

# The Kicker

SARATOGA AYSO, Region 27

January, 2004

## Changing of the Guard

### *A Word From the Outgoing Regional Commissioner*

As most of you already know, I am completing my term as the Saratoga AYSO Regional Commissioner. This announcement comes with both regret and a lot of relief. I have enjoyed being the Regional Commissioner and part of the AYSO Board for the last 10 years and I wish to thank all of you who provided so much help during the time I have had this responsibility.

Howard Miller is assuming the responsibilities of Regional Commissioner and Karen Sloan has accepted the Assistant Regional Commissioner position. I am extremely pleased with these selections as well as the rest of the returning Board Members. Please continue to support them as you have me.

Howard is currently working on placements for the 2003-2004 AYSO Board. If you want to help our children and are willing to put in the time, please call Howard. I have agreed to stay on the Board as a Consultant. *I can not thank all of you enough for the memories you have given me.*

*Mark Chapman*



### *A Word From the Incoming Regional Commissioner*

Next month, Mack Chapman finishes his 3 year term as our Regional Commissioner. I have been elected by the board to succeed him. This will be no easy task. Mark has been an outstanding RC. He took leadership of the region while we played at our temporary home at Redwood Middle School during the renovation of Congress Springs Park. He over saw the return to Congress Springs, the resurrection of the Blue Hills field, the growth of the Saratoga Kid Zone program, the changes in Coach and Referee training, and the changing of leadership at the Snack Shack. He got thousands of dollars of equipment donations for our league and did so many other things we don't have space to list them all. Mark's decade plus of experience, extreme dedication, hard

work, balanced leadership and love of both the kids and the sport will be impossible to fully replace. Fortunately, Mark will stay on the board as a consultant to help me and others as we move forward. Thanks Mark for all that you have done!

I look forward to my 3 year term as RC with both excitement and trepidation. I have the challenge of continuing our reputation as one of the best run youth sports program in the area. We face challenges in many areas. We are working to maintain and improve access to fields. We will continue to improve our Coaching and Refereeing. With the help of everyone on the board and the league, AYSO Saratoga Soccer will continue to be one of the best sports activities available to the families and children of our community. I welcome your comments, advise and help as we move into our 2004 season.

*Howard Miller*

# Tournament News

## U10 Tournament

The U10

Tournament started off on a cold, rainy Saturday and ended on a sunny Sunday on November 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. The tournament allowed every U10 team the opportunity to take what they learned during the season and put it to good use. Each team played four games over the weekend and everyone played hard. It was a great tournament and a successful end to the season.

The results are:

	<b>U10 Boys Flight #1</b>	<b>U10 Girls Flight #1</b>
First Place	Blue Angels	Ravens
Second Place	Toros	Gryffindors
Third Place	Panthers	Lightning

	<b>U10 Boys Flight #2</b>	<b>U10 Girls Flight #2</b>
First Place	Bulldogs	Pirateers
Second Place	Raptors	Blue Angels
Third Place	Strikers	Monarchs

The board would like to congratulate all of the teams on a great tournament. You all played some great soccer. We also want to thank all the volunteers who helped make the tournament a success including all of the coaches, referees and tournament workers. We hope to see you all back here next year!

## U12 Boys Tournament



On Sunday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saratoga Soccer hosted the U12 Boys Area Tournament. The top four teams from Saratoga participated and everyone played hard. It was a great tournament and our teams did well. Two of our teams ended up in the final trophy round.

The final game was between our top team and the Cupertino Sharks. It was a tough game, but the Cupertino Sharks won in a 5-3 victory. Daniel Polini scored 2 goals and Ryan Tarter scored one goal for the Saratoga Maggots in the final game.

The final results were:

First Place	Cupertino Sharks
Second Place	Saratoga Maggots
Third Place	Cupertino Baby Turtles
Fourth Place	Saratoga Earthquakes

All of the teams did a great job and played well. On behalf of the board, I want to congratulate you all on a great tournament. I also want to thank the volunteers who helped make the tournament a smooth running success and the Area for their support. Good luck to the teams that will now move on to the section tournament on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.

## U19 Boys qualify for Section Tournament

The Saratoga U19 boys team, coached by Mark Chapman and Joe Perez have qualified for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year to play in the Section 2 AYSO Tournament in Foster City. Saratoga finished second, one point behind Prunedale, in the 13-team league, which ranges from the Monterey Bay up the San Francisco Peninsula. Saratoga, led by the stingiest defense in the league, finished with 1 loss in the 10-game league. Saratoga's defense was anchored by Brandon Perez, Ben Kagramonov, Jose Moreira, Chris Chapman, and outstanding goaltending from James Lustenader and Jerry Johnson. Saratoga boasted one of the highest scoring offenses too, led by Jordan Geraci, Mike Gouverts, Lorenzo Moreira, and Navid Rategar-Panah. Saratoga's midfield performed well all season with Hayan Artan, Brendan Bernard, Hieu Nguyen, Bruce Kaabipour, Mike Therman, Alex Yan, Ben Tilles, and Nikhil Vijaykar. Both coaches agreed that their defense was key to their success this year.

