

Valley Soccer's Travel Season Ends on Top

Members of the Valley Soccer Club recently met at the Valley Soccer Complex for their annual picnic to celebrate the end of a very successful 2007 travel season in the Capital District Youth Soccer League.

Club President Paul Bascomb presented first place trophies to the Valley Vikings and Valley Strikers noting that teams were entered in older divisions in order to allow as many players as possible to play in the league.

The Valley Vikings (U17 Boys – Div 2) coached by Marv Krohn and Austin Standhart finished it's season with a 9 – 1 – 2 record against teams from the Saratoga, Niskayuna, Albany, Rotterdam, New Scotland, Rip VanWinkle and Adirondack Soccer clubs.

The Valley Strikers (U12 Girls – Div 2) coached by Rob Roney and Rich Standhart ended their season undefeated with a 9 – 0 – 3 record against teams from the Alleycats, Capital United, Clifton Park, Latham Circle, Niskayuna and Lansing burgh Soccer clubs.

Because competition in the Under 10 divisions in CDYSL is non-result oriented, the Valley Cobras (U10 Mixed) coached by John Krohn and Kim Smith were not ranked this year. That being said however, the team won almost all of their games against competition from teams from the Guilderland, Ravena, Catskill and New Scotland clubs.

Special recognition and good luck for continued success in his professional soccer career was extended to former Valley and CRCS regular Ryan Pierce who is currently playing for the Harrisburg City Islanders. Former Valley and Schoharie HS standout Kelly Gannon, one of four winners of the CDYSL scholarship this year was also congratulated for her achievements this year.

Recognition was also given a number of volunteers who continue in help keep the club active.. Club Officers Paul Bascomb, Vice President Shawn Smith, Secretary Marie Cater, Treasurer Kitty Heiser, Registrar Kim Smith, CDYSL Representative Jim Heiser and Summer Program Coordinator Michelle Wood make sure "behind the scenes" club administration needed to provide quality soccer programs for the youth of Schoharie County. Parent Reps Joyce Hoerz, Lynn Reinheimer, and Janine Righi work at the team level to communicate club and league activities to parents and players.

Valley also expressed their appreciation to volunteers Bob Roney and Gerald Hamm for their assistance in keeping the soccer complex mowed and ready for competition last year.

The On-line registration link for the 2007-08 Travel season is now open at www.midtel.net/~valleysc

Valley's travel program brings together players from all over Schoharie County who are looking for a higher level soccer experience and are willing to make the time available to learn and improve his/her skills. Teams are generally organized between October and December to make sure they are covered by league insurance to allow them to practice, compete in indoor leagues in the winter months and the outdoor league in the spring. Teams representing Valley play against teams representing over 50 other clubs in the Capital District area. Indoor and outdoor tournaments hosted within the Capital District and beyond provide an added level of competition for those teams wishing to do so.

Teams are divided by age, gender and level of ability whenever possible. While the club does its best to provide a team for all players wishing to participate in the Traveling program, the number of available coaches and/or skill level of players signed up for a particular age group may make it necessary to hold tryouts for placement on some teams or combine age groups if numbers are low in others. For more information contact any of the club representatives noted above or check the Valley website at www.midtel.net/~valleysc

Team Photos:



Pictured from Left to Right Bottom row, L-R; Carrie Krohn, Brody Smith, Islay DiCesare, Johnny Krohn, Brennan Loder, Daniel Beevers Top row, L-R; Jonathan DiCesare, Nick Righi, Keenan Loder, Seana Cleveland, Lauren Mayer, Tristan Strasser Missing; Jordan Hayes, Coaches John Krohn, Kim Smith



Pictured from Left to Right Top Row:Coach Rob Roney, Christine Beevers (CRCS), Amanda Roney (MCS), Amber Reinheimer (MCS), Calley Lawyer (MCS), coach Bill Beevers, Kendra Wood (MCS), Margo Downs (MCS), Sidney Cater (MCS), Coach Rich Standhart; Bottom Row: Jaimie Bartholomew (CRCS), Katie Billington (CRCS), Morgan Loder (CRCS), Cassy Sander (MCS), Katrin Thrush (MCS), Taylor Cater (MCS), Sierra Lucas (MCS), Kristin Diamond (SCS); Front: Megan Hagadorn (MCS)



Pictured from Left to Right Bottom Row: Adam Hoerz (MCS), Aaron Gonzalez (SCS), Matt Williams (CRCS), Dustin Gonzalez (SCS), Terrence Bevins (SCS) Second Row: Austin Standhart, Assistant Coach; Elias Barber (MCS), Derek Ostrander (MCS), Devon Whitbeck (CRCS), Dan Sellers (CRCS), Charles Crook (MCS), Alex Torgersen (MCS), Ryan Cleveland (SCS), Marv Krohn, Coach. Missing from picture: Corey Brown (CRCS), Jacob Brown (CRCS), Michael Iversen (SCS), Devin Khazdozian (CRCS), and Adam King (CRCS)