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Letter from the President

LUYAA Families,

LUYAA has had a lot happen over the last sports season. We have had new members elected to the Board of Directors, great progress on the New Market Park, the fields behind Urbana High School are graded and ready to be seeded, Spring registration is in full swing and our Winter sports are off to a great start.

LUYAA is an organization that never rests, and we are always trying to improve and make it the best experience possible for our LUYAA families.

We had our elections in December. Thank you for coming and showing your support for the candidates who were running. We had a great turnout, which only proves how much our families care about LUYAA and our community. I would like to welcome back to the Board of Directors Jamie Dailey and Bob Mochi. I would also like to welcome our newest board members, Tom Geppi and Danner Hawkins. I would like to give special thanks to Angela Dickens for all of her hard work and dedication to LUYAA.

New Market Park is off to a great start. We have been able to meet all the county requirements so far with the help of our Board member Bob Mochi putting in countless hours. LUYAA also could not have

met these hurdles without the New Market Town Council, and especially Mayor Winslow Burhans. Mayor Burhans knows how important this park is to all the kids and families of LUYAA. Thank you, Mayor Burhans, for your support of the children and of LUYAA.

The fields behind Urbana High School have been built and are graded and ready for seed. It is now time to meet with Parks and Recreations and try to work out usage for LUYAA. I am confident that LUYAA will be able to come to a satisfactory agreement with Parks and Recreations to get use of the available field space.

Spring registration is underway and I anticipate a record number of registrants. LUYAA has been growing each year and with the incredible support of great Commissioners and volunteers, everyone in the area knows LUYAA is the place to register your kids for a great athletic experience.

I would like to thank all the fantastic volunteers that put in so many hours to make LUYAA the greatest Youth Athletic Organization in Frederick County.

Thank you,

Charlie Dunn
LUYAA President

LUYAA Refund Policy

All refunds will be directed through the LUYAA webpage, www.luyaa.org. In the event that internet access is unavailable, please contact the registrar.

A \$10 Administrative Fee will be imposed on all refunds requested within 2 weeks of the last registration day at school. (*)

A 50% Refund will be issued for refunds requested before the completion of the second week of practice. (*)

No Refunds will be given after the completion of the second week of practice. (*)

Late Fees and Annual Membership Dues will not be refunded.

(*) Unless a child does not make a select or travel team and no intramural team is available in the same sport, or if the sport is full at the time of payment or cancelled for lack of enrollment.

LUYAA Late Registration Policy

A registration is considered to be 'late' if not turned in at the official LUYAA Registration or if not paid for online by the specified date of on-time registration.

All late fee registrations will be subject to a \$25 late fee. Ten Dollars (\$10) of the late fee will be deposited in the LUYAA Land Fund.

Directions for registering late can be found on the LUYAA webpage at www.luyaa.org. In the event that internet access is unavailable, please contact the registrar.

Registration is not complete until full payment is received.

LUYAA Bylaw Article II—Purpose

2.01—To organize and promote athletic and recreational programs on intramural and competitive levels on the basis of good sportsmanship and fair play; these standards are to be observed at all times.

2.02—To offer those programs to all interested youth in the Linganore and Urbana High School districts; any exceptions to be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

2.03—To teach youngsters, through participation, the fundamentals and principles of sports.

2.04—To take into consideration, first and foremost, the health, welfare and ability of each individual participant.

Financial Disclosure Policy

LUYAA members in good standing who wish to obtain financial information must do so in writing in advance. Requests can be made via e-mail to treasurer@luyaa.org or by US mail. The treasurer has the right to deny requests that would require the release of confidential information or be deemed unreasonable. Appeals should be directed to the LUYAA President. The financial statement will be provided within 30 days.

Newsletter Advertising

The LUYAA Newsletter is distributed three times a year to families in the Linganore & Urbana High School area that have participated in our programs. It is also distributed electronically via e-mail and our website.

Current Advertising Rates:

1/6 page- 2.33”w x 5”h 5”w x 2.33”h	\$50
1/12 page- 2.33”w x 2.5”h	\$30

E-mail
bizmgr@luyaa.org or
call 301-240-4987.

