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HAPPY THANKSGIVING



The NBGC Staff & Leaders, our Program Committee, Parent Club, Alumni and Board of Directors wish our members and families a **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**. We would also like to commend the coaches and players for the fine job and hard work they've put in since camps started this summer. We have seen a lot of exciting football and soccer and appreciate your team spirit, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Thanks to the many parents who've been supportive, lining the fields to cheer for their sons and daughters.

Many thanks go out to the volunteers who are working to make this day a success, from the alumni officials to the parents and friends who are helping with the refreshments. Thanks to Matt Marino and Greg Czajkowski of the Chicago Park District for use of the fields, to The George Howe Family for sponsoring the Turkey Toss prizes, to event sponsors The Weigelt Family and The Duckmann Family, to the Alumni Volunteer Officials and to Samantha Prodromos, Krystal Starr, Victoria Gonzalez and the Cheerleaders. Have a great day!



NBGC CLOSED FRIDAY & SATURDAY



NBGC will be closed for clean up on Fri. Nov. 28th. We will also be closed on Sat. Nov. 29th. We will return at 3:30 p.m. on Monday Dec. 1st with pre-season basketball.



HOLIDAY HAM SALE!



You can make your holiday dinner a success with a specialty ham at a price you can't get elsewhere! For less than you'll pay at those other ham stores, you can dress up your holiday dinner table with a fully cooked, defatted, spiral cut and smoked ham for **just \$3.50 per pound**. This same ham costs \$5.89 per pound elsewhere so you'll save over \$2.39 a pound if you buy from us.

The sale is held to raise funds for the programs. Orders will be taken now through Dec. 6th. Pick up and payment is one Tues. Dec. 16th. Order forms are available at the office or the gameroom information table. You can call or e-mail Mary Jeske at (773) 463-4161, ext. 10 or mary@nbgc.org for more information or to place an order. Spread the word to your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers!



CHRISTMAS TREE SALE DEC. 6TH



Looking for a fresh, full tree to warm up the home can be a hassle. The NBGC Dads' Club wants to make it easy for you. They are selling fresh-cut Fraser Firs, roping and wreathes, in back of the Clubhouse on Sat. Dec. 6th from 8:00 a.m. until sold out. This one day sale will feature a limited number of 7 - 9 foot Fraser Firs, starting at \$75.00. Pre-orders are strongly encouraged. The money raised goes right to the boys and girls programs, so you'll be helping your community if you buy a tree from NBGC. To place your order, call Mary Jeske at 773-463-4161, ext. 10, or e-mail mary@nbgc.org.



CITY CONTRACT RENEWED



The NBGC would like to give a great big THANK YOU to 47th Alderman Gene Schullter for his support in renewing our city contract for 2008. The contract, through the Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services, helps to fund various staff positions, the Pebble, Cadet, Junior, Prep and Discovery programs and an after school program in partnership with Coonley School. Thank you, Gene, for your outstanding support.



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NBGC is very thankful for the continued support of The Weigelt Family, who is co-sponsoring the Turkey Bowl Classics in the memory of their late parents and longtime NBGC friends, Johnnie & Brenda Weigelt. Mr. Weigelt ran one of the largest catering businesses in the area, at Damen & Byron, and helped start the tradition of hot chocolate on Thanksgiving. We thank them for their generous support.

We also thank Wayne and Virginia Duckmann for co-sponsoring the event. Wayne and Virginia coached in the 1990's when their children, Wayne and Christine, were active members. They also own a local silk screening company, Ultimate Sports Apparel, and have been printing NBGC clothing for at least 25 years.



BASKETBALL CAMP/GAMES



Mon.	Dec.	1st	Senior Girls (6th-7th-8th grade)
			4:00 Pumas vs. Twisters
			5:15 Aliens vs. Comets vs. Mercuries
Tues.	Dec.	2nd	Prep Boys (4th & 5th grade)
			5:00 Bees vs. Spartans
			6:00 Eagles vs. Cougars
Tues.	Dec.	2nd	Tribe Boys (6th-7th-8th grade)
			7:00 Bees vs. Falcons
Tues.	Dec.	2nd	Discovery Girls (K - 1st grade)
			5:00 Aliens vs. Angels
			5:40 Aliens vs. Twisters
			6:20 Angels vs. Twisters
Wed.	Dec.	3rd	Leader Training
			Times to be announced
Wed.	Dec.	3rd	Discovery Boys (K - 1st grade)
			4:30 Cougars vs. Bees
			5:30 Eagles vs. Locusts
Thurs.	Dec.	4th	Cadet Boys (2nd & 3rd grade)
			4:15 Bees vs. Cougars
			5:00 Eagles vs. Pirates
			5:45 Hornets vs. Wasps
			Tribe Boys (6th-7th-8th grade)
			6:30 Eagles vs. Pirates
			7:15 Locusts vs. Scorpions
Fri.	Dec.	5th	Pebble Girls (2nd & 3rd grade)
			3:30 Aliens vs. Pumas
			4:10 Aliens vs. Wildcats
			4:50 Pumas vs. Wildcats
Sat.	Dec.	6th	WILL BE PASSED OUT AT YOUR ABOVE SCHEDULED GAME FREE LEGAL CONSULTATIONS

The Chicago law firm of Morici, Figlioli and Associates, headed by NBGC alum and past Board of Director's president, Jim Morici, provides no cost legal consultations for NBGC families and friends. Dozens of members of the NBGC family have taken advantage of these free legal consultations over the last two years. Those seeking advice have had the opportunity to meet, in private, with an attorney to discuss matters ranging from personal injury, workman's compensation, estate planning, real estate, criminal and traffic matters, as well as divorce and child custody.

For an appointment, call Jim Morici at 312-372-9600. Morici, Figlioli and Associates has two convenient locations, one downtown and the other in Park Ridge.



SENIOR SOCCER
FIELD 2 - 8:00 AM & 9:15 AM
 By: Samantha Prodromas

Nov. 27, 2008



Thanksgiving Day is one of the most important days here at the NBGC. It is a day full of reminiscing, trying to stay warm, eating turkey, and most importantly playing in the Thanksgiving Classic games. The most important game of this day, of course, is the Championship game. Now I know for more than a couple of seasons, we have not had a soccer season championship game. There was always one team that dominated the entire season by winning both halves. This championship series this year will be played between the first half champion **Angels** and the second half champion **Twisters**. This will definitely be an interesting game due to the fact that even though both these teams struggled in attendance throughout the season, they still came out with the determination to win every game. These teams have definitely earned their spot in the **Thanksgiving Classic Championship** game. The **Angels** were the first to claim their spot in this championship game when they dominated the first half. They came out and really showed that they can win every game and always played with their hearts. The interesting thing about this team is that the second half was a 180 degree turn because they were dealing with injury after injury. This, however, did not stop the **Angels** from trying to succeed. This team is led by **Coach Aristeo Noriega** on the sideline and has always let his presence be known by our refs, especially when he would walk on the field with his coffee joking around with everyone that came out. The girls that take charge on the field are **Captain Crystal Staley** and **Co-captain Amaris Noriega**. This team has an advantage over all the other teams because their height. Even though the girls have struggled with attendance they still let everyone know they are around. They are a tight knit group and work on passing and communicating amongst each other on the field. They work in a formation where they all team up on one side to take control of the ball and then work their way towards the goal. I would say that this team also has great speed and has some of the best runners, but the girls that stick out the most would be **Victoria Rueda** and **Vivien Debord**. The games are usually started by either **Crystal Staley** or **Amaris Noriega**. They aren't worried about distance, they think more about what strategies to use against their opponents. This team has been improving since game one, but the player I believe has shown the most improvement would be **Vivien Debord**. She was very skeptical when I first asked her to join soccer, but as she got used to the ball and her teammates she really came out to shine on the field. This team has improved a lot and has definitely been the team to beat. They have developed a feud between the **Pumas**, but it could be more so between the coaches. This, however, was one of the greatest match-ups to watch because they were just so humorous and were full of great sportsmanship. You can expect these girls to come out fighting on Thanksgiving Day because they have been doing so all season long. They will be led by **Coach Aristeo Noriega** and the girls you should expect to see on the field will be **Maiani Rosa**, **Crystal Staley**, and **Vivien Debord** at midfield, **Vanessa Ramirez** and **Amaris Noriega** at defense, **Maria Valencia** and **Abra Ash** at forward, and **Victoria Rueda** defending the goal. Waiting to get their chance to shine and give their teammates a breather will be **Abigail Noriega** at defense and **Nicole Garcia** at midfield.

