



April 2022 Newsletter

Hotdogs...Candy...Soda

ARAA is looking for an individual to fill the roll of concessions director. This position will support the ordering and oversee paid staff at the Central Park Concession Stand. Our concessions provide a great service to our families who are busy running to and from practice, work and other events. If this is something you are interested in, or would like more information, please contact Dustin Reeder at president@arsports.org.

ARAA Baseball at Target Field

Come watch Anoka High School Baseball battles the Elk River Elks at Target Field on April 28th at 3:30 PM

This year, the Tornadoes will be playing the Elks on April 28th (approximately 3:30 PM) at Target Field immediately following the Minnesota Twins game that day. Your purchase of a ticket also includes admission to the Minnesota Twins game that day (Minnesota Twins game time is at 12:10 PM).

To purchase tickets, please use the following link. Actual hard copies of tickets will be mailed to address provided upon completion of form and receipt of payment.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfF3yXlvWhJJEvHSy4Zj3cPf19cyIowJ1tPLA6j8-d0_xl9Nw/viewform

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Don Gonse @ dgonse@nparallel.com or any of the other Anoka Baseball Booster Club board members.

Charitable Gambling

Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association partners with 8 businesses to offer charitable gambling to our community. What is Charitable gambling? Charitable gambling is an opportunity for community members to support the youth of Anoka and Ramsey with organized sports and activities to participate in. Our gambling partners provide incentivized giving to our organization. For our 4400 athletes over 10 activities, the charitable gambling contributions provide upgraded playing facilities, equipment and experiences. Please consider visiting one of our partners.

[Willy McCoy's](#)

Daily pull tabs
Etabs and E Bingo available
Bingo Saturdays at 1:00
Meat Raffle Fridays at 5:00

[McDuffs](#)

Daily pull tabs
Etabs available
Bingo Monday at 7:00pm
Meat Raffle Saturday at 4:00pm

[Northwoods](#)

Daily pull tabs
E tabs available
Bingo Wednesday at 7:00pm, Sunday at 4:00pm
Meat Raffle Saturday and Sunday at 2:00

[The Ponds](#)

Pull tabs during open hours
E tabs during open hours
Bingo Friday at 6:30, Meat raffle 5:30
Saturday Bingo 2:00, Meat Raffle 1:00

[Greenhaven](#)

Pull tabs/etabs daily
Bingo starting November 11 Thursday's at 7:00pm
Food specials during bingo

[Northfork](#)

Pull tabs during open hours
Occasion bingo December/January/February

[Kitchen Table](#)

etabs/pull tabs daily

[Acapulco](#)

etabs/pull tabs daily

[Aurerlio's](#)

etabs/pull tabs daily
Meat raffle Sundays at 4:00



Volleyball

Contact: Volleyball@arsports.org

Junior Olympic Volleyball

We are nearing the end of our JO Volleyball season and what a great season it has been!

Our youth development teams were introduced to competitive volleyball during their weeknight power league against other volleyball clubs. Between the power league and practices, our 10s and 11s teams grew in skill and understanding of the game. The teams finished their season strong and with big wins at their final tournament!

Our 12s through 16s teams participated in 6 or more tournaments throughout the season. These teams worked hard all season improving and building on their knowledge of the game. They had an outstanding season with many fantastic tournament results!

Our coaches have been amazing role models, shared their passion for the game and worked with all the girls to become better volleyball players, mentally and physically.

Every year our program has grown with players looking to further their skills and gain more knowledge of the game of volleyball. Each year we have been fortunate to have players, families and coaches that do a great job representing Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association. We look forward to our next season!

House Volleyball

Getting excited for House Volleyball? We are!

ARAA Volleyball has been busy planning another great season for our 3rd through 12th graders! Registration will open in May. Watch for communication regarding our 2022 Fall House season in the weeks to come!

We are in need of parent volunteers to coach in our house league. No volleyball experience is necessary. ARAA will provide all coaches with the tools and resources for a successful and rewarding coaching experience. If you are interested in coaching for our house league email Jessie, ARAA House Volleyball Director, at araahousevolleyball@gmail.com.

