



"SYA MOMENTS"

Capture the Moment with SYA

March, 2020 Newsletter

The SYA Moments is a monthly e-newsletter to keep you informed on all SYA sports and community events

SYA Offers 15 Different Sports!

Babe Ruth Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cricket **-NEW!**, Field Hockey, Tackle and Flag Football, Lacrosse, Little League Baseball and Softball, Rugby, Soccer, Track & Field, Volleyball and Wrestling

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR OUR SUMMER SPORTS

Basketball, Travel Basketball, Rugby and Track & Field

REGISTER NOW

Visit our [SYA Website](#)

SYA to Offer Summer Camps

Did you know that SYA has many summer camps? Most of our summer camps are sport specific - Soccer, Volleyball, Baseball to name a few! This summer, SYA will offer several summer camps that will provide fun activities in a variety of different sports that SYA offers. More information will be in our April newsletter and will be updated on our website and Facebook pages. So please frequent our sites and like and share!!!

SYA's Fields of Dreams SPORTS PARK

SYA Soccer needs many volunteers to get our SP fields ready for spring play. If you can help on Sat, March 14 for a few hours, sign up [here](#) to volunteer!



The Sports Park is being prepared for an exciting spring season. Blankets to protect the grass have come off, the snack bar is being prepped, and our contractors are busy sprucing up for the new season. New trash cans have been installed replacing some that were worn out and rusting (we want to keep our park clean!). We have some repairs to do, and if any parents have Boy Scouts looking for an Eagle Scout project, please contact us. We have done over 10 projects at the Sports Park with Eagle Scout candidates so far!

Any parents who want their children to do community service work, SYA has plenty to offer!

Currently we have three rectangular fields and two diamond fields in operation! Come visit the Park.

Located at 6626 Bull Run Post Office Rd, Centreville VA 20120
Visit our Sports Park website -[click here](#)



Lax 4 A Cause - Sat Mar 14



SYA Soccer's Winter Gala with Guest Speaker Jill Ellis a Great Success!!

SYA would like to thank everyone that helped make our first annual SYA Soccer Winter Gala a resounding success!! Over 230 people from SYA and other clubs joined us on Feb 28 at the International Country Club in a fun evening to remember.

Guest speaker Jill Ellis, former US Women's National Team Coach and two-time FIFA World Coach of the Year, showed two action packed videos and then spoke to the group about the journey, commitment and belief it took to win two World Cups. Jill then presented our graduating Seniors awards for dedication and loyalty to SYA Soccer. Congratulations to Seniors: Alexandra Benton, Jacob Christiansen, Tito Del Cid, Anna Farmelo, Jordan Goodfellow, Ronan Keane, Eli Levi, Maja Marcich, Damon McCarthy, Juan Morcillo-Briceno, Zachary Rhoades, JP Wiemann, and Justin Zapata.

Those awards were followed by our first two inductions in the Soccer Hall of Fame. Gonzalo Abrigo for coaching; and Bryan Hunt for Meritorious Service. Their bios can be found on the SYA Soccer Hall of Fame webpage.



Get to Know Your SYA Board!

Each month we will highlight one of our SYA board members.



Meet SYA President Jeff Stein

Jeff has been involved with SYA since 1993 when he started as a coach for his son's soccer team. He quickly progressed to division coordinator and in 1995 became SYA's Soccer Commissioner.

SYA has partnered with CYA for another "Lax 4 a Cause" event at Centreville High School. Teams from CYA, SYA, DullesSouth, and Herndon/Reston will scrimmage each other. All of our boys and girls from 4 to 14 will take advantage of this preseason game opportunity. The event will run all day Saturday, March 14th from 8am to 6pm.

The Centreville boosters will man the Snack Stand and provide food and drink. Fundraising is ongoing for both CYA and SYA. Both groups will continue raising funds for two separate charities. CYA has chosen Life with Cancer as their charity and SYA will support The American Boy Foundation. Our fundraising efforts will continue through April 2020.



We are The Champions!

Congratulations to Coach Anthony McGhee, Assistant Coach Ryan Morrell and the Girls 5th Grade D2 SYA travel basketball team. On February 29th the team beat an undefeated Arlington team to win the Fairfax County Youth Basketball League Championship Game in their division.

The team was led by Nia Broughton who was awarded the MVP award at the end of the game. Congratulations also to SYA Coach Alice Anderson, the coach of the other 5th grade girls travel team, who was named Coach of the Year in an awards ceremony held by FCYBL. Way to go 5th grade girls!

Community Info

SYA continues to partner with FCPS, FCPA and Fairfax County NCS departments on keeping our membership informed of activities. We are active on Facebook as well. If you have something you would like to see in our newsletter, please drop us a line.

