

CLUB SPORTS

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From the Commish

Who's That Guy?

The manager of a City Employees Club softball team could be anybody. It could be you.

Softball – Play Ball!

The 2013 Club Summer Softball season has started. Here are images from the early games so far.

Games are played at the following locations at 7:30 and 9 p.m. every Wednesday:

- **Yosemite Recreation Center**
1840 Yosemite Dr.
Los Angeles, CA. 90041
- **Shatto Recreation Center**
3191 Fourth St.
Los Angeles, CA. 90020
- **Downey Recreation Center**
1772 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA. 90031

By Lady Smith

As the horn blew in a far-off City facility – the end of shift is here, he gathered his things and headed outward to the Cheviot Hills softball field. But first, he swiftly yet subconsciously surveyed his vehicle, counting six windows, three mirrors, and four firm, rounded tires. He started his engine, turned on the radio and air conditioner, placed his cell phone on his non-slip mat and hooked up the charger. He slid on his Maui Jims and checked his swag in the mirror. All good! He can go now.

Oh no! They did it again! They're playing one of his favorite beats from way back. He can't help but turn it up! With the beats bumping in his ear, he couldn't control his shoulders from bouncing, fist from pumping, head from bobbing, and chest from swaying. Before he knew it, he was back on the dance floor with his high school sweetheart, showing out, of course. A flicker of a light caught the corner of his eye, and a female player texted his cell phone. "Sorry can't make it tonight." He shrugged his shoulders but continues driving and dancing.

While unmoved by another driver entering the wrong way on a one-way street, and while he patiently waits as the driver makes a seven-point turn, his cell phone lights up again. A male player texts, "Hey, hope U have enough 2nite. I'll b at the next 1 fo'sho." He sighs a little, starts unbuttoning his shirt and grooves to the beat playing on the radio.

Suddenly, another text illuminates his phone and reads, "May be right at game time but no more than 15-30 mins after,

ok?" He shakes his head to the beat and sings, "Nah, it's not okay," and does some (dance) move that causes other drivers to stare. Now he's entering the freeway, encounters bumper-to-bumper typical L.A. traffic, and repeatedly presses on the brake, making the car bounce to the beat. He continues this behavior for 23 miles, three freeways, and three additional texts, one asking for directions, another female player out, and another man down.

As he maneuvers through the streets of West L.A., he picks up a female player waiting on her porch, suited with sports bag and bats. "That's what I'm talking about!" he thinks to himself. She gets into the car and asks, "Can you turn that down a little?" He happily obliges, not realizing that he had the music up so loud. They head to the park. They debrief about their day and finally enter Cheviot's parking lot, spies the umpire chalking the field, and players filling both dugouts, playing catch and stretching.

While his passenger answers his text messages at his request, he pulls out two blank score sheets, obtains the lineup from both teams, and settles in for a great game. As every person came up to bat, as every player crossed the plate, he marked the score sheet accordingly. When a lady hit a home run, he added a star and a smiley

face in her section of the score sheet. "Yeah!" And, when the game was over, he securely put away his score sheet for another day.

For him, it's almost game time, for he had the 9 o'clock game. His players have been trickling in for the last half hour. He now

has three women and five men including him. As he's writing his lineup for the scorekeeper (who isn't staying), he pulls out bats, softballs, his glove and bat gloves, his dry-erase board and his umpire fees, and processes all of this material when the "15-30 minute late" lady arrives on time. His game commences and they're down 10 runs up until the last inning, when his team hits into a rally, ultimately winning by 1.

He slaps that hand, compliments the umpire, gathers his passenger and things, and leaves. He drops his player off and watches carefully as she enters her home and closes her door. He proceeds to the freeway and fights that L.A. traffic for approximately 17 miles to his home, while grooving to the sounds of his favorite radio station. Unmoved, stress-free, cooperative, patient, committed, supportive, participatory, and a winner! Who's that guy... or gal? That's a City Employees Club Player! That's you!



Become a softball team Manager!

The Club's new Commissioner of Softball, Lady Smith, Fire and Police Pensions

Meet the Commish

Please welcome the Club's new Commissioner of Softball, Lady Smith, Fire and Police Pensions. She will attend the games, making sure you all are playing safely and having tons of fun! Congratulations, Lady!



Sign Up Mondays!

Stop by the Club Store on Mondays (8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.) to sign up for any upcoming Club sports league!

- Club Soccer League
- Club Softball League
- Club Basketball League
- Running Club



Come meet Robert Larios, The Sports Dude

Bowling Fun!



Sign up for upcoming Club bowling leagues. The Club's Sports Dude is rounding up all those dedicated Club bowlers out there. Join a Club bowling league. There's little time to spare! Contact the Sports Dude at (800) 464-0452, or sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com

Basketball Starts This Month!



The Club's fall basketball league is starting in September. If you want to play, now's the time to contact the Sports Dude at sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com or (800) 464-0452.

Dodgers Tickets Giveaway!

United Agencies Inc. INSURANCE

Last chance! United Agencies is giving away a pair of Dodger tickets for the Sept. 29 game vs. the Colorado Rockies (1:10 p.m. game time). These are loge level seats. Anyone who is quoted for insurance from United Agencies will be entered into the drawing. No purchase necessary. Contact United Agencies at (888) 801-5522 or email the Club at info@cityemployeesclub.com for more information.