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Calendar

Founders Cup U16 – U19	Feb. 21– Mar. 1
State Cup U11 – U13	Jan. 24 – Feb. 21
State Cup U14 – U19	March 21 – May 3
Association Cup U16 – U19	March 14 –April 15
Fall 2009 Registration	April 1—April 30
Spring District 2 Season begins	April 4
Late Rec. Registration.....	Begins May 1
Coaches Meeting	August
Practice begin for Fall	week of August 24
Comp/Select Photo Day.....	Wed. Sept. 9
First Fall Rec. game	Sat. Sept. 12
Rec. Photo Day	Sat. Sept 12
Make-up Photo Day	Sat. Oct. 10

Letter from the President

2009 - A year of change? Absolutely!

Soccer (football) in Los Gatos is alive and well and GROWING. The popularity of soccer is gaining more and more interest since ANYONE CAN PLAY! This is happening county-wide, state-wide and with seemingly more public interest that I've ever seen before. You can see this with the amount of kids playing soccer in the US, and here in Los Gatos. We are literally busting at the seams with teams and players, and the demand for participation is all year round.

The Earthquakes (<http://sjearthquakes.mlsnet.com/t110/>) are back with a vengeance. Lew Wolff (Lew's daughter lives in LG) and his great staff are pushing all the right buttons in the valley. I truly believe that once "St. Lew", gets his stadium built, soccer growth in the US will accelerate to match the rest of our world. The Quakes will attack the rest of the MLS with the likes of international Darren Huckerby ("Huck"), Bobby Convey (wow!), Shea Salinas, Art Alvarez, Captain Nick Garcia, amazing defender Jason Hernandez, Los Gatan Kelly Gray, and of course, the beloved Joe Cannon. Coach Frank Yallop is building a monster team that will put the Quakes in a position to claim the MLS Championship. I have my season tickets.

Women's Pro soccer is resurrecting a team in San Jose as well - The FC Gold Pride (<http://www.womensprosoccer.com/bayarea/default.aspx>). The home opener is April 5th against the Boston Breakers. The Pride will also play their home games at Santa Clara's Buck Shaw Stadium. The Pride has Canadian superstar Christine Sinclair, Brazilian's Adriane Formiga, and defensive star Erika, along with US Olympians Leslie Osborne (Santa Clara), keeper Nicole Barnhart (Stanford), and defender Rachel Buheler (Stanford), and everyone's favorite, Brandi Chastain on the current roster. I believe that Coach Albertin Montoya and the FC Gold Pride will have a great first season.

I highly recommend that parents take their kids to a pro soccer games this season, just to see players like Kelly and Brandi, who grew up playing on the very same soccer fields that your kids play on now. The games are fun and entertaining, the environment is very family oriented, and both teams play in a venue in our own city, and it's SHORT DRIVE!

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The LG soccer board has also been updated too! We added strength to roster for the 2009/2010 season. Mark Wander returns as our VP of Administration (who successfully planned the league Fun Day!), Randi Chen is our new/temp secretary as well as our League Communications Director, Dale Greenley returns as our Abronzino Director, and Sabine Austin enters another year as our Delgado Director. Maria Ristow has immersed herself and is our NEW Recreation League Director, while Leigh Anne Rooney starts a new position as our Play-Thru League Director (I'll get back to this one...), AJ Escobar returns again as our Referee Director/scheduler (thanks AJ!), and Steve White and Walt DuFlock return as our Coaching Directors. Returning to the roster is our fabulous team of Registrars, UK international Jane Doyle (Competitive Registrar), and Belgium international Anne Smets (Rec. Registrar). Bav Thrakar (also from the UK) again is our Tournament Director, and local boy Jim Arrasmith returns as our Communications Officer. Added to the roster is superstar Lynn Bartz, who joins the team as our Chief Financial Officer. Lynn's ability to serve the attacking ball from a defensive position will be critical to the team's success! Welcome Lynn!

Factoid: Not to change the subject, but I happened to speak to none other than the San Jose Shark's Jeremy Roenick (JR), and even though he is one of the NHL's ultimate warriors, JR told me that he grew up back east playing competitive (club, ODP) soccer all of his life, and absolutely still loves the game. I didn't know that...

Factoid 2: You all may have seen a snippet of Mayor Mike Wasserman in the West Valley section of the Mercury News last week about getting closer to the goal of a "Youth Sports Facility" in Los Gatos. We need to keep supporting Mike on this one- A lot of people have no hope in the need for more fields in LG, but I believe it's going to happen. Go Mike GO! Please support Mayor Mike and Town Manager Greg Larson on this one...