Under his leadership, soccer grew from 1,500 players to a peak of 2,800 players in each of the Spring and Fall seasons. Jeff coached in both the recreational and travel soccer programs for over 15 years and holds a national “C” license from the United States Soccer Federation. He was also a licensed referee and spent many weekends on the field officiating youth matches. In recognition to his dedication to the soccer community, Fairfax County remained E.C. Lawrence field #4 the Jeff Stein field.

Jeff became a member of the SYA Executive Board in 2014 and served as Vice President until 2019 when he took the reins as SYA President.

Jeff’s professional life is in the real estate industry and he was responsible for finding the acreage and negotiating the purchase of the property we now know as SYA Sports Park. He lives in Clifton with his wife Michelle. He has two grown children, Aaron and Mimi, who played in SYA from kindergarten through high school. He is active in the community and has served on the Fairfax County Athletic Council for over 20 years and also serves on various boards for the Town of Clifton.



Basketball Food Drive a Success!

Our basketball program held a food drive on their picture day and collected over 1,200 pounds of food that was donated to FACETS. This donation will feed 30 families. Thank you for your generosity!!



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SYA "Meal-Deal" Card is HERE!

What: SYA Meal Deal Discount Card

Price: Only \$20

How to Buy it: Buy [HERE!](#)

We will mail the card to you once your order is finalized or you can purchase cards at the SYA Office!

Questions? Scott Liskey

All funds raised support the SYA Sports Park and All SYA SPORTS!

THANK YOU for Supporting the Southwestern Youth Association!



2020 SYA Little League - Back at School!

During January, SYA Little League Baseball/Softball hosted “School Days” at Union Mill Elementary School, Willow Springs ES, Virginia Run ES, and Cub Run ES. Several SYA volunteers coaches, school alumni, and multiple Centreville Wildcat baseball players volunteered their time to teach nearly 3,000 students a whole host of baseball/softball skills.

In conjunction with the school staff, the students received detailed instruction and were able to showcase their hitting, throwing and catching skills. The gyms were filled with lots of smiles and enthusiasm for the sport during the 4 days (WS), 2 days (UM), 1 day (VR), and 3 days (CR) events. Our thanks to the entire staff at these schools, especially the team of very patient physical education teachers.

The 2020 Froghair Golf Classic is Back! May 29th at Twin Lakes Golf Course -

Sign up [HERE](#) today!!

SYA and CYA teaming up to bring you a fun filled day of golfing that is formatted to challenge the beginner and expert alike. Get your team together and sign up.

Better yet, get your team and sponsor

a hole and sign up!



Proudly Supporting CYA and SYA

FROGHAIR GOLF CLASSIC

Twin Lakes Golf Course
May 29, 2020

Sponsorship Levels:

Platinum Sponsor - \$3,000
Banner at any two SYA/CYA facilities for one year. Recognition at Awards Lunch. Hole sponsor with premium signage. Sponsor ad on both CYA and SYA websites. E-mail promoting business sent to memberships. One complimentary foursome.

Gold Sponsor - \$2,000
Banner at any one SYA/CYA facility for one year. Recognition at Awards Lunch. Hole sponsor with premium signage. E-mail promoting business sent to memberships. One complimentary foursome.

Hole Sponsor - \$400
Recognition on designated hole and Awards Lunch. One complimentary golfer.

7:30 am Registration Opens
9:00 am Shotgun Start

Cost: \$99 per golfer
Price includes green fees, cart, lunch, breakfast, prizes & more!



Please contact Scott Liskey for more information: 703-608-5369, sliskey@chantillyyouth.org or sliskey@syasports.org • Register at froghairgolfclassic.com

Sponsorship Information

We are looking for sponsors, golf committee members and helpers on the day of the event too.

ONLY \$99!!! What a deal!

SYA Honored at Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame Banquet!



The Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame Banquet was held on Mar 8 and SYA had several honorees. Coach Ernest "Boomer" DeConti was inducted into the Northern VA Football Hall of Fame. Coach Brian Conway, SYA 90 National Coach, was selected as National Coach of the Year. Keyon Somers-Porter, 115 American

player, was honored as the SYA Player of the Year. Finally, former SYA player and Westfield HS player, Noah Kim, was selected as the High School Player of the Year. Congratulations to all!

SYA Soccer Technical Director Paul Ellis honored as Girls Travel Coach of the Year!



The Virginia Youth Soccer Association 2019 Awards Gala was held Feb 1 in Fredericksburg, VA. At the event, Paul Ellis was honored as the Girls Travel Coach of the Year. Congratulations Paul!

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