

La Salle Club Bulletin



The La Salle Club
Helping Student Athletes
Since 1939

Summer 2014

The La Salle Club

Executive Board 20134

President:

Bernie Church '62

Membership:

Bobbi Pires '76

Finance:

Jean Lahey

Communications:

Joe McNamara '83

Board Members

Ron Bird '76

Troy Bird '82

Jack Clara '50

Eric Edelmayer '82

David Gau '76

Pat Gormley Jr. '07

Vince Juarez

Brock Littlejohn '85

Elaine McCollom '83

Rich Poletti '63

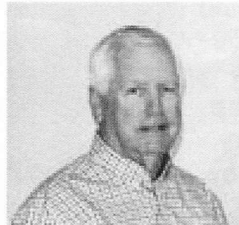
Sean Stone '84

Jack Witry

Be sure to visit our web page for photos, history, news, and event information:

www.thelasalleclub.com

Message From the President



Dear Members of The La Salle Club,
It is that time of the year again where we try and keep you updated on how the last year school year (2013-2014) went for The La Salle Club. Our three normal yearly events which consist of: The Annual Membership Drive, The Sacramento Area Baseball Hall of Fame Dinner and The Sacramento Area Coaches & Officials Hall of Fame Dinner were joined by our first adventure into sponsoring and hosting a concert in the new Performing Arts Center.

Coaches & Officials Hall of Fame

Jack Witry, once again, chaired The Sacramento Area Coaches & Officials Hall of Fame Dinner for the 19th consecutive year. The event was held on October 26, 2013. This years inductees included Bill Barker, Don Boyce, Bob Christiansen, Dan Hooper, Mike Inchausti, Dan Risley, Vera Vaccaro and Jerry Weinstein.

Membership Drive

Our annual Membership Drive commenced in January 2014 and we are happy to announce that we have 344 individual or family members that are dues paying members for 2014. Your membership dues along with money donated over and above your minimum dues payment are the financial rock that our club relies on every year. Many people, inside and outside the club, send in contributions, in honor or memory of loved ones, for example, throughout the year. Every donation to The La Salle Club, for whatever reason, is very much appreciated. Thanks to all of you who contribute to this worthwhile project !!!

Baseball Hall of Fame

The Sacramento Area Baseball Hall of Fame was held on February 15, 2014. It was billed as the "60th Anniversary of Sacramento's Premier Baseball Event". Once again, Joe McNamara '83 chaired this successful event. This year's inductees included: Mike Baldwin, Carl Boyer '63, Curtis Brown, Oscar Broyer, Richard "Scratch" DeFazio, Don Hammitt, Buck Martinez, Rowland Office, and Larry Wolfe.

New Board Members

During the past year we had some changes on The La Salle Club Board of Directors. Leaving the board were Mari-beth DaRosa-Niehaus '73, and Mike Elorduy '60. Joining the board were Brock Littlejohn '85 and Elaine McCollom '83.



Continued on Page 2

Investing in our student athletes

We were able to meet all the financial help requests from the Athletic Department this past school year. Some of the projects we were able to help fund were: water polo caps, end zone cameras for the football program, a basketball shooting machine, renovation of the infields for the baseball and softball fields, a timing clock for swim meets, championship jackets for the boy's varsity soccer team, installation of AV equipment for the weight room, and shoulder pads for the football team.

Athletic Hall of Fame

We were also the main financial backers of the first Christian Brothers High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The Athletic Department, under the direction of Dan Carmazzi '71 and his committee organized a very successful first-time event. The event was held on May 31, 2014. The inaugural class of inductees included: The 1946 Baseball Team, represented by Ronnie King '46, Gil Urbano '46, Joe Kirrene '49, and the Knezovich Brothers (Paul '38, Ray '41, Al '44, Mel '47, and Don '49).



Dave Hoskins, Dick Sperbeck, Mel Fontes, Dan Farrell '75 & Dan Carmazzi '71, CB Athletic HOF

Individual inductees included: John Cartwright '73, Msgr. James Church '50, Vince Delgado '84, Danny Farrell '75, Andy Fox '89, Mike Green '62, Ron Limeberger '53, Joe Marty '31, Kevin McKechnie '93, Jim Mikacich '58, Dick Mooney '58, Jim Sarti '71, Steve Scully '66, David Sutherland '84, Kevin Sutherland '82, and Wally Westlake '39. At the end of the event, Lorcan Barnes, the school president, surprised the audience, which included Jack Witry and his family, by announcing that the field house would now and in the future be officially named, The Jack Witry Field House. Congratulations Jack! They could not have named it after a more deserving person.

Anthony Kearns Concert

Board member Joe McNamara '83 initiated the idea of holding a fund raising concert in the new George Cunningham '40 Performing Arts Center. Joe took this project under his wing and on July 24th and 25th, Anthony Kearns, widely considered Ireland's finest tenor, performed two memorable shows at Christian Brothers. The shows were sponsored by The La Salle Club.



