Somehow we managed to not get any pictures from the bar last week, which is a bummer because we had fun and half-naked men were involved, so if you missed Tim and Blake taking it off for the children, well, you really did miss it. You might just persuade Tim to reenact for a further donation to Penny Lane, but probably Blake was a one-night only phenomenon. (Oh. I am newslettering topless. Really. I’m only wearing two shirts, instead of my usual three.)

Also, we raised some money.

One might venture to call Star Wars the most successful charity event in North Hollywood kickball history, possibly even in Los Angeles-area kickball history. I don’t know if that’s precisely true, but I do know we raised more last Thursday than I’ve ever seen at any kickball charity event in three and a half years and five divisions. Altogether—

$1,689.38

If you want some perspective, we raised a little over $300 last season. If you want some more perspective, the Studio Yard Sale a couple months back raised about $1000. We rule.

So THANK YOU to everyone who participated, whether you donated coins, services, bid-raising, or just your attention, or you bombed the Piglets' bucket.

Special thanks are due to Black to the Future's Adam Wylie, who single-handedly brought in $320 by offering his Magicking self up for auction (and if that wasn't enough, Adam became one fourth of a Black to the Future Umpiring Package, also including Rob, Scott, and Erik), and to Team Awesome! who won him; to Dandy Lion Blake and his shirtless surfing lessons, won by Party Sheep Tom Martinez (who is going to Hawaii next month) for $110; to the Base Invaders for collectively bidding $180 for Tim’s shirtless (he gets his chest waxed as part of the deal) housekeeping (for Rachael and Tiffany), amigurumi and kind words from me (for Nic), and the aforementioned Black to the Future Umpiring package (for the whole team); to the Piglets' David Osorio for winning Ariana’s mad makeup skillz; to Sheep Kelly Fujii for winning a date with Piglet Jon; and to Jon for having won Tom to drive! Extra special thanks to Stanky Bryan Barrios for jumping on the microphone and selling the hell out of our volunteers. We raised $800 with the auction alone!

And since the math there is pretty easy, we raised $889.38 in spare change and bill-bombing! Honorable mention to Piglet’s Revenge for getting bombed $72 and thereby raising a total of $93.82 (while putting them in last place with -$50.18)! Dishonorable mention to Black to the Future for forcing Tim to count 5800 pennies; Black raised $151.30 altogether (but were left with $5.30 after bombing)! More honorable mention to Stanky Leggz2 for raising $181.41, which was a very close second highest total (and a slightly less close second place with $99.41). And, although I have no idea what, if anything, we said they would win, Base Invaders raised $183.98 altogether, and $115.98 for the prize, which, since it’s Base Invaders, is probably going to have to be free beer!

And finally, everyone should particularly thank Tim, Colleen, Ariana, Erika and myself for counting all those fucking coins.

But seriously, thank you all. This is the sort of thing that makes us really proud to play in Star. You are amazing.

Erika, by the way, besides being fabulous in our division, has now succumbed to the lure of playing more than once a week, and she made the game-ending catch (it was beautiful) on opening night in The Division That Shall Remain Nameless Because It’s Stupid, thereby
preventing some other Sheep team that doesn't inflate or party from scoring a winning run (we tied 3-3).

Lost and Found:

- Justin from Stanky LeggZ has a peacoat.
- Rob from Black to the Future has a set of keys on a maraca keychain.
- Tyler from Stanky LeggZ has a blue Texas Aggies hoodie.

If you're not sure who's who, Tim, Ariana, or myself will be happy to help you reconnect with your property.

Public Service Announcement:

- As a courtesy to your fellow kickball players, please do not smoke while you are umpiring. Besides the possibility of preoccupation with trying to light the damn thing in all the wind we've been having lately, kickers, runners, catchers, and basemen may find it distracting, and the circumstances prevent them from walking away themselves. Thanks for your consideration.

Reminders:

- Team Awesome! and Bad News Borrachos will be bringing the bags.
  - Please have the bags on the fields by 7:30!