In this championship game, the second team to earn their spot is the **Twisters**. During the first half, this team definitely struggled with a small roster, but didn't let it discourage them. They ended the first half in last place by just a couple of points because they wouldn't let themselves lose games and settled for ties most of the time. They saw the second half as an opportunity to fight past the ties and really do something. I was amazed at the 180 degree appearance this team showed besides the other teams in the second half. They really turned around and played a lot better together. **Coach Missy Cabrera** and **Coach Glenn Zarymbksi** did a great job at not letting the girls give up. They agreed that **Rose Questel** and **Mia Devara** made the most successful plays when they refused to give up when playing midfield. They said that there was no specific girl that was their best runner because all the girls had to run the majority of the time since they had such a small squad. The **Twisters** were always eager to start the game with the mighty kickoffs from **Elizabeth Corronel** and **Sarah Zarymbksi**. Despite their small roster the **Twisters** definitely had many strengths. **Coach Missy Cabrera** rated their offense as first best and defense as second best. They were even stronger with their dynamite goalies. As the team improved this season, so did the players. The **Twisters** that improved the most were **Rose Questel** because she handled the ball extremely well and took the midfielder position in most of the games. **Elizabeth Corronel** and **Sarah Zarymbksi** worked extremely well together this season and proved that "passing is just as important as scoring." **Patricia Corronel** and **Alexa Castillo** defended the ball with a lot of intensity. All the girls have improved which has created many memorable moments for **Coach Missy Cabrera**, but her favorite memory was "seeing the girls FINALLY spreading out, using their passing skills, and never giving up." When asked what team they believed posed the most difficulty, **Coach Missy Cabrera** replied that she believed all the teams were equally matched this season, but as always they always wanted to beat the **Aliens**, who normally dominated the field. Despite their performance in the first half the **Twisters** know that they will not be the underdogs and they expect to win. **Coach Missy Cabrera**, **Coach Glenn Zarymbksi**, and the **Twisters** expect to win because they are tired of the many ties they had this season and have really enjoyed the last few wins they had towards the end of the season. They expect to carry this momentum into the Thanksgiving Classic Championship game because they are hungry for a win and some TURKEY!! The girls you should expect to see start this game will be **Sarah Zarymbksi**, **Rose Questel**, and **Mia Devara** at midfield, **Alexa Castillo** and **Yasmine Gall** at defense, **Patricia Corronel** and **Elizabeth Corronel** at forwards and **Baylee Cabrera** as their starting goalie. The girls that will be coming in later as reinforcements will be **Jessica Sanchez** at goalie and **Alyssa Sanchez** as midfielder.

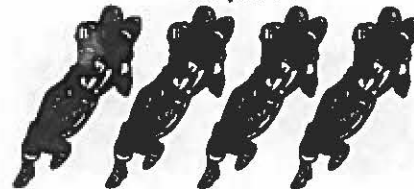
For the Thanksgiving Classic game our two teams are the **Aliens** and the **Pumas**. The **Aliens** have definitely played a great season and I'm quite surprised they didn't make it into the championship game. As I am surprised not all the teams made it which of course is impossible for everyone, but they definitely all played great this season. The **Aliens** played a great season and were great contenders. They were led by **Coach Andres Castillo** and **Assistant Coach Jaime Espinoza**, who has really taught the girls to use their skills to the maximum and to also work as a team. Leading the team on the field are **Captain Bianca Diaz** and **Co-captain Ivette Cebreiro**. The **Aliens** are definitely a team to beat with their great formations and quick passes. **Coach Andres Castillo** says his game plan on offense has been to pass the ball to the forwards in the corners, which should draw the defense away from the box. This allows for another teammate to set for a pass near the box with little or no defense to take the ball away and give them a clear shot at the goal. The **Aliens** have a great deal of energy with such a big roster and great speed comes with that. **Coach Andres Castillo** believe that his best runners are **Bianca Diaz** and **Jordan Thoma** who he says seems to be relentless in the pursuit towards victory and are extremely hard working girls. With great speed on field it always seemed the **Aliens** won all the toss-ups for first kickoff. They had **Danielle Thomas** as a weapon (that everyone tried to avoid), who is said to thunderous kick to get the ball down the field. With the largest roster in the league their biggest strength was the combination of **Danielle Thomas**, **Alexandra Espinosa**, and **Jordan Thoma** at defense. The team has definitely improved this season and **Coach Andres Castillo** believes **Leslie Lopez** has most improved. She is the newest edition to the team, but has had the greatest attitude since the beginning of the season. She is one of the smallest on the field, but also the most fearless. **Coach Andres Castillo** is very proud to have a roster of thirteen girls who are the hardest working girls he'll ever know. His favorite memory is of **Leslie Lopez** stopping a hard hit ball with her chest just like a pro. The **Aliens** have been the team to beat, but they believe their toughest opponent has been the **Twisters**. **Coach Andres Castillo** says the two teams are evenly matched as their records against each other will demonstrate. The **Aliens** are expected to have a great performance at the game. **Coach Andres Castillo**, **Assistant Coach Jaime Espinoza**, and the **Aliens** expect not only to win Thanksgiving Day, but they expect to win every day. The fact that this day is special only makes their desire to win sweeter. **Coach Andres Castillo** says that we should expect the girls to come out playing hard from whistle to whistle. You can expect to see these girls to start **Bianca Diaz**, **Abigail Ramos**, and **Jailene Espinoza** at midfield, **Danielle Thomas** and **Jordan Thoma** at defense, **Crystal Castillo** and **Ivette Cebreiro** at forward and **Camila Ramirez** defending the goal. Coming in to give the starters a break will be **Sarah Ramos** and **Leslie Lopez** at forward, **Alex Espinosa** at defense, and **Jasmine Pina** and **Izabel Pina** at midfield.

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BRONCO FOOTBALL
FIELD 3 - 8:00 AM & 9:15 AM
 By: Manny Miranda & Sam Jensen

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Kicking off the 2008 Turkey Bowl in the Bronco league we have the undefeated Raiders taking on the hard hitting Ravens. The Raiders, who are coached by John Moorehouse, Mike Hanna, and big Sean Canning Sr, have a very good and well disciplined team who have not lost a game the entire year, and would like nothing more than to have it remain that way at the end of this game. They are led by a very explosive offense, headed by QB Mike "The General" DeFillippis and a very diverse running attack in Alexis "The Phenom" Bahena who provides a great combination of speed and power. He is complimented by "Jottin" Jack Moorehouse and Clay "Gimme the Ball" Mendez, both of whom are very quick, gashing type runners who have been wreaking havoc on defenses all year long. Along with a very good running game the Raiders also have the ability to throw the deep ball and have been successful all year long with a combination of DeFillippis' great arm and Bahena, who not only poses a threat due to his size, but can seemingly come down with just about any ball that comes his way, and has done so all year. But like any good offense, it starts with a good offensive line and the Raiders have one of the biggest and most physical in the league. They are headed by Josh "Eyes" Bailey, Shawn "The Beast" Canning Jr, Jacob "The Tank" Jones, Joe "Avocado" Alvarado, and Juan "The Anchor" Fierro. The offensive lines mixture of size, experience and talent is a lethal combination for any opponent and it is no wonder that the Raiders have not lost a single game this year. Aside from their offensive prowess, the Raiders best attribute is the fact that they are a very well rounded team and their defense deserves just as much credit as their offense. Although they are prone to giving up some yards, the Raiders defense has a knack for keeping their opponents out of the endzone with a blend of knowing their assignments and good tackling form. It all starts with their defensive line who love to rush the quarterback, and are very good at it. Their line is basically made up of that huge offensive line with guys like Bailey, Jones and Fierro feasting on quarterbacks, but for us it is all about their linebackers and secondary. At the linebacker position they have "Mad" Max Cloffi, Mike "Make it happen" Feigen, JP "The Flash" Aluise, and Aaron "Hands" Hanna. All four of them are hitters and have a nose for the football, whether it be a fumble or an interception, match that with the speed each one and they are a threat to take a turnover back to the house at anytime. With this combination of size, balance and discipline the Raiders look poised to complete their perfect season on Thanksgiving day, but their last hurdle is a very hungry Ravens team who are no strangers to the Raiders as they have played many memorable games against each other this year.

The Ravens, who combined with the Jets at the end of the regular season, are another very good team, who are also well coached by Angel Cortes and Michael Fernandez. The Ravens are a little different than the opposition when it comes to team makeup, but that may be the difference in what could be a huge Turkey Bowl upset. Unlike the Raiders who have size on both sides of the ball and have played together all season, the Ravens are a little smaller but have a big edge in terms of speed and pure unwillingness to take their foot off the pedal, whether they're up twenty or down twenty. For the Ravens it all starts with their defensive line, who pride themselves on being run stoppers, starting with their big defensive tackles Alex Manatos and Eric Novit as well as ends "Smooth" Jimmy Prodomos and Erik Glascott. This unit has been destructive all year and will be looking to put a hold on the dangerous running game of the Raiders. And in order for them to win the big one, this unit, Manatos and Novit in particular, will have to have monster games which they are fully capable of doing. Their linebacking core is headed by middle linebacker Ian McDiarmid and outside backers Brandon Cortes and Sebastian Nunez, all of whom fly around the field and can tackle just about anyone. In the secondary the Ravens have Jacob Pepin, Andrew Shultz, and Joe Glascott. This group, like their opposition, also have a nose for the ball and with their speed, can change the game in an instant. This will be an important group should the Raiders take to the air, and although undersized, not one is afraid of sticking their nose in to try and disrupt the receiver. As for the Ravens offense, the running game is their bread and butter, and with good reason. The Ravens have a very good mix of athletes at the quarterback and running back positions. Their running backs are highlighted by scoring machines Jaden Gonzalez and Liam Sullivan, both are very fast and can run right past any defensive unit, but they are also two of the toughest and most relentless runners in the league, neither have a problem lowering their shoulders and taking a pounding to get the extra yard. That attribute can be used to characterize this entire team and it also describes their quarterback position with Evan VanPymbrock and William Gutierrez taking most of the snaps. But as with the Raiders, it takes a good offensive line to be able to run the ball, and that's just what the Ravens have. Heading that group are defensive stars Alex Manatos and Eric Novit as well Vince Flores, James Riley, and Jimmy Prodomos. Though not the biggest line, this group has worked well together all year and they will be a big part of the success that the Ravens will have on offense.

Although both teams are similar and different in some ways this makes for a very intriguing showdown for the final bragging rights of the year. For the Raiders, they have their eyes set on a perfect season, so close they can taste it. And in their way, is the hard-nosed Ravens team who know their opponent as well as any, and after talking to a few of the guys on Tuesday we know they would like nothing more than to spoil the Raiders perfect season and grab the last "W" of the 2008 season. It will be a classic Turkey Bowl showdown, so don't miss out on the action. Raiders v. Ravens, Thanksgiving Day 8:00.

The second game to be played on Thanksgiving Day will be between the Cowboys and the combined Broncos/Cardinals. Both teams have played hard all season and definitely improved throughout the year. They will be displaying everything they have learned from the first day of training camp leading up to this final game. It should be an evenly matched game on both sides of the ball. This one may come down to the final few minutes to decide a winner.

The Cowboys led by head coach Jody Libman with help from assistant coaches Craig Shipley, Jim Suszka and Mark Staublin run their offense out of the pro wing formation. They had great success mixing their plays up, running several different plays to several different players. They have a variety of good runners. Danny Stiefel and Ray Santiago make a good combination in the backfield with their quickness and speed. Power runners Matthew Lynch, Richard Thompson and Andrew Hodur will plow through any defender who gets in their way. Four quarterbacks have been behind center this season. Richard Thompson can run bootlegs, pass and control the offense. Danny Stiefel has that incredible burst of speed and dodges defenders with ease. Max Libman is a smart quarterback who has a great arm. What he lacks in speed, he makes up with his instincts. Ray Santiago runs with tremendous speed and is fearless. The Cowboys starting offense is Andrew "The Hitman" Hodur at left wing, Ryan "The Raging Rebel" Rosen at left end, Sam "The Slammin Man" Shipley at left tackle, "vicious" Jose Villa at left guard, Jimmy "The Moose" Suszka at center, Carlos "Boom Boom" Burgos at right guard, Johnny "The Slaughter" Staublin at right tackle, Declan "The Deceptive Devil" Cahill at right end, Max "Don't hate me because I'm beautiful" Libman at quarterback, Ray "The Slithering Snake" Santiago at running back and Chris "Mini-Vicious" at right wing. Coming in strong off the bench for the Cowboys will be Richard "The Trainwreck" Thompson, Matthew "The Lynchman" Lynch, John "The Madman" Madura, Fabio "The Massacre" Musieaux, Shane "The Pain" Hathaway, Danny "The Stealth Bomber" Stiefel, Ryan "The Stonewall" Stunard and Roan "Frosted Quakes" Quinn.

The Broncos/Cardinals head coach is Jim Roth. Assistant coaches are coach Clark, coach Cox and coach Figueroa. Captain Max Rimac runs the offense while co-captain Liam Roth is in charge of the defense. The team has been most successful with sweep plays to the outside. They have many different running backs each with their own unique attributes. When it comes to passing they leave it up to Michael May and Max Rimac. The most improved players are Eli Guzman who is a great lineman, Michael Lavin who plays great defense and Adrian Martinez with some excellent tackling. On special teams Leo Pellegrini and Cameron Rodgers handle kickoff/punt returns. The offense is based on speed and power running backs. The defense is also fast paced with many gang tackles. When asked which team was his toughest opponent coach Roth said the Raiders because they're great on both ends of the ball. Starting for the Broncos/Cardinals will be Andrew Annulis at left wide receiver, Leo Pellegrini at left tackle, Liam Roth at left guard, Paul Huetteman at center, David Guest at right guard, Michael Lavin at right tackle, Conor George at tight end, Ethan Hepding at right wide receiver, Max Rimac at quarterback, Cameron Rodgers at running back and also playing running back will be Adrian Martinez. Getting ready to help out on defense are John Buffo, Spencer Clark, Sean Cox, Eli Guzman, Ryan Hong, Michael May, Tommy Schmitz, Carl Weir, Ian Osinski, Noah Snyder and Rogello Hermoilo.

