

# CLUB SPORTS

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## Club Softball League



### 2013 SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS

# It's the Jets!

On Nov. 6, in a tight, action-packed game, the Jets from LAX beat the Enforcers from Transportation to win the Club Softball League 2013 championship.

Read all the details in the column by Lady Smith, the "Commish."

The Club's Sports Dude, Robert Larios, thanks all the team managers and players for making this the biggest softball season in the history of Club Sports. This past season featured the most registered teams in a season ever!

A special thank you goes to the Club's Softball Commissioner, Lady Smith, for her leadership and attention to detail, especially for the orchestrating the fun and excitement for fans and players at the championship game.

Registration for next season will be announced in spring 2014.



## From the Commish

### The Championship Game

By Lady Smith

If you weren't in the house Nov. 6 at Downey Recreation Center for the City Club's Softball Championship between the Jets (LAX) and Enforcers (Transportation), you missed something special!

Early arrivers, including the Enforcers' shortstop and the Sewer Rats' Luis Figueroa (Hyperion), helped set up and take down the equipment. (Thank you.) The celebration opened up with the arrival of the Roll'n' Lobster Food Truck, serving delicious favorites like lobster rolls and hot clam chowder. Delta Rodriguez (Sanitation) controlled the volunteer booth; Martha Egure (City Attorney) was the sign poster/organizer; Jalen Ramirez was the Enforcers' mascot; and Brianna Romero was the Jets' mascot. Brianna did an excellent job making announcements on the microphone and should have sung the National Anthem, since she is a very talented singer. (Maybe next time.)

The Sports Dude and Club Vice President of Operations, Robert Larios, arrived with his state-of-the-art memory maker (camera) and took countless pictures of the fans, players, volunteers and ambiance. DJ Que-Que (QueJonné Smith) started the softball competition by playing Javier Vera's (lead umpire) favorite song, "Doin'

the Butt" by EU. Javi took full advantage of the musical outbreak and danced around home plate. As each player entered their batting stance, DJ Que-Que dropped a snippet of their favorite song to be heard all around the park.

A royal battle ensued between Jets and Enforcers. Enforcers hosted the Jets, and the first inning had begun. Although the Jets scored two early unearned runs, Enforcers' pitcher, Danny Valdez, ended their at-bat by striking out one batter and fielding to first for the final out. The Jets held on to their early lead by limiting the Enforcers to only their first four batters. Danny didn't allow any Jet to play in the second inning by striking two batters out looking and fielding to first yet another out. The Jets didn't let those at-bats discourage them. The Jets defensively held the Enforcers down with a double play and textbook 5-3 play, ending the second inning.

In the third inning, Danny would again limit the Jets at-bats to three, by fielding to first the last two outs and bringing his team in to answer the call. With the Enforcers chasing the two recorded Jets runs, eight batters worked together and scored three runs with three bonafide hits and two Jets errors, closing the third inning with a one-run lead.

The Jets were on fire as expected, because they were down by one. The swift Jet, Kenora Posey, opened up the fourth inning with an

eventful stretched double, followed by a catchable right-field fly by quick Rick (Rico Sanchez), easily scoring both runners. The Enforcers stopped the Jets at two runs but couldn't answer back, closing out the fourth inning chasing one.

The Jets scored another two runs in the fifth inning and again, the Enforcers couldn't answer back, with the score 6-3 Jets.

The sixth inning was saved for the Enforcers by a six-run maximum rule, capping the Jets lead to just nine. The Jets earned six runs by leaving the Danny alone - the score now 12-3 in the top of the sixth. The Enforcers ended the sixth inning scoring three runs by producing five solid base hits and superhuman speed running the bases.

Umpire Javi announced the final inning, "all you can get!" (meaning there was no per-inning run limit), and the crowd roared, "It's on!" The Jets were up, and everyone was on the edge of their seats. Three up, three down. Incredible! The Jets were held to 12 runs. The Enforcers had a great opportunity to take the game and win; they needed only six to tie, and seven to win. In softball, anything can happen. Seven runs is definitely not uncommon. But the Enforcers



couldn't answer the call. Four up, three down. By the end of this incredible evening, the Enforcers would lose to the Jets 12-6.

What a remarkable game! It was filled with many awesome plays. Most memorable were two grand double plays from the Jets' Rico and four jaw-dropping strikeouts and six textbook defensive plays by Enforcers' golden glove pitcher, Danny.

After the game, the Club's Robert Larios expressed accolades to all the volunteers, players, umpires and everyone who made the evening great. Then, the evening closed with the Jets' winning song, "All I Do Is Win" by DJ Khaled. It was a great game. It was a great season.

Special thanks go to Tawnni Smith and QueJonné Smith for volunteering during the season and playoffs.



## Club Basketball League

The Club's Basketball Season for the fall 2013 is going strong.

The Club will be handing out giveaways to spirited fans at games played at the Exposition Recreation Center, 3980 S. Menlo Ave., so come out and cheer your team on... and have lots of fun. All are welcome to see the

games, played at 7, 8 and 9 p.m. on Thursday nights.

Visit the Club Website for the latest action from the teams.

To check the latest scores and standings, please visit [www.laparks.org/dos/sports/basketball/fall2013/104-F13.pdf](http://www.laparks.org/dos/sports/basketball/fall2013/104-F13.pdf)



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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](mailto:sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com)

## 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**



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