- Your Mom's Team, Piglet's Revenge, Stanky LeggZ, and Kicking Puppies will be umpiring.
  - Please be sure that the captains have RPSed for Home or Away before game time.
  - YMT and PIG: please be sure the fields are set up at 8:00 (or sooner, if possible).

- Your Mom's Team and Kicking Puppies will be taking the bags.
  - PUPPIES! PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU ARE TAKING THE BAG FOLLOWING THE LATE GAME, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE PLAYING EARLY (YOU'RE UMPIRING LATE, THOUGH, SO IF ONE OF THE UMPS CAN TAKE THE BAG, THAT WOULD BE CONVENIENT).

CAPTAINS: DO NOT FORGET YOUR SCORES. If you don't tell me in person at the bar after your game (and watch me write it on my hand), then send it to me by email (you've all got my address) or text, BUT PLEASE GET YOUR SCORE TO ME BY NOON FRIDAY AT THE ABSOLUTE LATEST. DO NOT EXPECT THE OTHER TEAM TO DO IT.

Upcoming Date:

- Saturday, June 19th: End-of-Season Party!

No grass games for two weeks!

love,
Cami

P.S. Happy belated birthday to Nick Barrios, happy less belated birthday to Jacob DuBois and Brittany Douglas, and congratulations to newlyweds EY and Tyler Granlund!

P.P.S. This newsletter is dedicated to Shawn Lucas for getting his land animal on, and to Bryan Barrios for spontaneous and spectacular auctioneering.

P.P.P.S. The Base Invaders are really fantastic people.
### Last Week's Scores; This Week's Games

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W = Wins (1); L = Losses (0); T = Ties (.5); GF = Game Forfeits (-.75 [GF also incurs a 5-0 Loss]); PF = Paper Forfeits (-.75 [PF does NOT incur a Loss]); Pts. = W-L-T-F weight; GP = Games Played; Pct. = Pts./GP; RS = Runs Scored; RA = Runs Allowed; Str. = Current Streak.

Teams with three or more forfeits of any kind are disqualified from playoffs. Don’t forfeit!

Standings are determined by Pct. > Head-to-Head > W > RA, and may look weird while GP varies.

Note that standings will not be decisive until all teams have completed eight games.
12.01 A count of four (4) balls advances the kicker to first base.

12.02 A ball is:

a. a pitch outside of the strike zone as judged by the Referee where a kick is not attempted (see Rule 1.02);

b. a pitched ball that does not touch the ground at least twice or roll before reaching the kicking box;

The forward edge of the plate is also the forward edge of the kicking box; the ball must bounce twice or roll BEFORE REACHING THE PLATE. If the second bounce is on the plate, the pitch is considered a ball. P.S. It's called the same way in Studio.

Q: Is a pitch that fails to bounce twice before reaching the plate considered a Ball regardless of what the kicker does?
A: No. Just as with a pitch outside the strike zone, it is only a Ball if the kicker does not attempt to kick the ball.

c. a pitched ball that exceeds one foot in height from the bottom of the ball as it enters the kicking box;

d. a pitched ball that exceeds one foot in height from the bottom of the ball at any time while passing through the kicking box, prior to reaching the kicker;

e. a pitched ball that is higher than one foot at the plate.

On Forfeits and Post-Season.

3.05 Referees will be designated and furnished for games as provided for by the division. A division may schedule and designate teams to provide Referees. A team failing to provide sufficient Referees in accordance with the division schedule will result in a "paper" forfeit in the team's record which will count toward its total number of forfeits. This paper forfeit does not count as a loss.

7.04 Teams must have at least four (4) men and four (4) women present and ready to play at the scheduled game time. Teams will be granted a 15 minute grace period for that day's first scheduled game(s), and a 5 minute grace period for any subsequent scheduled game(s). Failure to abide by this rule results in a forfeit (see Rule 5.02b).

