



Schwaben Athletic Club

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From the President.....Willy Schaeffer

Members and friends,

Another soccer season came to a conclusion with our 82nd Annual Banquet at the Schwaben Center. Though attendance was not overwhelming and we missed attendance from our Reserve team, the Over 30 & Over 40 teams, both Ladies teams and the Youth Division, it was a nice and fun filled evening for everyone.

The following people were honored with membership pins for years of loyalty to the Schwaben AC:

15 year membership pin: Jose Fernandez;

25 year membership pin: John Feltes, Karl Frank, Mike

Lemonidis

40 year membership pin: Peter Wenson;

50 year membership pin: Joe Kulnig, Horst Lichtenberger,

Leo Defort;

Honored with plaques for dedication, hard work and loyalty:

George Meyer, Mike Lemonidis, Uli Sanabria, William Opalka (member for 60 years);

Mr. Schwaben AC for 2008: Charles "Rocky" Hughes;

Mrs. Schwaben AC for 2008: Arlene Lichtenberger;

Player of the year 2008: Eric Schuett;

Thea Award for 2008: Andy Klein.

Congratulations to all the recipients, stay with us and keep working!

In other news, the Youth Division is having a fundraiser at the Center on November 14th (see flyer on right) and our Annual Christmas Party will be on December 14th, right after the Schwaben Verein Party. Christy Thedorf will be handling the Christmas Party, please contact her for any info. Let's get a good turnout from the general membership to both events!

Our First Team is in second place in the Metropolitan Soccer League, with Rocky, Andy and Tommy doing a superb job of rebuilding the team into a cohesive unit once again.

See you at the fundraiser and the Christmas Party.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008

December 14, 2008 - Children's Christmas Party

SCHWABEN CENTER - 4 P.M.

Deutsch-Amerikanischer Tag (German-American Day) October 5, 2008.....Rudy Frank



The commemorization service in honor of the first German-American settlement was held at St. Benedict Church in Chicago. As usual, there was a full house. There were 27 flags from various German Clubs

presented. This year the Schwaben A.C. flag was presented by Horst Lichtenberger and Rudy Frank, with Erna Frank and Horst's niece from Germany and her husband, Nadine and Jochen Treiber, in the audience.

Introduction and opening remarks were made by the German Day Association and the National Anthems of the USA and Germany were sung.

The guest speaker was Wolfgang Drantz, General Consul, Federal Republic of Germany.

Songs were sung by the Men's, Women's, Combined Choirs and the Children's choir.

Salutation remarks were made by Alderman Eugene Schuller, Official Representative of the Mayor of Chicago. The service was closed by remarks from Erich Himmel, President of the German Day and with the hymn "Great God, We love

All in all, it was a great celebration.

SCHWABEN A. C. YOUTH PROGRAM PLANS "SCHWABEN FAMILY NIGHT"



WHEN: Friday, November 14th, 2008 from 7 - 10pm at the

WHERE: Schwaben Center.

COST: \$10 per person (11 years and up) and \$5 per person (10 years and under).

MENU: Brats, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, salad and desserts will be served. Cash bar will include beer, wine and soda.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED: soccer button making, soccer games (parents vs players and coaches vs players), 50/50 raffle, guitar hero and DDR.

Come join us for a night of family fun and meet some new Schwaben families.

For more information contact Linda Malouf at 847.533.7260.

FROM THE UNDER 8 TEAM..... Nikki Frank

We started out our season with a game against the Rockford Raptors which we won by a score of 4:2. Leo Frank "the wall" played defense, the goals were scored by Sebastian, Christian, and two by Nicky. We have a great team, come out and see us.

Our second game we lost 8:2. Our scorers were Kyle and Daniel with Nicky taking quite a beating in goal.

The third game was on a non-regulation size field, the goals were the wrong size and neither the referee nor the opposing team knew the rules. We lost 2:0 but our kids played well.

The fourth game, we won't even talk about...welost. Our passing skills are getting really good, we just need to learn to score now. Schwaben U8'.....Carrie DeZutter

The U8's placed into the Platinum North division. We have four true U8 players and four younger boys who blend remarkably well (even if our record doesn't show it). Our team is currently 2-5. We started out strong, struggled a bit in the middle, and finally found our groove again this past weekend (October 26th). We are currently 3rd in our division, and hope to finish with a 5-5 record.

FROM THE UNDER 9 TEAM.....Jim Spizzirri

The U-9 team is completing a very successful season. The team started the year with only one returning player from last year U-8 team. Coach Alen Soso has done an incredible job with the boys and has already clinched the division in week 8. The team has outscored its opponents 50-17 in the first eight games of the season.

