



Schwaben Athletic Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT.....Willy Schaeffer **From The First Team.....Blake Hughes, Alternate Captain**



We have our first tournament behind us and it was a full success by all descriptions. Credit and thanks go to Jon Raslawski for getting more teams than ever and for working with Pam and Linda on the staffing of the field house and the concessions stand.

Next will be the senior tournament on July 12 & 13 and

again, we will have more teams and games than in the past. Bill Maliff with some help from Karl Braun, has done a magnificent job of organizing and scheduling the entire weekend.

Our First Team won its final game of the season vs Eagles by 2:0, thereby giving us the opportunity to stay in the Major Division of the Metropolitan Soccer League via a relegation game against Real FC. Good work by Rocky, Bill, Tommy and Andy, the team was ready and prepared to play! The team has shown noticeable improvement from game to game and should do well in the relegation game. On July 10th Schwaben A.C. will have a play off game against Real F.C. at 7:30 P.M. under the lights. The winner will either stay in the Major Division or advance up to the Major Division. Naturally this is a very important game for both teams so they will need all our support!

We have some good news from long time member and an old teammate, coach and friend: Gerhard Nether is recovering nicely and gaining some weight, with the help of home cooking from his wife Gertrud. Gerhard wants to thank all his friends at the AC for the well wishes and cards, it meant a lot to him during his illness!

On a sad note, Millie Kulnig passed away after a long battle with pancreatic cancer, she put up a valiant effort and was always cheerful and optimistic to the end. Her remains will be cremated and flown back to her family in Kärnten, Austria. Condolences to Joe Kulnig from all his friends and the entire Schwaben AC family.

Personally, Ann and I will be attending a family wedding in Jackson, Wyoming over the coming holiday. We are looking forward to a few days of fun and relaxation in the Old West, but will be back by Sunday, July 13 for the senior tournament.

Our Family Picnic will be coming up on July 27, 2008. I hope all families will be joining us for a fun afternoon of good food and games. See our ad in this Newsletter.

See you then, Willy

Hope this finds everyone in good standing. The spring half of MSL has come and gone, the fields are in good condition, and the weather is holding nicely!

The club has chosen to undergo a transitional phase, bringing youth and past members back into the mix. We have only 6 returning members from the indoor season and 3 from the fall half of the outdoor session.

This Spring has brought so many new and familiar faces back to the playing fields at Schwaben. Players that have not been to the club or played since they were juniors are coming back to bridge that ever-important gap between the end of high school and the end of college. All of the players that come out now realize that we're building for the future and longevity of this team.

The current team has an average age of 23! We have played 9 games together and although we've only earned 4 points for our efforts, the majority of our losses have come by a 1 goal margin. We have now had a few weeks worth of practices to understand and learn about each other. Building a team from virtually scratch is not an easy thing to do but this is the direction the club has taken and we will be better for it.

We see improvement on and off of the field each and every day. On the field we are becoming more and more aware of where we are supposed to be and what we need to do for each other to become successful. We have numbers in the mid twenties at each and every practice! This has not been the case since the late 1990's. Off the field we have enjoyed taking some time to hang out with each other. Team chemistry is very solid. Things seem to be headed in the right direction!

Our next game is Thursday, July 10th, under the lights of the B Field.

FROM THE TREASURER.....Rudy Frank

We have now completed our first tournament on June 13-15. Jon Raslawski (as busy as he is) ran an excellent tournament in spite of rain delays, lightning, etc. We had 38 teams and Jon had to turn 20 teams away.

For most of the event we had enough help but it would have helped for more directions from the older members at the concession stand and grill. For me, ticket sellers were covered on Saturday but on Sunday I had only Margo Schon and my daughters. That is how my family saw me on Father's Day. Nikki and Leo worked all weekend and John Bart was there fulltime. Sieggi was a Joy to have around again. The high point on Saturday was to Tammy and Paul McCool worked and it was great to have them around again!

Two more tournaments to go...my thanks to all that helped over the weekend.



