



TUCSON SOCCER ACADEMY

Southern Arizona's Premier Soccer Program

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"FANTASTIC TURNOUT" HELPS RAISE \$8K FOR CHILD CANCER RESEARCH IN COACHES AGAINST CANCER SHAVE OFF

A lively, standing-room-only crowd filled the Ann Kathryn Schmidt Kickin' It Clubhouse on March 5 in support of childhood cancer research. In an event sponsored by the St. Baldrick's Foundation, the Arizona Youth Soccer Association, and the Tucson Soccer Academy, a diverse group of good-spirited coaches, players, administrators, and friends received donations in exchange for publically having their heads shaved.



(From L-R): Todd Garelick, Ted Schmidt, Austin Daniels, & Charlie Kendrick

The "Coaches Against Cancer Shave Off" included TSA President Ted Schmidt, and coaches Todd Garelick and Charlie Kendrick. Schmidt, whose wife Ann passed away from breast cancer in 2011, was thrilled with the support from the community and the local media.

"What a fantastic turnout we had," said Schmidt. "There were a lot of young boys in TSA uniforms getting their heads shaved to honor their peers affected with cancer. It was a festive atmosphere -- standing room only. Thanks to Channel 9, 11 and 13 for covering the event. Sportscaster David Kelly was so taken with it he had his head shaved as did Tucson Citizen scribe Andy Morales!"

A large contingent from TSA's '99 Girls Red team attended just to witness hirsute Coach Kendrick's transformation, according to Schmidt, "From Grizzly Adams to Grasshopper."

A total in excess of \$8000 was raised for the St. Baldrick's Foundation by this one event. Since 1999, the St. Baldrick's Foundation has raised millions to help benefit children with cancer. To donate, visit <http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/aysatucson>. Our event raised \$7,416.

Top Participants:

Ted Schmidt (\$4,161.00)
Bruce Tennenbaum (\$500.00)
Charlie Kendrick (\$320.00)

Top Teams:

94 Red Girls (\$4,261.00)
99 Girls Red (\$945.00)
TSA 03 Boys Blue Lemon (\$935.00)



We had over 15 shaves and the total combined efforts from both events raised over \$18,000.00



TSA 97 Girls Red - 1st Place
President's Day Tournament



TSA 04 Girls Red Hots - 1st Place
Desert Classic Tournament

Injury Prevention



TSA and ProActive are teaming up to prevent ACL injuries.

TSA is asking players get screened to help prevent injuries by getting screened early. Results from the screening combined with previous injury history and primary sports requirements to educate and train an athlete's body will help prevent injuries. To sign up for a screening call 520-321-0204 or visit www.proactivept.com.

Vu Signs with Rochester Rhinos

Former TSA standout Minh Vu, a recipient of the Nicholson Scholarship, signed his first professional contract to play soccer for Rochester Rhinos of the United Soccer League.

"I was pretty stoked," he said of signing.

Vu, a forward, went to a USL scouting combine and was seen by a coach and later contacted about signing. He said it was a dream come true.

"It's been my dream to play since I was a little kid," he said. "I've always wanted to go pro. Hopefully I can go there and then go to a higher division (later)."

Vu played for TSA then played for TSA coach Dave Cosgrove at Pima Community College (2009-10) where he was named a NJCAA first-team All-American and Region I player of the year. He transferred to Penn State where he was named the Big Ten Tournament Offensive MVP.

Vu joins former TSA players Donny Toia (Chivas USA) and Luis Robles (New York's Red Bulls) as former TSA players now in the pros.



TSA '03 Boys Red Team Donates Soccer Equipment to Children in Belize



Tucson Soccer Academy soccer coach Bob Coate is proving TSA's impact goes beyond Southern Arizona.

On a recent trip to Belize, Coate took an assortment of soccer equipment - balls, cleats, t-shirts, uniforms and clothes - to children in the area and conducted a soccer camp for more than 30 participants.

The week-long soccer camp was near a small village in the Toledo District in southern Belize.

"They had a lot of fun and thought it was very cool," Coate said of the trip which was part of a building project for schools. "It was a great experience. By the end of it, they

were screaming: 'TSA, TSA, TSA.'"

That quickly became "Toledo Soccer Academy," Coate said, laughing.

A Tucson soccer store, The Shop, donated nearly 30 pairs of used cleats and soccer materials, and Coate's '03 Boys Red team donated the rest.

"TSA has always strived not only to excel on the soccer pitch, but also in the classroom and the community," TSA President Ted Schmidt said. "In January, we started collecting used soccer shoes for kids in third world countries. Coach Bob Coate and the '03 Red Boys have taken that effort above and beyond what anyone could have expected. A small group of Tucson Soccer Academy 10-and 11-year-old boys and their coach have set an example we can all be exceedingly proud of."



**TSA 00 Boys Red—1st Place
CCV Shoot for the Stars Tournament**



**TSA 03 Boys Red—2nd Place
CCV Shoot for the Stars Tournament**