for their support of our association.



## OPENING DAY 2018

WDLL held our second annual **Opening Day** celebration on Saturday, May 5. Throughout the day, all of our regular season teams from the Rookie League through the Major League competed against other Western teams. There was also an opening ceremony, a skills session for the Intro Leaguers, field clean-up, and team pictures.



Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped organize this great kick-off to the season!



## FUNDRAISING

the season!

Thank you to those who have taken part in fundraising efforts throughout

Even though the season is over, we are still pursuing donations, particularly for our field enhancement project.

If you would like to donate, or if you have suggestions for further fundraising projects, please contact [fundraising@westernduluthlittleleague.org](mailto:fundraising@westernduluthlittleleague.org).



## FENCE PROJECT

Now that the season has concluded, the next phase of our field enhancement project is set to begin. During the offseason, we will be upgrading the fencing around both of our fields.

**We need your support to make this happen!** If you would like to donate online, please visit [www.westernduluthlittleleague.org/home.php?layout=848788](http://www.westernduluthlittleleague.org/home.php?layout=848788) and click on the “2018 Fundraising” button on the left side of the page. You may also contact WDLL Sponsorship/Fundraising Manager Michelle Kilroy at [fundraising@westernduluthlittleleague.org](mailto:fundraising@westernduluthlittleleague.org) to donate or if you have questions.



## ONLINE DONATIONS

Please consider supporting WDLL with an online, tax-deductible donation. Please visit

[www.westernduluthlittleleague.org/home.php?layout=848788](http://www.westernduluthlittleleague.org/home.php?layout=848788) and click on the “2018 Fundraising” button on the left side of the page.

## VOLUNTEER FEE REFUNDS

For those who successfully fulfilled the requirements for earning your \$50 non-volunteer fee refund, refunds will be mailed **by the end of August**.

## 2018 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Thanks to those players, coaches, and family members who were part of WDLL’s unit in the **Memorial Day parade** on Monday, May, 28, 2018. Special thanks to Stacy Nylund for coordinating this event.

## ART VON TOURNAMENT

Western’s **Art Von Tournament Team** finished off the season with an 11-1 win over Central in the Art Von Tournament, held at Lake Park Little League August 3-5, 2018. Great job players and coaches!



## FIRST-TIME PLAYER REFUNDS

All players who were new to our association in 2018 will receive a **\$10 refund, which will be mailed by the end of August**. We hope you enjoyed your first year with Western, and we’ll see you again in 2019!



## PICTURES

To those who are still awaiting pictures, the facility where the pictures are processed is having issues with their button production, which is causing a great delay with our league order.

We apologize for this delay but will notify you the minute your pictures arrive.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

If you have questions, please contact [info@westernduluthlittleleague.org](mailto:info@westernduluthlittleleague.org).

## LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES



The 72<sup>nd</sup> **Little League World Series** began on August 16 and runs through August 26. Held in Williamsport, PA, eight US Regional champions and eight International Regional champions will compete for the championship. Michigan and Iowa are representing the Central Region, which includes Minnesota and WDLL. All games are televised on the ESPN networks and/or ABC.

The championship game is scheduled for Sunday, August 26 at 2:00 PM.

For more information and the full schedule, please visit [www.llbws.org](http://www.llbws.org).

## HUSKIES FINISH SECOND

Western Duluth Little League congratulates the **Duluth Huskies** for finishing in second place in the Northwoods League! Thanks to the Huskies for their continued support of our association!



## NEW SCOREBOARD PORCHES

Western Duluth Little League thanks **Jerry and Kelly Larsen** for their hard work in donating and building new wood platforms for our scoreboards!



## SPECIAL THANKS

As the season comes to a close, we at Western would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all of our players, families, managers, coaches, board members, umpires, field maintenance workers, concession workers, and all of our other volunteers for a great 2018 season!

WDLL is an entirely volunteer-driven organization, and we quite simply could not exist without the support of all of the groups mentioned above.

Best wishes for a great rest of the summer, and we look forward to working with you and your players again in 2019.

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**"The saddest day of the year is the day baseball season ends."**

~Tommy Lasorda~