



LAYSL Newsletter

May, 1996

From the Registrar (Debbie Castro)

As of Spring 1996, 1,046 players are registered in LAYSL. We have 79 teams including recreational and competitive.

Registration forms for the upcoming Fall '96/Spring '97 season will be mailed to those players who are active in our database, (players who played this past year) towards the end of May. Extra forms will be in our county libraries.

Registration fees for this season are:

Both Fall 1996 & Spring 1997	\$40.00
Single season only, Fall or Spring	\$26.00
U-6 age group only, both seasons	\$28.00
U-6 age group only, one season	\$18.00

June 30th is the registration deadline. After that, fees will double. After June 30th, registrations can be accepted only if:

- space is available on an age group team
- the doubled fee is paid
- the registration form is received and processed prior to August 23, 1996.

No recreational league registrations can be accepted after August 23, 1996.

Fall season practice begins the week of August 26.

Please place adequate postage on the return envelope, especially if mailing more than one form in an envelope.

Referee Coordinator

The LAYSL Board is still looking for a volunteer to serve as Referee Coordinator from now until elections are held at the November LAYSL General Meeting. Principal duties of the Referee Coordinator during this time will be to schedule referees for recreational and advanced games for the Fall '96 season. The Referee Coordinator is a point of contact both for LAYSL coaches (rescheduling referees for makeup games and scrimmages) and for local referees (game reports and schedule changes). The Referee Coordinator is a voting member of the LAYSL Board, and will have fall registration fees waived for one child belonging to the Coordinator. It is not essential the the volunteer be an active referee -- we can train you! If you think you can help, please call one of the board members listed at the end of the newsletter.

Annual General Meeting of LAYSL

The next annual general meeting of the LAYSL will be held coincident with the regular November monthly meeting. Board positions up for election at that time include: president, secretary, publicity coordinator and hill coordinator. Meetings are normally the fourth Monday of each month. Expect the November meeting date to change, to avoid conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday.

Advanced Team Coordinator (Pam Erickson)

The Advanced Division of the Soccer League is seeking coach candidates for the Fall '96 through Spring '97 season for play in the Duke City League in Albuquerque. Coaches for U14 and younger must make a one-year commitment: coaches for U15 through U19 must commit for the spring season.

Those interested in coaching must inform the Advanced Program Committee each year as early as possible. The selection criteria are:

- the proper philosophy and goals, which shall promote player development over winning;
- an appropriate skill level of the coach's son or daughter;
- experience as a coach and/or as a player;
- license level, &
- other qualifications as determined from interviews and/or tests. Any coach interested in coaching an advanced team must submit an application to the LAYSL Board prior to the scheduling of tryouts. This includes current coaches of advanced teams!

Tryouts for the advanced teams normally are held in late May for most teams, The Kixx teams for girls, and the LA Lasers for boys can include Under-9 through Under-14 age group teams. The number of teams and age-groupings depend on the number of coaches available and player interest.

New coaches are always welcome to apply and need not have a child in the soccer league to be considered. Please call Pam Erickson at 662-2056 for additional information.

Tryout dates for all advanced teams will be announced in the Monitor as the dates are finalized,

LAYSL soccer is a real kick.

Summer Camps

There will be three separate summer camps here in Los Alamos this summer. If your players are interested in attending one, contact the coordinators listed below for more information.

1996 Summer Soccer Camps			
Date	Summer Camp	Coordinator	Home Phone (Work)
June 17-21	NM Chiles Camp	LAYSL	662-2181
July 15-19	German Soccer Camp	Dan Sena	662-9488 (662-3131)
August 5-9	British Soccer Camp	Ron Madrid	672-1751

White Rock Coordinator (Debby Hyman)

A **Big Thanks** to all the age-group coordinators for the wonderful job they did organizing the teams this year. If you would like to continue as an age-group coordinator next season, please let me know. I would like to have all coordinators in place before we start receiving fall registration data (usually early August).

Coaches: Please turn in your player rating sheets to me at the end of the season. These sheets are a help in preparing balanced teams for next fall.

Hill Coordinator (Bill Flor)

We had a just-sufficient number of coach volunteers this Spring season--thanks to all who served in that capacity. We need more for the Fall season, partly to allow us to field smaller teams. Generally, younger players have a better soccer experience on smaller teams, where there are more individual touches on the ball and more opportunities to develop skills.

Coaches aren't the only volunteers we need, however. My thanks also to all of you who served as team parents, linespersons, referees, field preparation folks, and in other jobs as well. If you would like to help with any facet of league operations on the Hill next Fall, please call me at 662-7885 (or be sure to indicate your preferences on the upcoming registration form!). New faces are always welcome. If you know of an individual with soccer experience and interest, who loves the game but doesn't have a child in the program, please tell them about our LAYSL and invite them to contribute to the development of our youth players.