Have a Great Spring!

- Ed San Juan

Spring Recreation Soccer

We have had much interest in a Spring soccer session. Unfortunately, LGUSL is not able to provide a Spring season to its players. The demand for fields from a multitude of youth sports in our community exceeds the supply. This year, however, LGUSL is partnering with West Valley Youth Soccer League. We are recommending that our players consider playing Spring soccer with the West Valley Youth Soccer League (WVYSL).

WVYSL operates a Division IV recreational league during the Spring for U6-U8, as well as a Rec. Team league for U9-U18 (an entire team registers together).

Micro Soccer (U6 – U8): Spring 2009 Micro (U6) & U8 Academy Style Soccer is for children born between August 1, 2002 to July 31, 2006.

- Consists of soccer skill training, fun games and small sided games.
- Sessions are held on marked fields with goals.
- The program uses professional trainers to train the children and volunteer coaches.
- Runs from April 4, 2009 to the end of May
- Sessions are held on Wednesdays (5:30 - 6:30pm) and Saturdays (9:30 - 10:30am)
- Location is to be determined, but likely to be Easterbrook Discovery



We encourage our families to read more about the program at the league's website at <http://www.wvy-sl.org/home/>.

Like LGUSL, WVYSL is a CYSA North, District II League. Both leagues are similarly affiliated with CYSA, USYSA, US Soccer and FIFA. Both offer recreational, competitive and select soccer levels of play to their respective players.



LGUSL is considering further associations with the WVYSL. We appreciate the frustration you experience in the quality of fields available to our league. Access to fields with superior surfaces may be a benefit to future associations with WVYSL. Your feedback regarding your experience is important to us. If you play Spring soccer with WVYSL, please email us regarding your experience to fieldfeedback@lgusl.org.

Open Board Positions

LGUSL has several open board positions. If you love soccer and would like to help the League and your kids, please consider one of these jobs. The board meets the last Monday of the month.

Asst. Recreation Commissioner: Assist the Division IV Director in her duties, which includes setting rosters, answering emails regarding the rec program

Special Events Director: Coordinate tournaments (Pride of Los Gatos, District Cup) with the help of the Tournament Coordinator. Oversee any other special events, such as Photo Fun Day.

If you're interested, please contact Randi Chen at teamchen@comcast.net.



Fall 2009 Recreation Registration

Fall registration will begin on April 1. Registration will be done online, starting April 1 and continuing through April 30. Go to the league web site at www.lgusl.org and follow the links to the Recreation page for registration instructions. In addition, you will get an email reminder on April 1 and a flier will come home from school in your child's weekly packet with all the details. After April 30, there will be a \$100 late fee.

While you're registering, don't forget to volunteer to coach, or order your LGUSL logo-gear.

Spring Break Soccer Camp April 6—10

Get your player ready to play spring soccer or just keep up their skills by attending coach Bav's Soccer Camp. Coach Bav and **West Coast Coaching** are offering a soccer camp over spring break catering to all levels of player.

Spring Break Soccer Camp
April 6th - 10th
9am to 1:00pm
Union Middle School
Cost: \$159

Individual players will be grouped according to age, ability and specific positions.

West Coach Coaching is a local premier soccer camp that offers the highest level of coaching. The professional coaching team and company philosophies are combined to cater to every individual child's soccer needs. Their philosophy encompasses the three "E's" culture:

- **Education** - giving the player the correct fundamentals and tactics of soccer, allowing them time to master the skills.
- **Enthusiasm** – our staff prides themselves on genuine passion for kids & coaching. We want them to love soccer, sports and health for life.
- **Energy** – we give kids a safe, fun and challenging environment where they love to learn soccer and life lessons.

The coaching team will run players through:

- Individual foot skills
- Tricks and flicks
- Technical practices, passing, dribbling, shooting, shielding, etc
- Tactical practices, e.g movement off the ball
- Theme related small-sided games
- Coached scrimmages
- Daily world cup

Download an application at:
www.westcoastcoaching.org or email
info@westcoastcoaching.org for more information.

