

# **MARCH 2019 ARAA NEWSLETTER**

## **BASEBALL**

### HOUSE BASEBALL

Evaluations were completed on March 2nd. Registration will be open until 3/15/19 for 6th grade and under and until 3/18/19 for 9th grade and under.

House team formation and coach selection will be done over the next few weeks.

The House parent meeting is date and time is TBD. Please see future communications for details.

### TRAVELING BASEBALL

Traveling baseball parent meeting will be held on 4/1/19 at 6:30pm in the Anoka High School cafeteria.

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## **BASKETBALL**

End of season Hoopla Celebration is March 30th at Willy McCoy's in Ramsey from 4pm-7pm. Come join us to celebrate the seasons end!

The basketball season wrapped up this past weekend. During the MSF Boys State Tourney, Team Walberg 5th grade and Team Kelsey 7th grade both finished as State Champions!! Team Dazzon 8th grade and Team Borchers 6th grade both had 3rd place finishes. During the MYAS Girls Tourney, Team Phelps 5th grade finished their season with a State Championship!!! Congrats to all teams on a great season!

The basketball board is looking for you!! Do you feel things can be different, do you have ideas? Join the board! We have the following positions open: Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Coordinator, Equipment Director, Fundraising Coordinator, and Girls Traveling Director. Special thanks to the following for your time and years given to the board: Michelle Johnson, Brenda Look, Chris Taylor, Troy Larson, Lane Johnson and Natalie Bernard. We appreciate all your years given to the board.

Stay informed on up-coming summer events by following us on Facebook and watch the website for frequent updates.

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## **FOOTBALL**

Registration will open on February 1st! Go to [www.arsports.org](http://www.arsports.org) for important dates and further information.

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## **LACROSSE**

Lacrosse has started to practice and we are two weeks out from our first set of games! We have not closed registration for Box, and are still looking for numbers for all of our spring teams.

There will be another Free Clinic on March 16th at Adrenaline! 12U and 10U from 9-10 am and 14U from 10-11 am. If you have any questions or interest please reach out to Terry Christensen [terry2478@gmail.com](mailto:terry2478@gmail.com).

Keep your eyes open for other free clinics, along with our bean bag fundraiser which will be held 6/8/2019.

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## SOCCER

### SPRING RECREATIONAL SOCCER

Spring recreational soccer registration is open to players in Pre-K through High School. Recreational programming is held at Elmcrest Park in Ramsey and allows kids to have fun, learn the sport of soccer and develop a life-long love of the game. No prior experience is necessary. The recreational program runs from May 13-July 18, 2019. Our end-of-season Super Soccer Saturday celebration will be held July 20.

Save \$25 if you register by March 22!

For complete details and to get registered go to: <https://www.arsports.org/page/show/721627-summer-rec-program>

Is your child considering a move to our competitive soccer program for Summer 2020?

Tryouts for the Summer 2020 season will be held this July, 2019. The results of tryouts, along with coach and Director of Coaching feedback will be used to determine your child's placement on a competitive team for the 2020 season. All players are expected to attend both days of tryouts and a new emphasis is being placed on the importance of tryouts. For complete details please check out our tryouts page at: <https://www.arsports.org/page/show/4791492-tryouts>.

Tryouts will be held at Elmcrest Park in Ramsey. Tryout dates are between July 28th and Aug 1st. \*Players must attend both tryout dates for their age group!

Please see the tryout website link for the club's policy for missing tryouts, exceptions for attending tryouts are more limited than they've been in previous years.

Looking for a summer job? We're Hiring!

**Concessions lead:** We're hiring a concessions lead for the concessions stand at Elmcrest Park. Hours for the summer will be approximately 5:30 to 8:30pm Monday-Thursday from May 13th through July 20th. Applicants must be 16 or older and pay is \$15/an hour. To express interest and find out complete details please email [doo@northernlightsoccer.org](mailto:doo@northernlightsoccer.org).