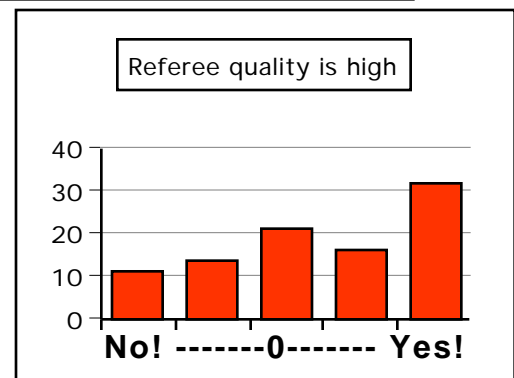
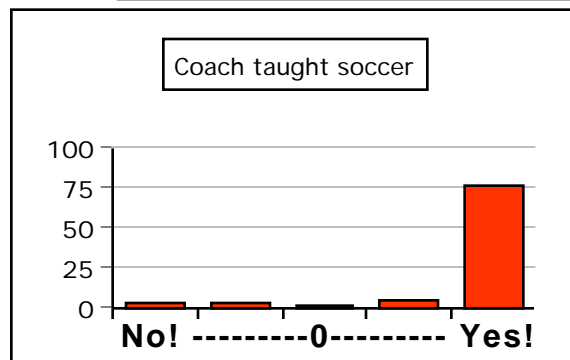
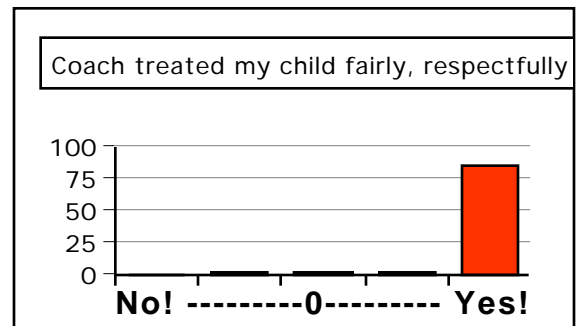
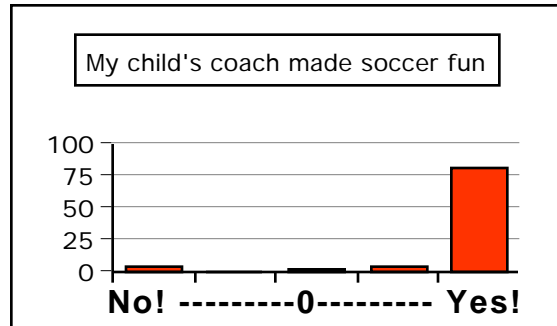
Of course, no season would get off the ground without the folks who help as Age-Group Coordinators--my thanks again for their dedication this past Spring:

Any past volunteers who are not planning to continue in the Fall, please let me know, so that recruiting can begin for a replacement before the August crunch.

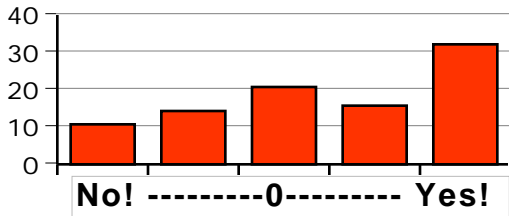
Player rating sheets and equipment inventory forms were distributed to each Hill coach through the Age-Group Coordinators. Please complete these forms and return them by the end of the season. If we are to get a better handle on our equipment costs, we need to know what we have and its condition. Rating sheets are used to help create more balanced teams. All-new team placements will be made for the Fall season, so your input is critical.

Newsletter Survey Summary

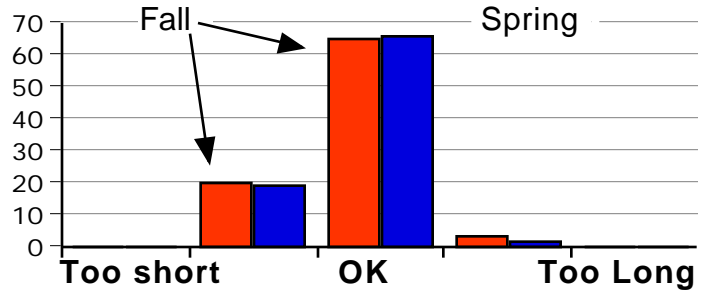
In the winter 96 newsletter, we included a survey to get some feedback from parents and players about League operations. We had a generous return of nearly 100 responses, which are summarized graphically below.