Coaches Cup



The annual **Coaches Cup** game was held on **Nov. 9**. The coaches participated in a fun and, as usual, intense game. The game pitted the White Shirts against the Dark Shirts (see photo below). The coaches had so much fun, no one seems to remember the score, but believe it was a 2 goal differential. After the game, a few coaches posed for a friendly photo...



from left to right)
Robb Stolberg, Walt Duflock, Mark Peattie and Stan Vuckovich

Save the date for next year!
Usually the second Sunday in November

Div. 1 & 3 Tryouts

The Division 1 and 3 (comp/select) team tryouts are still ongoing in some age groups. Please check the web site under the Competitive and Select links, to determine tryout dates and locations. Most tryouts are also posted in the Los Gatos Weekly. Teams not affiliated with LGUSL may also be advertising tryouts in the coming weeks, so look for our League letters, LGUSL, in the ads.

Referee Class

A **Learn to Ref Introductory** class will be offered in March. Participants must attend all six 3-hour sessions, and pass a written test at the end. Successful completion results in a license to ref at US Youth Soccer league games anywhere. This is a great way for adults and youths to support our league, earn extra spending money, and get some great exercise. No minimum age to attend, but under 12 should be accompanied by a parent or coach.

Dates: Tues. & Thur., March 3 & 5
Tues. & Thur., March 10 & 12
Tues. & Thur., March 17 & 19
Time: 6:00– 9:30
Cost: \$40 for CNRA for referee registration
\$25 additional for non-LGUSL players

Location: Fisher Middle School Library



All attendees must RSVP to AJ Escobar at:
ajtescobar@yahoo.com

Pride of Los Gatos Tournament

The weekend of November 15-16, LGUSL held its Pride of Los Gatos Tournament. This tournament is for U12 & U14 Recreational teams. Great fun was had by all.

Here are the final standings:

Girls

GU14	GU12
1st - Spirit	Spartans
2nd -Cyberrays	Wildcats
3rd - Freedom	Cardinals
4th - Breakers	Bruins

Boys

BU14	BU12
1st - Revolution	Tigers
2nd -Arsenal	Pumas
3rd - Eclipse	Leopards
4th - Metro	Lions

Congratulations!



GU12 Spartans - GU12 Winners
 Coached by Scott Gardner
 Assistant coaches Jeffrey Strickland and Justin Smith



BU14 Revolution—BU14 Winners
 Coached by Dave Van Brundt
 Assistant Coach Mike Leitchman



GU14 Spirit—GU14 Winners
 Coached by Roger Neef
 Assistant Coach William Chiochi



BU12 Tigers —U12 Winners
 Coached by Tim Blackwell
 Assistant Coaches Gil Perez and Gary Briggs



Los Gatos Pride - GU9

The Los Gatos Pride placed 2nd in their first tournament, the 10th Annual Kick-or-Treat Classic, after over-time and penalty kicks.



Los Gatos FC- BU16

The BU16 Los Gatos FC played in the Dublin Crypt Kicker Tournament on October 25-26 and came away with a Championship.

The boys also played in the Folsom Cup Classic in August. They had 2 wins against the Eureka Ice and Orangevale Crew and a tie against the Folsom Galaxy to advance to the Final game. They lost a close game against the Elk Grove Extreme, 1-0 to come home with 2nd place in the tournament.

Los Gatos Pumas – BU9

The Los Gatos Pumas finished in 2nd place in the Danville Mustang RedBull tournament. The Pumas beat the host team from Danville in sudden death overtime to advance to the finals. The Pumas played a tough SC Sporting team in the finals and lost a well-played match by a score of 3-1 after giving up 2 penalty kicks. This was the first tournament for the Pumas as a team.

The Pumas finished the season at the top of their division with a 9-0 -1 (tie vs. Sporting) with 55GF and 5GA.



Los Gatos FC – BU13

The Los Gatos FC played in 3 tournaments this Fall, winning all three. They attended the Claire Ann O'Neill/ Mission Bell Classic in San Rafael on August 9-10, the Dublin Crypt Kicker Tournament in Dublin, on October 25 -26, where they were the Bronze Division Champions and the Hannah Welker Memorial Tournament where they won and outscored their opponents 8-0. Congratulations boys!



Los Gatos El Lobo – BU11

Los Gatos El Lobo team finished third in the San Ramon Halloween Tournament in October after narrowly missing a place in the final. They beat the local team, San Ramon Renegades, 1 -0 in the Consolation match.

El Lobo also finished third in the Delgado Fall league last season - an impressive result as they had moved up from the B division to the A division of the league and faced tough opposition throughout the season.