To qualify for play in a WAKA Division Tournament a team must meet the following conditions:
1) Be a properly registered team in the division with properly registered players in the division; AND
2) Have accrued fewer than three (3) forfeits of any kind during the regular season; AND
3) Have never fielded a non-registered person, an improperly registered person, or a person not registered on that team, division, and season, during an official division game. (See Official WAKA Rules, Rule 7.05)

Please be aware that failure to ref as scheduled carries a paper forfeit independent of the assigned team's game. If a team both forfeits its game and fails to ref, that team will earn TWO forfeits, one paper and game (which also incurs a 5-0 loss).

Q&A ganked from the extremely helpful Rules FAQ. Grammatical disasters belong to WAKA.
Dandy Lions 4 – Rick Rollers 0

The Rick Rollers took their undefeated record into Thursday night’s game against the Dandy Lions, then got beat pretty good, to the tune of 4-0. It was a battle for third place overall in the division and the Yellows came out ready to play!

Rick Roller of the game: Martha R!

Bro's B4 NoHo's 5 – Base Invaders 4

So, throughout this season I have learned a few, very important things about kickball in the Star Division. Grab a beer, a cup of coffee, or whatever your beverage of choice is, and get ready for me to drop some serious knowledge... I'll wait

Okay, here goes.

1. You can be the best team in the league and still have a bad inning that costs you the game.
2. Getting involved in the league really does make it more fun.
3. Umping sucks because no matter what you do, someone gets pissed.
4. Jessica Dooley makes awesome treats, Stephanie makes awesome banners, and Rachael is flip cup Queen (complete with crown and all).
5. Cami is usually right.
6. It's okay to be competitive, just don't be an asshole.
7. No matter how many times I go in and out of the Draft on one night, the bouncer will still ask me if we won.
8. Star Division kicks ass on charity nights.
9. The newsletter contains awesome anecdotes and info, but somehow people still don't read it.
10. Fifi is the strong, silent type.

On to the recap.

I'm just gonna go ahead and say that the Base Invaders have gotten exponentially better...like maybe even to the 3rd power—which may mean very little, considering where we started, but I'm serious when I say they bring new meaning to the phrase you've come a long way baby.
It was close, then it wasn't, then we almost tied it up, and then it was over. Bros beat the Base Invaders 5-4.

Last but not least, it's amazing what drunken adults can do when they really put their hearts and coins together. Charity night was amazing and I am proud to say I'm a Base Invader who plays for the Star Division.

That is all.

Erika
BAS

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Piglet's Revenge 4 — Bad News Borrachos 0

Last week, Piglet's Revenge faced the Bad News Borrachos for the early game.

On offense, we scored two runs in the first inning: Tyler kicking Brandon in for the first run, and then Sophia bringing Tyler home for the second. We had many great kicks and awesome base running by all. Amazingly, in the first inning, half our line up made it on base...unfortunately for us the Bad News Borrachos tagged our runners while advancing. Piglets scored two more runs in the second inning: Christian bringing Leslie home and then Robert bringing Corey home. After that, it's all a blur...besides, the game ended early due to time constraints.

On defense, once again the Piglets were amazing, making it our fourth shutout of the season. In the first inning, Arno made a great pass to David to make the first out. Jojo and Robert got the second and third outs. In the second inning, Jojo pitched a mean game and managed to catch the first out. Christian and Lea made the second and third outs. Jeff and Arno made smart plays in the third inning, and then Tyler made two outs in the fourth inning, one of which was a strikeout. Yay Tyler!

Great job Piglets!!!

Final score: Piglets Revenge 4, Bad News Borrachos 0.
Thank you Sheep for reffing.

After the game we made it to the bar with our SUPER CUTE Piglet bucket. For those of you that missed it, here is a picture...

Sadly, despite how cute and innocent he looked, we got BOMBED by nearly everyone. At least it was for charity. Thank you to all who participated!

Next game (and our last of the regular season) is this Thursday against the Bro's B4 NoHo's at 9:00pm.

Oink!