Chain of Command

- Your Immediate Coach
- Sport Commissioner/Coordinator
- Athletic Director
- LUYAA Board of Directors

Please try to resolve any problems through the chain of command.
Please contact the athletic director before contacting members of the board.
If there is a problem in following the above chain of command, the LUYAA Board of Directors has an open door policy; call any director or attend any board meeting.

SPORT COMMISSIONERS

Athletic Dir. (Fall)	Open	
Athletic Dr. (Winter)	Open	
Athletic Dir. (Spring)	Open	
Baseball	Kevin Glassic	301-607-6438
Basketball	Dave Sowers	301-831-3824
Cheerleading	Krystal Williams	240-409-1492
Field Hockey	Monica Keeney-Sherlock	301-865-8808
Football	Sandy Baker	301-607-9668
Golf	Kay Cook	301-607-9278
Lacrosse	Jaine Ackley	301-706-0359
Pom Pons	Suzanne Patton	301-748-0771
Soccer	Bob LoCicero	301-662-5525
Softball	Mike Schoonover	301-865-8005
Wrestling	Doug Makosy	703-898-2346

Upcoming Semi-Annual Election

The next election for the LUYAA Board of Directors will be held on June 4. There will be three openings.

Candidates MUST submit the following at least 30 prior to the date of election:

- Name
- Address
- Occupational and Education History
- A brief statement why the candidate is interested in serving.

This can be e-mailed to president@luyaa.org to mailed to PO Box 302, New Market, MD 21774.

No nominations will be accepted from the floor.
Any positions remaining unfilled will be appointed by the President and approved by the BOD at a later date.

Message from the Business Manager:

I wanted to thank the following people who are no longer Commissioners of their sport, but have had great successes and continue to help out.

Sue Lake has been the Field Hockey Commissioner for some time, as well as Lon Santis, the Softball Commissioner and Ken Wolfe, the Wrestling Commissioner. They have devoted so much of their time to LUYAA.

The programs have become stronger because of their time, and they also helped me a lot. I'd also like to welcome those who have filled their shoes.

We welcome Monica Keeney-Sherlock as the new Field Hockey Commissioner, Mike Schoonover as the new Softball Commissioner, and Doug Makosy as the new Wrestling Commissioner.

I welcome, also, Melissa Lindeman, the newly appointed Treasurer.

Thanks and Good Luck to All!

Julie Jarboe

Returned Check Policy

Checks that are returned by the bank will be automatically processed electronically. In order to write checks to LUYAA, the following must be agreed to:

If my check is returned unpaid, I authorize my account to be debited electronically for both the check amount and the return check fees.

3 Ways to Register:

1. Pay Online

- Visit our website at www.luyaa.org and click on the link for 'Online Registration'.
- You will be taken to the provider's website where you can register for sports.
- Please register your children starting with the oldest and ending with the youngest.
- Please complete all the fields on the form.
- Click on the link for 'Help' if you have any problems.

2. Pre-Enroll Online & Pay at Registration at NMMS (Express Line)

- Follow the instructions for Online Registration above.
 - Select payment type 'Bring To Registration'.
 - Print an extra copy of your receipt and bring it to the school during walk-in registration.
 - Turn in your receipt along with payment of Cash or Check.
- *If you sign up online and select the 'Bring To Registration' option, but do not come to the school, your registration will not be completed until payment is received, and possibly an addition of late fees.**

3. Register In-Person

- Check the registration dates on the front of the newsletter and on our website. Updates on cancelled or postponed registrations will be posted as soon as possible. Someone for each sport should be there and often give out information for the upcoming sport, and may have other information for you.
- At registration, you must fill out a separate form for each child and for each sport. If you have a question about a particular sport, go to their table before getting in the registration line. Do not complete your check until you are told the total that you owe.
- Please try to sign up all your children at one time so proper sibling discounts may be applied.

COACHES MUST SIGN UP ONLINE ALSO!!

All LUYAA Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Coordinators, Team Moms, Concessions Coordinators, and Fund-raising Coordinators must pass a criminal background check. If you are planning on volunteering for one of these positions, please register early, as the paperwork takes time.

1. Visit www.luyaa.org and click on 'Online Registration'.
 2. Click on Important Info for Coaches and follow step number 2.
 3. If you have had a background check done in the last 3 years, then all you have to do is register. If you haven't had a background check don't, you will need to download the signature form and sign it.
 4. Instructions for submitting it by mail or fax are on the form.
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Background Checks

All head coaches, assistant coaches, coordinators, concessions coordinators, and fundraising coordinators and team moms must have a Criminal Background Check approved, and must be approved by the commissioner before any practices may begin.

