

FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL

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newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

- Dave Brond

A recent advertorial in Sports Illustrated described that magazine's partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association. Several hints on how to improve the sports experience for kids were made that I think are worth repeating for all sports and activities parents, coaches and officials.

Teach the fundamental skills, teach sportsmanship and encourage positive action. Do not assume that young athletes and participants learn the skills necessary to be successful. Good habits are formed by repetition of good practices and knowledgeable instruction, guidance and support. All youth sports activities should incorporate the concepts of honest competition and team commitment. Finally, in order for sports and activities to flourish and help our children grow, we need positive people helping (volunteering) in a positive way. It is up to every one of us to make sure that our youth sports parents and kids create a positive recreation environment for our community.

For more information on FHRC programs, visit www.foresthillrec.com. If you would like to get involved in your recreation council - as a coach, manager, team parent, concession stand worker, or in any other capacity, send me an email at dbrond@umm.edu.

FROM THE EDITOR...

- Barbara Morlock

Due to additional time constraints in connection with my job, I will no longer be able to handle the publication of the Newsletter. Therefore, we are looking for a volunteer to take over with the next Newsletter publication in September. We work with a great printing company - Pleasantville Printing & Design - who puts the Newsletter together and a great mailing coordinator - Nelson White. If you have some spare time (really not all that much time is required) and could take over this job, please contact me at 410-893-2080.

Basketball Program Excellent Season Overshadowed by Loss of a Wonderful Friend & Volunteer

- Nelson White

The Forest Hill/Hickory/Churchville combined basketball program continues to mold and shape itself as the premier basketball program in Harford County. Our rec league "In-house" program continues to provide the opportunity to children of all children to play the game. We supported over 1400 players this year in our combined Boys and Girls leagues and had over 144 teams participating including our travel. Our travel program also had an outstanding season as we continue to prepare boys and girls for the high school level. The volunteer support system in place allows us to manage and direct a program of this size. One group in particular makes it all happen and that is the Age Group directors. These individuals have taken on the responsibility of Age Groups and do a thankless job and without them the program would not be able to operate. Additionally, we have formed strategic alliances with Parks & Recreation, as well as local school administrators, to ensure that the facilities are available for our use. We look forward to your participation next season. Our Age Group Director meetings start in August and our registrations begin mid-September. Keep your eye out for the registration announcements.

Unfortunately, many of us have had a heavy heart this basketball season. On December 31, 2004, a wonderful man, great friend, and tireless volunteer passed away. Jim McHugh was an active 13/14 rec league coach who had been an important member of our volunteer team for over 7 years. Jim was the volunteer who never sought to be recognized but always was willing to help do whatever needed to be done on behalf our the children. His endless dedication to the program and his desire to share his passion and love for the game with all that he touched was astonishing. Jim leaves behind a wife, three daughters and a son who is still active in our program. With the news of Jim's passing, we all were reminded again that basketball is only a game. Jim McHugh will be missed and we ask that you keep the McHugh family in your thoughts and prayers.



VISIT THE FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL ONLINE AT www.foresthillrec.com.

FHRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETINGS

The F.H.R.C. General Membership and Board of Directors meetings will be held at Forest Lakes Elementary School Activity Room at 7:00 PM on **May 23, June 27, July 25 and September 26** (Board). All general membership meetings are open to all interested parties.

FHRC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

- Jerry Kalista

Congratulations!

**Erin Chojnacki
Kaitlin Doody
Ryan Ebner
George Rau II
Jillian Roberts**



RECIPIENTS OF FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL'S 2005 - 2006

\$1,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PAST RECIPIENTS and SPONSORS

1994-1995	Scott Kalista	SPONSORED BY: FHRC 16 - 18 Baseball Program
1995-1996	Jeff Tracey	SPONSORED BY: Oak Contracting Corporation
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FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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CONCESSIONS - Lee Ann McComas

It's time to play ball and the concession stand will be open again. That means it's time to ask for your help. We have volunteers coming each shift to help - from a different team each night and Saturday. But we need help running the stand. If you would like to be involved, please call Lee Ann at 410-838-1171 for more information. It's not a difficult job, but it is necessary if we're going to keep Concessions open. Thank you!



RECREATION SOCCER

– Brad Warren

The Forest Hill Recreation Council offers recreational play for boys and girls ages 5 through 15. The "Rainbow Clinic" (ages 5 and 6) is an instructional co-ed clinic where participants learn the basic skills of the game. The Under 8 Program (ages 6 and 7) takes the game to the next level and teaches skills in a "team" environment through the use of instructional games. In the Under 9 and older age groups, both boys and girls participate in a competitive recreational level league. Forest Hill participates in the Northern Region of the Harford County Parks & Recreation League, and our teams play against other teams from other recreation councils within the Northern Region. The Northern Region consists of teams from Forest Hill, Hickory, Norrisville, Jarrettsville, North Harford and Churchville.