**Recreational referees:** Our recreational soccer program has an exciting job opportunity for you this summer! This new program has been designed specifically to partner our competitive program with our recreation program, providing multiple benefits for rec and travel players, coaches, and our community. Here are the details:

Eligibility: U12 and older NLSC competitive player for the Summer 2019 season.

Commitment: At least one night per week (Mon-Thurs), on average, between May and mid-July. Approximate time is 5:50pm-8:10pm. Referees will not be scheduled until travel games/practice schedules are known.

Requirements: Complete pre-selected referee online training (15 minutes) and CDC Concussion Training; then attend a short (30-60 minutes) on-field training in late-April/early-May. Dates are TBD.

Pay rates: Will vary with age group. Average of \$13/game and most referees will referee 2 games per evening.

Qualities: Reliable, kind, fair, courageous, and possesses common sense.

Our first step is to collect information from those who are interested so we can communicate more detailed information with them. To express your interest please fill out the following form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeD2q-IseuH5WSWtemAYBGrSafLxBDKw\\_FuJoZEs80lvUSsFw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeD2q-IseuH5WSWtemAYBGrSafLxBDKw_FuJoZEs80lvUSsFw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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## SOFTBALL

Registration for softball ends March 15th! Go to [www.arsports.org/softball](http://www.arsports.org/softball) for more information and to register.

Fundraising is underway, if you need more Green Valley gift cards, let us know at [softball@arsports.org](mailto:softball@arsports.org)

Fingers crossed that the snow melts and we can get out on the fields in April!

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## VOLLEYBALL

Registration for fall of 2019 will open in May. The season runs Sept – Oct. Look for more info in future newsletters!

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## WRESTLING

We are SO proud to be a part of this Anoka wrestling community! The wrestling program attended the MN/USA State Tournament in Rochester March 7-9th and had fantastic results!

We officially had 50 participants this weekend!

Four 1st place finishers!!! Julian Hartl, Bella Rush, Gigi Bragg, and Alley Altringer!  
Four 2nd place finishers!!! Evelyn Yonke, Brendan Howes, Michael Murff, and Max Berglund!  
Three 3rd place finishers!!! Sianna Mader, Gavin Cox, and Logan Jungling!  
Five 4th place finishers!!! Michael Chamberlain, Luke DeChene, Austin West, Declan Dahl, and Jacob Whitaker!

Two 5th place finishers!!! Alex Martinson and Garrett Wittek!  
Two 6th place finishers!!! Gigi Bragg (SB/SG) and Mason Brent!

Congratulations to everyone!

If you would like to continue wrestling with our Freestyle/Greco-Roman program, the first practice will be March 26th at the Anoka High School Wrestling room. Please call John Wittek for more information 763.439.8998.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Our Annual Bean Bag Fundraiser will be held September 21st at Coach Murray's home.

Thank you all for a great season!  
Anoka Youth Wrestling Board

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## **CHARITABLE GAMBLING**

If you're grabbing a bite to eat around town please consider dining at one of these great establishments who have partnered with ARAA!

Aurelio's Pizza (Ramsey)  
McDuff's Eatery and Pub (Ramsey)  
The Links at Northfork (Ramsey)  
The Tavern at Green Haven (Anoka)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday BINGO at Tavern at Green Haven – 7:00pm  
Rail 2-4-1s and \$5 for 3 Tacos (Tacos starting at 7:00pm)

Every Thursday at Aurelio's Pizza of Ramsey – 5pm  
MEAT RAFFLES & DAILY HAPPY HOUR with full bar from 3-6pm  
<http://www.aureliospizza.com/>  
*PS-they now Deliver too!*

3/22/19 BINGO at The Links at Northfork Golf and Banquet Facility – 6:30pm  
<https://www.golfthelinks.com>

Saturday MEAT RAFFLE at McDuff's Eatery and Pub – 4:00pm  
Pulltabs Daily (except Mondays during the winter)  
\*No BINGO – But look for that to change in the Fall!  
<http://www.mcduffsrestaurant.com>