Faun
PIG
Yes we won, but it was due to a surprise forfeit by the StarBalls, who didn’t have enough GUYS show up to the game (seriously, has this ever happened before?). But they were good sports and we had a fun scrimmage, and their shortstop was adorable.

During the second inning, a crazed fan in tights and a cape came running out onto the field, throwing out high fives and good cheer. A dumbfounded Pete looked as if he didn’t know whether to tackle the guy or go running with him; instead, he simply stared as the cogs in his head turned while trying to process the situation. It turned out to be Katie’s dad in disguise, who has been dubbed Team Awesome!’s Super Fan, and is now neck and neck in the running with Unicornelius and Max for official team mascot.

Props to J Pez and Katie for throwing their Lost Pool Party/BBQ. Laziest Sunday ever :)

Kristie TAW

Black to the Future 2 – I’d Hit It 1

After a season of crap-talking back and forth between I’d Hit It and Black to the Future, the time had finally come to settle it on the field. Luckily, I’d Hit It didn’t have to forfeit again, but they might have been better off.

In the first, the team in black rocked I’d Hit It’s pitcher Farz “watch for your head” Bavarian with two runs after a single by Clark “make like a tree and” Hill, a double by Adam “It’s your cousin” Wylie, and another double by Scott “Farz and Ryan give me my buffet!!” Cohn.
The game was pretty routine until the top of the third, when the baby blue team scored one with three singles by “Plutonium” Katy, Farz “Nope not giving Scott his Buffet” Bavarian and Ryan “Now you know how it feels Robert!” McNicholas.

In the bottom of the fifth, I’d Hit It threatened by loading the bases with “1955” Jon, “1985” Becca, and “1885” Katy, but strong defense by Black to the Future and a horrible pop fly by Farz “I hate you guys!” Bavarian ended the game with Black to the Future on top 2-1.

Thanks Ryan and Farz for keeping it fun!

Robert

BLA

With a Vegas Buffet at stake, I'd Hit It and Black To The Future took to the field this past Thursday in a match-up that turned out be more corrupt than the Bush-Florida Scandal of 2004.

Black to the Future scored two runs in the first and were held scoreless the rest of the game. Unfortunately for IHI, we could only squeeze out one run and ended up losing 2-1.

It was a fun game and hopefully we get to play each other again in the playoffs. As for that Vegas buffet wager: Since I am a man of my word, Scott Cohn will enjoy a nice 99-cent buffet, courtesy of Imperial Palace.

Farz

IHI

Stanky LeggZ 9 – Inflatable Party Sheep 6

Tonga Hut, Stanky Juice, and Inflatable Sheep do not impenetrable defense for to make. Or any defense at all, if the truth be told.

Our first two innings in the field were possibly the stupidest ever played. I am responsible for nearly all the stupid in the first, and, alas, I can’t blame either Tonga hut or Stanky Juice on that, since I wasn't at one to drink the other, but I'm off the hook in the second, when the stupid continued without me. Actually, about the only ovine defense I haven't had surgically removed from memory was Justin’s neat catch at left rover.
Fortunately for us, the stupid wore off in the third, and caught up with the Stanky fielding in the fourth. We rallied with two outs and got five runs in before the fog cleared.

It only lasted the one inning, and they were still ahead. Neither side got a run in the fifth. This is probably because we all lost track of the score in the bottom of the fourth and spent enough time sorting it out so that we all sobered up and remembered how to throw and how to catch, or maybe just to throw and to catch. Happily we're all friends and lots of us are teammates elsewhere and thus we were able to employ the most completely unrecommended, unsanctioned, unapproved, and generally really bad so don't even entertain the merest notion of the thought of following our example method of sorting it out:

Raise your hand if you scored.


Cami

IPS
If you've got a game recap, or photos, if there is a rule you would like clarified, or anything else you'd like to see in the newsletter (besides advertising), please send it in by **11:59 PM on Mondays**. If you'd like a weekly deadline reminder by email, let me know. Also: please SPELL OUT NUMBERS, cardinal or ordinal, everywhere except in the score.