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SATURDAY

SCHWABEN SENIOR TOURNAMENT - JULY 12, 2008

2 X 15 Over-30 A FIELD

:35 8:00 Schwaben AC vs Belmont
 :35 8:35 Chicago Kickers vs Schwaben White
 :35 9:10 Cracovia vs Crystal Lake
 :35 9:45 Belmont vs Oak Park Tri
 :35 10:20 Schwaben White vs Eagles A.C.
 :35 10:55 Calisa vs Lake Zurich
 :35 11:30 Cracovia vs Wauconda
 :35 12:05 Lions vs Calisa
 End 12:40

B FIELD

St. Charles vs Oak Park Tri
 Lions vs Lake Zurich
 Ft. Wayne vs Eagles A.C.
 Green White vs Lions
 Cracovia vs Jahbat
 Schwaben AC vs Oak Park Tri
 Chicago Kickers vs Eagles A.C.
 Green White vs Lake Zurich

C FIELD

Crystal Lake vs Wauconda
 Green White vs Calisa
 Jahbat vs Wauconda
 Schwaben AC vs St. Charles
 Chicago Kickers vs Ft. Wayne
 Belmont vs St. Charles
 Jahbat vs Crystal Lake
 Schwaben White vs Ft. Wayne

2 x 25 Mens

:55 12:45 Schwaben A.C. vs Maroons
 :55 1:40 Zarinski vs Schwaben U-23
 :55 2:35 Green White vs Ft. Wayne U-23
 :55 3:30 Maroons vs Galaxy S.C.
 :55 4:25 Schwaben U-23 vs Jahbat
 :55 5:20 Schwaben White vs Dupage F.C.
 :55 6:15 Green White vs Chicago Kickers
 :55 7:10 CTA vs Schwaben White
 End 8:05

Illini S.C. vs Galaxy S.C.
 CTA vs DuPage F.C.
 Ft. Wayne S.C. vs Jahbat
 Eli Elite vs CTA
 Green White vs Chicago Wind
 Schwaben A.C. vs Galaxy S.C.
 Zarinski vs Jahbat
 Eli Elite vs DuPage F.C.

Ft. Wayne U-23 vs Chicago Kickers
 Eli Elite vs Schwaben White
 Chicago Wind vs Chicago Kickers
 Schwaben A.C. vs Illini S.C.
 Zarinski vs Ft. Wayne S.C.
 Maroons vs Illini S.C.
 Chicago Wind vs St. Wayne U-23
 Schwaben U-23 vs Ft. Wayne S.C.

Team listed first is Home Team - Colors indicate groupings

Top two (2) from each Group advance to Sunday-Check ww.schwabensoccer.com for full schedule and rules

Point Scoring:

Win = 3 Tie = 1 Loss = 0

Tie Breaker – Level 1 – Team that won head-to-head

Tie Breaker – Level 1 – Team with greatest Total Goal Differential for all three (3) games

Tie Breaker – Level 3 – Team with fewer goals scored against for all three (3) games

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008

July 10 Schwaben vs Real FC Play Off Game

July 12 & 13, 2008 - Senior Tournament

July 27, 2008 - Schwaben A.C. Family Picnic
August 22, 23 & 24 - Youth Tournament U 8 – 14

November 1, 2008 - Schwaben A.C. 82nd Anniversary

December 7, 2008 - Children's Christmas Party

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You are cordially invited to the
Schwaben AC Family Picnic
July 27, 2008

Opening at 12 noon – Food served at 1 P.M.

Member Family: \$10.00

Member single: \$5.00

Non—Members: \$8.00

Non Member Children: \$4.00

Beer & Pop all Day, Roasted Pork on the spit,
Hamburgers and Hotdogs

Bring your own salads, desserts and eating
utensils!

Come and have a fun day of games and food
with your teammates and their families!

Schwaben U9 Boys' Soccer Team Finish Highly Successful Season

The Schwaben U9 Boys' Soccer Team recently finished their year on a high note with a 5-3 victory against the U9 Ela Blue Soccer Team. This concluded the Spring Season with a record of 5-4-1 in the Platinum 2 Division of the Northern Illinois Soccer League. The boys continued their trend of slow starts by starting the Spring Season 1-3. By going 4-1-1 down the stretch, however, the U9 boys finished their meteoric rise in second place.

The year started out strong with a second place finish in the Fall Gold 1 Division of the NISL moving the boys up to Platinum 2 this Spring. There were 2 Winter Sessions at Soccer City and the U9ers improved through both sessions. Schwaben finished third in the first session, and then won the Championship over the Sockers Shooters during the second session. They weren't done with "Hardware" yet. Though playing with only 2 subs, the U9 Boys went undefeated (4-0) and won the premier division of the U9's at the Midwest Cup over the Memorial Day weekend. The following weekend, an exhausted group of 8 and 9 year olds showed great heart in gutting out a 1-2 record in the heat of Rockford during the State Cup.

The boys use strong defense from Goalie/Midfielder Sean, Goalie/Defender Andrew, and Defenders Sean, Alan, and Edward. Midfielder/Forwards Mattie, Robert, and Dennis provide most of the goal scoring though goals from set pieces were common from out of the back.

The entire U9 boys team is returning next season, and with the pickup of some very talented additions through tryouts, their hopes are high for the upcoming U10 season.

Robert Rao