



Schwaben Athletic Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT.....Willy Schaeffer



Celebrate 200 Years

Happy New Year to all our members and friends,

All our teams are busy playing indoor at various venues and from all reports with good results. Our men's team has three wins against one loss at the MSL competition at the Odeum and is currently in second place in the Major Division. They are playing well and are building on their successful

outdoor season. Rocky, Tommy and Andy are doing a great job of building a good team for the future.

This is always a quieter time of the year for our teams and the board, with preparation and planning for the outdoor season starting in a few weeks.

We set the dates for the 2009 events, see the schedule for election, tournaments, picnic etc. inside the Newsletter.

The annual Christmas Party was once again well organized and lots of fun for the kids and adults alike. Thanks to Christy Getzinger and her helpers for making it interesting and entertaining for all the children as well as raising some money for the Youth Organization. **Condor Airlines** sponsored the new uniforms for our First Team, the boys look and play great in the new outfits.

Thank you Condor Airlines Promotional Department and Rocky Hughes!

Our condolences to: Lorenz Eisele on the death of his wife Eva on Jan. 7;

The family of Jose Fernandez, Jose passed away on Jan. 18 after a long illness;

Maria Lepold on the death of her mother on Jan. 20;

The family of Heidi Schleiss who passed away on January 27.

Enjoy the games and remember that we'll soon be playing real soccer outdoors!

From the First Team.....Blake Hughes-Alternate Captain

Five games into the Metropolitan Soccer League of Chicago's Indoor Season and your Schwaben A.C. sits atop the table in 2nd place just one win behind Sockers F.C. We face the young run-and-gun side on the 8th of February to decide who will have the best chance to be the eventual title holder of 2009!

If we can pull off a victory, we will have equaled Sockers in points and with 3 games left be in a race to the finish. If we drop this game, the opposition will sit comfortably ahead of the rest of the group in first place by a total of 6 points over us and a possible 5 points over the current third place team, Zirinski.

How we got here:

We have Odeum league play on Tuesday evenings, training time on Thursday nights, and the eventual Sunday afternoon Metro game. Multiple key signings have obviously paid off in the form of four victories. Coach Tom Cholewa has been a driving force behind each week's preparation. It's the attention to detail that makes Coach Tom a good and respected leader. His pre-planning fed by Assistant Coach Andy Nowack has been indispensable. We are a better team each Sunday.

04.Jan.09 v. Polonia

This was a hard fought match against a resurgent Polish side. Many of the opposition are friends of ours but we didn't mind playing physical and smart, holding a clean sheet for our skilled keeper, Eric Schuett. We beat Polonia last indoor session by a two goal margin in the first week as well. Just not a game that we are willing to give up.

11.Jan.09 v. Kickers

It's been quite some time since we have been given the pleasure of playing and defeating our German counterparts on a Metro League pitch. The Kickers are back and filled with a youthful exuberance that will bring them undoubted success in seasons to come. But we weren't to be denied as we scored once in the first half and once in the second only allowing a goal after the game was in hand. It was a fast-paced game and very enjoyable to be a part of.

18.Jan.09 v. Eagles

For well over a few years now, A.A.C. Eagles have been able to

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get the best of a tried Schwaben side. Last year's 0-5 indoor loss was not forgotten this particular Sunday as the boys in blue were able to quiet the Polish side, winning by a final tally of 3 to 1. It left a great taste in everyone's mouth to have avenged last year's loss.

25.Jan.09 v. Zirinski

A powerful and experienced Zirinski side was ready to get physical and do whatever it took to defeat the then, first place Schwaben side. We could never get our normal passing and smooth-flowing game started as the middle of the field was continually clogged and the pressure was on us the whole game. Perhaps the pressure of being ahead of the rest of the pack got to us as well; we dropped the contest 2 to 1.

01.Feb.09 v. Green White

Not only have we been unable to beat Green White within the last year but we were short-handed and coming off of our first loss. With many veterans out for the weekend, Schwaben tapped its youth to be led by a tested veteran in Tomas Ganzauge. After a 0-0 first half, the pressure and pace of youth took its toll on the older Green White side. We ripped the mesh five times led by Josh Wittenberg's 2 and Kevin Hughes' first MSL goal. Schwaben 5, GW 0.

All signs are pointing to a successful end of the indoor session and a continuance of the outdoor success already achieved.

2009 Calendar of Events

May 15
Election Meeting

June 19, 20 & 21, 2009
Youth Tournament U15 – U19

July 11 & 12, 2009

Senior Tournament

July 26, 2009

Family Picnic

August 14, 15 & 16, 2009 Youth Tournament U8 – U14

November 7, 2009

83rd Anniversary Dance

December 13, 2009

Children's Christmas Party

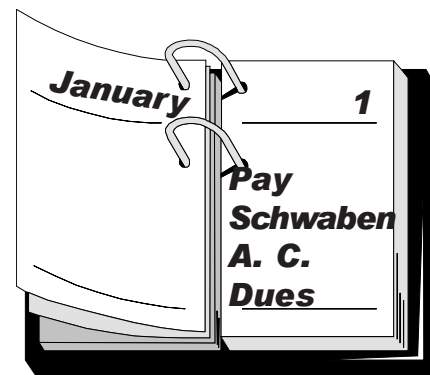


FROM THE DUES COLLECTOR.....Margo Schon

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! 2009 dues are now payable and may be mailed to me at 2 Secretariat Court, Grayslake, IL 60030. Please make your check payable to "SCHWABEN A.C.". Dues can also be paid at any of our Friday night meetings, which are held every third Friday of the month.