## U19 Boys win Tri-Tip Cup

The Saratoga U19B team traveled south to Prunedale to compete in their last game of the season and first Annual Tri-Tip Cup with teams finishing the day with a Tri-Tip barbecue hosted by Region 256. Saratoga scored early and often, rolling to a 7-3 victory. Six different players scored for Saratoga during the game.

## Snack Shack News

Pop Quiz: How many hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers did the famous BBQ workers serve you and your children this past season?

- a. 1,096                      b. 70                      c. 2,458

A = number of beef hot dogs grilled, sometimes charred, served with catsup, mustard and relish.

B = number of veggie burgers, carefully kept separate from the beef, served with lettuce, tomatoes and onions.

C = number of all hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers served at the BBQ station just for AYSO soccer stars!

It was again a great year for the Snack Shack. Thanks for buying our coffee, which at 50 cents, was a huge bargain. Maple Leaf Donuts were the best, always fresh made just for AYSO every Saturday morning. The best news to all the kids was that the tokens you parents bought for the teams, were good for any purchase!! Yea!! Candy candy candy!!!.....So.....we did have a few otter pops leftover, but considering the sugar content, they'll keep just fine for next season.

As I leave the Snack Shack after 8 years, I remember so many dedicated volunteers, many of whom return year after year to work in the snack shack, to slave over the hot BBQ, to pick up the donuts at 6:30 a.m., to call all workers every week, to make sure the Pepsi has its proper fizz, make and sell lemonade with a sunny attitude during picture day, and to cart van loads of food and water into the Snack Shack during the week. Thanks to all for having so much fun!

Barbara SeeWilde

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# My Life as a Goal keeper

By Arjun Dutta

Goalie - Under 12 Boys - Kangaroos

Being a goalkeeper can be tough or easy, depending on the opposing team and your team. The first season I ever played soccer I was kind of stubborn, but now it is my favorite sport. One game I just tried out the position of goalkeeper because we were short on players. From then on I loved it.

To be a good goalkeeper you need three main things: quick reflexes, quick thinking, and the ability to anticipate the direction of the soccer ball before someone shoots on you. Also in the game you have to pay attention and not get distracted.

Now, in a game I usually don't have to touch the ball because my teammates are really good. But sometimes an opposing forward streaks down the field on a break away. My heart pumps with adrenaline. He is about to shoot. I try to anticipate which way he will shoot it. Then I either block the ball, or the ball goes past me and into the goal. When I block it I feel really good about myself. But when it goes by me I feel pretty bad.

Like I said in the beginning, being a goalkeeper can be tough or easy. But I like it all the same.

## *Spring Soccer Is Coming!!*

There will be a spring soccer program this year. The program runs from March until early June. We will have teams in all age groups from U6 through U19. Most divisions will play with the same rules as in the Fall. The U19 division will be co-ed. Players will play in the same age group as they did in Fall.

Both returning and new players will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Head Coaches get to pre-select up to 6 players for their teams, but the players must still register in time. Contact Howard Miller if you are interested in coaching.

Sign-ups will be held:

Saturday January 10, 2004

Argonaut Library

9:30 AM to 10:00 AM - Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Referees

10:00 AM to Noon - Everyone

Players new to Saratoga AYSO will need their *original birth certificate*. You will also need the following information at registration:

name of the player's medical insurance carrier,

name and phone number of each player's doctor,

name, phone, and address of an emergency contact for each player,

height & weight of each player.

For more info see:<http://www.saratogasoccer.org>

## AYSO Saratoga Board

As we start a New Year, we have a new board for AYSO Saratoga. You will find the names of the new board members below. Many of them will be familiar to you as these parents are dedicated to providing a great soccer program for all our kids by continuing to volunteer in either the same position or by taking on new responsibilities.

As you can see, there are some open positions. If you would like to help make your child's soccer experience a memorable and happy one by volunteering for one of these positions or have other skills to offer, please call any of the board members. It is only with the help of many volunteers that soccer can be a part of your families' activities. Thanks for your help and support.

## AYSO Saratoga Board Members

Have a question about soccer? Want to volunteer some time to help get fields in shape, coach a team, or work in the snack shack? Here is a list of the current board members any of whom would be happy to hear from potential volunteers.

Regional Commissioner	Howard Miller	hmiller@apple.com	741-5642
Asst. Regional Commissioner	Karen Sloan	karens@xilinx.com	871-1481
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Special Programs Comm.	<b>OPEN</b>		
Child/Volunteer Protection Advocate	<b>OPEN</b>		
Publicity Commissioner	Nancy Cheadle	nancy.cheadle@gte.net	255-6462
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Regional Referee Adm.	Vikram Kohli	vkohlusa@hotmail.com	253-8669

# Soccer Rules!!

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*Attention!!*

*Soccer Players and Parents!!*

Registration for Spring Soccer is  
Saturday, January 10th  
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Argonaut Library

Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Referees: 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM  
Everyone: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm