

The Kicker

SARATOGA AYSO, Region 27

March, 2002

The Season s a Wrap We Did It, Because of You!

Without such a dedicated Board, a group of wonderful kids, and their energetic parent volunteers, we never could have achieved such a successful season! Looking back now at the challenge that faced our organization - to move the entire operation away from our home field of Congress Springs Park for an entire season - it looks even more daunting than when we first learned it was necessary! Everything from practice fields, parking, snack shack, and bathroom facilities had to be planned and coordinated anew. But with all of your helpful ideas and patience, we passed each hurdle, and the kids had a fantastic time this year.

Some of the most challenging accomplishments deserve special thanks! I would like to thank all of our Board Members for their understanding and patience throughout this past year. Larry Cowles deserves recognition for his insight, planning, and supervision of the parking situation at Redwood Middle School. I would thank the entire community for their support and cooperation during this past year, and especially thank all the volunteers for their excellent work. Finally, I would like to express our organization's appreciation to the schools and parks for their support in letting us use their sites.

If you have driven by Congress Springs Park lately, you will know that it is shaping up to be the first class recreational facility we had hoped for. As you know, Saratoga Soccer has been very involved in the planning and negotiations for the park. We are excited in anticipation for the initiation of our Fall 2002 Season at the wonderfully renovated Congress Springs Park!

Thank you all again.

Regards, Mark Chapman, Saratoga Soccer Regional Commissioner

Thank You Mark Linsky

We all would like to thank Mark Linsky for all the years that he gave to AYSO Region 27, Saratoga Soccer. Mark has moved on to the Area level and he will be missed by all.

Mark brought passion, experience, knowledge and a lot of fun to our Region. He was instrumental in policy making, organizational structure and keeping our Region the best soccer program for all players. He continuously went to all meetings, trainings and brought back new ideas to share with all of us. He gave his time and his commitment to the program while always thinking of the players first.

His passion for the sport, for the players and all the volunteers made working with him a pleasure. We wish him the best in his new position as Area Director.

Sincerely,

AYSO Board



2002 Spring & Fall Season Calendar



Date	Event
Early March	Spring Soccer practice starts
March 30	Spring Soccer games start
March 30	Advanced registration for Fall 2002 Season for Coaches, Asst. Coaches, Referees & Board members; Redwood Middle School Room 33; 10:00 am - 11:00 am & 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm; \$75.00 per player
April 27	Advanced registration for Fall 2002 Season for Coaches, Asst. Coaches, Referees & Board members; Redwood Middle School Room 33; 10:00 am - 11:00 AM & 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm; \$75.00 per player
May 11	Early Registration for Fall 2002 Season for all players; Redwood Middle School Cafeteria; 9:30 am - 1:30 pm; \$125 per player
June 1	Early Registration for Fall 2002 Season for all players; Redwood Middle School Cafeteria; 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm; \$125 per player
June 29	Regular Registration for Fall 2002 Season; Redwood Middle School Room 33; 10:00 am - 12:30 pm; \$150.00 per player



RECYCLE YOUR OLD SOCCER UNIFORMS AND GEAR

AYSO and Saratoga High School have teamed up to collect old soccer uniforms shoes and shin guards to send to children in Ecuador. Principal Kevin Skelly and Daniel Marsh, a student at SHS, are spearheading the collection of soccer equipment.



AYSO has a trash barrel at Mountain Mike's Pizza at the Argonaut Shopping Center where you can drop off uniforms and equipment. There also is a box at the SHS office. You may also bring your donations to registration at Redwood Middle School through March 30th.

So empty your closets and drawers of old team shirts, socks, and shorts, along with outgrown shoes and shin guards. Your donation will benefit kids who really love to play soccer. Thanks for your support.

Saratoga U-19B Team finishes 2nd in Section

On November 11th Saratoga's U-19B Team finished 2nd in Section, an incredible feat considering the size of the Section. Saratoga lost the Championship Game 2-1 against a very tough San Bruno Team, despite a goal from A.J. Weitzman. In the Preliminary Round, Saratoga defeated San Francisco 1-0 on a goal from Tim Chapman. In the Semi-Finals, Saratoga beat Palo Alto 2-1 on goals from Tim Chapman and A.J. Weitzman, Weitzman's coming on a great header on a cross from Andre Fuentes. Coach Mark Chapman and Assistant Coach Dan Gaudreau both added " It was a great team effort and could not have been accomplished without every player's individual contribution". Saratoga's defense led by Nolan Gaudreau, Ryan Beaupre, Kevin Nabbefeld, and outstanding goal keeping by Marcel Birtelmer, limited opponents to 4 goals the entire tournament.

In the regular season Saratoga compiled a 8-1 record and finishing first in the Area. Members of the team included:

Tim Chapman	Nolan Gaudreau	Chris Chapman	Ryan Marinero
Ari Bencuja	Brad Seago	Kevin Nabbefeld	Andre Fuentes
Michael Govearts	Marcel Birtelmer	Preston Babb	Ryan Beaupre
Adam Juddleson	Mazzi Hemati	Darryl Rosenberg	A.J. Weitzman
Nick Rodoni			

Congratulations to all the U-19B Team for an incredible Season!!!

