

SOSC Family,

The Coaches Education System is rolling along as we all prepare for the **2005 Mandate:**

**"ALL HEAD COACHES MUST BE LEVEL 1 CERTIFIED
TO PARTICIPATE IN CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIPS:
BEGINNING WITH SUMMER GAMES 2005."**

Remember, not only do you need to attend the Coaches Certification classes, you must also follow through with the Practicum and Paperwork as well. I would also like to recognize all of the Regional and Area Sports Coordinators who have made the SOSC Coaches Education System "vision" a reality thus far. Please take the time to thank your personal Sports Coordinator for their hard work and dedication, and for making all of our coaches better on and off of the field.

In this September 2004 Coaches' Newsletter, you will find exhibition highlights, training summaries, and upcoming events. The SOSC Sports Department hopes that you will take advantage of these great opportunities being offered (check the Coaches' Corner website often); we will see you all very soon at the 2004 Fall Games on October 23, 2004, hosted at Cal State Fullerton.

- Doug Manning

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 9, 2004 - LA GALAXY - "Special Olympics Night"

** See Coaches' Corner Website for more details & flyer - **REGISTRATION DEADLINE is Friday, 10/1/04**

Saturday, October 16, 2004 - VOLVO Hearst Castle CYCLING Challenge

** See Coaches' Corner Website for more details & flyer - **REGISTRATION DEADLINE is Tuesday, 10/5/04**

Saturday, October 23, 2004 - FALL GAMES @ Cal State Fullerton

*** Come see the 1150+ SOSC athletes show their skills and competitive nature in Bowling, Cycling, Power lifting, Roller-skating, Soccer, Softball, & Volleyball. ***

Saturday, October 23, 2004 - TJ Maxx Gymnastics Tour with SOSC Exhibition @ Arrowhead Pond

Nicci Klepper - Murrieta, CA (Temecula Valley) - Rhythmic
Courtney Denicholas - San Diego, CA (San Diego) - Balance Beam
Carmel Goodwin - Lakewood, CA (Southeast LA) - Floor
Jackie Johnson - Lakewood, CA (Southeast LA) - Uneven Bars
Matthew Folsom - Ventura, CA (Ventura) - Parallel Bars

** Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com

Saturday, October 30, 2004 - TJ Maxx Gymnastics Tour with SOSC Exhibition @ Staples Center

Leslie Nogrady - Murrieta, CA (Temecula Valley) - Rhythmic

Tom Tislow - Cerritos, CA (Orange County) - Parallel Bars
Nicole Nelson - Cypress, CA (Orange County) - Balance Beam
Bethany Adams - Palmdale, CA (Antelope Valley) - Uneven Bars
Krystal Johnson - Rialto, CA (Western San Bernardino) - Floor Exercise
** Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com

Saturday, November 6, 2004 - Coaches Training - Ice & Speed Skating - OXNARD, CA - hosted by Patrick Taillon

** Details and flyer to be posted ASAP on www.sosc.org/coachcorner.html

January, 2005 (weekend) - Coaches Training - Winter Mountain Sports - BIG BEAR, CA - hosted by SOSC

** Details and flyer to be posted ASAP on www.sosc.org/coachcorner.html

Saturday, March 19, 2005 - LA REGION - Summer Multi-Sport Training - hosted by Reza Marty

** Location - LA Swim Stadium/Weingart Intergenerational Community Center

** Aquatics Clinicians - Karen Gallizio and ***Olympic Gold Medallist JANET EVANS***

** Sports Offered - Aquatics, Basketball, Bocce, & Tennis

** Details and flyer to be posted ASAP on www.sosc.org/coachcorner.html

PAST EVENTS

LA SPARKS - "OLYMPIAN NIGHT" - 9/1/2004

The SOSC Gold Medal winning (Summer Games 2004) Women's Basketball Team from Southeast LA was honored during a timeout and given a **standing ovation** at the LA Sparks game on Wednesday, 9/1/2004. This "Olympian Night," honored Special Olympics athletes and Olympians past and present throughout the night.

Members of the squad honored during the Sparks game included Sha-ka Ammons, Krysten Augustine, Ana Barajas, Michelle Holley, Cassandera Jones, Assistant Coach Cynthia Lee, Head Coach Maria Martucci, Breanne Morales, Megan Pegueros, Penny Riggs, & Letti Tiscareno.

