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ALLENDALE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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# WHAT IS THE ALLENDALE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION?

The A.A.A. is a non-profit organization founded in 1973 to sponsor youth recreation in grades K-8 in the borough. It is staffed entirely by volunteer parents and is responsible for baseball, kickball, softball, basketball, and soccer programs. General Meetings are held quarterly and all parents are welcome to attend.

Serving as president of the A.A.A. has been a truly rewarding experience during the past 8 months. We are fortunate to have acquired a dedicated group of people serving on the Executive Board who are committed to the improvement of youth recreation in Allendale. My sincere thanks to all of them for their endless hours of work this year, helping to make my job easier.

Back in September, the new officers developed an agenda of goals for the year:

To establish a local chapter of the National Youth Sports Coaches Association so that volunteer coaches could receive training and certification in first aid, psychology, and specific skills necessary for the particular sports.

- to foster an awareness of the A.A.A. for the purpose of reaching out to all parents in order to build a stronger and more effective organization.
  to seek greater participation by businesses and individuals in the sponsorship of baseball and softball teams. This program helps to raise funds to
- offset the expenses incurred in these sports.

   to provide coaches and players with instructional video tapes to help improve skills on all levels (available at the Lee Memorial Library).
- to acquire federal and state recognition as a taxexempt organization.
- to publish a newsletter in order to communicate regularly with parents, highlighting the activities of our children, coaches, and volunteers in the organization.
- to improve communication with borough officials so that they are aware of the needs of the A.A.A. in such areas as rejuvenation and maintenance of playing fields. Long term, this is one of our most difficult tasks. We're a long way from looking like

Yankee Stadium.

— to establish a better working relationship with USR, Ho-Ho-Kus, and Saddle River sports organizations in the integrated levels of grades 5 - 8.

I'm pleased to report that all of the above goals have been addressed this year: most have been accomplished, some will need more time.

At this time, we would like to focus on one point in particular, the N.Y.S.C.A. The National Youth Sports Coaches Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to improve the youth sports experience for children. Allendale is now an officially recognized chapter and can now offer training and certification to parents and volunteers who wish to become coaches. The program for coaches consists of a two-part program in which coaches are instructed in the psychology of youth sports, first aid and safety, organizing team practices and tips on teaching sports techniques.

Our first N.Y.S.C.A clinic was a great success, attended by over 60 men and women who are now certified by the organization and have signed a code of ethics pledging to observe safety rules and to keep in mind foremost the welfare and sportsmanship of their players. We congratulate them on completing the six hour course for baseball and softball!

I would expecially like to thank John Alsdorf for his consideration and cooperation in providing us with the use of the Ambulance building for our training programs. Thank you John, very much!

We hope that you find this newsletter informative. Newsletters will be published on a regular basis. We welcome your comments and suggestions, but more importantly, we welcome your participation in the A.A.A. No membership dues are charged, the only thing that is required is a desire to improve the sports experience for our children. We could use help in fundraising, technical clinics, field maintenance, and organization of equipment and uniforms. Give a call, and see where you can help.

Ed Ducey - 825-3293

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#### OFF THE FIELD EDITOR

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#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Beverly Mellick - 934-1443

The next General Meeting of the Allendale Athletic Association will be September 19, 1990 at 8:00 P.M. at Borough Hall.

CONGRATULATIONS! and BEST WISHES TO THE EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS. GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR FUTURE SPORTS ENDEAVORS.

We send wishes for a speedy recovery to Danny Davis, Jeffrey Jernee, and Dana Kosky . . . Feel better real soon!

CLOTHING SALES - a new concept for the A.A.A. The **primary** purpose of the "sales concept" was to gain **VISIBILITY** for the organization. The design was to provide interesting customized merchandise in an effort to make the residents more aware of the existence of the A.A.A. Incidental profits have gone to defray the administrative expenses of the organization.

Our first sale was in October, 1989, featuring customized sweats and hats. The response was so favorable that we decided to have subsequent sales.

In January, we featured customized hand painted sweats beautifully executed by two local artists, Sherry Pinck and Chris Renton. I would like to thank Sherry and Chris for their consideration, cooperation and beautiful workmanship. We just completed our Spring Jacket Sale, which generated considerable enthusiasm from both children and parents.

There are several people whose efforts made my job easier - Jack Kilgallen, Oksana Sobolta, Kathleen Graff, Susan Kellar, Sallyann Cosgrove, and all the parents whose purchases made the sales successful. I would also like to thank the local merchants for displaying our signs for registrations, meetings, and sales.

Our next sale will be in the fall. Thank you for your continued support. Feel free to contact me should you have questions or suggestions.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Jack Kilgallen - 327-6791

The Allendale Athletic Association, unlike most out of school organized sports programs which are run through the town recreation departments, is run independently of the municipality and therefore, does **NOT** benefit from any portion of your tax dollar.

Registration fees, contributions, and team sponsorships provide the revenues which support the A.A.A. Steady improvements have been made in our fundraising efforts but we still fall considerably short of the funds necessary to meet our expenses and achieve our goal of raising the level of our sports programs.

Although the A.A.A. is a financially healthy, publicly supported organization, expenditures for the 1990 Baseball/Softball/Kickball program, for example, will exceed \$20,000.00. The major expenses being uniforms, umpires, coach training program, insurance, first aid supplies, equipment, and trophies. To date, we have collected just over \$15,000.00 to cover these costs.

Any individual or business wishing to help support our youth sports programs can contact either myself or any member of the board for additional information.

Since we are an exempt organization under SOI C 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, all contributions are Tax Deductible.