Both teams should be fired up and ready to go from the kickoff. It will be a great game full of touchdowns and great tackles. We expect a close game from both sides. We're sure that each team would like to pick up the win on Thanksgiving Day in the turkey bowl.



FLAG FOOTBALL STARS
FIELD 1 - 10:30 AM
 By: Tim Jensen & Mike VanDenBosch



The 5-6-7 flag football league will be having its final game on Thanksgiving Day. This game will be going down in NBGC history because these boys are the youngest group of kids to be playing in the Turkey Bowl Classic. The feature game will be between the **Falcons** and the **Pirates**. The **Falcons**, with head coach **Tim Jensen**, have had a lot of success on offense this season. The key to their success is their running game with their secret counter plays. Look for **Marc Kielnik** at QB with his successful bootleg runs to the left; if he is able to get to the sideline he will most likely be putting six points on the board. **Shane Henger** and **William Polich** are two dangerous weapons in the backfield. Both of them have blazing speed and quick cuts which might result in missed tackles from the **Pirates**. **Juan Cruz** will be taking the carries in goal line situations, scoring easily as he runs behind a tough offensive line. Catching the ball and running the deep routes is **Christian Melecio**. **Julian Allen**, **Alex McBride**, **Ryan Marx**, **Ian Schultz**, and **Adrian Marin** all play on the offensive front protecting the quarterback and the running back from the defense. They are the ones who explode at the snap of the ball and put up an explosive block to allow their runners to get through the gaps. The **Falcons** main focus is in their run game, but they also succeed on defense. They run a 4-3 defense, with four men on the line, three linebackers, and two cornerbacks. During their practices they work on team tackling. One man gets in front of the runner, as the rest of the team comes from behind and strips the flags off. The **Falcons** are coming out strong with their offense, ready to blow the **Pirates** away. On the other side of the ball the **Pirates** have dominated on defense, making it difficult for the opposing team to score.

The **Pirates**, with head coach **Michael Van Den Bosch**, have practiced more on defense this season. They have shut down the run game, and the most points they have allowed all season is fourteen. The defense they practice is 3-4, with three men on the line, four linebackers, two cornerbacks, and one safety. The three men on the line, blowing through the gaps, and sacking the quarterback are **Matthew Hardin**, **Nick Romo**, and **Miles Asare**. Playing like **Brian Urlacher** for the Turkey Bowl game is **Keith O'Connor**, **Michael Fabian**, **Dillon Wojdyla**, and **Jared Staniszewski**. One of their goals is to blitz the quarterback. If they are not told to get a sack then they must stay at home, watch the running back, and get a tackle. **Adrian Iniestra** and **Alex Flores** have the important job of protecting the deep threats. They must stick to the wide receivers like glue and get as many interceptions as possible. Last but not least **Elijah Davila** goes after all of the missed tackles. Any runners that get passed the defensive line or the linebackers will have to come face to face with the BEAST himself. The **Pirates** have a hard game ahead of them, trying to stop the explosive offense of the **Falcons**. As Turkey Bowl is only one day away, all of the boys have had an amazing season. It has been a long journey for them, as they are reminded of their first day of practice. All of the boys came out having not much knowledge of the game. Handoffs, pitches, tackling, and blocking were presented to the boys as their first task to accomplish. Once they mastered those skills, then more challenging ones were sent their way. After all of the boys improved greatly, they were put in teams, and played in scrimmage games. No one can forget the favorable game of keep away that was played at the end of every practice. The leaders and staff would start out with the ball and the boys would get in their ready position. When the person with the ball said "READY SET HIKE!!" the boys would charge the leaders and staff. They would pass the ball around to each other, not allowing the boys to gain possession. The boys always had a fun time with that game, and for some of them it was what they looked forward to at every practice. All of the boys have progressed greatly and will be drafted into the NFL in the 1st round by the time they are done with college. Learning the game of football all season long was **Julian Allen**, **Miles Asare**, **Owen Clary**, **Finn Clary**, **Juan Carlos Cruz**, **Elijah Davila**, **Michael Fabian**, **Alexander Flores**, **Andy Garcia**, **Matthew Hardin**, **Shane Henger**, **Eric Hinch**, **Adrian Iniestra**, **Cole Jeffery**, **Adrian Marin**, **Rene Martinez**, **Ryan Marx**, **Alex McBride**, **Christian Melecio**, **Patrick Moran**, **Dean Russell Muench**, **Matthew Adam Obmann**, **Keith O'Connor**, **James John Patsey**, **Daniel Pellikan**, **Colin Pilcher**, **Nick Romo**, **Leo Rosenfeld**, **Kevin Santizo**, **Ian Schultz**, **Jared Staniszewski**, **Alex Ursu**, **Thomas Wall**, **Wylie Warren-Boulton**, **Leor Weber**, and **Coleman Williams**.

A special thanks to all of the parents who came to every practice no matter what the weather was like. Helping put the flags on the boys is also greatly appreciated and assisting overall made the practices run smoother. The boys had an amazing season and hopefully they will be out next year.



PEBBLE SOCCER STARS
FIELD 2 - 10:30 AM
 By: Kathi Jensen



Throughout the season the **Pumas** and the **Angels** have been battling for first place. The **Angels** took over and won the first half. The **Pumas** were able to hang on and win the second half. Both teams have improved an enormous amount over the season. The teams are evenly matched and it is going to be a great final game.

The **Pumas** have two coaches that use great technique when training their team, the head coach is **Roger Ceron** and the assistant coach is **Antonio Lima**. The players who have shown the most improvement are, **Rebekah Cozza** she was never a goalie until this season and now she is their most reliable goalie. Also, **Annabelle Watkins** improved a lot with the direction she kicks the ball. Their strongest offenders that show great teamwork are, **Crystal Lima** and **Skylar Robertson**. Free kicks and corner kicks have been most successful this season for the **Pumas**. The team's best runner is **Celeste Galindo** she is shifty with a lot of openness. Coach **Roger Ceron** said, "My favorite memory was last Saturday when **Gisselle Ceron** had two shots at the goal and they both hit the goal post." The **Pumas** are a great team, they are very fun and they love the game. "We are expected to win due to changes...we are going to try and attack more." The starting line-up for the **Pumas** will be **Celeste Galindo**, **Lissette Pravinchandra** at midfielder, **Gisselle Ceron**, **Evelyn Romero** on defense, **Annabelle Watkins**, **Crystal Lima** at forward, and **Rebekah Cozza** in the goal. Subbing in to help out on defense will be, **Monica Herrera** she won't be letting anything past her, **Skylar Robertson** will be subbing in at offense.

The **Angels** are taught the fundamentals of soccer by their very enthusiastic coach, **Tracy Yanes**. Their most common formation the offense works out of is the "scatter pattern" it has also been one of the most successful plays this season, along with scoring. The **Angels** best runners are "All of my girls are all great runners because of the scatter pattern," said coach **Tracy Yanes**. **Gabriella Salazar** handles their team's kickoffs with her great passing technique. **Natalia Rueda** has the hardest kick on the team, which is why she plays great defense. The **Angels** offensive strengths are: quickly getting to the ball, their defensive strengths are: kicking the ball down the field, their other strengths are: taking the ball away from their opponents. Their most improved players are, **Destiny Ramos** who usually played defense but as a goalie she is very talented. **Alyna Manotaus** was afraid of the ball in the beginning but now she moves toward the ball a lot more. The **Angels** always work very hard for the ball and they have a lot of energy. The **Angels** are predicting to win; **Tracy Yanes** says, "The heavens above are going to release a lot of **Angels**." **Gabriella Salazar**, **Irelyn MacDiarmid** will start the team off at midfielder; with **Sarah Ruiz**, **Ashley Rodriguez** trying to score on offense, **Alyna Manotaus**, **Natalia Rueda** will be defending, **Destiny Ramos** as the goalie.