More than 40 athletes and coaches from East San Gabriel were also in attendance to cheer them during the ceremony and the Sparks onto victory as well. Thanks for your support East San Gabriel!!

*** Check the Coaches' Corner Website (under **archives**) for pictures from this exciting night.

NIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

I was fortunate enough to serve as Head of Delegation for the SOSC athletes selected to participate in the Special Olympics National Invitational Golf head in Beaumont, CA, September 18 - 21, 2004. This experience left me with many great memories, stories, and new friends from across the United States.

I would personally like to thank the caddies and unified partners for donating their time and expertise and for making my job that much easier (Roger Benson, Ken Daniel, Chris Dubia,

Dennis Foster, Bucky Kahl, David Kaplinger, & Richard Lee). The nine (9) SOSC golfers that participated played extremely well on such a difficult course and always represented SOSC with class. Results from this grueling tourney are as follows:

Tom Salzwedel and Roger Benson - 1st Place (VENTURA) - Level 2 (division 06)

* Rounds 64, 53, 65 = 182 total

Ken Tilzey and Richard Lee - 1st Place (NORTHERN SANTA BARBARA) - Level 2 (division 04)

* Rounds 59, 51, 50 = 160 total

Nate Harrison - 3rd Place (DESERT) - Level 4 (division 2)

* Rounds 59, 54, 58 = 171

Ivan Matesevac - 1st Place (DESERT) - Level 4 (division 2)

* Rounds 48, 56, 61 = 165

Brian Dubia - 5th Place (Orange County) - Level 5 (division M01)

* Rounds 97, 97, 111 = 305

Conor Kahl - 2nd Place (Orange County) - Level 5 (M05)

* Rounds 119, 117, 107 = 343

Ryan Kahl - 4th Place (Orange County) - Level 5 (M02)

* Rounds 104, 101, 106 = 311

Level 2 = 9 holes; alternate shot with unified partner

Level 4 = 9 holes solo

Level 5 = 18 holes solo

*** Check the SOSC website - www.sosc.org - for pictures from this exciting weekend.

FALL TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

SOSC Coaches' Education is in full affect due to the hard work of many dedicated SOSC staff, volunteers, and community members. Please take the time to read the summaries of our training schools as we have well surpassed 250 coaches that have gone through our Fall Sports Training alone. Great work by all involved!!

July 10, 2004 - Los Angeles Region - FALL Multi-sport Training - hosted by Reza Marty

- 55+ coaches went through Coaching Special Olympics Athletes and Sport Skills (Soccer, Softball, & Volleyball)
- Thanks to Cal State Long Beach for supplying the facilities
- Thanks to Tabatha Lee and the AAF for supplying soccer clinicians
- Thanks to Scott Buss (volleyball) and Gar Finley (softball) - Sport Skills clinicians
- Thanks to CSOA clinicians Michelle Abel, Scott Buss, Davida Murphy, Patrick Taillon, & Beckie White

August 7, 2004 - Inland Empire - FALL Multi-sport Training - hosted by Allison Hare

- 25 coaches went through Coaching Special Olympics Athletes and Sport Skills (Soccer, Softball, & Volleyball)
- Thanks to Linda Kent for supplying the facility, California School For The Deaf, Riverside, California
- Thanks to Tabatha Lee and the AAF for supplying volleyball & softball clinicians (Tyler Cox taught soccer)
- Thanks to CSOA clinicians Tyler Cox & Beckie White

August 14, 2004 - Orange County - FALL Multi-sport Training - hosted by Beckie White

- 31 coaches went through Coaching Special Olympics Athletes and Sport Skills (Soccer, Softball, & Volleyball)
- Thanks to Santa Margarita High School for the use of their facilities
- Thanks to Tabatha Lee and the AAF for supplying soccer, softball, and volleyball clinicians
- Thanks to CSOA clinicians Michelle Abel & Beckie White

August 14, 2004 - North Region - FALL Multi-sport Training - hosted by Patrick Taillon (Ventura County)