# **COMING EVENTS**

# 1990 A.A.A. SOCCER

Gary Smeal - 825-8911

Soccer officially begins the first weekend after school starts and continues until just before Thanksgiving. About 350 boys and girls from ages 6 - 15 participate. Registration is in May.

Children born in 1983 and 1984 are in the instructional league. There are 8 teams of boys and girls, and the emphasis of this league is on learning kicking skills and the basic rules of the game.

The older children participate in the Northwest Bergen Soccer Association, of which about 20 neighboring towns are members. The boys and girls play on separate teams with divisions organized by age rather than by school grade, and the children play against teams from other towns. The emphasis of recreational soccer is on participation, instruction, enjoyment, and social interaction.

The American Soccer Club is a more competitive soccer program in town which is organizationally separate from our Allendale Athletic Association.

We plan to offer the N.Y.S.C.A. training clinic for soccer. Further details will follow.

We need your help to run a successful program Should you have any questions about the program please contact Gary Smeal or Lynn Gaydosh (327-6741) who is in charge of registration.

# **CURRENT ISSUES**



#### BASEBALL/KICKBALL 1990

The 1990 Baseball/Kickball season is upon us. The number of children registered for baseball/kickball has exceeded any year in recent memory with over 300 players. More than 75% of the kindergarten class registered to play kickball.

The 1st - 2nd, and the 3rd-4th grade leagues are comprised of six teams each. (The commissioners are Chris Kellar and Joe Amatuzzi respectfully.) 5th-6th (Bob Frei) and 7th-8th (Ed Ducey) grade leagues, which play against Upper Saddle River and Saddle River/Ho-Ho-Kus, will field 5 teams in each league.

An A.A.A. priority goal this year has been the improvement of town fields. Hal Marine (Borough Administrator) and George Higbie (Head of Public Works) have been extremely helpful in this endeavor. We request that you DO NOT drive or park your car on the fields.

Another goal for this season was to improve the team uniforms and equipment. The 3rd and 4th grade teams

### SOFTBALL

Bob Roth - 327-4184

This season's softball program, running from April 28th - June 9th, has drawn 140 girls from grades 1 - 8.

Grades 1 and 2 have four teams with 33 girls. The emphasis is on learning safety and fundamentals. Rules are relaxed, as the important factors are participation and having fun.

Grades 3 and 4 have four teams with 39 girls. The object is to build on the basics of the game and understanding of the rules. By the end of the season the girls are pitching and catching and full rules are followed. Playing of all positions and participation is stressed.

Grade 5 has five teams comprised of 35 girls from Allendale, and 35 from USR. Full rules are followed all season. The competition is more keen in this program but participation is still a cornerstone.

Grades 6 - 7 - 8 are combined with USR and have thirteen teams consisting of 28 from Allendale and 34 from USR. The competition is pretty intense, however, sportsmanship is stressed. High School rules are followed in this program.

The Allendale Softball Program is run by strictly volunteer commissioners, coaches and equipment managers - about 50 in all. Softball for grades 1 - 4 progressed this season with the assistance of Donna and Bob Mayone (grades 1-2) and Tracy Penticuff (grades 3-4). Without their help these programs would not be a success - THANKS!!!

This year we have certified our coaches through a training program (N.Y.S.C.A. Program), improved our equipment and our fields. Your comments, support, and efforts are welcome in our attempt to provide better youth sports programs. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions or suggestions.

# Bill Kempey - 825-4498

have received all new uniforms. Several thousand dollars has been spent for new equipment, ranging from special, safer balls, to new bases.

Many thanks to those assisting in our program. Each individual's help and effort is greatly appreciated. Janice Councilor deserves credit for a job well done in organizing the Sponsorship program. Thus far, 25 individuals and corporations have sponsored a team. Tracy Penticuff volunteered to help prepare the uniforms and equipment. Maureen Faul took charge of refilling the medical bags, and, Mary Meyer helped with the arrangements for the kickball league.

I am sure we are all looking forward to our children having fun, learning more about the sports, and developing their skills. Winning the game should not become the sole reason for playing. I hope that you enjoy this year's season. Should you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me.



BASKETBALL RE-CAP

Chuck Dombeck - 327-8317

A record number of Allendale boys and girls (300) in grades 3 - 8 participated in a program designed to teach skills, provide healthy competition, and most importantly, let the kids have fun. It appears those goals were met, especially the fun part.

A special thanks must go to all the coaches and assistant coaches for the time and patience that you devoted to the program. The basketball skills and techniques taught the children clearly paid dividends. I can't recall seeing as much improvement, across all age groups, as I saw this year - Congratulations!

I wish to thank the Commissioners of each league. Without their coordination, follow-up and commitment, the program could not have been successful. The Commissioners are: Dominick Preziosi (Boys 7-8), Tom Chisholm (Girls 7-8), Janice Councilor (Boys 5-6), Bill Ward (Girls 5-6), John Helenek (Boys 3-4), Dave Mahle (Girls 3-4). Thank you all for an excellent job. I would also like to thank the administration and custodial staffs of Brookside and Northern Highlands for providing gym availability and maintenance.

The A.A.A. hosted an evening at the Meadowlands on February 7, 1990. 50 children and adults attended this event and enjoyed the action packed game. The NETS contributed \$150.00 to the Athletic Association's general fund.

**PLEASE:** should you have any A.A.A. basketballs, please return them to Chuck Dombeck. Thank you.

#### WHO'S WHO

We would like to CONGRATULATE the individuals who have successfully completed our FIRST N.Y.S.C.A. CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.

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