The following is our dues structure:

Honorary Members	Free
Member's Widows	Free
Registered playing members (Reserve and Ladies' teams)	\$30.00
Regular members (having no youth playing for the A.C.)	\$50.00
Members with one youth player (each additional player \$50.00)	\$100.00
Students (over 18)	\$10.00
Retired Members	\$10.00
Out of town/newsletter only members	\$10.00



Statements will be mailed in February. Please mail your dues promptly in order to avoid the expense of a second statement. Your new membership cards will be mailed to you upon receipt of payment.

I would appreciate being informed of any changes in address and/or phone number. We should not have to receive mail coming back to us marked "Forwarding Time Expired", which means that the addressee has been at a new location for over one year. PLEASE take the time to notify me of any changes. I can be reached at (847) 231-4671 should you have questions.

Member News

We have lost several members and good friends of the Schwaben A. C. since the last Newsletter and we would like to extend our condolences to all their families.

Mrs. Eva Eisele, long time member and one of our favorite cooks of past Schwaben events and good friend died on January 7, 2009. Eva would have been 87 at her birthday on July 11. We offer our condolences to her husband, Lorenz, her sons and their families.

Mr. Jose Fernandez passed away on Sunday, January 18, 2009. He would have been 71 years of age at his next birthday, August 3. We offer our condolences to his children, Pat and Jade and his two granddaughters and all their families.

Mr. Frank Schwartz was not a member of the Schwaben A. C. but he was a very active member of the Schwaben bowling team for many years. He passed away on January 15, 2009, he would have been 74 at his next birthday, May 8. We offer our condolences to his wife Helen and their two children, Frank and Cari, and their families

Mrs. Katharina Hrbacek, mother of Maria Lepold passed away on January 20, 2009. She had her 98th birthday on December 9, 2008. Our condolence to Maria and the rest of her family.

Mrs Elizabeth Schleiss (Heidi) passed away on January 27, 2009 at the age of 62 after a long illness. We offer our sympathies to her children Sabina, Chris, and Jennie.

Mr. Lorenz Eisele has been hospitalized for surgery but he is now home and recovering nicely. We wish him a speedy get well!

SCHWABEN A.C. IN MEXICO.

During the recent coldest week of this winter a small group of 16 from the Schwaben AC had the pleasure of enjoying the beautiful sunshine of Huatulco, Mexico. Palm trees, beautiful beach, languid pools and an occasional game of golf were enjoyed by all.

Joe Gehard



MAJOR DIVISION

Indoor Standings after 6 games

POS	TEAM	GP	GF-GA	PT
1	Sockers	6	26-8	18
2	Zrinski	6	19-17	13
3	Schwaben	6	13-9	12
4	Eagles	6	17-14	9
5	Green White	6	18-22	9
6	Kickers	6	12-12	8
7	Polonia	6	12-15	7
8	Vikings	6	17-22	4
9	Belgrade	6	15-20	4
10	United Serbs	6	14-23	3

SCHWABEN A.C. CHRISTMAS PARTY

FROM: CHRISTY THEDORF & WENDY MALIN

The Schwaben Christmas Party was held in December at the Schwaben Center. Many of our members attended and enjoyed an excellent meal with friends and an awesome D.J., by the name Keith Wallace. He made sure to keep our kids (and adults) busy! Children visited with Santa and received a special gift. We wanted to say a huge thank you to all the local businesses and of course our members that supported our raffle and live auction with their donations. We couldn't have done it without our great volunteers: Ilda Demirasi, Jeanie Lomozov, Jennifer Zambrano, Cathie Tauber, Cindy McCulloch (and anyone that we may have forgotten). We hope that all families that attended had a great time.

REMAINING GAMES

February 15 - 4:30 Belgrade vs Schwaben

February 22 - 4:30 Schwaben vs United Serbs

March 1 - 3:00 Schwaben vs Vikings

Booking

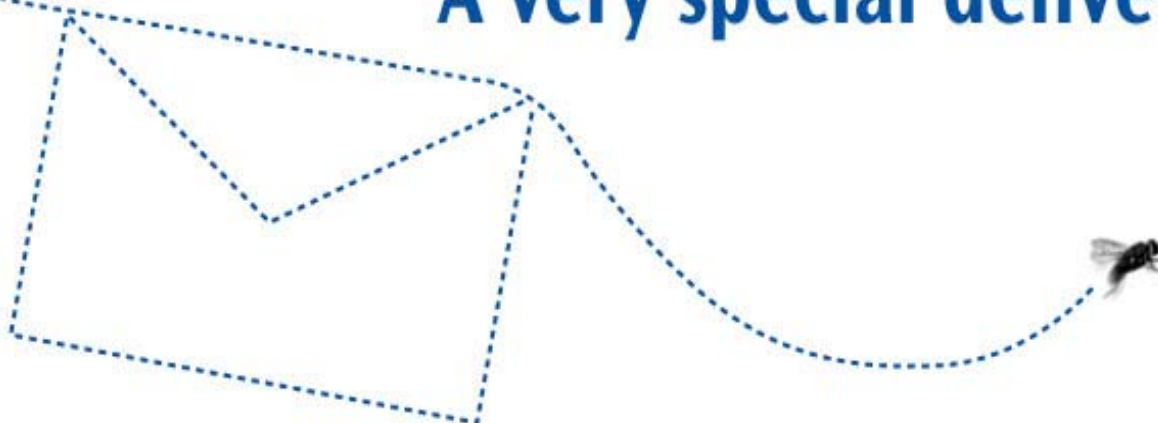
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