LUYAA Background Search Criteria

1. Individuals found to be guilty at **any** time of the following crimes will not be accepted for any position within the LUYAA organization. Guilty means the individual was found guilty following a trial, entered a guilty plea, entered a no contest plea accompanied by the court's finding of guilt, regardless of whether there was an adjudication of guilt (conviction) or withholding of guilt. The policy does not apply of criminal charges resulting in acquittal or dismissal.
 - A. Any crimes against children
 - B. Any felony conviction involving violence
 - C. Any sexual offence
 - D. Any felony theft.

2. Individuals found to be guilty of the following crimes with the past **5** years immediately preceding his/her application will not be accepted.
 - A. More than one criminal offense that is drug or alcohol related, or more than one driving while under the influence (DWI) conviction.
 - B. Misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia.
 - C. Misdemeanor possession of a concealed weapon.
 - D. Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a minor.
 - E. Petit theft.
 - F. Misdemeanor domestic violence.
 - G. Multiple crimes.

LUYAA 2009 SCHOLARSHIPS—due to school Guidance Offices May 1st!

**\$1,000.00 for One Boy and One Girl from
Linganore High School and Urbana High School**

Scholarship forms for graduating seniors are available in the LHS and UHS Guidance Offices sometime in April. They will also be available on our website.

Applicants will be evaluated on scholastics, athletics and community service.

Applicants must have had participated in LUYAA sports.

Baseball—

For information please visit the website, or contact

Kevin Glassic
LUYAA

Baseball
baseball@luyaa.org



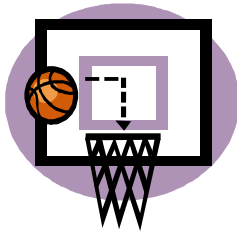
Basketball—

Winter Basketball is in full gear, and you can catch a game every Saturday and

Sunday at Kemptown, New Market Elementary, New Market Middle, and Deer Crossing. Middle School Travel teams' schedules can be found at www.luyaa.org under Winter Basketball.

Both Linganore and Urbana High Schools girls and boys programs are going strong. Admission to those games are free to those who wear their LUYAA jerseys to the games. Their schedules can be found on the school's websites, as well as a link on our basketball page.

For the Summer League, we will not be offering a girl's league this year, but the boy's program is still being held. Games will be played on Wednesdays and Sundays, again, and we'll have a 5th/6th grade league as well as a 7th/8th grade league. Coach Kraft, the Linganore High School Boys Varsity Coach runs the league, and games are played at Linganore High School.



See ya on the Courts,

Dave Sowers
LUYAA Basketball
basketball@luyaa.org

Cheerleading—

Wow, what a great year for LUYAA Cheerleading!



BASKETBALL CHEER NEWS:
Basketball is now underway for the girls. This year we have two cheer teams for the Hawks and one team for the Lancers. The girls are putting a lot of hard work into the season already and they are looking great!

FOOTBALL CHEER NEWS:
This year we took almost every team from LUYAA to the MMYFCL cheer competition and received amazing results:
Mini Pony Hawks-participation award
Jr Pony Lancers-Hon. Mention
Jr Pony Hawks-Honorable Mention
Pony Lancers-Honorable Mention
Pony Hawks-3rd place
JV Lancers-2nd place
JV Hawks-1st place
B+ Lancers-2nd place
B+ Hawks-1st place
Varsity Lancers-1st place
Varsity Hawks-3rd place

Thank you to all who participated in our Football cheer program this year. The girls looked great throughout the entire season and we were all sad to see it end. I hope to see all of you back next year for another terrific season!

I wanted to say a special goodbye to all of our 8th grade cheerleaders. You girls have all been amazing this year and I hope to see you all next year cheering on the sidelines at the high school games! Please keep a look out for information for the Fall 2009 season; we will have a few new things that will be offered! If anyone is considering volunteering in anyway, please contact me. We will be in need of coaches, asst. coaches, team moms, a banquet team and a fundraising team. If you have any questions please contact me at cheerleading@luyaa.org.

Krystal Williams
LUYAA Cheerleading
cheerleading@luyaa.org

Field Hockey-

Spring is just around the corner, which means LUYAA Field Hockey will be starting soon.