Both teams have been working very hard all season long. The champions will be determined on who wins this last game, we could not ask for a better day. Best of luck to both teams!



NBGC AFTER SCHOOL ROUND UP

By: Amanda Fox



COONLEY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

By: Farrah Douglas



KIDS CLUB

Kids Club is one of our afterschool programs here at the club. It runs from 2:00pm-6:00pm, Monday through Friday, and 9:00am-6:00pm on most Chicago Public School non-school days. Homework is our priority in Kids Club. Leaders are here to help kids with their homework, check their answers, and explain instructions. Once we finish with our homework, we rotate through different daily activities. We get to burn off some energy in the Gym, and challenge our friends at Ping Pong in the Gameroom. We try our skill at Qwirkle, Blokus, and other strategy games as well as the many computer games in the lab. We may also read a book, play with some legos or puzzles, watch a movie or play video games in the Reading Room. We also make some ornaments, dream catchers, or drawings during Arts and Crafts. We also have a snack every day.

Kids Club currently has 66 kids in the program with room for a few more. We have kids from Pre-K through 8th grade involved in the program, with many of our kids moving into the Leadership program when they are old enough. Half of the youth in Kids Club are also involved in Cheerleading, Dance, Soccer, Football and Basketball. We keep very busy taking them to their practices and picking them up from their practices. We have youth from many different schools in Kids Club, including: Bell, St. Benedict's, Disney, Bateman, Newberry, Audubon, Jamieson, Belding, LaSalle Language, Thorp, Blaine, Coonley and Reilly.

BRAIN GAMES

Brain Games is an Afterschool Matters sponsored Club for the Teens here at the Club. Brain Games is open to anyone 13 and up. We meet on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Computer Lab. During Brain Games, teens are encouraged to test their skill at some non-traditional games. We have many abstract-logic games as well as games that test your communication skills and make you think. Now this may sound a little intimidating, but most of these games are just plain fun! One of our current favorites is Qwirkle which is an award winning Mensa Select game. The way it is described to new comers is "a cross between Scrabble and Dominos". Although Qwirkle is one of the most popular games in Brain Games right now, we have also had some amazing times with Catch Phrase, Gemblo, Blokus, Othello and Backseat Drawing. The bigger the group the more fun we have!

CLUBHOUSE KIDS

Clubhouse Kids is our other afterschool program. This program is geared towards our older kids. If your child comes to the club to hang out with their friends before or after their games, or just for awhile afterschool, this is the program they are in. This program offers much more freedom than the Kids Club program. Youth in this program are allowed to come and go as they please. While they are here, they have many of the same options available to them as in Kids Club. There are different activities available to them depending on the day and time they are here. Some days they may have Gym time for awhile and then Lab time, others they get to enjoy the video games or a movie. Youth in this program always have access to the Gameroom as well as Homework Help anytime it's needed. If your child comes to the Club and you haven't filled out the paperwork for this program, please stop by the office and see Amanda or Farrah.

WINTER BREAK CAMP

We will again be offering a Winter Break Camp at NBGC. This year we will be open 9:00am-6:00pm on the Monday's, Tuesday's and Friday's of each week, for a total of 6 days. We will go on field trips on both Tuesday's, both to Navy Pier: once to see Santa vs the snowman and Madagascar 2 at the IMAX, and once to attend the Navy Pier Winter WonderFest. Registration for Winter Break Camp is now open, there are limited spots available. If you are interested in a spot for this camp, please stop by the office.

The Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club's Coonley Afterschool program is a result of a partnership between NBGC, the John C. Coonley Elementary School, and the Chicago department of Children and Youth Services. The program operates Monday through Thursday from 2:45pm until 6:00pm inside of Coonley Elementary School, as well as 9:00am until 6:00pm on days Chicago Public Schools are closed. The program consists of tutoring and/or homework assistance designed to help students meet classroom standards in core academic subjects, such as reading/language arts, mathematics, history and social studies, or science. A broad range of activities may be utilized based on the youth's needs and interests and available resources. In addition to the educational component, the after school program is enhanced by supplementary activities that may include but are not limited to, participation in and/or use of visual and performing arts, music, physical activity, health/nutrition, and general recreation; community service-learning; and other youth development activities based on student needs and interests. All of these activities are designed to enhance both the educational and social development aspect of the program. Leaders from NBGC are also involved in the program. They work closely with program staff to aid in daily supervision, academic strengthening activities (tutoring), program evaluations, as well aiding in the maintenance of a safe and cleanly environment for the program youth and providing younger with a positive role model.

Currently the program has an enrollment of 75 youth. We have youth from Pre-K through 8th grade involved in the program, with many of our older youth moving into the Leadership program or returning to earn service learning hours when they have graduated out of the program. The program also has a number of youth involved in the NBGC Sports program as well. The programs main focus is enhancing the academic performance of our youth through one on one and small group tutoring, as well as providing a number of workshops focused on the core academic subjects. We also keep our youth busy rotating them through various extracurricular activities including recreational sports, board games, as well as arts and craft. We are also proud to announce the second year of our partnership with the Midnight Circus.



THANKS TO THE STAFF & LEADERS



The special group who really makes this Club work - makes all activities possible - is the NBGC Staff and Leaders. They officiate your games the best they can, like you play the best you can. They keep score, teach at practices and camps, try to keep your attitude a positive one and look for ways to help you play and get along better. Whether you are a member, coach or parent, you know that there is always someone here for you to talk to, bounce your ideas off of or go to when you need to get something off of your chest. ***Without these dedicated teens and young adults there would not an NBGC!***

Thank you to Acting Program Director Bonnie Werstein, Assistant Program Director Phil Jensen, Coonley Kids Club Director Farrah Douglas, Coonley Kids Club Assistants Shatara Purnell and Shakila Reynolds, NBGC Kids Club Director Amanda Fox, Kids Club Assistant Jasmine Anza and boys and girls League Directors Kathi Jensen, Sam Jensen, Manny Miranda and Samantha Prodomos. They are here for you and your parents every day. We would also like to thank NBGC Executive Director Jim McNulty, Director of Development Bill Abplanalp, Administrative Assistant Mary Jeske, Volunteer Assistant Gloria Goerner.

The Leaders deserve our biggest "THANK YOU". Their job is difficult and often under-appreciated. They have the challenge of doing a public service for which their judgment is sometimes questioned. They handle themselves with poise and confidence, realizing that their work is appreciated when the kids grow up. Thank you to Mike VanDenBosch, Stephanie Benitez, Jessica Anetsberger, Sage Duckunue, Victoria Gonzalez, Derek Hearn, Timmy Jensen, Ariana Kroger, Valin Myers, Pat O'Connell, Miriam Ortiz, Tyler Seegert, Krystal Starr, Lito Torres, Ross Uhler, Summer Williams, Jaime Espinoza, Jocelyn Hernandez, Robert Gomez, Karrie Sercye, Brian Howe, Tonya Prodomos, Peter Paterno, Sarah Romo, Dylan Horsch, Daisy Salazar, Julian Hess, Jasmine Warnell, Christian Marquez, Karen Gibbons, Matthew Mohring, Samantha Marquez, Rahien Clark, Lara Domasik, Robert Clark and Gabriel Parra. .



