



South Charlotte Recreation Association NEWSLETTER

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Special Interest Articles:

- Please see our list of sponsors and be sure to thank them.
 - Football registration open!
 - Fall softball registration opens July 8, 2013!
- Baseball registration opens at the end of July!

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Spring raffle RESULTS

SCRA has completed its biggest fundraiser of the year! A huge THANK YOU to our sponsor SUBWAY for providing the buy one get one free 6" sub coupon on the back of each ticket!

Congratulations to our winners of the raffle tickets and to the SCRA members who sold them!!

In addition to the grand prizes, we also

had weekly prize winners!

Unfortunately we only sold approximately 50% of the issued tickets. However, we were still able to secure funding to help pay for some of the vandalism renovations.

Thank you to those who helped sell their tickets! Your continued efforts will help keep registration fees at a reasonable level.

VANDALISM UPDATE; RENOVATIONS COMPLETE

By: Ken Konopasek

As a result of the vandalism this spring to SCRA facilities, the following items have been repaired or replaced. New heavy-duty commercial grade metal doors were installed for the men's and women's restrooms. The large ventilation grills at the base of the original doors, used as a means of access to the restrooms during the vandalism, have been replaced with smaller, non-accessible grills installed near the top of the doors. Large stainless steel kick-plates were installed on either side of the doors along with heavy duty dead-bolt locking devices.

All of the damaged restroom fixtures have been repaired and / or replaced.

Several new doors and locks were also installed in the original concession stand building. New aluminum coiling doors have replaced the damaged doors, and a new sliding glass window has been ordered for the special events room. All of the doors are scheduled to receive a fresh coat of paint and new restroom signage has been ordered.

Upcoming Events

- Fall Football registration is currently open. Practice begins on August 1, 2013!
- **July 8, 2013**
Fall softball registration opens. Visit www.southcharlotterec.com for more info.
- **End of July!**
Fall Baseball registration opens!
- **August 1, 2013**
Football practice begins!
- **August 17, 2013**
Baseball evaluations
- **Sept 7, 2013**
Baseball season begins!

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SOFTBALL BRINGS HOME CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

Written by Wendy Maguire

The South Charlotte Recreation Association Softball program had a very successful Spring 2013 season. They participate each season in the Char-Meck Girls Softball League with teams from all over southern Mecklenburg county and northern Union county. There were 74 teams this season in 4 different age levels – 8 and under, 10 and under, 12 and under, and 16 and under. SCRA teams won 3 championships in the 4 age groups! In the 8U age group, Coach Nathan Eaton won the championship beating another SCRA 8U team coached by Jeff Daniels. The two 8U SCRA teams were the best two teams out of 26 teams in the 8U age group. In the 10U age group, Coach Derek Crimin did a great job getting the championship win by coming

out of the loser’s bracket to win it all. And in the 12U age group, David Evans coached his girls to a 15-1 season which ended in the best win of all – the championship. SCRA softball looks forward to continuing their great level of play in the fall season this year. Fall season registration begins July 8, 2013.



Coach Crimin 10U Champs!



Coach Eaton 8U Champs!



Coach Evans 12U Champs!

BASEBALL SPRING SEASON CHAMPS!

Here are the winners of the season ending tournament.

T-Ball - All winners

Rookie Machine Pitch - Coach Kevin Heiser (Nationals) Sponsored by Bernie's 4 ALS

Machine Pitch - Coach Lee Rimler (Devil Rays) Sponsored by Alston & Bird LLP

Minors - Coach Rob Stealey (Thunder) Sponsored by VR Mergers and Acquisitions.

Majors - Coach Steve Brooks (Brooks' Braves) Sponsored by Bank of America Home Loans



Football Skills Day and Camp Recap

Summer has arrived and The South Charlotte Football Program has been gearing up for the Fall Season!

Our 3rd annual Skills Day was this past Spring and our First Annual "Summer Celebration Football Camp" hosted by Ardrey Kell Head Football Coach, Adam Hastings was held earlier this month.

We had a tremendous turn out on Skills Day with over 250 participants! The weather was beautiful and kids had a blast. Special thanks to Greg Olsen, Professional Football Player and Coach Hastings for their generous support.

In addition, the Summer Celebration Football Camp was a great way to Kick Off The Summer as the boys prepare for the 2013

Season. Football registration has been open now for several weeks. We had a record number of boys playing in our program last year and expect to meet or exceed those numbers this year so please sign your players up as soon as possible. Once all spots fill up, any additional registrants will be "wait listed".

We are very proud to announce that Ardrey Kell High School will continue to be our Home Game field again this season. What a great facility! Hope to see all our football families in August when practice starts. Finally, South Charlotte Football wants to extend a special thanks to all our families who support our program and wish you all a very happy and safe summer. You are the BEST!



Lindsay Hetzel with Greg Olsen

About Our Organization...

South Charlotte Recreation Association (formerly Olde Providence Recreation Association) is a provider of quality, innovative, and enjoyable recreational experiences. Currently the association offers seven different quality sports programs from which to choose: Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Pop Warner Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, and Softball!

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Letter from the President

With the spring sports season coming to an end and school bells ringing the last time for a few months, I wanted to provide an update on some key topics for SCRA. The season started with some unexpected challenges; there were a few bumps along the way, but overall it was another awesome spring at South Charlotte.

On the weekend of March 16th, our ballpark was vandalized, which required significant repair, and left us without the use of our restrooms. Obviously, this was not how we envisioned starting the season and left us in a precarious situation for baseball and softball opening day games. With a big THANK YOU to board member Ken Konopasek, we improvised a little and all the repairs were completed by the start of the Jamboree. From a cost perspective, these repairs were unplanned and left the association with a budget deficit of almost \$13,000. While arrests were made, the losses appear to be something that the association will be responsible for paying. The spring raffle helped us offset about 50% of this deficit and I am very appreciative of the effort of those that sold tickets.

Our Annual Jamboree, despite some indecisive weather, was also very successful. The parade of teams, the games, the inflatable rides, the food, the auction, the raffle, and the young lady who delivered an unbelievable version of the National Anthem made it a day to remember. I would like to thank Chris Reynolds, Tami Barbaryka, and Kristin Hetzel for the efforts and coordination.

Unfortunately, the vandalism and rainy days were not the biggest challenges that our association faced this spring. The most concerning obstacle has to be the general decline in the level of volunteerism that we have seen. Like any club or association, there is always a small group responsible for the majority of the work, followed by a good core group that will jump in when you ask, and then there are the others who don't fit in either of those groups. I would like to appeal to those in the latter two categories to become more involved. I would hope that everyone would consider involvement as their chance to invest in the future of our children. They need as many positive role models as possible. Whether you coach, lead, or coordinate, I can tell you first hand that the experience is incredibly rewarding and those who think that they are not qualified or "just too busy" are simply missing out. Hearing a former player's name called out on the PA during a Friday Night game or watching them walk across the stage to accept an academic award is something that I wish all of you could and will experience.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for participating in a successful spring sports season at South Charlotte. I am thankful that we are collectively able to provide our youth with such an outstanding opportunity and help them prepare for life beyond the ball fields. Please consider finding ways to get more involved. You will not be disappointed.

Respectfully yours,

Barry Hall
President / South Charlotte Recreation Association