



Spring 2013

From the President

Dear Saline Area Soccer Families,

On behalf of SASA's Board of Directors, welcome to the spring soccer season! We're eager to get the season going for all of our players in Mini Kickers, Rec League and travel teams. I'm coaching my son's team (U14 Boys Gold) can't wait for the boys to play their first game this weekend!

As you may already know, we're in the process of developing our fields on Campus Parkway; the well and electric are completed and we'll be grading and irrigating after the spring season. If you have games or practices on that field (my team practices there), you'll notice that the terrain is pretty rough and improvements made possible by our CARES grant will make a huge difference beginning next season.

For this season, not too many changes. Same opportunities for our children to have fun playing soccer with new friends and old, same opportunities for Saline Area families to enjoy the games together, continued dedication from our volunteers and paid staff, continued focus on improving training opportunities and continued thankfulness to Saline Area Schools and York Township that provide the fields on which we play.

I'd like you to remember a few things as member families over the next couple of months for our outdoor season:

- While the spirit of the game gets away from us sometimes, we here solely for a safe, fun and developmental experience for our children. Winning is *merely interesting* in this context and in our Rec League, only a tie score is encouraged. Exemplary sportsmanship towards opponents and referees is expected from players, coaches and parents at all times in both travel and Rec games.
- We are guests on our fields. Saline Schools and York Township allow us the use of their fields and we're fortunate to have such nice and plentiful facilities. Please remember to be good guests by picking up your trash and never parking on the grass.
- Be thankful for our volunteers, they keep the club running. Our volunteer coaches, Board members, set-up and take-down helpers, team managers and parents give up their time to provide coaching and structure (finances, equipment purchase and maintenance, field maintenance, fundraising, league interactions, team placement... and the list goes on) for our teams so that members never have to worry about it.
- Volunteer. A small number within SASA serve many and those folks put in an awful lot of time for you...for free. With 800 players in SASA in any given season, we could really use the extra help, even if it's for support at single events. We are continually in need of people who are willing to help run our program in a variety of positions and we always need help with coaches, team parents and folks to help out with plenty of other activities. If you're interested, please contact me directly at president@salinesoccer.org. "*Many hands make light work.*"
- Consider buying some SASA apparel this season (your coach has the forms). SASA provides scholarships for needy families in our community and the funding comes from this sale. We're way behind in income for this important expense.

Continued on Page 2

SASA Happenings

Travel Coach Applications — Due April 15th

Merchandise Sale — Ongoing through April 17th

Garage Sale — Saturday, April 20th at Community Drive Fields

Cookie Dough Sale — Ongoing through April 26th

More information available in this issue.

www.salinesoccer.org

Continued from Page 1

To repeat my message from last season, the most important point of all: It's not about us parents, it's about our children. We're here for them to enjoy themselves, to feel like a part of a team and to learn about soccer.

Have a great season!

Doug Schantz, President, Saline Area Soccer Association

The next SASA Board of Directors Meeting is Sunday, April 14th from 7-9 p.m. in the Busch's Training Room. All are welcome!



Help Wanted

Travel Team Coaches

Saline Area Soccer Association (SASA) is accepting applications to coach boys and girls teams aged U8 to U19 for the 2013- 2014 travel season. These are paid positions open to all qualified persons including parents of SASA players. Coaches may possess a USSF "E" or higher coach's license now, or be willing to obtain an "E" license during the 2013-2014 season. Fees associated with obtaining a coaching license may be reimbursed by SASA. Professional SASA club trainers are also used to help instruct the team and SASA provides age appropriate curriculums for all SASA travel teams under the guidance of the SASA Director of Coaching and Player Development. Interested coaches should contact Kelly Tomaszewski, SASA Director of Travel Programs, at 944-0453 or kmtpt@aol.com to obtain an application. Or visit our website: www.salinesoccer.org.

Deadline for submission of applications is April 15, 2013.

New Recreational League Jerseys

Black and gold are the new colors for our Recreational League. Why did we switch? There was only one supplier available for the SASA blue/white reversible jerseys and the price of the reversible jerseys was rising and becoming cost prohibitive. Our recreational league is in line with our club colors of black and gold. These jerseys will be used season after season. As long as they fit, you will not need to purchase additional jerseys each season.

SASA Referees: be sure to have another colored referee shirt as you cannot wear a black or gold referee jersey for any of the SASA games. If there are multiple referees, you need to all match. It is a good idea to have a couple different colored shirts in your bag.



Campus Parkway Fundraiser!

SASA is selling the Savory Food line cookie dough, popcorn and cakes to earn additional funds needed to finish the field irrigation plan at Campus Parkway.

Be sure to ask your coaches for the forms and details. We will also need volunteers to help out on May 18th - Delivery Day! Orders due to your coach by Friday, April 26th.

The team selling the most wins \$ towards a team party of your choice!

If you have any questions, please email Suzi Zoltowski, Director of Ways and Means at suziq8668@gmail.com or call at 734-417-0707.



Merchandise Sale Going on Now!

All proceeds from our Merchandise sales benefit the SASA scholarship fund. An increasing number of players are in need of more scholarship funds and we look to accommodate all who need assistance. Help out your community as well and get some great SASA products. **Orders are due next Saturday, April 17th.** See Page 5 and 6 of the Sidelines. Orders will be ready for pick up on **May 4th** at Junga's ACE Hardware. 932 East Michigan Saline, Oaks Shopping Center

Hours: Mon-Sat: 8-8. Sunday 9-5

Items will only be available Saturday, 5/4 until Tuesday 5/7



**Recreational League Photo Day
Saturday, April 20th
at game fields**

SASA's first ever! Family2Family Garage Sale



- Have any old soccer shoes (indoor or outdoor) laying around the house?
- Have any soccer balls that your kids have outgrown?
- Need some more soccer balls for the backyard?
- Need a used soccer net to make your own goal in the backyard?