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SENIOR SOCCER - from page 2

The Pumas are the contenders in the Thanksgiving Classic game. They may be some of the smallest girls out there, but they have definitely made an impact on the soccer field. They were always right behind the leaders in the standings by just a few points and again I'm surprised too they aren't in the championship game. Every team was equally matched and this day is worth all the marbles. It's a day that comes once in a year where you can really bring out all that you have as a team. That is what the Pumas did for every game, they brought out all they had and had fun doing it. This team is led by our veteran Coach Tracy Yanes and is assisted by Vanessa Yanes. Taking charge on the field are Captain Daisy Salazar and Co-captain Alexia Sosa. This team always brought out the best attitude and was always fun to watch. Even though this team doesn't always work in specific formations they are intent on gaining control of the ball. They do have a successful way of playing in the game. They work on quick throw-ins and getting to the ball first. When just a couple of minutes are left, they go into a play Coach Tracy Yanes likes to call "The Force." I don't know exactly what that means, but it definitely seems to work for them. This team is all about speed, you will never see a Puma just standing there and they are quick to get down the field. Coach Tracy Yanes believe that her fastest runners are Alexia Sosa because she does her shifty foot work to over power the opponent and also Genesis Scarpetta as her midfielder/defender because she crowds the ball and quickly gets it back down to the other side of the field. The Pumas leave the kickoffs to Alexia Sosa because she has a mighty kick and quick feet. This team is full of many strengths as Coach Tracy Yanes explains that her offense works on handling the ball down the sidelines and then works it towards the middle. The defense is always getting to the ball first and using the power trick to work the ball away from their goal. This team has definitely improved since the beginning of the season because they learned how to work together and had one of our greatest coaches to lead them. Coach Tracy Yanes explains that when she first started with the girls, most of them didn't know how to kick and as they worked closer together the girls finally got the hang of it. She believes that Berklee Asare has shown the most improvement because she is very shy, but with a few words of encouragement Berklee Asare started to use her quickness and became fearless. Amy Cumbe was also another Puma that was afraid of the ball, and it took some warming up, but she is now quick to the ball and has helped the team avoid many losses. The girl that has definitely improved and I agree with Coach Tracy Yanes on this one, is Iris Porrata because even with her small size she is fearless and never stopped fighting for the ball. The first time she scored a goal she turned towards the sidelines and had a smile from ear to ear. It has definitely been one of many highlights to this season. The Pumas have their strengths, but also believe that the Aliens have been their toughest opponent. They just can't seem to get around the girl with the thunderous kick, who we know as Danielle Thomas, she always took the ball away from them and kicked it right back to the other side. Coach Tracy Yanes says her favorite memory of the teams is just the pleasure they get when they win. They get so excited and they really look forward to playing each week. Coach Tracy Yanes reflection of this team is great because they are great bunch of girls to work with. She didn't know they would take to her so easily because she is extremely outspoken, but the girls and parents learned to accept this about her. She is overjoyed that she came back to coach this year and wishes she could have taken the girls further, but as she says, "there's always next year!" This team is extremely humble and expects to try to win on Thanksgiving Day. The girls you should expect to see starting this game are Alexia Sosa, Jennifer Haslwanter, and Genesis Scarpetta at midfield, Amy Cumbe and Berklee Asare at defense, Iris Porrata and Siria Arzuga at forward and Cathy Cumbe defending the goal. Coming in later during the game will be Daisy Salazar as goalie or forward and Cecilia Kattan as midfield, defense, or forward.

I wish all the teams' good luck, and as I've said numerous times I'm surprised you all didn't make the championship game. I'm still pleased with the match-ups and I can't wait to see what everyone brings out on Thanksgiving Day. Enjoy your holiday and I hope to see you come out for Basketball in the winter or Volleyball. Any questions or comments feel free to find me outside or in the clubhouse.

**BASKETBALL ROSTERS****Discovery Boys Basketball Team 08-09**

Bees: Ben Mariani, Alexander Ursu, Cole Jeffery, Mason Balderson, Jeb Balderson, Justin Cappis, Jack Kensik & Joe Kensik,

Cougars: Leo Klososky, Daniel Cahill, Angel Soto, Johnnie James Villaruel, Aviel Acevedo, Nathaniel Vargas, Geremiah Somerville, Michael Fabian & Wylie Warren-Boulton

Eagles: Roy Carver, Zyon Anderson, Jovanny Pagan, Jovani Espinoza, Anthony Pruckler, Jeramiah Pruckler, Jack Yee, Julian Allen & Anthony Alcantara

Locusts: Rene Martinez, Danny Kamatovis, Stevan Kamatovis, Elliot Gray, Miles Asare, Victor Martinez, Jared Staniszewski & Ben Sauer

Cadet Boys Basketball Team 08-09

Bees: Ryan Funck, Ben Lohman, Luke Kensik, Cullan MacDarmid, Angel Suarez, JJ Lawson, Henry Klososky & Erik Cebrero

Cougars: Jacob Thompson, Dalton Thompson, Jack Elkin, Brendan Cahill, Isac Sandoval, Jack Fabian, Luchinni Prabowo-Mandayo & Kenneth Cortes

Eagles: Fabricio Gomez, Kevin Santizo, Nicholas Pulley, Charlie Holmes, Alexander Schein, Andy Garcia, Jordin Kean, Tyler Pulley & Tai Yee,

Hornets: Alexander Navar, Gabriel Quinn, Thomas (TJ) Wall, Henry Simpson, Johnnino Villaruel, Marcus Monge, Nizar Benna & Javier (Javi) Poeliniz

Pirates: Ricardo Enriquez, Juan Carlos Cruz, Luis Sanchez, Moises Guerra, Christian Melecio, Genaro Velazquez, Elieus Torres & Nathaniel Santiago

Wasps: Edward Tribue, Jared May, Noah Oyola, Harry Sullivan, Matthew Hardin, Dillon Wojdyla & Marc Kielnik

Prep Boys Basketball Team 08-09

Bees: Loki Aguilera-Keifert, Jaden Howell-Gonzalez, Ian MacDarmid, Michael Lavin, Spencer Clark, Scott Cappis, Conor George, Samuel Duvall, Joel Cebrero & Johnathan Webb

Cougars: Declan Cahill, Jimmy Prodomos, Musieaux Fabio, Sebastian Nunez, Anthony, Cornacchia, Jose Villa, Maxwell Sorich, Michael Feigen, Marcus Lee & Cruz Angel Correa

Eagles: Brian Ficht, Jeremy Martorano, Angel Medina, Eduardo Gomez, Antonio Cruz, Jason Turrentine, Jace Hunter, Bennell Yoc & Craig Yee

Spartans: Thomas Palmer, Joey Bergren, Alonzo Andrei Padilla, Brandon Vargas, David Melecio, Gregory Kester, Kristian Zehirev, Romeo Advincula Jr & Elijah (Chris) Guzman

Tribe Basketball Team 08-09

Bees: Carter Luery, John Anthony Dickerson, Noah Duncan, Collin Smith, Tyson Harvey & Luis Iwamuro

Eagles: Marcus Yee, Andy Rodriguez, Edwin Cruz, Andres Bonilla, Angel Pagan & Liam Mulchrone

Falcons: Tyler Brown, Brandon Brown, Cyrus Vallejo, Angel Valentin, Gilbert Juarez & Wiphu Duangoupa

Locusts: Jesus Sandoval, Kenny Bruessard, Daniel Melendez, Ethan May, Aaron Moss & Aedan Benna

Pirates: Brandon Stammer, Jose Guerra, Cesar Lopez, Euerardo Velazquez & Hugo Navar, Manuel Camacho

Scorpions: Daniel Velez, Isaiah Lendor, Spencer Lane, Eric Novit, Johnathan Brito & Stuart Brito

Discovery Girls Basketball Team 08-09

Aliens: Enya Cruz, Xiomara Rueda, Norely Sanchez, Migdaliz Santiago, Chevanna Santizo & Sarai Valencia

