



LAWRENCE PARK
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



What's NEW

Spring/Summer 2010

TAKE NOTE

Baseball

Now underway (visit the LPAA website for details)

Soccer

Registration now open

Family Fun Day

- Save the date, Saturday June 5, Cheltenham Park
- Volunteers needed to run the events (parents and students welcome)
- Please contact David at david.farwell@cantire.com 416.480.3685 or Nicole at nicolenoxom@hotmail.com 416.529.0774

Our mission statement

The LPAA was established more than 60 years ago with the goal to encourage families in the Lawrence Park area to participate together in athletic activities with a focus on camaraderie and having fun.

The LPAA is run by volunteer parents from within our area. Everyone is welcome and our volunteers enjoy their strengthened connections to the community.

In 2010, the LPAA continues to work hard in our neighbourhood. Here are a few facts and figures on the LPAA:

- Activities offered include Soccer (Fall), Hockey (December to February), Swimming (Fall and Winter), Baseball (Spring) and Family Fun Day (June)
- More than 2,500 participants and coaches are engaged in LPAA activities
- Our website (www.LPAA.ca) received more than 10,000 hits in the past year

In order to provide guidance to the LPAA executive on our role in the community, a survey was conducted among participants in recent LPAA activities. Here are the key results:

- LPAA remains an important contributor to the community helping to connect neighbours and creating opportunities for kids and parents to learn and have fun together;
- LPAA should provide activities for the community based on maximizing participation (parents and kids), having fun, learning new skills with less emphasis on competition;
- Enhancements/improvements are also welcome but not at the risk of bogging down the LPAA (taking on too much too fast) or appearing to be more than a community focused association.

Based on this feedback combined with other survey results, the LPAA Executive is committed to:

- Ensuring each activity is aligned with the LPAA mission;
- Establishing an ongoing communication program aimed at providing current and new members of our community with updates on LPAA programs;
- Increasing the profile of the LPAA in our community.

If you have any questions or additional suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Chuck Johnston – President (c.johnston@axon-com.com)

David Wright – Vice President (dwright@agorainc.com)

Donna MacKenzie – Treasurer (dorlands@sympatico.ca)



Volunteers needed!

Last year we had 300 Volunteer convenors and coaches which is a testament to our collective dedication to our kids and community. We will continue to seek out and encourage anyone with spirit to join us; no experience is ever needed — so please volunteer!

BASEBALL

LPAA Baseball is well underway (please see the LPAA website for registration details). The first game of the baseball season was April 26th with June 17th as the day for the last pitch. A special thanks to Brad Nullmeyer for stepping in to lead the baseball program this spring. Brad’s hard work to ensure we have another successful baseball season is much appreciated.

LPAA Spring 2010 Baseball Season				
	LEAGUE	AGE	GAME LOCATION	Day
GIRLS	Peewee	6, 7, 8	Cheltenham and Sherwood	Wednesday
	Junior	9,10,11	Cheltenham and Blythwood	Thursday
	Senior	12,13,14	Blythwood	Wednesday
BOYS	Peewee	6, 7	Cheltenham	Monday and Tuesday
	Junior	8, 9	Cheltenham, Blythwood and Sherwood	Tuesday
	Intermediate	10,11	Blythwood and Sherwood	Monday
	Senior	12,13,14	Blythwood and Sherwood	Thursday

FAMILY FUN DAY

Save the Day for the Lawrence Park Athletics Association Family Fun Day – Saturday, June 05 in Cheltenham Park

The LPAA is proud to present its annual Family Fun Day in Cheltenham Park. Please join us to celebrate our community in what is truly one of the best family neighbourhood events of the year! Festivities will include:

- a variety of carnival games and races, bouncy castles, crafts, pet show, water gun battle and other activities throughout the day;
- a family breakfast in the park and then BBQ lunch hosted by Lawrence Park Community Church;
- a bring your own food to BBQ family picnic dinner (a “dry” event this year as a result of new City policy); and
- an open-air DJ dance party into the evening hosted by Planet Dance to prove that “Lawrence Park Rocks!”

We’ll have an LPAA information booth set up where you can find out more about the association, its current sports programs and how to get involved on a volunteer or coaching basis. A special thank you to the organizing committee: Dave Farwell, Catherine Orcutt, Nicole Noxon and Rob Featherby for their effort and hard work to continue this great annual tradition in Lawrence Park!



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We're looking for volunteers (students and parents) to help run the various events of the day, and in particular to help with morning setup and afternoon takedown. Please email or call if you would like to help out on June 5th:
 david.farwell@cantire.com or 416-480-3685
 nicolenoxon@hotmail.com or 416-529-0774

Please forward this note to your friends and neighbours, particularly those who are new to Lawrence Park, who might not be on our email list – Thanks!