SCHWABEN UNDER 10 BOYS WIN 3 TOURNAMENT TITLES, League Championship this Fall.....Robert Rao

The Schwaben U10 boys continued their hot streak from last year at the 2008 Schwaben Tournament. New players David Chilovich, Ben Tauber, Max Klikuszowian, and Elliot Lueck appear to have made a good team even stronger. With strong play from the new boys, plus the goaltending of Shawn Chervets, the defense and timely goals from Sean Kreiner, the defense of Edward Chukman, and Allen Veksler, the midfield play of Andrew Groysman and Matthew Brickman, and the forward play of Robert Rao and Dennis Gavril, the boys went 3-1 to win the 1st place trophy. A slow start of losing 2-1 to Parkland of Wisconsin was followed by a definitive 6-1 victory over Trebol, a 5-1 revenge win over Parkland, and another decisive 6-0 victory over Trebol.

The weekend of September 20th brought the U10 team back to Naperville and the Great Lakes Challenge. Here they hoped to improve on last year's 3rd place finish. The first day brought 2-1 and 2-0 victories over the Crete Hawks and ASC Patriots, clinching the division and a place in the Finals. A meaningless 4-3 win over Barrington Black led the boys into the Finals against Plainfield Legends Elite. Tied 1-1 at halftime, the boys poured in 2 quick goals by Andrew and Dennis in the second half and Sean and the defense clamped down allowing the boys to coast in for the title.

Coach Thomas Gansauge's Boys U10 squad finished off a perfect Fall Tournament Season by winning the Libertyville Octoberfest Tournament over Columbus Day Weekend. The boys won their Division of the Top Flight by taking back to back 1 goal victories over YSSL Top Division Eclipse and NS Premier teams. After a meaningless 3-1 loss to Arlington Heights Black, the team faced the host Libertyville Orange team, who had run through their division with 3 straight wins, in the finals.

Schwaben started out slow, giving up 2 quick goals, but the goaltending of Shawn Chervets, the energy of newcomers David Chilovich, Ben Tauber, and Elliot Lueck combined with Dennis Gavril got the boys back in the game. A "bicycle" goal by midfielder Andrew Groysman preceded the tying header by Lueck to get the momentum back to the Nationals. The second half saw sawed back and forth with Schwaben getting two goals from Robert Rao, but Libertyville answered both. With the boys tiring, the defense of Kreiner, Veksler, Klikuszowian, and Chuckman held strong, but a Penalty Kick save by Chervets propelled the boys into overtime. Near the end of the second overtime, a header by Rao gave the U10's the lead, and the Nationals held on for the victory.

Despite the great Tournament Season, Coach Thomas has kept the Schwaben U10's focused on league play as well. The boys went 7-1-2 in the Platinum 2 Division of the NISL to outpace Glen Ellyn by 3 points. The Nationals swept both games from Wisla, Campton United, and Rockford before finally losing a game 2-1 to Glen Ellyn. A 0-0 tie with Glen Ellyn preceded a 2-0 shutout of TCSA at home and a 1-1 tie on the road. With 23 points, Schwaben's U10 team won their first league championship. Coach Thomas' team plans on playing both Winter Seasons at Soccer City and will be playing in a National Indoor Tournament on December 6th.

FROM THE UNDER 11TEAMKim Janulis, Team Manager

The U-11 boys have had a great season. After a challenging seeding tournament, the boys have shown great improvement! They finished the season in the Gold-2 bracket with 4 wins and 1 tie. They won the Schwaben tournament and won 2 of their 3 games in the Octoberfest tournament. Congratulations Nick, Christian, Michael, Thomas, Timmy, Patrick, Dean, Ben and Jacob on a job well done! Thanks also to the U-10 team for all your help this season!

Schwaben U14 Nationals.....Christy Thedorf

Our team was moved to the Classic 1 division this season, which is a great advance for us. We placed first place in the Schwaben tournament and the Great Lakes tournament in Naperville. We placed 2nd at the Metro United tournament in Collinsville. We are currently tied for third place in our division and have four games left.

Schwaben U14 Olympic.....Lisa Schultz (team manager)

The Schwaben U14 Olympic boys, coached by JP, began the season with a great start, being the only U14 team to go undefeated at the seeding tournament! 6-0! As a new team with kids who had never played together, they were still seeded Platinum, just under our U14 National team (which has the benefit of some amazing players!) Schwaben should be very proud of JP and these boys!