- 43 coaches went through Coaching Special Olympics Athletes and Sport Skills
- (Bowling, Power lifting, Soccer, Softball, & Volleyball)
- Thanks to Ventura Community College for the use of their facilities
- Thanks to the following Sport Clinicians:
 - Bowling - Pat Hendrickson
 - Power lifting - Kevin Meskew & Rosie Garcia
 - Soccer - Tom and Maria Steel
 - Softball - Richard Arias & Dan Weiner
 - Volleyball - Scott Buss
- Thanks to CSOA clinicians Matt Altmetz, Davida Murphy, and Patrick Taillon

August 28, 2004 - Cycling - San Gabriel Valley Region - hosted by Megan Rowe

- 13 coaches went through Coaching Special Olympics Athletes and Sport Skills (Cycling)
- Thanks to the San Gabriel Regional Office & Highland Oaks Elementary School for the use of their facilities
- Thanks to Cycling clinician Mark Payares
- Thanks to CSOA clinicians Karen Gallizio & Patrick Taillon

Saturday, September 4, 2004 - EQUESTRIAN - Moorpark, CA - hosted by Tri-Valley, Ventura, & Michelle Hardy

- 60+ coaches went through Coaching Special Olympics Athletes and Sport Skills (Equestrian)
- Thanks to H.E.L.P. (Handicapped Equestrian Learning Program) for the use of their facilities
- Thanks to Michelle Hardy for her Equestrian Sport Skills coordination
- Thanks to CSOA clinicians Scott Buss & Davida Murphy

Saturday, September 25, 2004 - FLOOR HOCKEY - Santa Clarita, CA - hosted by Wendy Lorton

- 45+ coaches went through Coaching Special Olympics Athletes and Sport Skills (Floor Hockey)
- Thanks to the LARC (Los Angeles Association for Retarded Citizens) for the use of their facilities
- Thanks to Wendy Lorton and the Santa Clarita McDonald's for the **FREE** Value Meal Lunches
- Thanks to Floor Hockey Clinicians Jim Day & Ed Cameron
- Thanks to CSOA clinicians Jim Day & Davida Murphy

Sunday, September 26, 2004 - GYMNASTICS - Temecula, CA - hosted by Mika Klepper & Marcia Nogrady

- 22 coaches went through Coaching Special Olympics Athletes and Sport Skills (Gymnastics)
- Thanks to Tumble Jungle (Temecula, CA) for the use of their facilities
- Thanks to Gymnastics clinicians Mika Klepper & Marcia Nogrady
- Thanks to CSOA clinicians Michelle Abel, Karen Gallizio, & Beckie White

World Games Update

Our Floor Hockey team of 16 athletes and 4 coaches continues to train hard during their once a month practices at Health South Training Center, in El Segundo, CA. It is really exciting to see these men and women come together as a team and bond as a cohesive unit.

The next scheduled practices are Saturday, October 16th and Saturday, November 13, 2004 at Health South. The Team USA Floor Hockey team from Southern California will be extremely busy in the coming months as they also participate in the Kern County Floor Hockey Tourney (11/20/04); Team USA's Colorado Training Camp (12/1 - 12/5/04); the Western San Bernardino Floor Hockey Tournament (12/11/04); the SOSC Floor Hockey Championships in San Diego (1/28 - 1/30/05); and the 2005 World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan (2/20 - 3/6/05).

The SOSC figure (4) and speed (2) skaters selected for the 2005 World Games continue to train hard as well. With the majority of these skaters based in San Diego, our delegation of skaters has been training hard on a **weekly** basis led by Marianne Tyler, Granddad (Paul Bardsley), and Dave Reicks. Keep up the outstanding work, it will truly pay off at the World Games.

Floor Hockey Team

John Bird
Lloyd Butler

Bob Canfield
Jesse Canter
Shawn Daily
Nelson Doloiras
Lawrence Hall
Kim Kurpaski
Julio Mata
Justin McCowan
Miguel Sanchez
Gil Santa-Cruz
Steve Skinner
Tony Villanueva
David Weeks
Susie Zamora

Rob Muir - coach
Carolyn Nelson - coach
Tom Skinner - coach
Ric Wilburn - head coach

Figure Skaters

Tracy Grimstad
Lisa Hannaman
Michael Rodriguez
Janet Tyler

Dave Reicks - coach

Speed Skaters

Chris Dorsey
Sharon Ketteringham