Los Gatos ThunderCats – GU12

The Los Gatos ThunderCats finished 2nd in the Almaden Halloween Classic Tournament on Oct. 25-26. The ThunderCats played the Petaluma Crush, Almaden Quicksilver and Elk Grove Power in the preliminary rounds which qualified them for the Championship final against the Folsom Wildcats. The ThunderCats played a great game, but in the end they fell to the Wildcats, who are State Champions, 2-1.



Los Gatos Pumas – BU11

The Los Gatos Pumas completed a wonderful fall season with a 3rd place finish in the very competitive Almaden Halloween Classic on the last weekend in October. The Pumas chalked up three big wins, sandwiched around a tough 2-3 loss to a very good team from San Francisco.

Los Gatos Aftershock – BU10

The Los Gatos Aftershock finished as champions of the Boys U10 NorCal State Cup Silver Division. The Silver Division consisted of the 25th-48th ranked teams across Northern California. The Aftershock spent two weekends in Manteca, CA winning all six games they played. The last game was incredibly intense against a strong opponent but the Aftershock managed to hold onto a 1-0 lead to win the championship.

Division 4 - Rec. Tournaments

Several of our Rec teams played in out-of-league tournaments. The tournaments are a great experience for the kids. LGUSL encourages any Rec team to enter these tournaments. A list of tournaments can be found on the District 2 web site, on the Tournament link.

Pythons & Kangaroos – U8

The BU8 Pythons and the GU8 Kangaroos joined forces to become the Kanga-thons. With 6 boys from the Pythons and 5 girls from the Kangaroos the Kanga-thons played in a South Bay tournament on the weekend of November 15. The team had a respectable showing with one win, one tie and a loss. The kids had a great time, playing well together even though they had just formed as a team. The Kanga-thons were coached by Steve White, Chris Schaeffler, John Fumia, Jim Cilley and Mike Hughes.



Los Gatos Freedom – GU14

The Rec girls GU14 Freedom played in the North Valley Haunted Fields Tournament, a Div. 4 Rec league tournament for U12 and U14 teams that was held the last weekend of October. There were 6 GU14 teams entered from Central Valley, Milpitas, Mount Hamilton, South San Jose, Gilroy and Los Gatos. Competition was tough as several of the other teams have been playing together for a few years. Freedom played four games over the weekend, coming in second in their group behind the eventual champion. They lost a tough semifinal 1-0, but won the third place match 2-1, after trailing 1-0. Great job girls!



***District Cup – U11– U13
District Jamborees - U9 - U10***

Girls***Boys******Los Gatos Pride - GU9***

The GU9 Los Gatos Pride participated in the District Jamboree and place 3rd out of 6 teams. They finished the weekend with one win, one tie and a loss.

Los Gatos Wildcats – GU10

The Los Gatos WildCats finished 1st (out of 8 teams) in the District Jamboree. They had a perfect 4-0 record for the tournament outscoring their opponents 11-2.

***Los Gatos Lynx - GU11***

The Los Gatos Lynx placed 3rd at District Cup, with 2 wins and a tie in the preliminary rounds, they won the consolation match against the Hollister Tremors. In addition the Lynx took second place in their bracket for league play.

***Los Gatos ThunderCats - GU12***

The Los Gatos ThunderCats place 2nd at District Cup. The preliminary rounds saw 2 wins against the CVYSL Wanderers (3-1) and the Alpine Jaguars (2-0) and a tie against the Mid-County Magic (2-2). In the Final match the ThunderCats played a tough game, losing to the Burlingame Crushers, 2-0.

Los Gatos Panthers - BU10

The Los Gatos Panthers played in the District Jamboree. With 2 wins and 2 losses, they place 4th out of 8 teams.

***Los Gatos Pumas - BU11***

The Los Gatos Pumas place 2nd in District Cup. They had a 2-0 decision against the SSJ Indios, and 2 ties to put them into the Final game against the Pajaro Valley Tigers (who went undefeated in the regular season). The game was won in a heartbreaker championship game in penalty kicks, after a hard-fought 2-2 tie through regular play and overtime.

The team's biggest accomplishment was winning the Delgado Group A Fall season title, finishing with a 7-0-3 record, including a heroic 4-0 win over the previously unbeaten Santa Cruz Sharks in the final fall game.

***Los Gatos FC - BU13***

Los Gatos FC entered District Cup as the undefeated League Champions in their bracket. They placed 2nd in District Cup after a first round of 2 wins and a tie, defeating both MVLA Rapids (4-0) and Madera Roja Chelsea (2-0). They played a tough final match against Madera Roja Liverpool, losing only by one goal (1-0).



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