

GRASA NEWS

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As we continue toward our goal of better communication with all GRASA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE GAIL O. SUTTON

members, the Board felt we needed to send out one more newsletter this spring. There is some critical information we wanted to make sure was passed on. The best way to keep up with the latest information and changes is the GRASA website: home.beseen.com/sport/GRASA. Abrahm Shearer keeps that updated, and Board contacts are also there. There are great things happening - keep up with all that is going on in your club!

Gail O. Sutton
GRASA President



GRASA MISSION STATEMENT

GRASA is a soccer association dedicated to the development of our players. Our mission is to be the community leader in soccer development by providing top level coaching and excellent organizational structure. The association will strive to reach this goal through continuous improvement while promoting sportsmanship, team play, and a healthy respect for others.

GRASA LOGO ACCESSORIES

Relax at a soccer game or just about anywhere with a folding seat that keeps 6 cold cans right at your fingertips (ice pack included). Stay refreshed by filling a water jug or coffee mug with your favorite beverage. Be prepared for any weather with an umbrella or seat cushion with rain poncho. Organize your miscellaneous items with a handy canvas tote. And all for **HALF OFF!**

That's no misprint. . . half off any item. New prices are as follows:

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| • Canvas tote or coffee mug | \$5.00 | Water Jug | \$2.50 |
| • Folding seat w/ cooler | \$7.50 | Umbrella | \$8.50 |
| • Seat cushion w/ poncho | \$3.50 | | |
| • Water Bottle | FREE with every purchase! | | |

Limited Items:

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| Fleece vest, Medium, royal blue w/ black collar | \$14.00 |
| Fleece Headband, royal/black, w/ GRASA logo | \$ 6.00 |
| Baseball cap, off white denim w/ royal bill & logo | \$ 6.50 |
| Crewneck sweaters, gray w/ logo (2 sm, 1 XXL) | \$ 9.00 |

Just complete & return the form on the back page!



Registrar's Corner

Diane Parks

Julie Barrett

How to contact or get information to the GRASA Registrar:

- Phone 940-3652 (before 10:00 pm please)
- Fax 559-3652
- e-mail dparks1059@aol.com
- Drop Box 2440 Birchcrest SE (Burton to Breton, South to Oke-
mos; right to Annchester (1st Stop Sign); Left to Birchcrest; Left
to 2440 (3rd drive on left))
- US Mail PO Box 3142, Grand Rapids, MI 49501

TRY-OUT DATES

Below is the official schedule for GRASA try-outs. Please note the only changes are the U-17/18 Girls switching with the U-16 Girls. There has been the addition of U-9 Girls as GVSA will have that age division next year. Please encourage friends to come try out. GRASA continues to evolve to meet the needs of all levels of players. Anyone with questions concerning opportunities, please contact Abraham Shearer, director of coaching.

Thursday, June 15 and Tuesday, June 20

U-19 Boys
U-16 Boys
U-15 Boys
U-15 Girls
U-14 Boys
U-14 Girls
U-17/18 Girls

Friday, June 16 and Wed., June 21

U-10 Girls
U-11 Boys
U-12 Boys
U-13 Boys
U-16 Girls
U-19 Girls

Monday, June 19 and Thursday, June 22

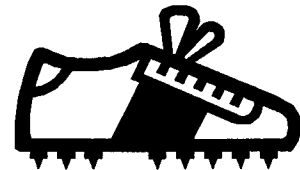
U-9 Girls
U-9 Boys
U-10 Boys
U-11 Girls
U-12 Girls
U-13 Girls
U-17 Boys

Gail O. Sutton

As we approach try-outs for another exciting year, think of how nice it would be to have GRASA home games all at the same complex. Think of having those games at the same complex as younger siblings playing AYSO! Think of being able to host our own tournament!

I wrote an article in the last newsletter enlisting the help of our GRASA families. There are companies, corporations and families who are willing and able to donate money for this complex for our community. Every year we go to Saginaw and play at their beautiful complex and wonder why Grand Rapids has never built one. We now go to Libertyville and play the Memorial Weekend tournament at their beautiful complex, and again we wonder, why does a city the size of Grand Rapids not have a soccer complex? It is because a group has never gone the full distance to get the job done.

We now have that group. They have a formal presentation they give to companies and corporations when asked. They are tireless in their efforts, and all they are asking is for our support. Please contact Kathy Wildt at 676-3678 with donations and/or names of people, companies and corporations along with the contact person. We have had some GRASA teams make donations as a team (one team donated \$1000!), and their team will be acknowledged on the recognition wall. There are many ways to help. Let's bring soccer back into our own backyards by making this soccer complex a reality - one that will bring pride (and convenience!) to our community. It's time to push donations over the required amount to break ground. Come on, GRASA, let's make it happen!



DIRECTOR OF COACHES REPORT

ABRAHM SHEARER

GRASA and High School Girls Soccer

It has been nice to see our club having such an impact on area girls high school soccer.

In the East Grand Rapids - Forest Hills Matchup on Monday about 1/2 of all the girls on the field had played for or are currently rostered on a GRASA team.

The members or former members included Richards, Turrek, Braseth, Henry, Lacks, Marshall, Snider, Bratschie, Corbett, Buth, VanDamme, and Swainston.

Congratulations are in order to these players and others who have become leaders on the field for their respective teams. The list includes-

Sara Satterley and Bri Dilley for East Kentwood

Sherri Vandeboss for Forest Hills Northern

Abby White for Jenison

Kelly Kol for Grand Rapids Christian.

GRASA in the News

If you picked up the Grand Rapids Press and happen to follow tennis you probably read about East Kentwood and #2 Singles player Matt Garner on Tuesday.

Matt, who plays for the GRASA u-19 team commented on his GRASA play when interviewed in the press:

Matt Garner, an East Kentwood Junior, capped three grueling days of playing soccer and tennis by winning a hard fought No. 2 singles match.....on Monday.

....."At one point out there, I was thinking maybe I shouldn't have played two games of soccer Sunday."

Matt helped his GRASA team to two wins on Sunday (6-0 vs. USA and 4-1 vs. Tri-Cities). Neither game was a cake walk as the score would suggest. The heat was quite uncomfortable and our boys played down one man in the first and down three men in the second game.

Website

Forward this info to any who might be interested.

Take a look at the new GRASA web page

<http://home.beseen.com/sports/grasa>

Send your comments and suggestions on how to improve this site.

Use the message board to share important information over the web.

Soccer Camps

I am currently working with Carl Whitehouse in putting together a GRASA goalkeeper camp in August. Push your Goalkeepers in this direction and they will be trained by the top GK coach in the area.

Ferris State University is holding a Residential Camp for girls August 6th through the 11th. This new camp is run by Pete Watkins, head coach of the Women's Bulldogs Soccer team. Call 231-591-2879

Based in Rockford, Marcos and Fabio Mendes are running Flying Kick Soccer Day Camps at various locations throughout the summer. Locations include Rockford, Grand Rapids, Ada, and Kentwood. For more information call 863-0779.

Three Soccer Now day camps will be held this summer in the area -- Lowell, Forest Hills, and East Grand Rapids. A residential camp for ages 10-14 will be held at Ferris State University. Call Abraham @ 456-5165 for more information.

Other recommended residential camps include Indiana University and Notre Dame Soccer Camps

Abraham Shearer