Again this year we will start in late March and plan our end of season celebration for the first week in June. Remember to sign-up online or in person at New Market Middle School in January.

Sue Lake has officially resigned as Commissioner and I (Monica Keeney-Sherlock) have assumed the responsibilities of the position. Despite this leadership change, I'm anticipating a smooth transition for the players, since I have assisted Sue as an adult coach for several years in various roles. I look forward to working with both the parents and high school coaches

again this year and will need assistance throughout the season. Please consider helping to make this another great season of hockey. Hope to see our seasoned players and coaches as well as new participants in March. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or would like to assist this year.

Monica Keeney-Sherlock

LUYAA Field Hockey
fieldhockey@luyaa.org

Football—

Another great football season has passed. What a wonderful time we all had! Congratulations to all our teams, for all their successes, no matter how big or small. As long as we make a positive difference in a child's life, we are successful. It takes many volunteers to pull off a season of football and a special thanks goes out to all who volunteered in any way.



On the Linganore side of our program we had Todd Hylton as our Area Director this year. Amazing job, Todd. This individual is truly devoted to the Linganore Lancers program and its players. Danner Hawkins, Assistant Area Director, and Rich Long. Thank you for working so hard for the program and Rich thank you, for all your guidance. Our concessions manager, Nikki Keeney, Melinda Grenier, our Yearbook and picture manager, Denise Hawkins, Team Mom Coordinator, Valerie Blythe,

Apparel coordinator, Tom Geppi, our Fundraising Coordinator, and last but certainly not least, Boh and Linda Dixon, for handling all of our equipment needs. You both did a fantastic job.

Now for the Urbana side. I would like to thank Charlie Dunn. He has been our Area Director for the Urbana Hawks. This year 2008 is his last year, as his son moves on to High School. I cannot tell you how hard he has worked for the Urbana Hawks program. There are big shoes to fill for this position. Thank you, Charlie, for all the hard work, for all the laughs and all the support. You will be missed more than you know.

Thank you to Greg Komara and Dave Madaras, Assistant Area Directors. These two gentlemen put in countless hours on and off the field. Carole Ladson, Assistant Area Director, who handled many responsibilities along with Angela Dickens by her side, helping any way they could. Carole was our Team Mom coordinator. Carole and Angela handle our PPK fundraiser and our yearbook, too many things to list. Thank you, ladies, for a job well done. Thanks to Brook Jeu, our equipment manager. He keeps us organized and our children safely equipped. Last but not least Carla Steele, my right hand, our concession manager and apparel manager. Carla helps me on and off the field. Countless hours planning the season and bouncing ideas back and forth. I could not do this without you.

In closing, thank you to all our coaches and our team moms, our parents, and most of all, our players. Thank you for all the memories and I cannot wait to

make some new ones in the 2009 Football season.

Go Lancers Football
Go Hawks Football
Go LUYAA Football

Sandy Baker

LUYAA Football
football@luyaa.org

Golf—

The spring 2009 Instructional Golf Program will be open to boys and girls who are 11-18 years of age, as of April 1, 2009. The cost of the Program will be \$100.



We meet from mid-April to mid-June one afternoon. We will again offer two levels of play: (1) basic/intermediate skills and (2) on the course play. Parents will not have the opportunity to merely register for on the course play. EQUIPMENT—Your son or daughter will need his or her own equipment. At a minimum that should include a metal wood (driver or fairway), mid-iron (5, 6, or 7 iron), wedge, putter, and bag. Most starter sets include these clubs. Starter sets vary in price, but reasonably inexpensive sets can be purchased at general sporting goods stores like Sports Authority or Dick's; in addition, the Rattlewood pros can help you fit your child for clubs and will order them for you. Sneakers are fine and golf shoes with plastic cleats are also ok. The weather is likely to be quite variable in April and May, so be sure your child has a jacket and hat/visor. You may want to consider getting your child a golf glove as we will be spending

significant time practicing the full swing, but it is not mandatory. Your child should have some tees and a few golf balls at first.

Please be aware, golf registration tends to fill up quickly. I strongly suggest that you sign up as soon as registration opens. We will have only 40 spots available this year. Once the limit has been reached, a waiting list will be started. Should spots come open, they will be filled from the waiting list first-come-first-served. Participants from last season will not receive special consideration. Please do not register your child if he or she cannot attend a significant majority of the sessions; I don't want to withhold a spot from a more committed player.