Typically the Rainbow and Under 8 Programs meet once per week, while the Under 9 and older teams have a weekday practice and match play on Saturday.

Walk-in registration for the Fall 2005 Soccer Program will be held at the following times:

Saturday	May 14, 2005	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday	May 21, 2005	10:00 am - 2:00 pm

These registrations will be held at the Art Rutledge pavilion at the For Hill Recreation Complex. Availability of teams within some age group will be dependent on the number of registrations received in that age group. All mail-in registrations should be sent to:

FHRC Soccer Registration
c/o Brad Warren
2719 Johnson Mill Road
Forest Hill, MD 21050



The Soccer Program has been very fortunate over the last few years and has grown due to the many volunteers that have helped make this Program what it is today. In order for the Program to continue to service our children and the community, we need some new faces to step up from the crowd. Here is a list of other vacant positions that need to be filled for this upcoming Fall:

Rainbow Program Director
Under 8 Program Director
Coaching positions (various age groups)

Anyone interested in these positions should contact Brad Warren (410) 879-1240, ASAP.

*****PLEASE REGISTER EARLY*****

HARFORD COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

2005 AGE GROUP DETERMINATION

Rainbow Clinic:	5 year olds (co-ed)	8-1-99 thru 7-31-00
Under 8:	6 or 7 year olds	8-1-97 thru 7-31-99

From the U9 and Up age groups, there are separate Boys and Girls leagues of play.

Under 9:	8 year olds	8-1-96 thru 7-31-97
Under 10:	9 year olds	8-1-95 thru 7-31-96
Under 11:	10 year olds	8-1-94 thru 7-31-95
Under 12:	11 year olds	8-1-93 thru 7-31-94
Under 14:	12 & 13 year olds	8-1-91 thru 7-31-93
Under 16:	14 & 15 year olds	8-1-89 thru 7-31-91

Availability of age groups offered are a function of registration totals. If there is enough participation in all age groups we should be able to have single age, age groups. If not some age groups will be combined with either the one preceding or following that age.

FEES:

(Recreation League Play)

Rainbow and Under 8	\$25 per participant
Under 8	\$30 per participant
Under 9 through Under 12	\$45 per participant
Under 14 and up	\$55 per participant
Family Maximum	\$110

(Travel League Play)

Participation in Travel League play involves tryouts and an additional Registration Fee. Anyone interested in Travel Play should indicate "yes" in the space indicated on the Registration Form. Travel coaches will contact all interested parties and inform them when tryouts for their Age groups are being held.

**2005
FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL
SOCCER REGISTRATION FORM**

Please complete One (1) registration form for each Family

Age Group: _____ (as of 7-31-05) E-mail address: _____

Last Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Day/Evening Phone: _____

Father's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please fill out the information below for each child registered. Determine the Age Group by your child's age on 7-31-05. Make checks payable to F.H.R.C.

First Name	Last Name	Birth Date	Sex	Last Yrs. Coach	Medical Conditions	Travel Y/N	Fee

**FEES: Rainbow...\$25 Under 8...\$30 Under 9 thru Under 12.....\$45 Under 14 and up.....\$55
Family Maximum.....\$110**

*****Any registrations received after 6-1-05 must be accompanied by a \$10 late fee (per person)*****

All registrations received after 6-30-05 are subject to availability

THE FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL IS ENTIRELY A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION. THE SUCCESS OF F.H.R.C. PROGRAMS IS DEPENDENT ON THE INTEREST, DEDICATION, AND COMMITMENT OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS. WE NEED EACH PARENT/GUARDIAN TO BE INVOLVED. PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING. THANK YOU!!!

- Coach* Travel Team Coach or Asst.* Fund Raiser
 Asst. Coach* Concession stand worker Facilities
 Other (comment)

* Must complete a "Volunteer Request Form"

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT...I accept full responsibility for the safety of myself and my child(ren). I understand that I or my child(ren) will not be covered by any accident insurance provided for by the FHRC while participating in this program. I agree that I will not hold the FHRC, program, team, manager, coaches or instructors responsible for injuries incurred while participating or traveling to or from activities including practices, games, and/or team trips.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE : _____ **DATE:** _____

MAIL FORM TO :

F.H.R.C. - SOCCER REGISTRATION; c/o Brad Warren; 2719 Johnson Mill Road; Forest Hill, MD 21050
A RETURNED CHECK FEE OF \$10.00 WILL BE CHARGED.....

***** DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE *****

TOTAL FEE PAID _____ CHECK # _____ CASH _____ DATE _____

AMOUNT TO BE APPLIED TO THIS FORM _____ REGISTERED BY _____

YOUTH TENNIS

- Susan Gradishar

- REGISTRATION: Forest Hill Complex Pavilion
- WHEN: Saturday, May 14, 2005 10:00 am - Noon
or mail registration form to
Susan Gradishar, 1311 Turnbridge Road,
Forest Hill, MD 21050
- FOR: Youth - Ages 6-14 years
- WHERE: Forest Hill Recreation Complex Courts
- PROGRAM: Begins Monday, June 27, 2005;
Ends Thursday, August 4, 2005
- COST: \$40.00 per child, Checks payable to FHRC

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

(indicate days and time on registration)

Beginners		Advanced	
<u>Monday/Wednesday</u>		<u>Tuesday/Thursday</u>	
8:30-9:30 am	Ages 6-8	8:30-9:30 am	Ages 6-8
9:30-10:30 am	Ages 9-10		(beginners)
10:30-11:30 am	Ages 11-12	9:30-10:30 am	Ages 9-10
11:30 am-12:30 pm	Ages 13-14	10:30-11:30 am	Ages 11-12
		11:30 am-12:30 pm	Ages 13-14

Bring a racquet and drinking water.

For more information, call 410-838-4120

(see Registration Form on reverse side of this page)



TRAVEL SOCCER

- Bill Russo

The Forest Hill Recreation Council also offers a "Travel/Club" Soccer Program for those players that wish to compete at a higher level of play. Participation on a Forest Hill Travel "Force" team requires more dedication and commitment by both the players and their families than is typical of recreation level play. All interested players must "tryout" for a team in the appropriate age group. Participation is incumbent on making the team.

Most travel teams conduct their tryouts before open registration dates for Forest Hill Recreation Soccer. Please contact the travel coordinators below if you are interested in trying out for a travel team, you will then be contacted by the appropriate coach regarding tryout dates and times.

Over the past few years, the program has grown considerably and has become one of the more competitive travel/club programs in the area. The Force teams have been participating in both Saturday and Sunday league play. Teams also participate in several local and out-of-state tournaments throughout the season.

Registration with the Force teams will take place after team selections are made.

If you have any questions with regard to the Boys Travel Soccer Program, please contact Bill Russo at (410) 877-3874 or wjrusso@msn.com. Check the Boys Travel Soccer section of our new website www.foresthillrec.com for more information about tryouts and the upcoming Fall season.

If you have any questions with regard to the Girls Travel Soccer Program, please contact Chuck Ebner at (410) 893-2979 or ebnerhouse@aol.com.



U.K. Elite Summer Camp Returns!

As in previous years, the Forest Hill Recreation Council continues its partnership with the U.K. Elite training program through their annual summer camp. UK Elite Soccer's professional British trainers will take your child around the soccer world in this excellent week-long educational soccer camp. Skills from England, Brazil, Holland, USA and Italy will be taught using UK Elite's age and ability specific STEPS2Success' curriculum. Each day features progressive maximum activity practices and highly stimulating conditioned games, finishing with a mini-World Cup tournament.

"We guarantee your player will leave our camp a better player than when they arrived, and have a lot of fun doing so."

(UK Elite Soccer)

Date: July 25-29
Location: Forest Hill Recreation Complex
Time: 9am-12noon
Ages: 5-14yrs
Cost: \$130 per player (including new Reebok soccer ball, UK Elite T-shirt and written player evaluation)

Date: July 25-29
Location: Forest Hill Recreation Complex
Time: 5.30-8.30pm
Ages: Team Pre-Season Training Week
Cost: Team Price (includes new Reebok soccer ball, UK Elite T-shirt and written Team evaluation for the coach)

Contact Matt Fletcher at 410 534 5899 for more details / to register your interest. Limited availability!

OVER 30 MEN'S SOFTBALL

- Chris Benjes

The Forest Hill 2005 Men's Over-30 Softball League is entering its fourth season. Games are played on Friday evenings starting July 8, 2005. The season wraps up with a championship tournament in late September. All games are played at the Forest Hill Recreation Complex. General registration for new players/teams begins April 23. This has become a popular league and there are a limited number of openings for new players. The league's primary emphasis is on fun and relaxation through slow-pitch softball.

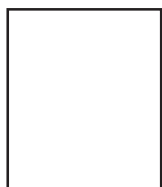
Registration is \$35 per player and continues through May 28 on a first-come, first-served basis until the league is filled.

For information, please call Chris Benjes at 410-893-6456 or e-mail cbenjes@comcast.net.

"The league's primary emphasis is on fun and relaxation..."



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