



**SOME 50 MEMBERS** of an online cooking discussion forum gathered at Heart's Desire Beach on Sunday for their annual Oysterfest. The "Cooking Conference" group is part of the online community, The Well, and conference members say what makes their forum special are the breadth of their discussion, the far-reaching experience of their conference members, and

the ridiculous humor that threads through the discussions. At the annual oyster gathering members recite a poem from Alice in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll's "The Walrus and the Carpenter," which has to do with eating oysters. The cooking conference has been active for almost as long as The Well, which was founded in 1985. The Well itself grew out of the Whole

Earth Catalog movement, which has roots in West Marin; several of its editors and designers lived in Bolinas. The Well takes its name from the *Whole Earth 'Lectronic Link*. (Photo by Jessica Merz).

**CHALK TALK FROM THE BASEBALL BLACKBOARD**

# Love Field home opener Sunday

By Charlie Morgan

The Redwood Empire Baseball League is off to a roaring start this year, with two local teams, the Red Sox and the Aztecs and Indios coalition team, heading into their 2008 schedules with a lot of momentum from the '07 campaign.

The Red Sox (nee Venados of the Amigos Unidos League), on the strength of lots of balance and the Rookie-of-the Year and Most Valuable Player efforts of Eric Larsen, took the REBL National League's Northern division in its first year of League competition and went into the second round of the '07 playoffs.

The Sox had been fishtailing a bit with a 1-2 record (6-5 losses April 13 and 5-4 April 27 to the Giants and Indians, respectively), sandwiched around a dramatic 7-4 win vs. the Reds on April 20. The Reds' victory saw three retaliation pitches thrown behind Sox star Matt Love who roped the

next pitch down the left field line for a run-scoring double to secure the victory.

May 4 was a big day for the Sox. They traveled to a wonderfully appointed park at El Molino High in Forestville for a double-header showdown with the team that eliminated them from the playoffs in '07, the Tigers, who then went on to take the '07 championship. At 1-2 early in the '08 campaign, both teams were looking to jumpstart their records. It was the Sox who jumped the Tigers early in game one. With the pitching offerings of Eric Larsen and, later, Gabe Luna, plus the offensive ramblings of Grayson Kent, Josh Pearl, Larsen, Matt Love, and their fellow players, the Sox had a record evening (2 and 2) 8-5 win. The Sox wrecking crew continued its juggernaut in game two behind Matt Love and Nick Tupin's pitching offerings. This time, Tyler Love pushed the offensive envelope, reaching base three times as the Sox prevailed for the sweep and a winning record,

7-4.

The Red Sox have a bye next week, followed by their first Love Field contest in '08 vs the Blocksox, at 10 am on May 18. The next KWMR (90.5fm Pt. Reyes Station, 89.7 Bolinas, www.KWMR.org) broadcast will be from Love Field when the Sox take on the Titans, 10 am on June 1.

## YET FEWER AMIGOS UNIDOS

The big story this year is the migration of a coalition team, the Aztecs and Indios of the Amigos Unidos League, to form the Cubs in the American League of the wood-bat swingin' REBL. They were the toast of their league in '07 (despite a meltdown in the playoffs).

Like the Sox, the Cubs opened the season with a tough one-run loss, the result of errors vs. the Nationals, who posted no earned runs in a 5-4 win. Another one-run loss (2-1) to the Brewers resulted from an understaffed Cubbies club. But all was balanced on the hitting of Ozzie Martinez

mostly on the industry of Pablo Lopez' double, which plated the ever productive Noe Padilla, who'd doubled earlier.

Bedagio's disappearing sinker frustrated the Cubs, though their hustle and the Twins' efforts led to a second unearned run in inning two. The Twins answered with Billy Dodsens' triple and a run scored on a fielder's choice for a 2-1 game where it stayed until the sixth inning. The Cubs then plated Pablo Lopez, Noe Padilla, Ozzie Martinez and Fernando Barajas in the sixth, helping to eclipse a three-run uprising by the Twins in their half of the seventh off of Dan Wood. Wood then settled down into the comfort of the eventual 9-6 victory by the Cubs who outscored the Twins 3-1 the rest of the way. Having won three in a row now, the Cubs' record precedes them as they get a bye next week before engaging the Blue Jays at 2 pm on May 18 at Golis Park.

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