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6th Annual TSA Breakfast

What a day it was at the 6th annual Tucson Soccer Academy Kick-Off Breakfast! As usual it was a great crowd and a lot of fun.

"The TSA Kickoff Breakfast was an incredible success," said TSA Coaching Director Jeff Rogers. "The breakfast epitomizes the core value of community that TSA was founded on, and Lisa Fraser has created an atmosphere unlike any other in youth sports in southern Arizona. Lisa is truly remarkable, and her ability to organize this incredible event showcases her talents and commitment to the youth of southern Arizona."

Fraser has long been the event coordinator, making it run smoothly and efficiently.

"One of the great takeaways of this breakfast is a big building of the scholarship fund that supports so many players and our scholarship program," Fraser said, "but what I take away every year is how much fun the players and families have; it's a great sense of community."

More than 1,000 people attended, including more than 150 runners for the third annual Ann K. Schmidt Fun Run.

"From the 4 v 4 tournament, to the breakfast itself, to the carnival games, disc jockey, silent auction and Ann Schmidt 5 K Run, Lisa makes it all happen," said Rogers. "Each one of those events in and of itself is a major project, but when you add all of them together at virtually the same time, it's difficult to comprehend how she's able to get it done. TSA wouldn't be the organization it is without Lisa, her passion for the kids and community, and incredible talent to organize and motivate her vast crew of volunteers."



THANKS ROYAL!

Tucson Soccer Academy (TSA) is proud to announce the sponsorship of the Royal Automotive Team, including Lexus.

Lexus general manager Neal Weitman was the catalyst for the donation that will help TSA continue to provide first-rate programs that service the youth soccer community in southern Arizona.

"Royal's contribution to TSA has been tremendous," said TSA President Ted Schmidt. "This is allowing us to do things we hadn't been able to do before. The sponsorship comes at a critical time for us because we are putting so much into establishing our clubhouse and trying to join more competitive leagues."

Earlier in August, TSA broke ground on the Ann K. Schmidt Kickin' It Clubhouse at Brandi Fenton Park which should open sometime in November.

Royal's support comes on the heels of TSA's most successful season ever. TSA won more state championships (three) and sent more teams to the USYSA West Regional Tournament (four) in 2013 than any youth program in Arizona. The new sponsorship logo - Lexus - will be displayed on the uniforms of TSA's 40-plus teams.



35th Annual TSA Tournament

The 35th annual Tucson Soccer Academy Tournament is soon approaching and more than 150 teams are expected to participate in the hugely popular event with games being played at six different locations in Tucson.

"TSA's tournament is one of the oldest youth sport tournaments in southern Arizona dating all the way back to 1978," said Jeff Rogers, TSA's director and coaching director. "The tournament marks the beginning of the season and gives all the competitors a good opportunity to see what they need to improve on for the coming year."

The event is well-represented from the state and region with teams coming from Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Texas, California and Mexico.

"This establishes the TSA tournament as one of top tourism revenue-producing events in the community, as well as a showcase for the best in southern Arizona youth soccer," Rogers said.

The tournament begins Sept. 27 and ends Sept. 29.



Congratulations Cosgrove!



TSA coach and co-founder Dave Cosgrove has been named to the Pima County Sports Hall of Fame. He'll be formally inducted on Oct. 27. He's been the Pima College men's soccer coach since 1998 and has led the team to 10 top-15 finishes nationally and more than 200 wins. Cosgrove led the team to the national finals most recently in 2011 and is a five-time conference coach of the year.

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00 Girls Red

Victory is always great and sweet but when it comes against the two-time defending state champions, it's even better.

The 00 Girls Red defeated San Tan on penalty kicks to win the Desert Elite Tournament in Phoenix August 30 - September 1. Madison Hargis' kick - TSA's seventh consecutive successful shot - was the difference in the win. But it was a team effort as the 00 Girls came back from a 2-0 deficit in the second half. Lauren Bollinger got the first goal and Paloma Teran picked up the game -tying score on a perfect assist from Sabrina Zepp.

The girls showed a lot of toughness, never giving up while battling the heat, humidity and their competition.



ASK Kickin' It Clubhouse



Come November - hopefully - TSA will have a remodeled clubhouse at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park. With the help of the local soccer community and generous contributions from throughout southern Arizona and beyond, TSA will have a facility with a workout room, a television to review game tape offices, and meeting rooms. Welcome to the [Ann Kathryn Schmidt Kickin' It Clubhouse](#) and the future of soccer in Tucson and all things TSA.

TSA President Ted Schmidt said he was overjoyed at the groundbreaking ceremony on August 8 that was attended by more than 200 people. The building is to be named for Schmidt's late wife Ann.

"Words can't describe how significant this moment is," Schmidt said at the groundbreaking. "Ann was not a soccer player or a soccer coach but she was a manager for many, many years. She embodied what we hope the kids get out of soccer and above and beyond the competition. She was loving and caring and loved team-building activities ... She was always thinking of ways to make the kid's experience more than just enjoying the game of soccer."



New Appointments Made for TSA

Tucson Soccer Academy is excited to announce new assignments and coaching duties for the 2013-2014 season. First, Jeff Rogers has assumed the role of Coaching Director. He will be responsible for the club as a whole and also will head the boy's competitive side for the U12-U18 age groups.

"Jeff has been one of our strongest coaches and administrators for a number of years and it was a natural progression for Jeff to take over when Dave Cosgrove stepped down in May," said TSA President Ted Schmidt.

Todd Garelick will be the girls coaching director for the U12-18 groups and Charlie Kendrick will be the Director of Player Development for U11 and younger.

Garelick has had tremendous recent success at TSA, helping guide the 95 Girls Red to back-to-back state titles. Garelick and his wife, Amy, share coaching duties.

"The back-to-back titles has never happened for TSA; he's been great at coaching young women," Schmidt said. "He's already established a relationship with UA's coaching staff. They will have a clinic for us and TSA is the only club to benefit from this."

Schmidt said he expects Garelick's appointment will "help the girls program get elevated" through Garelick's ideas and enthusiasm. "He's in tune with what works with the girls," Schmidt said.

"I'm excited about the role," said Garelick. "We're going to be busy with it because we'll be looking at a number of options where our kids can get exposure."

Garelick said teams from TSA are now part of National Premier League (U13-U18), Desert Premier League (Far West Regional League is now DPL) and Western College Developmental Academy (U17 & U18).

"Charlie Kendrick is clearly one of the top coaches in southern Arizona," Schmidt said. "They've been recruiting him in Phoenix and we are fortunate to hold on to him. He's agreed to take on this key role."

Part of Kendrick's role will be to help organize and conduct clinics for players and coaches. He'll also be evaluating coaches. He has been with TSA since it began in 2000.

"You'll see our recreational program and our developmental programs take off now," Schmidt said. "Few have the experience and qualifications Charlie has. He's won five state titles and has been a cornerstone of TSA."