Anthony Kearns, Thea Stidum, Jon Laird

As a long time fundraising source for Christian Brothers' athletics, The La Salle Club has staged various events over the years including boxing nights, golf tournaments, soccer nights, goose stew nights, crab feeds, Coaches and Officials Hall of Fame, and the Baseball Hall of Fame. The Anthony Kearns concert was the club's first attempt at staging a cultural non-athletic event.

Close to 500 people attended the two shows and with the subsequent media attention, the club was introduced to many new potential members. A big "thanks" goes out to Joe for bringing this project to fruition.

To view a photo gallery of the concerts, please visit www.thelasalleclub.com

With the closing of the last concert, it also brought the curtain down on the activities of The La Salle Club for the school year of 2013-14. Once again I would like to "thank" all of you who have continued to support the La Salle Club and the students of Christian Brothers High School.

Here's hoping we have another successful school year in 2014-15.

Sincerely,

Bernie Church '62

Falcon Sports Highlights

Fall Sports

Football: Section semi-finalist
Volleyball: Girls, CVC Champions; Section Champions. Norcals, 2nd round.
Soccer: Boys, CVC Champions; Section Champions
X Country, State Meet, D-4
Boys Water Polo, Section Playoffs, 2nd round.
Girls Water Polo, Section Playoffs, 2nd round
Girls Golf, CVC Champions, Sections, 3rd place
Girls Tennis, Section Playoffs, 2nd round

Winter Sports

Basketball, boys, Section Playoffs, Norcals, 2nd round
Basketball, Girls, CVC Champions, Sections, 2nd round
Wrestling, Girls, Alexandra Glaude, Section Champion, State Finalist

Spring Sports

Baseball, CVC Champions, Section Finalist
Golf, Boys, Section Playoffs
Volleyball, Boys, Section Playoffs, 2nd Round
Soccer, Girls, Section Champions

Signings and commitments 2014

Erik Bloomquist, Cornell (football)
Jaymee-Lee Bulda, Boise State (volleyball)
Jenna Cully, Marian University (soccer)
Brendan Gormley, Southern Oregon (football)
Ryan Graggs and Connor Gutman, Wheeling
Jesuit University (rugby)
John Hallman, Northwest Nazarene (baseball)
Ryan Hedum, Cal Berkeley (rugby)
Hayden Jones, Colorado (football)
Emma Lee, Washington (gymnastics)
Jayme Omand, TCU (equestrian)
Michael Perez, St. Xavier (golf)
Haley Snyder, Stanford (softball)
Lucas Still, Willamette (baseball)
Kayla Thompson, St. Marys (soccer)
Chelsea Valine, Sonoma State (volleyball)
John Wagstaff, Sacramento State (football)



The 2014 CB Varsity Baseball Team, CVC Champions

61th Annual Baseball Hall of Fame Dinner

February, 21, 2015 CB Field House

For more information:

www.thelasalleclub.com

20th Annual Sacramento Area

Coaches & Officials Hall of Fame

October 25th, 2014 CB Cafeteria

The La Salle Club Highlights, 2013-14

- 1) **Web Page** The La Salle Club now has its own independent web page that features photos from past events, historical essays and collections, videos, press kits for the media, and most importantly, access to buy event tickets or to renew club memberships online. Please visit us at www.thelasalleclub.com
- 2) **29th Annual Ambassadors' Club Honorees** The La Salle Club joined a distinguished group when it was honored on October 23rd, 2013 at the Ambassadors' Club Dinner. The La Salle Club Board and many distinguished former board members were on hand for the celebration. CB President Lorcan Barnes in honoring the club said: "The La Salle Club continues its noble efforts to serve the student-athletes of Christian Brothers High School and instill life lessons of sportsmanship and the ideals of citizenship and important life lessons that come from sports."
- 3) **New BBQ** The club purchased a large BBQ capable of providing food for hundreds of people. The club intends to share the BBQ with the school and the alumni association for the numerous events held at Christian Brothers High School.
- 4) **CB Beer & Wine Tasting Extravaganza** This marks the third year that The La Salle Club has participated in the signature event at Christian Brothers. Once again the club will be serving up pulled pork sandwiches and mojitos at our table on the wine tasting side. Last year we served over 400 sandwiches. This years' Beer & Wine Tasting Extravaganza is on Friday, September, 5, 2014. Come by our table and say hello!



Jack Witry, Joe McNamara, Rich Henning, Troy Bird, and Vince Juarez with the new BBQ at the spring sports picnic.

The La Salle Club Mission Statement

Founded in 1939, The La Salle Club is a volunteer group dedicated to supporting the needs of the Christian Brothers' Athletic Department and the student athletes. It is the purpose of The La Salle Club to collaborate with the school to fund projects outside the school's operational budget.

The Athletic Director will keep the school President advised of all La Salle Club activities. All money raised will be held in trust for The La Salle Club in the business office of Christian Brothers High School.

Any project that is proposed, either by the school or The La Salle Club, must be agreed to by the Athletic Department, the President, and The La Salle Club before any project can begin.