The league season started with some difficulty that sometimes comes with being a new team. The boys lost their first two games and then, once again, like last year, with JP's excellent coaching, they began to come together very quickly as a team and won the next two! The improvement over the season has been amazing! Our current record is 3-4-1. The play has been solid and the boys look like a completely different team than they were at their first games! JP can be very proud of the efforts they put forth and the team they have become and will become this Spring!

Special thanks to the U13s, the Dobin and Palabe families who shared their boys, Michael and Elliot with the 14s all season! Way to work U14 Olympic team: Kyle Smith, Akshay Ramachandran, Dax Phillips, Ryan Nuebling, Jon Niemann, Corey Meehan, Ryan Kloud, Bobby Klett, Ian Kelleher, Justin Johnson, Brian Eschenbrenner, Demo Drakoulis, Rafael Arcos & honorary members Michael Dobin & Elliot Palabe.

FROM THE U15 and U18 BOYS.....Pam Rubin

The Schwaben U15 and U18 Schwaben boys have just finished playing their High School seasons. Two of the U18 boys, Sam Balaban-Feld and Macabee Greenwald, who play for New Trier High School are still competing in Sectionals and hopefully on their way to winning a State Title. During the past week the rest of the boys rejoined their respective Schwaben teams for tryouts and scrimmages. Regular training sessions will begin the second week in November in preparation for upcoming tournaments. The U15 team will be traveling to Memphis, Tennessee for the Germantown Invitational Showcase on December 6-8. The U18 team is preparing for the Adidas Mens College Showcase, in conjunction with the NCAA College Cup in Dallas, Texas, which takes place December 11-14.

**You are invited to the:
Schwaben A.C. Christmas Party**



**When: Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m.
Where: Schwaben Center, 301 Weiland Road, Buffalo Grove
Who: Schwaben members of all ages!!**

Santa will hand out presents to all children (ages 12 & under) that have RSVP'd by December 1.

*~~ We would like to ask all families to please bring a plate of cookies to share. ~~
We also would like to ask that if anyone has any donations for our raffle, please call or email Christy (gift certificates, bottles of alcohol, anything you'd be willing to share).*

Please R.S.V.P by December 1 with the names & ages of children & family name to: schwabenchristmas@gmail.com or Christy Thedorf 847-265-2323

Great time for all ages! Entertainment will be provided for the kids. Each child 12 & under will receive a hot dog, bag of chips & pop. Buffet for \$15 will be available for purchase. When you RSVP, please let us know how many will be purchasing the buffet.



FROM THE LADIES TEAM..... Laure L. Kosey, Ed.D.

2008 marked the first year the Schwaben Women would field two teams. With the younger legs continuing to compete in the Major Division, a more mature, seasoned team joined the First Division ranks for the summer season. Schwaben Majors found themselves competing in every game, but losing a few heart breakers in the end. Meredith Vail, Ericka Butler and Steph Olsen pushed hard for the Majors, but finding the back of the net proved to be a challenge in the tight matches. They finished with a 2-4 record.

Margie Blum and Amy Simons were big contributors when it came to our First Division offensive power with Sarah Primozic recording four shutouts in our eight-game season. The Schwaben First Division team finished third in the division with a 6-2 record.

Having enjoyed a nice summer of soccer, the Schwaben teams decided to combine forces and enter a team in the Women's Fall League. Combining youth and energy with some veterans proved to payoff. Schwaben Women rolled to a 7-1 record securing a second place finish in the league.

METROPOLITAN SOCCER LEAGUE
(UNOFFICIAL FINAL STANDINGS)

Outdoor Season 2008
MAJOR DIVISION

POS	TEAM	GP	GF-GA	PT
1	United Serbs	9	19-9	22
2	Schwaben	9	17-7	20
3	Zrinski	8	19-8	20
4	Sockers	9	28-10	16
5	Eagles	8	18-9	14
6	Polonia	8	12-10	13
7	Green White	9	9-14	7
8	Vikings	9	8-36	5
9	Connection	9	6-17	3
10	Maroons	8	6-22	2

We regret that we are unable to give you an article on the First Team this month. Rocky was called out of town on a family emergency and was unable to get one to us. We'll make up for it next time.

Fröhliche Weihnachten

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One single grateful thought raised to heaven is the most perfect prayer.

MEMBER NEWS

Our heart felt condolences to **Mrs. Tammy McCool** and her family on the death of her brother in Florida.

Thank You!

Thank you all for recognizing the hard work and effort for the Club. The Award is appreciated.

I enjoy this team, they want to win and are respectful. The coaches have worked very hard.

We will do our best to build the correct type of team for the indoor season. **Rocky Hughes**

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