Finally, as more kids move onto the course, we will need parent chaperones; if you are interested, please let me know. If you have any questions prior to registration, please feel free to e-mail me. I look forward to another successful year of Golf!

Kay Cook
LUYAA Golf
golf@luyaa.org

Lacrosse—

Welcome to another exciting year of Lacrosse... the fastest growing sport in the country!

We have numerous NEW features this year, as we continue to advance our program.

- Registration for our 2009 Spring teams opened December 1. This earlier registration enables us



to begin preparations for coaching assignments, equipment and field needs, scheduling and team management. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

An outstanding new website for improved communications. www.leaguelineup.com/luyaalax-spring. Be sure to check it out now and throughout the season for continuous updates. Many thanks to Lisa Young, our Director of Communications and web administrator, for making this happen!

- Advanced Coaches Training. We had 15 coaches participate in the US Lacrosse Level 1 Coaches training in December, and at least 17 coaches attend the US Lacrosse Convention in January. Just a few examples of the advanced training our coaches undergo to enhance their skills for teaching your players.

- All programs are beginning work on a formal Player Development Plan (PDP) to develop players through progression plans from U9-U15 levels.
- Partnership with Urbana and Linganore/Oakdale High Schools as LUYAA Lacrosse is THE feeder program for these schools. Junior Coaches Program officially approved by Linganore and Urbana High Schools to qualify for Meritorious Honors Awards. This program is an asset to resumes and applications to Honor Societies and Colleges. It is also a wonderful way for experienced players to give back, and mentor young players.

Additionally, playing for LUYAA Lacrosse provides opportunities not available at any other local program.

- Boys play on either Advanced

A teams, or more Instructional B teams in the highly competitive SMYLA league. All LUYAA boys' teams participate in the end of year SMYLA tournaments.

- Girls U13 and U15 participate in the advanced Cherry Blossom Tournament, and U11 and U9 girls' teams participate in the WMYLC end of year tournament.

- All LUYAA teams have the opportunity to participate in an additional LUYAA subsidized tournament.

All LUYAA teams participate in both the LUYAA LaxFest, and LUYAA night at Linganore and Urbana High Schools.

So, Play lacrosse... and play for the best program around... LUYAA Lacrosse!

Please see the website for the many other benefits of LUYAA Lacrosse. www.leaguelineup.com/luyaalax-spring

MANAGEMENT

I am very happy to announce our management team for 2009 Spring Lacrosse.

Paul Knotts is our new Urbana Boys Coordinator.

(urbanaboyslax@luyaa.org)

Paul has done a great job as co-coordinator for our 2008 Fall and Indoor seasons, and we're thrilled to have him lead our Urbana Boys program. He is a great partner to work with and brings new perspectives and opportunities to our program. He's been involved with LUYAA for several years, and has both a daughter and a son who play for LUYAA lacrosse.

Ed Ross is our new Linganore Boys Coordinator.

(linganoreboyslax@luyaa.org)

Ed is the Athletic Director for Watkins Mill High School in Gaithersburg, and comes to us with extensive experience in program management. He is instrumental in helping recognize opportunities and provide direction to improve our program, from coaches training to player advancement. We are very lucky to have him, and extremely grateful for his support. He has a son who plays many LUYAA sports, including lacrosse.

Lisa Guay returns as our Girls' Coordinator and is joined by Assistant Girls Coordinator LaVonne Pannell. (girlslax@luyaa.org) Lisa's done a great job coordinating girls as well as LUYAA Lax Program events from Cherry Blossom festival to Volunteer Coordinator for last years LaxFest. Lisa has an 8th grade daughter this year, so it will be her last year as girls' coordinator. LaVonne has two younger daughters and a son in the program, so she will be training this year to step into the coordinators position for 2010. These ladies are an excellent example of a successful transition program, and we are very grateful for all their hard work. We are also blessed with an outstanding array of experienced coaches, who continue to advance their skills and teach our players all that lacrosse offers, from life lessons to the worlds greatest game. Check out the website at www.leaguelineup.com/luyaalax-spring for more information! The success of our program depends on the support and dedication of all of the coordinators, coaches, team managers, players and families. This is a VOLUNTEER organization and succeeds because of all of the terrific people who dedicate their time to ensure that our boys and girls have these opportu-

nities. Please see the "Volunteer" tab on the website for more information on each position we need filled. A HUGE THANK YOU for all of your help!

