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Slo-Pitch League Ready for Skeds

Everything but the schedules are set for resumption of last year's Service Club Slo-Pitch league as each of the teams entered last year submitted entries for the 1953 "Charley-Horse Derby." Stating that they have teams that are rarin' to go (at a reduced speed), were representatives of the Optimist Club, Rotary Club, Lions Club, American Legion, Lutheran Men's Club, Walteria Businessmen, Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen, and the Moose Lodge.

Organization of a second league also looks probable at this time, according to Athletic Director Elmer S. Moon. Moon said yesterday, after a Slo-Pitch meeting, that he had received entries already from Midland Rubber, Torrance Plaza Gardens Homeowners, and the Walteria Methodists; and that others indicating an interest in such a league included Columbia Employees Recreation, Mayfair Creamery, National Supply, Postal Employees, Firemen, and the Police.

Play in the league is limited to men who have reached the ripe old age of 32. Young squirts who still have their pep and energy are strictly "personae non grata" around the leagues. A meeting of managers of the teams interested in the second league has been scheduled for next Tuesday night at the Recreation office, 1347 E. Prado, at 7:30.

Sutton's Pony League Squad In Second Win

Play in the Recreation Department's Pony League continued Saturday with George Sutton's No. 4 team taking a clear lead in statistics by downing Bob Pepper's No. 1 team 9-3. The win was the second for the Sutton-led team, and it was the second loss of Pepper.

In the first half of the day's double header, Craig Edmond's No. 2 squad battled to a 1-1 tie with Ron Anderson's No. 3 team. Edmond had previously lost a game and Anderson had won one.

The league, formed to give boys between the ages of 13 and 15 a chance to play baseball, opened a week ago Saturday, and teams will play each Saturday. Play will be resumed Saturday morning with Anderson's squad meeting Sutton's at 10. In the afternoon contest, Pepper will send his crew against Edmond's squad. All games are played at Torrance Park.



Tartar Track Team in Last Dual Tomorrow
Tartar trackmen will visit the Beverly Hills cinder paths tomorrow afternoon in the final dual meet for the locals before the league preliminaries open next week. Torrance has made a better showing in track this year than in other sports and several members of the team have excellent chances for Bay League honors. On May 1, the Bay League preliminaries will open at El Camino College stadium.

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ANOTHER MEETING ON SOFTBALL SET



CLUB CHAMPS... Torrance Moose Lodge bowling team members line up at this week's meeting of the fraternity after receiving the Recreation Department Bowling League championship trophies. Left to right are Joseph Platt, Fred Lydy, Capt. Gordon Jones, Kenny Rupp, and Merita Cook. Lydy was named the league's outstanding bowler.

Defending Champs Ready for Season

By Reid Bundy
An effort to wind up organization of the Class A and B softball leagues for Torrance will be made at a meeting scheduled for next Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the Recreation Office, 1347 E. Prado. Athletic Director Elmer S. Moon said yesterday. Already in the fold for the A league is National Electric, winners of the league and the Torrance Herald-sponsored perpetual trophy last year. Ace Vaughan, who will manage the team again this year, Harbor Hospital, have been reported as interested in forming working out for several weeks when the season opened. They have scheduled a practice game with National Supply for tomorrow night at Walteria park. Hal Nels and Don Stieckel will again be the backbone of the team's pitching staff, Vaughan said. New Teams Due
Other teams which are getting lined up for play in the A league include two new ones, Carson Merchants, and Marine Clerks. Buckley Kuhn, well known to local softball fans, is behind the Marine Clerks entry here. The two teams are reported to be top flight clubs and will probably force the pace in the league. Also planning entries in the league are Midland Rubber, Dow Chemical, and National Supply, all veterans of local play. Organization of the Class B league is continuing with at least six teams indicating they are ready to go. Strescon Ready
Defending champions of the league is the Strescon crew, who will be on hand when the un-pire calls "Play Ball!" in a couple of weeks. Also lined up for the league are the Walteria Businessmen, HI-Shear, Walteria Merchants, Longren Aircraft, and Home Loan Realty. Two other teams, South Bay Church of God and Harbor Hospital, have been reported as interested in forming teams. Missing from the lineup this year will be General Petroleum, Lovelady Hardware, American Rockwool, Steelworkers, Harvey Machine, and Potters Local, all sponsor of entries in past years. Play in the league is slated to begin sometime during the week of May 4, Moon said. Schedules will be drawn up after Wednesday night's meeting.

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Harbor Pool Approved
The Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Commission Monday gave its final approval to plans for the dual indoor outdoor swimming pool which will be constructed in Harbor Park, Wilmington, under joint financing by the Recreation and Park Department and the Los Angeles City Board of Education.

Movies of Military Academy Life Tonight
Moving pictures of life at Culver Military Academy in Culver, Indiana, will be shown tonight at the La Venta Inn in Palos Verdes. The pictures are being sponsored by patrons and alumni of the Academy, admission is free and everyone is invited to attend. Mrs. Hampden Wentworth of Palos Verdes Estates, is in charge of arrangements. The movies will also give interesting sidelights on the Culver Summer Camps. Col. A. R. Elliot, executive officer of the Academy, will present the pictures.

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Featuring many drivers who'll soon be making headlines at Indianapolis, a 100-mile AAA National Championship stock car race figures to lure over 10,000 fans this Sunday at Carroll Speedway.
The 200-lap battle at the one-half mile track will see 24 late model passenger autos in action, with a \$5000 guaranteed purse and title-deciding points at stake for the throttle-mashers.
J. C. Agajanian, who is staging Sunday's meet, has signed Chuck Stevenson, winner of the 1952 National Championship, to drive his 1953 Dodge V-8. Marshall Teague of Daytona Beach, Fla., last year's national stock car king, guns his 1953 Hudson Hornet.
Frank Mundy, colorful "Rebel" from Atlanta, Ga., winner of the 100-mile Feb. 22 at Carroll, guns for a repeat in his '53 Hornet. Mundy was the late Gen. Patton's personal tank driver. Jack McGrath, winner of the "100" drive in Phoenix, Ariz., also toots a Hornet.
Mantz Dangerous
Johnny Mantz may prove dangerous in his 1952 Nash, while Bob Christie, Grant's Pass, Ore., also is Nash-mounted. Sam Hanks drives the Murphy Motors 1952 DeSoto Firestone. Bill Stammer, Long Beach, wheels a 1952 Pontiac, with Eric Erickson a factor in his '52 Olds. Ebe Yoder, of Goshen, Ind., third at Phoenix, makes his Southland debut in a '53 Hudson. Bill Taylor, Temple City, usually in the thick of things, steers a 1952 Ford Six. Hal Cole, South Gate, goes in a 1953 Dodge V-8, while Len Faas, Compton, mounts a 1953 Olds.
Dark Horse
Ray Crawford, Alhambra, veteran of the Mexican road race, drives his 1951 Lincoln, with Fred Steinbroner of Inglewood also a "dark horse" in his 1952 Hudson.
The 200-lapper will get the green flag at 2:30 p.m., following the time trials at 1. The track is located at 174th and So. Vermont. General admission is \$2.50, with reserved seats at \$3.50.
All cars will be impounded at Carroll on Saturday for thorough inspections by AAA technicians to make certain that only those deviations from stock specifications permitted as safety factors are on the cars.

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