Strikers , Wizards Win AYSO Soccer Titles

Reprinted from the Saratoga News

By Dick Sparrer

Who says lightening can't strike twice in the same place? The Strikers of the Saratoga AYSO know better. The Strikers hit with their own brand of lightning to back up a regular season co-championship with a title in the Saratoga AYSO tournament in the boys under-10 age group.

The Strikers, who finished the regular season in a first place deadlock with the Sharks, finished tied with Sabotage for the tournament crown. In each case, the Strikers won tiebreakers to clinch titles.

The Strikers and Sabotage were unofficially named co-champions in the tournament's upper flight, but by league rules the Striker took the title because they allowed fewer goals.

The Tigers finished first with the Eagles second in the lower flight of the tourney.

In the regular season, the Strikers were first, with the Sharks second and the Hurricanes third.

In under-10 girls play, the Wizards won the tournament title in the upper flight after finishing second in the regular season. The Wizards posted a solid 3-1 record to win the tourney crown, their only loss a 1-0 setback at the hands of the second-place Panthers.

In the lower flight, the Cyber Rays finished first in the tournament play with the Strikers second.

The Green Machine beat the Wizards 4-2 in the final game of the season to win the regular season title. Green Machine finished first with the Wizards second and the Piranhas third. But the Wizards beat the Machine 2-2 in the league tournament.

In all there were 300 boys and girls competing in the under-10 tournaments played Nov. 15-16 at Redwood Middle School and El Quito Park.

PLAYSOCCER

2002 ADVANCED JOB REQUEST OPPORTUNITY

Dear AYSO Family,

Thank you for participating in our pre-selection program for jobs. We have a wonderful soccer program, and you have generously stepped up to help keep it going.

We are offering advanced registration to all Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Referees and Board Members. PLEASE COME AND REGISTER ON March 30, either 10am-11am or 3pm-4pm OR APRIL 27, either 10am-11am or 3pm-4pm. There will be more information at registration and a chance to talk to the Regional Coach Administrator.

Remember, this process is for **returning** families only. If you know of others who will be joining us in the coming season, let them know that some jobs have been held for them, and will be available at registration in May and June.

Thank you,

Place: Redwood Middle School

Dianne Depositari
AYSO Registrar
249-8389

This is your opportunity to request a job before registration! Jobs which are not filled through this process will be available at walk-in Early Registration on May 11 and June 1. If you know of new families who plan to join AYSO this season, let them know that we have reserved some jobs just for them. This pre-assignment of jobs is for returning families only. **The date for this registration will be May 11 only.** Pre-selected jobs will only be available May 11th, all job forms not picked up on May 11th will be returned to open positions for others to choose from.

All jobs are a minimum of 16 hours commitment. Jobs (BBQ Worker & Snack Shack Worker) require a shift and must be selected at registration in person.

Print Volunteer Name _____ Phone # _____

1. Review the list of jobs. Select up to 4 jobs you are willing to help with and list them by number in order of preference. Number your choices 1, 2, 3 & 4.
2. Mail to: **AYSO Registrar**
1150 Ranchero Way #23
San Jose, CA 95117

Referee _____

Coaching/Ass t Coaching Jobs

Please include child's name and the division you are going to ass t coach or coach for.

Coach _____ Assistant Coach _____

Child's name: _____ Birth date: _____ Div: _____

Team Representative

Please include child's name and the division you are going to Team Rep for.

Child's name: _____ Birth date: _____ Div: _____

Sponsorship

_____ \$500.00 Team _____ \$400.00 League _____ \$750.00 Corporate

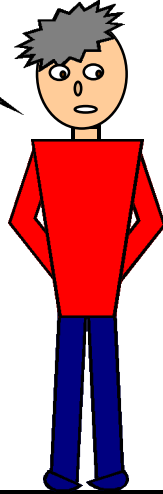
	Team Assignment Wrkr		Nets Worker		Fields Painting Worker
	Sweatshirt Distrib. Wkr		Safety Clean-up Worker		Awards Distrib. Worker
	Roster Handbook Dist. Wkr		Day Camp Worker		Registration Worker*
	Picture Day Worker		Player Tryout Clinic Wkr		Awards Prep Worker
	Snack Shack Worker		Opening Tournament Wkr		Fields Layout Worker
	BBQ Worker		Uniform Recycling Coord		Scorekeeper

*Remember that registration workers must commit to 4 of the 5 Registration dates. Call 249-8389 for the dates. You must be able to report to registration 1 and 1/2 hours before the doors open for training and set-up. Registration is a full day of work.

ALL REQUESTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 22nd!

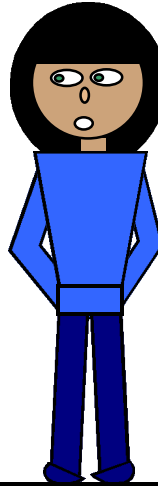
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Do you know what's inside this mailing?
Don't spread it around but it's the
PRE-SELECTION of Volunteer
Jobs for the Fall, 2002 Soccer
Season!!



WOW!!

I should read this now and send it in so
I get the volunteer job of my choice!!!
Thanks for the tip!



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