Our goal is continuous improvement, and we appreciate your assistance and support. If you ever have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact your program coordinator (Paul Knotts- Urbana Boys, Ed Ross-Linganore Boys, Lisa Guay- Girls) and/or me at any time. Being part of the LUYAA Lacrosse Family is a wonderful experience! We hope you have a great season!

Jaine Ackley
LUYAA Lacrosse
lacrosse@luyaa.org

Poms

The LUYAA Poms' Fall 2008 season was a terrific one!

Nine squads participated in providing outstanding half-time routines during the football games.

In addition, three squads, Hawks Varsity, Lancer Varsity, and Lancer JV competed in the Cheer & Dance Extreme Competition in December. The Hawks Varsity squad placed 2nd, the Lancer Varsity squad placed 3rd, and the Lancer JV squad received an Honorable Mention. Great job to all those girls who competed and dedicated the extra time to go to the competition!

As we look toward the Fall 2009 season, registration will take place in May. If you would like to volunteer to

coach or help with the season, please contact me. Poms accepts all registrations for girls in grades 1-8.

Suzanne Patton
LUYAA Poms
poms@luyaa.org

Soccer

This past fall of 2008 soccer season saw more than 700 children participate in LUYAA Soccer, from our very successful Tots program for three and four year olds, on up to our young adults who play in U 19 leagues. Whether they were in house three year olds or club level 18 year olds, they represented LUYAA very well.



I wish to extend a huge thank you to all of our assistant coaches, coaches, volunteers and team administrators who play such a huge role in the coaching of our teams. Your efforts are appreciated. I would also like to express my gratitude to our soccer management team, which works year round to improve LUYAA Soccer. Melanie Robinson coordinates our Tots and U 6 program with assistance from Charlie Moore. In addition, Melanie coordinates our trophies and uniforms and Charlie is our roving goal keeper instructor. Tom Troutman coordinates our U8 program and is involved in the administration of the Double Nickel League which involves our U 8 children, plus those from Urbana and Carroll Manor. Tom also



coordinates our Parks and Recreation paperwork and does our practice and picture scheduling. Dave Farnsworth coordinates our boys U 10 and older programs in the recreational division and he is assisted by Tony Eastridge. Kevin Brookes handles our U 10 and older girls recreational program. Kevin is also our Area Coordinator for the Frederick County Youth Soccer League (FCYSL). Our WAGS and other girls club teams are coordinated by John Cunha who also handles a good deal of our web content. This spring, Oscar Olausen will be coordinating our 11 v 11 program. Brian and Kim Ferris are our Equipment Coordinators. Sean Mullican has volunteered to coordinate our apparel sales and we welcome him to the team. Paul Riley is our Soccer Development Coordinator and assistant commissioner. That's the soccer management team and they put in a lot of volunteer hours in addition to their time spent coaching soccer teams.

LUYAA Soccer is comprised of our in house programs for Tots, U 6 and U 8, our Competitive Recreational Programs for U 10 and older children, and our SC program for our club level teams. Our Tots program features a one ball per player activity curriculum and does not include competitive matches. Our U 6 and U 8 programs feature the UK Elite Academy professional instructors from the United Kingdom. These professional coaches work with our parent volunteers and our children throughout the season on a rotating basis. The emphasis at these younger age groups is based on the child gaining confidence with the ball. Winning and losing is not emphasized and scores are not kept

for U 6 nor U 8 matches. At the U 9/U 10 level, all children move into a more competitive league, and though the skill levels of those leagues vary, the emphasis at this age group is still about skill building and gaining confidence. That holds true for our Frederick County Youth Soccer League recreational teams, and for our younger LUYAA SC teams as well. Our LUYAA SC (Soccer Club) teams consist of children who have an interest and a desire to make a bit more of a commitment to the game of soccer. Even though our younger SC teams are in highly competitive leagues, the emphasis is still on developing skills and gaining confidence. Winning is fun and we all enjoy winning, but skill building and love of the game are much more important at the younger ages. LUYAA Soccer's LUYAA SC teams fielded club level teams at the U 9, U 10, U 11, U 13, U 14, U 15 and U 19 levels. We had five teams in WAGS (Washington Area Girls Soccer) this fall, one in OBSL (Olney-Bethesda Soccer League) and four in MSI (Montgomery Soccer, Inc.). LUYAA Soccer also fielded Frederick County Youth Soccer League Division 1 Recreational Level teams in U 10, U 12 and U 14.