Spring/Summer Volleyball Opportunities

If your volleyball player is looking for more volleyball opportunities;

- ARAA Volleyball and Anoka High School are finalizing summer camp details for our volleyball players. Watch for communication regarding these camps!
- Many other local volleyball clubs and colleges also host summer volleyball camps. These camps can be daily, weekly or overnight camps and can be position specific or all skill camps.

Board Openings

ARAA Volleyball is looking for volunteers to fill our open Communications and Equipment/Uniform positions. These positions are 2 year terms (2022-2024) and provide 50 percent off of volleyball registration fees per child in our House and/or JO Volleyball programs. Each position involves 1 monthly board meeting and responsibilities described below. If you are interested in either of these positions, please email

volleyball@arsports.org.

- Communications; click [here](#) for responsibilities
- Equipment/Uniform; click [here](#) for responsibilities



Soccer

Contact: president@northernlightsoccer.org

A lot is happening for our soccer programs this spring. We are excited for our new competitive partnership brand and to kick off our spring/summer rec season.

Spring/Summer Rec Soccer

Registration closes on Sunday, April 10. The purpose of the Rec Program is to provide an opportunity for kids to have fun, learn the sport and develop a life-long love of the game.

We provide teams for youth from Pre-K through high school. Make sure to sign your child up today!

https://arsports.sportngin.com/register/form/458572834#_ga=2.223157787.1212422634.1648742037-1119307171.1643043711

Competitive Soccer New Brand

We are excited to announce the continuation of our competitive partnership with CR United Soccer Club with a name that reflects us! North United SC will continue as the name of our partnered competitive programs starting in the fall of 2022. Like us on Facebook and check out our new website www.northunited.org



Your soccer club needs referees, and we need your help. We are looking for refs for both our rec and competitive program!

Refs in our rec program will be trained by our staff and make \$18/hour!! If you are interested in referring in our rec program, please send your name to Meghan at president@northernlightsoccer.org.

Refs are in great need in our competitive program as well! You must be 13 or older to become a referee for competitive soccer. Pay rates vary by field placement and games! Parents and/or kids can train to be a competitive ref! There is a comprehensive training program available if you are interested! If you would like more information or a link to the training information, please reach out to Meghan at president@northernlightsoccer.org.



Lacrosse

Contact: lacrosse@arsports.org



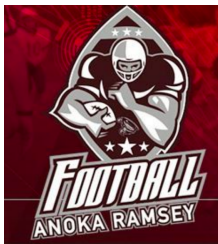
Registration is still open for our Spring Boys and Summer Girls Programs

Spring Boys Lacrosse – **registration closes on Sunday, April 10:**

<https://arsports.sportngin.com/register/form/126006410>

Summer Girls Lacrosse: <https://arsports.sportngin.com/register/form/302551849>

We are excited to begin our seasons. The 14U and 12U boys are already back on the fields playing box lacrosse and the 12U girls spring season starts next week. Make sure to sign up today.



Football

Contact: Football@arsports.org

Our receiver Camp that has been held on Wednesdays will be moving outdoors. There is no camp on 4/6, but starting 4/13 we will be outside at the high school from 4pm-6pm.

The QB Camp will continue through May at the HS on Sunday nights starting at 6:30pm.

Be on the lookout for registration opening May 1st for players and coaches

If you are interested in getting involved, we are in need of help with the Gala and Setting up the fields during the season. Contact football@arsports.org for more information.



Baseball

Contact: baseball@arsports.org

The 2022 Anoka Ramsey Traveling and House Baseball teams are looking to take the field in April now that spring is here! (That's if Mother Nature gets the memo that we are over the snow and ready for some baseball) We are excited to announce that our numbers have increased and we currently will have 11 traveling teams, with 4 of them at the 13's level. We can't wait to see where everyone travels to this summer.

