



## VAA Happenings ... May, 2008

VAA Happenings... is a periodic newsletter from the VAA board covering issues and announcements for the entire organization. Our goal is to keep your family informed and engaged while minimizing the number of e-mails you receive.

The association does not monitor the newsletter mailbox on a regular basis. If you have questions about these or other VAA opportunities, please send an email to [admin@vaasports.org](mailto:admin@vaasports.org).

### **SOCCER NEED NOT STOP AT HIGH SCHOOL; NEW 20 AND UNDER LEAGUE FORMING NOW**

Those who have recently graduated out of VAA soccer can now come home and join the new "20 and Under" League. This will be a short, fun season of co-ed soccer starting in early June. The \$25 fee will cover team shirts and assorted league fees and expenses. An organizational meeting will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup> for interested players. [Registration](#) is now open, but there will be some disruption, as the registration web page will be undergoing an upgrade (see notice below). Individuals wishing to join are encouraged to register quickly if possible, but walk-in registration forms will be available at the player meeting. Contact [communitysoccer@vaasports.org](mailto:communitysoccer@vaasports.org) for more information.

### **VAA STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD (YOUNG) MEN AND WOMEN TO JOIN THE VSA SOCCER PROGRAM!**

VAA Community Soccer and VAA Traveling Soccer (VUSC) have teamed up to offer a new program to Dist.196 students looking for just a little more than the standard community experience. Valley Soccer Alliance (VSA) will consist of community soccer players (you must register for community soccer!) who wish to step up their play with extra practices and a couple of weekend tournaments. VSA is still looking for a few Grade 5-7 boys and girls. Please see the announcement [VSA Program and Sign ups](#) on the [VAA Soccer homepage](#) for details and contact information.

### **COME JOIN THE VAA PARADE, LITERALLY!**

Attention all Sports Participants: VAA would like your assistance with VAA's entry in Apple Valley's 4th of July Parade. Help is needed both in preparing the float and on parade day. Contact Mikki Bogenrief at [mikki.bogenrief@vaasports.org](mailto:mikki.bogenrief@vaasports.org) to assist with the parade.

### **WOULD YOUR K-2 CHILD LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT CLEARING, CUTTING, CRADLING, AND CHANGING PLANES?**

No, we are not talking about yard work, baby sitting, or heading to Disney! VAA Youth Lacrosse continues to grow in Apple Valley and is considering adding a Kindergarten through 2nd grade introductory and developmental league for both boys and girls. The season would run from early March through mid-May and consist of once-a-week indoor practices and weekend jamboree scrimmage games. This is a great way for kids to learn more about the fastest growing sport in Minnesota. Please help us gauge the level of interest by contacting Chris Lorsung, VAA Youth Lacrosse Commissioner, at [chris.lorsung@vaasports.org](mailto:chris.lorsung@vaasports.org).

### **NO – WE HAVE NOT TURNED 'REGISTRATION' INTO A SPORT; BUT HERE WE GO AGAIN!**

If it seems like registration is a never-ending saga, well that just shows how much is going on! Even as we move to close down the current registration period we are preparing to open the next one. Registration for fall and winter sports is just around the corner, and we need you to make note of some important doings...

### **1) WE ARE WORKING THE KEYBOARDS HARD SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO; WEBSITE UPGRADE**

The VAA registration pages are undergoing an upgrade starting this weekend (May 17 or May 18) and will be down for a few days. We apologize for the inconvenience, but we hope to be introducing 'Fast Track' registration, a method of quickly filling in all of those on-line registration forms. More to come....

**2) WALK-IN REGISTRATION DATES ARE SET, AND THE FIRST IS COMING EARLY!**

As in the past, VAA will offer walk-in registration on two separate days. However, the first day is being moved into June to accommodate sports that need to close registrations early. Please mark your calendars for

- Wednesday, June 25, 2008 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 12, 2008 10:00-noon

Both events will take place in the Apple Valley Community Center.

**3) SOME SPORTS WILL BE OPENING REGISTRATON EARLY, MOST NOTABLY FOOTBALL**

Most sports will be opening registration in early June, but Community Fall Soccer and Football will be opening registration shortly after the website is back up and running. Football players in particular are encouraged to register early as the intent is to assign each player a specific date and time for equipment/uniform fittings. First come, first fitted!

**4) ONE SPORT MAY NOT BE REGISTERING EARLY; TRAVELING BASKETBALL STILL NEEDS A COMMISSIONER!**

Traveling Basketball had hoped to implement an early registration period so the teams could select their tournaments early. Unfortunately we still do not have a commissioner to organize the league and thus VAA cannot open registration. Since players are only in the league for two years, we encourage parents of (currently) 4<sup>th</sup>-graders to consider getting involved. For more information please contact either outgoing commissioner Curt Nelson ([curt.nelson@vaasports.org](mailto:curt.nelson@vaasports.org)) or VAA (<mailto:pres@vaasports.org>).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT: ST HUBERT'S CHURCH OF CHANHASSEN!**

The VAA Board of Directors would like to thank St. Hubert's Church of Chanhassen for donating a Konica copier to our organization. Even though it is not new, it is in fine working order and will be extremely helpful to our organization. We would also like to thank Northland Business Systems of Burnsville for delivering our "new" copier and hauling our old one away.

**Please e-mail any recommendations** you might have or VAA related information you would like to see posted in the next newsletter to [pres@vaasports.org](mailto:pres@vaasports.org).

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