As we approach the spring season I would ask you to keep in mind that the lone soccer fundraiser of the year is the spring golf tournament. We will return to Worthington Manor Golf Club this June for our 5th Annual tournament. The first four have netted \$34,000 for the soccer program. All of that money stays in the soccer program. If you would like additional information about the soccer program or the spring golf tournament, please

contact me at soccer@luyaa.org. Thank you.

Bob LoCicero
LUYAA Soccer
soccer@luyaa.org

Softball

In the midst of winter chill and the excitement of the New Year, it is fun to remember Spring will soon arrive and bring with it the fun of another great season here with the only intramural girls' softball program here in Frederick County.



While we've enjoyed great Spring turnouts for softball over the last several years, more players than ever before also signed up for Fall Ball in 2008 – allowing the program to field five Fall teams, and helping turn softball into a year-round pursuit. But now it is time for the main event – Spring Softball.

Follow the softball link on the LUYAA website (www.luyaa.org) to keep up with the latest news regarding Spring registration as well as pre-season evaluation workouts. These mandatory sessions assess the skill level for players in the various age groups and are critical for ensuring team balance and preserving healthy competition.

As soon as the weather allows in March, we'll be hitting the practice fields. Once again, the season will start in mid-April and wrap up by the end of the school year. We look forward to another exciting season.

As you may expect, it is important to underscore how much each of the LUYAA sports leagues rely on volunteers to achieve success. Of course this is very true with the softball program as well. For the last several years, LUYAA Softball flourished under the tireless efforts of Lon Santis along with his wife Mara. Together, they spent countless hours guiding LUYAA softball; organizing the seasons; providing advice to parents, coaches and other volunteers; and in general keeping everything running smoothly.

The growth and success of the program during Lon's recent tenure as Commissioner is obviously quite a testament to his efforts. On behalf of the Softball Committee and all of LUYAA softball, I would like to recognize his noteworthy contributions and extend sincere thanks to Lon and the Santis family for his time leading the softball program.

As the new Commissioner, my goal is to continue to ensure the program provides an outstanding opportunity for the girls to play and learn about softball in a fun environment. While studies show organized youth sports provide notable benefits ranging from health to self-esteem, we certainly also know this is a game. In the right atmosphere, the girls and the program will continue to thrive. Indeed, friends made on the diamond can be some of the most important connections they will have.

I would like to extend an invitation to each of you to find out how you can get involved to feed this "love of the game." We'll need help from everyone, and there will be plenty of opportunities to apply your skills whether it includes help-

ing out with practices, team schedules, fund raising, concessions, finding sponsors, and many more contributions to a successful season and a healthy program.

So welcome back to our returning players, coaches and other volunteers; and also a warm welcome for those of you joining us for the first time. I look forward to meeting you during the season. As many of you know, my daughter and I are often found at the games enjoying the excitement. Please contact me with any questions, concerns and suggestions, as we get ready to launch another great season!

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SPRING REGISTRATION

Online Registration opens Jan. 10, 2009



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PO Box 302
New Market, MD 21774

Non-Profit Organization
Auto US Postage Paid
Frederick MD
Permit #401

LOCATION, DATE & TIME
NEW MARKET MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETORIUM

Saturday, January 17, 2009
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Check the website or the Registration Hotline in case of inclement weather.
240-331-9184

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Table with columns for sport (Baseball, Lacrosse, Softball, Golf, Soccer, Girls Field Hockey, Summer Basketball), activity (T-Ball, Machine Pitch, etc.), age/grade, and fee (\$90, \$115, etc.).

Any Select or Travel Teams may require more fees.

Registration Hotline—(240) 331-9184

Family Membership- \$15 PER YEAR
Discounts: 3rd child- \$15, 4th child or more- Free
Late Registration- \$25/child/sport- \$10 for changing sports
Late registrations in effect May 26th, 2008