Thank you to all those that registered for house ball and attended evaluations. All house teams have now been drafted and correspondence from all Head Coaches will be out by this weekend introducing teams.

Congratulations to the kids that have been selected to the 9U Tournament team.

There will be a Mandatory April Coaches clinic for all ARAA Baseball. April 11th at Rivers Bend in Ramsey. 6-8PM. More information to come within week.

Little Ballers registration is now open. Little ballers are for kids ages 3-4 years old. Dates are May 15th, May 22nd, June 5th and June 12th at Central Park from 5-6PM.

Register for little ballers here: <https://www.arsports.org/littleballers>

There will be an upcoming parent meeting, be on the lookout for more information on this.

Also follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AnokaRamseyBaseball>

This season we will have a Coaches Corner, Players of the Week, Upcoming Events, Highlights from Tournaments and Games and more.

Come join our board, current Open Board Positions: Junior House Director, Volunteer Coordinator, K-2 House Coordinator, Senior House Coordinator 7th-9th, Concessions Coordinator.

Thank you to Mauer Main for their donation to our program. We truly appreciate it.

Please reach out if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you all out on the ball field.



Outdoors

Contact: bj_brent@yahoo.com

Outdoors has been busy lately preparing for and anticipating our upcoming 2022 Jr Basser competitive bass fishing teams. Our juniors and high schoolers will be competing against teams from around the state to catch the most big fish on derby day!

Our fishing team is met with outstanding support from our sponsors. We'd like to thank our supporters and encourage our local family and friends to show your gratitude for their support by considering these companies next time you're in the market for something these companies and brands provide:

E & J Rebar

Blue42 Company

St Francis Dental

WAM - Women Anglers of Minnesota

Clam Outdoors

Blackfish Gear

All Terrain Tackle

RLVNT Eyewear

Amped Outdoors

Thorne Brothers Custom Rod and Tackle

Vista Outdoors

G2-Gemini

That's quite a list, and we're proud to show them all off on our competitive jerseys as they really do help provide our kids a special experience!

Aside from fishing, Outdoors has decided to settle in on one annual firearm safety field day training as opposed to several smaller classes. We anticipate our next field day to take place in August prior to the Fall hunting seasons. We only offer the field day training component to firearm safety certification. The class is also required and must be taken first. We don't offer this class, however, it can be completed online or in person (see MN DNR website for details on classes or the online course). If an August field day training works well for your family, anticipate by completing the coursework ahead of time - hey, why not start now?

Finally, thanks and congrats to the participants of our winter ice fishing derby, we hope you had fun and enjoy your prizes! Thanks Clam Outdoors for providing the wonderful prizes!



Basketball

Contact: basketball@arsports.org

Save the Date! ARAA Sponsored Summer Basketball Clinics. June 13-16 and July 11-14 at Lord of Life. 5-9 pm each day. Time slots for 2nd - 8th Grade. Look for details and registration soon on the ARAA Basketball Website!

If you have not completed basketball dibs hours you have until April 15 to do so.

Open Board Positions: If you would consider applying for a board position or learning more about positions please contact a board member. Current open positions are Treasurer, Scheduling Director, Tournament Coordinator, Equipment and Uniform Coordinator, Fundraising and Sponsorship Director, House Coordinator, Concessions Director, Boys Traveling Coordinator, Girls Traveling Coordinator.



Softball

Contact: softball@arsports.org

8U is still looking for a few players to complete teams for the season.

Register for 8U at [2022 Spring Softball Registration](#)

14U has limited open spots to fill to complete the team for this upcoming season, if interested please email softball@arsports.org.

Dibs shifts for the upcoming season will be posted in the coming week, please watch email and Facebook for information on DIBs.

The softball board has open positions that we are looking to fill and get more parents involved. The treasurer and volunteer coordinator is open and looking to fill with someone that would like to help plan and advance each season forward. Being part of the board is a great way to help make critical planning decisions and help grow our program, additionally our board members hard work allows one of their players, play a season for free each year.