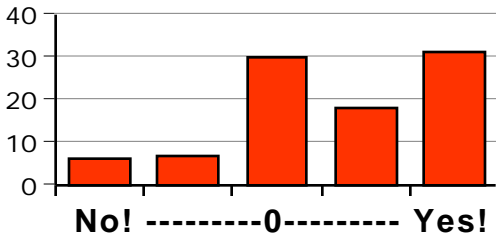
I want post-season mini-tournaments



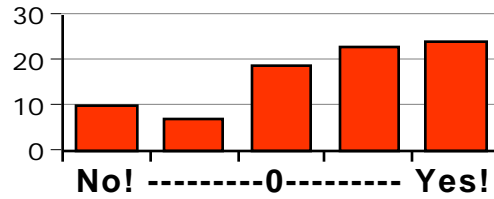
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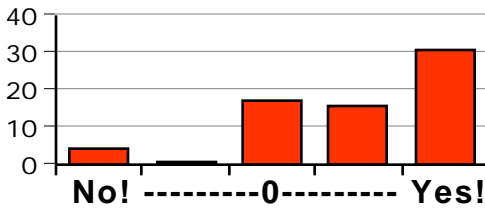
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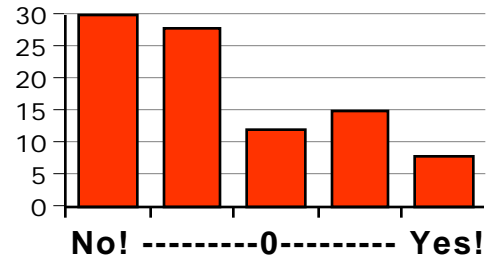
Raise fees to cover expenses



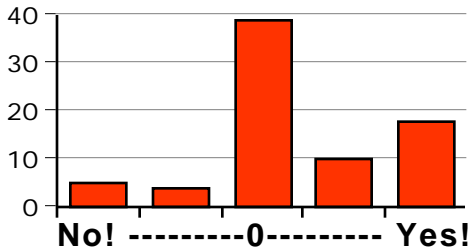
U-8 rules are working OK



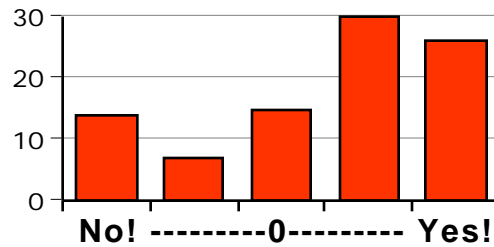
Reduce fees, curtail service



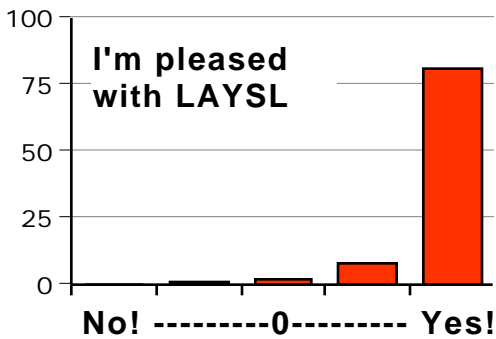
I want U-10 girls-only teams



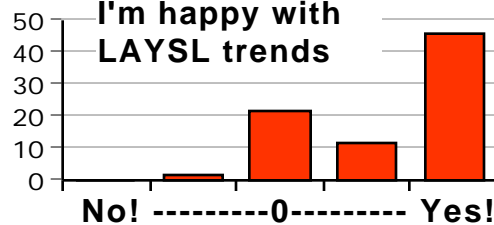
I'll support fund raising



I'm pleased with LAYSL



I'm happy with LAYSL trends



From the Equipment Coordinator: Lore Pellette

Starting next fall, specific days will be designated for distributing equipment to coaches. Two separate Sunday afternoons (2--6 pm) (about 3 and 1 week respectively) before start of the fall season, coaches can meet Lore at the equipment locker to pick up needed equipment. Watch for specific dates in the L. A. Monitor.

Current Members of the Board of Directors:

President: Bob Walker, 672-9749
 Registrar: Debbie Castro, 662-2181
 Secretary: George McArthur, 667-3543
 Treasurer: Herb Fry, 662-6491
 Referee Coordinator: *vacant, volunteers needed*
 Hill (Los Alamos) Coordinator: Bill Flor, 662-7885
 White Rock Coordinator: Debby Hyman, 672-1149
 Coach Trainer/Equipment Coordinator: Lore Pellette, 672-0389
 Advanced Teams Coordinator: Pam Erickson, 662-2056
 Publicity Coordinator: Dave Schneider, 662-9702;
 FAX 662-7743; E-mail 73577.143@compuserve.com

Coach's Clinic

We have eighteen (18) new trained F-class coaches, from a successful training weekend this past March. Thanks to all who participated!

A "D" clinic will be offered this August right here in Los Alamos. If you think you might be interested, please call Lore Pellette (672-0389).

Selections from the Calendar:

May 4	Roster deadline: American Cup
May 4,5	State Cup
May 11,12	State Cup U11 & U13
May 18,19	American Cup
May 21	Sandia Cup & Four Corners Invitational
May 25-27	Sandia Cup
May 25-27	Four Corners Invitational
June 17	Chiles Soccer Camp begins
June 30	Deadline for fall registration
July 15	German Soccer Camp begins
August 5	British Soccer Camp begins
August 23	Last possible date for late registrations
August 26	Fall practice begins

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