SOCCER 2010

Registration is now open and will remain open until division enrollment goals have been achieved. Please register online as soon as possible to ensure that your child is not disappointed.

We will offer the following soccer divisions in 2010

Division	Year of Birth
Tykes (Mixed teams: Boys and Girls)	2005 and 2006
Peewees (Boys and Girls teams)	2003 and 2004
Juniors (Boys and Girls teams)	2001 and 2002
Bantams (Boys and Girls teams)	1999 and 2000
Intermediates (Boys and Girls teams)	1996, 1997 and 1998
Seniors (Mixed)	1993, 1994 and 1995

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR 2010

- In order to ensure there is fair and balanced skill level among teams the friend request policy remains as follows: *Tykes, Peewees and Juniors*: friend request will be honoured when possible. *Bantams, Intermediate and Seniors*: friend request must be a mutual request
- First matches: Saturday, September 11th (various parks in the area)

SOCCER CAMP: AUGUST 16TH – 20TH

The Lawrence Park Athletic Soccer Camp is aimed at children interested in learning and improving upon the skills of the game as well as having plenty of fun. In 2010, the week-long camp is scheduled from August 16th-20st and runs from 9:00am-12 noon every day. The camps are for both boys and girls and are designed to provide an opportunity not only to learn technical skills but game principles as well. In order to provide an environment that is more conducive to learning, the camps will be divided into 2 groups at the following locations:

1. Grades: JK, SK, 1 & 2: Wanless Park
2. Grades: 3-6: Cheltenham Park

In order to guarantee individual attention, a healthy player/instructor ratio of 12:1 will be maintained whenever possible. The Summer Soccer Camp Program is under the direction of Peter Sarantopoulos and Paolo Ceccarelli. Both are former members of Canada's National Team and currently hold a provincial 'B' coaching license. Peter and Paolo can be reached at the following numbers:

Paolo 905-833-3263 or cell 416-602-8378

Peter 416-322-0099



HOCKEY

LPAA Hockey concluded another successful season despite the strange weather we received. LPAA hockey had 400 participants with the support of 60 Coaches and four Convenors. The hockey season culminated with a very successful banquet held on April 11th. Thank you to Tara Borg, Dana Hill, Frazer Reeves, Andy McNair and Kurt Wege for their help at the banquet and throughout the hockey season.

SWIMMING

LPAA offers Red Cross swimming lessons for boys and girls ages 3 to 14. Registration is open to any family within 5 kms of the Sunnyview or Glenview pools. Our prices are much lower than the competition (as we run a non-profit program) and our class sizes are very small (on average we have 3-5 children per class). For further information, contact either Karen Nicholson at 416-489-3510 or at lgpk@rogers.com or Jill Knudsen at 416-483-3665 or at jknudsen@cgck.com.

HALL OF FAME

The LPAA Executive would like to announce that a LPAA Hall of Fame has been established. The objective of the Hall of Fame is to acknowledge the contribution and dedication to the LPAA of individuals in our community. LPAA Hall of Famers will be given a plaque and their profile will be posted in a special section on our website. Each year at the Annual General Meeting, the LPAA Executive will identify new inductees to the Hall of Fame. Qualifying individuals have served in the LPAA as a Czar, Convenor or as a member of the Executive for more than 10 years. Given the 30 year history of the LPAA, we ask your help in identifying individuals who might qualify for this honour. Please send a note to any member of the executive with your recommendation.

Retirement of Hockey and Baseball Czar: Kevin Nullmeyer

For the past ten years, Kevin Nullmeyer has worked tirelessly to ensure the success of both the LPAA hockey and baseball programs. Kevin has amazing organizational skills and an engaging dry wit which made working with him a real pleasure. On behalf of the LPAA, we thank Kevin for his extraordinary contributions to the LPAA.

We are in urgent need of a replacement for Kevin. If you are interested, please contact any member of the LPAA executive.



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NEW LPAA LOGO

One of our goals in 2010 is to increase our profile in the community. One of the steps we have taken to achieve this goal is to create a new logo for the LPAA. You may have noticed the new logo which will be visible on all future uniforms, signs, communication materials, and the website. Thanks to Kevin Nullmeyer who prepared the creative brief and to Sylvia Baumann and her team for developing a number of logo options for testing. To ensure the "logo" was contemporary enough, Donna MacKenzie and Philip Allen conducted market research among our core audience, grade 5 and 6 classes at two of our community schools.

Fair Play Code of Conduct

Our goal is to ensure each activity is aligned with the LPAA mission. To support our efforts in this regard, we have developed a LPAA Fair Play Code for Players, Coaches and Parents (posted on the LPAA website). You are encouraged to familiarize yourself with this code and to share it with all participants in LPAA activities.