Angels: Ajeya Brandon-Hopson, Ashley Chaves, Johanna Cruz, Arianna Rangel, Hailea Sacco & Tessa Versace

Twisters: Shannon Bailey, Sophia Hannah, Aerith Mayoroga, Jane McPheron, Jera Moses & Addison Taylor

Pebble Basketball Team 08-09

Aliens: Jade Cruz, Jamilet Garcia, Natalia Rueda, Sarah Ruiz, Taiana Baxtrom, Leslie Lopez & Eliana Maldonado,

Pumas: Victoria Aguirre, Maria Bernstein, Rebekah Cozza, Alisa Henger, Monica Herrera, Alexie Oyola & Iris Porrata

Wildcats: Jazzmin Correa, Lydia Lawrence, Jada Moses, Makeda Duncan, Zoe Leon, Irelyn MacDarmid & Payton Shearn

Senior Basketball Team 08-09

Angels: Anizbeth Alvarado, Jallyah Christian, Carmen Cruz, Maria Fernanda, Dasia Henderson, Dana Luery, Sophie Peterson, Anastasia Rodriguez, Jessica Sanchez & Nilda Virola

Comets: Tashla Campos, Crystal Castillo, Ivette Cebrero, Alexandra Espinoza, Jailene Espinoza, Jade Howell, Maria Ortiz, Abigail Ramos, Sarah Ramos, Brandi Nevarez & Brenda Nevarez

Mercuries: Abra Ash, Vivian DeBord, Amaris Noriega, Abigal Noriega, Keila Ortiz, Vanessa Ramirez, Malani Rosa, Victoria Rueda, Maria Ortiz & Maria Valencia,

Pumas: Elissa Aguirre, Alazae Alfonso, Berkeley Asare, Helena Feleke, Jennifer Haslwanter, Nina Pulido, Bella Pulido, Casandra Romero & Jade Rueda

Twisters: Alexa Castillo, Kimberly Cortes, Milica Devura, Amber Griffin, Ashley Hall, Janae Lang, Carrie Leverso, Noa Paley & Autumn Schroeder

**NBGC IS CLOSED FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 28TH & 29TH**



NBGC PARENT CLUB

By Aisha Pulido



It's not too late to join the NBGC Parent Group! Next Meeting: Thursday, December 4th, 2008, at 7:00 pm.

Recap of the Meeting from November 17th:

We Established Parent Group Committees - Anyone interested in joining the following committees is welcome: (Thank You Kathy Haslwanter for organizing the committees!)

- a) Fund Raising Support Team
- b) Outreach/Public Relations Support Team
- c) Maintenance Support Team
- d) Program Support Team

We Appointed - Parent Group Committees and Committee Chairs, President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer. We discussed a new NBGC Banner - In progress, please submit ideas. We are working on a Parent Group Mission Statement - In progress, please submit ideas.

Other Important Info We Went Over:

Basketball Registration overview - Basketball is available to all age groups and genders. Registration so far is high, and Basketball is going to be a huge success!

Candidate Training for New Leaders - (Will start after Thanksgiving - 1 - 2 hours per week for 7 weeks. Candidates must be 13 yrs, or older.) This is a core program that is unique to the NBGC and offers benefits for kids including: College Scholarship Opportunities - up to \$5000 per year. Stipend dollars for working. Helps kids build leadership skills, offers great work and community involvement experience.

Winter Break - Register your kids now ... it's going to be a fun one! Contact Amanda Fox for more info.

Football and Soccer Survey - Went out via email to 175 people. Please let the NBGC know your thoughts by filling out the survey.

Evaluation Satisfaction Survey - Submit your survey question ideas. Survey will be emailed to everyone, and will be available to view and complete on the website.

Please come out and join us for the next meeting, Thursday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m.



THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS!



There are many things to be grateful for at this time of year. One of the great resources for NBGC are the many people who volunteer throughout the year to make the organization a success.

Think about all the many fundraisers we hold to support the kids. We have a Family Fest, Golf Outing, Bears Bash, Ham Sales, Christmas Tree Sale, Scholarship fundraiser and others! How do these events happen? It is all thanks to our volunteers. They are a dedicated bunch of alumni, parents, neighbors, friends, teens and kids all brought together by one common thread - the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club.

To all of you who have volunteered on an event, painting, cleaning, gardening, running errands, stuffing envelopes, etc., thank you for making the Club a better place. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.



SUPPORT "TOYS FOR TOTS"



The Chicagoland Toys For Tots Committee proudly presents the "World's Largest Toys For Tots Motorcycle Parade". The 31st annual event will be held between 9:30 AM and 2:30 p.m. on Sun. Dec. 7th from the Dan Ryan Woods at 83rd and Western, ending at the 4th Marine Corp Center at Foster and Troy. The Parade Line Up starts at 6:00 AM. Only NEW toys and games are accepted and please, no stuffed animals. Call 773-866-TOYS or visit www.chicagolandTFT.org for info. Toys can also be dropped off at the 47th Ward office of Alderman Gene Schuiter, located at 4237 N. Lincoln Ave. Anyone with questions on the event or increased amount of traffic are encouraged to call the Alderman's office, (773) 348-8400.



THANK YOU TO OUR COACHES



One of the most important pieces of a team is the coaching staff. They are the guiding force, the ones who provide Leadership and Discipline. They are asked to teach, in their coaching and example, the very ideals upon which NBGC was founded in 1931 - hard work, discipline, fairness and loyalty. Thanks to this special group the NBGC idea continues to work 77 years later.

We should all be grateful for the time and effort of the coaches, doing their best for every single member of the team. The attitude of fair play and sportsmanship is one which should be carried onto the field by every player. As adults we can only hope that the atmosphere we have tried to create at NBGC will stay with them once they leave our fields.

Pebble League

Angels: Tracy Yanes
Pumas: Roger Ceron & Antonio Lima

Senior League

Aliens: Andres Castillo and Assistant Coach Jaime Espinoza
Angels: Aristeo Noriega
Twisters: Missy Cabrera and Glenn Zarymbksi
Pumas: Tracy Yanes and Vanessa Yanes

Cadet League

Falcons & Pirates: Tim Jensen and Mike VanDenBosch

Bronco League

Raiders: John Moorehouse, Mike Hanna and Sean Canning Sr.
Cowboys: Jody Libman, Craig Shipley, Jim Suszka and Mark Staublin
Ravens: Angel Cortes and Michael Fernandez
Broncos: Jim Roth, Mike Cox, Tom Clark and Danny Figueroa



WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?



We asked some of the members and staff to tell us what they were thankful for and this is what we heard ...

- I am thankful for ...
- ... family, friends, the things I love, people who care for me, food, and a house to live in. -Lauren Spencer, age 12
- ... for my family and friends, NBGC, my health and for Obama. -Farrah Douglas, Staff
- ... my school because I have a lot of friends at school.
- ... that I have friends that care for me
- ... for my family. -Nicholas Pacheco, age 7
- ... for the NBGC because it is a place where I can be what I want to be and because it has helped me grow up. I am also thankful to have people that love me, support me, and believe in me. -Samy P, Staff
- ... for Earth and for turkey. -Andres Ortiz age 8
- ... for food. -Joshua Wessman, age 7
- ... for my dad and mom. -Matthew Pacheco, age 9
- ... for my friends and family, and for always having enough to eat and drink.
- ... my loving family, my friends that support me when I need it the most and being born. -Kathi Jensen, Staff
- ... for a family, friends, food, a house, mom and dad, a bed and for schools. Sophia Elouati, age 7
- ... for being home. -Bonnie Werstein, Staff
- ... for books, toys, paper, family and home. -Thomas Sullivan, age 6
- ... for the computer lab at camp, and snacks at Kids Club. -Amber Engler, age 7
- ... for Phil, Dan, Sam, Kathi and Tim; that we're always there for each other.
- I am thankful that we have a roof over our heads, clothes to wear and food to eat. -Angie Jensen, parent
- ... for food and family. -Ryan Elouati, age 6
- ... for my family. -Savannah Jerome-Branson, age 8
- ... for family, friends, and my community. -Jessica Anetsberger, Leader



The players listed below have been honored by their teammates and league coaches as All-Americans. They were selected based upon more than just skill. More important were the qualities of Leadership, Dependability, Commitment and Sportsmanship. An All-American will always give the team his best effort and will set a positive example for his teammates. Congratulations to all of you for your contribution to your team and to the Boys & Girls Club.