Come trade in your family's used equipment and allow another family to purchase it, or just come by to browse. All proceeds from the Family2Family Garage Sale will go towards the Campus Parkway Fields Irrigation Project. Cash only.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013
Community Drive Fields
10:00am to 1:00pm

Questions?

contact: equipment@salinesoccer.org



**SALINE AREA
SOCCER ASSOCIATION**



Summer Camp Opportunities

Saline will be hosting 2 soccer camps this summer through the Challenger Sports program, the information for both camps is below. You may sign up for the camps online through the challenger sports website.

HOWEVER you can also sign up through one of the Challenger Sports trainers that work here in Saline, Simon Daly and Leigh Rumbold will be working with SASA for the spring season coaching travel teams and holding rec trainer sessions as well as coaching at the mini kicker program. If you sign up for either camp with Simon or Leigh you will still get the free soccer

jersey, but you will also get free shipping on that Jersey an additional saving of \$6.95. This is the best (cheapest) way to sign up for either of the two camps. They will have all the application forms for you to fill out and are able to take payment of cash, check or credit card at any time and you get to take away the jersey that day.



If you have any questions about either camp please feel free to catch Simon and Leigh at the fields on training nights or at mini kickers on a Saturday, or alternatively please email one of them and they will be happy to answer any questions you may have and arrange a suitable time for them to collect the application form and payment and give you the free Jersey.

Challenger British Soccer in Saline July 22 - July 26, 2013

Tetra Brazil in Saline July 29 - August 2, 2013



Full day and half day programs are available for children ages 3 to 18. The camps will be held at Sandra Richardson Park. There is a place for every child regardless of experience or ability.

Simon Daly sidaly1986@gmail.com
 Leigh Rumbold rummy_39@hotmail.co.uk





From top left: Hailey Donnellon, Angie Dimopulos, Maya Zaitounh, Abbey Bowen, Shannon Reilly, Emma Wright, and Peyton Castor. Second row left: Coach Lee Hudson, Emily Zeitunian, Mackenzie Bowerman, Alyssa Stavros, Annie Beckman, and Hannah Bird. Laying on ground: Goalkeeper - Maggie Werner

U14 Wins Middletown, Ohio Tournament in Shoot Out

SASA's 99 Swarm Black participated in the Middletown Ohio tournament on March 23rd and 24th. The girls won two games and tied one which advanced the team to the finals. The last "scheduled" game was scheduled for Sunday morning at 8:00 with temps only in the 20's. It started snowing/blizzard type conditions about 11:00 AM. The final game was scheduled at 2:00 PM. The tournament committee made a decision about 12:00 to change all final games to PK shoot out only. It had stopped snowing by 2:00 PM but the fields were snow covered. The girls lined up in order of how they were to shoot. The most scored out of five penalty kicks would win. The two top teams were tied 4-1 each after that so it went into sudden death. SASA made the next one and so did they. We made one, then they missed and 99 Swarm won the tournament!



From left to right: Maya Zaintounh, Mackenzie Bowerman, Maggie Werner, and Emma Wright



Dedicated soccer moms!



Saline Area Soccer Association

Merchandise Catalog



Orders must be received by April 17, 2013

Pick up will be May 4, 2013

Pick up location will be Junga's ACE Hardware 932 East Michigan Saline, MI 48176



NEW Product!!

SASA Performance T's \$15

Black or gold shirt with gold SASA emblem on left chest. Same as SASA Rec League Jerseys

Adult sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL

Youth sizes: YS, YM, YL, YXL

SASA Hooded Sweatshirt \$40

SASA Crew Sweatshirt \$30

Black with SASA logo on front

Personalize by adding Swarm or Sting on the front with Buzz and your name on the back and number on sleeve **\$5**

Youth sizes: YS, YM, YL

Adult sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL



SASA Knit Cap \$15

Black knit cap with Buzz embroidered on the front

SASA Winter Headbands \$15

Black with gold Buzz embroidered on the front



SASA Sweatpants \$30

Black open leg bottom sweatpants with pocket. SASA logo on left thigh, Buzz at right ankle

Youth sizes: YS, YM, YL

Adult sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL



BUZZ Car Decal: Saline Swarm or Saline Sting or SASA emblem \$5

Clear with Buzz and white writing



BUZZ Car Decal: \$5

Clear with gold and white Buzz



SASA Shield Car Decal: Two color SASA shield emblem \$5

Clear with SASA shield, black and gold writing



Saline Area Soccer Association

Merchandise Order Form



Due April 17, 2013

Profits from the sale of SASA merchandise supports the SASA Scholarship Fund.
Thank you for your support!

ORDER FORM **Return with your check payable to SASA at PO Box 21, Saline MI 48176**

ITEM	Sweatshirt			Size & Color	Quantity	Unit Price	TOTAL
	Name on Back	Team Name	Number				
Hooded sweatshirt	“DOE”	Sting	23	AM Black	1	\$45	\$45

*****Order over the phone and use a credit card! 734-780-2162 between 9 AM and 5 PM *****

NAME _____

Thank You
for your support!

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED**PHONE**

EMAIL