



## VAA Happenings... December, 2009

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).

### **Annual Meeting Highlights**

In case you missed the meeting, feel free to give an encore round of applause to those who help make VAA what it is today:

President's Award:	Stu MacGibbon, Community Tennis Development
Paul Bronson Coach of the Year:	Chris Lind, Community Volleyball Tim Ordahl, Traveling Baseball
Volunteer of the Year Award:	Melanie Paulseth, C. Soccer, C. Basketball, C. Baseball, T. Soccer
Special Recognition and Thanks:	Barry Caplin, C. Soccer, T. Soccer

We would also like to thank those VAA board members who have completed their service and welcome those who have joined us

#### Departing VAA Board Members

Bob Gits  
Brian Hepp  
Karen Huotari  
Patrick Zurick

#### New Board Members for '10 (and beyond!)

Laurie De Perez  
Jennifer Kirchen  
Jon Overholser

### **Registrations**

Registrations for winter, spring, and summer 2010 are starting to open

- ([Webpage](#), [form](#)) Wrestling - Community (Grades K-6)

**Walk-in registrations have been set for the upcoming Spring and Summer sport leagues. Please mark your calendars.**

Walk-in dates are as follows:

- Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 10:00 to noon

Walk-in sessions take place in the Apple Valley Community Center on Hayes Road.

### **Community Baseball**

Community Baseball is looking for Age Group Coordinators and various volunteers for the upcoming baseball season.

Please contact Michael Jacobson at [michael.jacobson@vaasports.org](mailto:michael.jacobson@vaasports.org) or Melissa Tomlinson at [melissa.tomlinson@vaasports.org](mailto:melissa.tomlinson@vaasports.org).

### **Community Soccer**

Mary Gaesser-Auster, Commissioner of Community Soccer, after 12 wonderful years, is stepping down. She would like to thank all of the age group coordinators, coaches, team managers, and other volunteers for their efforts during her time in the program. Mary has seen many a soccer player grow up in the Community Soccer program. She will be greatly missed.

Community Soccer is looking for a new commissioner to take over the program. Mary will be available to assist the new commissioner until September 2010. The new commissioner will have the full support of a 16 member, all volunteer board. It is a great group of people that give back to the sport of soccer in the association.

For more information please contact Mary at [mary.gaesser-austin@vaasports.org](mailto:mary.gaesser-austin@vaasports.org).

The Community Soccer Program will be adding a new pre-kindergarten bracket and will break up the current kindergarten bracket to better fit kids into like-skill groups. More details will follow in January and February during registrations

The Community Soccer Program will, once again, be offering an early bird special sign up fee of \$45.00.

### **Valley United Soccer Club**

#### **U9/10 Tryout plans**

Plans are set for U9/10 tryouts. All events (clinic and tryouts) will be held in the Rosemount dome.

- U9/10 Clinic: Tuesday January 12, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. This event is an optional event for all U9/10 players to practice the skills and scrimmage testing you'll be doing the following week. There is no cost to participate.
- U9/10 Tryouts: Tuesday January 19. It is mandatory for players to attend the tryout. If you are unable to attend, please request an excused absence ahead of time from Craig Bollum, Girls Director ([craigbollum@charter.net](mailto:craigbollum@charter.net)) or Jim Friedel, Boys Director ([jim.friedel789@gmail.com](mailto:jim.friedel789@gmail.com))
  - U9/10 Girls – 5:30 p.m. check-in starts; 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. scrimmage testing, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. skills testing.

- U9/10 Boys – 6:00 p.m. check-in starts; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. skills testing; 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. scrimmage testing.

A complete description of the skills and scrimmage testing is on the club website ([www.vusc.org](http://www.vusc.org)) on the “Tryout Info” page. Make sure to wear cleats and shin guards and bring water. You may also bring your own ball to use during the skills tests if you wish, though we will have some on hand. A parent meeting will be held during the tryouts to explain the process and answer your questions. We will send more information on that separately.

If you have friends who would also like to be considered for a team next summer, they can register online ([www.vusc.org](http://www.vusc.org) on the “Registration” page) up until the day of the tryouts, or complete the paper registration with \$25.00 fee at either the clinic or tryout.

### **Final thoughts**

The VAA Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the hundreds of volunteers for their time and efforts during this past year. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

We wish you the happiest of holidays this season.

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