Bronco All-Americans

Cardinal/Broncos: Ian Osinski, Cole Riley, Max Rimac, Paul Huetteman, Tommy Schultz

Ravens: Liam Sullivan, Evan VanPuymbrock, William Gutierrez, Eric Novitt, Jaden Gonzalez

Raiders: Jack Moorehouse, Mike Defillipis, Josh Bailey, Alexis Bahena, Jacob Jones

Cowboys: Andrew Hodur, Ray Santiago, Richie Thompson, Danny Siefert, Christopher Vass

Discovery Awards

Addison Taylor "Most Valuable Player"

Desiree Rodriguez "The Secret Weapon"

Sarai Valencia "Sweet Kicks"

Sophia Hannah "Energizer Bunny"

Norely Sanchez "Speed Demon"

Pebble All Americans

Angels: Gabriella Salazar, Ashley Rodriguez, Natalia Rueda

Pumas: Gisselle Ceron, Monica Herrera, Celeste Galindo

Senior All-Americans

Twisters: Elizabeth Corronel, Patricia Corronel, Baylee Cabrera, Alexa Castillo, and Sarah Zarymski

Angels: Amaris Noriega, Malani Rosa, Vivien DeBord, Victoria Rueda, and Crystal Staley

Pumas: Alexia Sosa, Daisy Salazar, Amy Cumbe, Cathy Cumbe, and Iris Porrata

Aliens: Jazmine Pina, Izabel Pina, Bianca Diaz, Alexandra Espinosa, and Abigail Ramos

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR? - from page 7

... for food, my family, my toys and stuff like that and for a house to live in. - Desiree Rodriguez, age 5 and Ashley Rodriguez, age 9

... for having a nice warm house. - Lauren Conner, age 10

... for the world. -Javi Poeliniz, age 7

... for my family and friends, and for NBGC. -Manny Miranda, Staff

... for great family, wonderful friends, clothes, house, myself, my great personality, food to eat, movies, books, TV, and education. -Caleb Smiley, age 11

... for my mom and dad. -Alex Ursu, age 5

... for food and houses. -Ki Smiley, age 7

... for family, sports, my pets, food and for NBGC. -Sam Jensen, Staff

... for my family. -Marc Kielnik, age 7

... for my cousin that came back from Afghanistan safe, for my family and friends, and for my education.

... for my family and food. -David Melecio, age 10

... for football and food. -Jeremy Martorano, age 9

... for food, shelter, a warm bed, chocolate, and my family.

... for the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club and four great years of employment. -Michael VanDenBosch, Senior Leader

... for my mom and my home, also for my things too!

... for food and a house. -Alex Elouati, age 9

... for food and books. -Fletcher Vogel, age 8

... for my mom and dad, my brothers and sister, NBGC, food, and my dogs and cats. -Tim Jensen, Leader

... for the food we eat and for everything. -Tashia Campos, age 12

... for my family. -Max White, age 8

... for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the many families that belong to the Club. I am thankful for the great leaders and staff I work with, as well as the amazing youth that make me smile each and every day. -Amanda Fox, Staff

... for the toys that I play with. -Kevin Santizo, age 7

... for my toys, my earrings and my family. -Chevonna Santizo, age 5

... for the wonderful people I have in my life! -Jasmine Anza, Staff

... for my baby brother because he loves me so much! -Kayla Nelson, age 6



We had a nice turnout for the annual Parent & Son/Daughter Turkey Toss. The event was sponsored by the George Howe Family. Teams of parents and sons/daughters took turns tossing darts at paper turkey targets. There were some excellent scores, but most importantly there was a lot of parent & child fun. The winners are listed below. The high scores in each group received a gift card for a turkey (one per family) for Thanksgiving dinner, and certificates were awarded for the other places. Congratulations to the winners and to everyone who participated.

Winners based on total number of members participating per league**Discovery Boys**

1st Place	Miles Asare & Brenda Asare	27	Turkey*
2nd Place	Matthew Obmann & Ashley Obmann	21	Turkey
3rd Place	Jovani Espinoza & Maribel Espinoza	18	Award
4th Place	Jared Staniszewski & Tony Staniszewski	17	Award

Discovery Girls

1st Place	Shannon Bailey & Jim Bailey	17	Turkey
2nd Place	Desiree Rodriguez & Lynette Rodriguez	15	Turkey*
3rd Place	Sarai Valencia & Margarita Valencia	5	Award
3rd Place	Addison Taylor & Geoff Taylor	5	Award
3rd Place	Jera Moses & Cynthia Moses	5	Award

Cadet

1st Place	Shane Henger & Adam Henger	28	Turkey
2nd Place	Harry Sullivan & Susan Sullivan	21	Turkey
3rd Place	Gabe Quinn & Susan Sullivan	20	Award
4th Place	Dillon Wojdyla & Tony Wojdyla	18	Award
4th Place	Fabricio Gomez & Isabel Gomez	18	Award

Pebble

1st Place	Ashley Rodriguez & Jessica Anetsberger	26	Turkey*
2nd Place	Amber Engler & Chris Engler	21	Turkey
2nd Place	Victoria Aguirre & Carmen Aguirre	21	Turkey
3rd Place	Gaby Salazar & Juana Perez	11	Award
4th Place			

Prep

1st Place	Max Cioffi & Chris Cioffi	39	Turkey
2nd Place	Eli Guzman & Chris Guzman	31	Turkey
3rd Place	Nick Bialek & Jim Bailey	30	Award
4th Place	Josh Bailey & Jim Bailey	25	Award
4th Place	Ian MacDairmid & Wally Nasser	25	Award

Junior

1st Place	Victoria Rueda & Ricardo Rueda	20	Turkey
2nd Place	Berkelee Asare & Brenda Asare	16	Turkey*
3rd Place	Mia Devura & Sandy Devura	5	Award

Tribe

1st Place	Isaiah Lendof & Shay Bruessard	38	Turkey
2nd Place	Angel Pagan & Angel Pagan	31	Turkey
3rd Place	Jesus Sandoval & Isabel Gomez	24	Award
4th Place	Alexis Behena & John Moorehouse	15	Award

Senior

1st Place	Bella Pulido & Aisha Pulido	25	Turkey
2nd Place	Summer Williams & Paul Williams	23	Turkey
2nd Place	Sarah Zarymski & Glenn Zarymski	23	Turkey
2nd Place	Jailene Espinoza & Jaime Espinoza	23	Turkey*
3rd Place	Maria Valencia & Margarita Valencia	18	Award

* Only one turkey winner per family

**TURKEY BOWL VOLUNTEERS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

One great aspect of our traditional Thanksgiving celebration is our alumni participation. Many former Leaders and Staff come out to help officiate, serve refreshments and announce the games. Many others come out to watch the games and relive their childhood glory. As of Nov. 20th, the people listed below have volunteered to maintain the tradition of this great event. We could not do this without them.

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