



# LYAA NEWS

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*"Building Community Through Youth Athletics"*

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**Our Mission Statement:** *To develop the Lakeshore community's youth in the areas of character, discipline,*



## BASEBALL

Spring is fast approaching and that means baseball! LYAA will be offering the following:

**\*Tee ball:** Offered for 5/6 year olds. Practice will be at Lakeshore or Shepherd Elementary Schools. We plan on playing Tee-ball with the option of the coach throwing 3 pitches before using the tee.

**\*Coach pitch:** Offered for 7/8 year olds. Both softball and baseball coach pitch will be offered. Practice will be at Lakeshore, Lake Norman or Shepherd.

**\*Softball:** Offered for girls age 9/10 and 11/12. Age group based on the player's age on August 1, 2004. Practice will be at Lakeshore, Lake Norman High, Shepherd Elementary or Stumpy Creek Park.

**\*Baseball:** Offered for boys age 9/10 and 11-12. LYAA will join other local athletic organizations in the Stumpy Creek Baseball League, (SCBL), offered by the Iredell County Recreation Department. We are excited about this new local offering in baseball that is long overdue. Age is based on the player's age as of August 1, 2004. Practice will be at Stumpy Creek, Lakeshore Middle, Shepherd or Lake Norman High.

**Cal Ripkin Select Baseball:** Players from our organization may also **try out** for the Babe Ruth Cal Ripken select 9/10 and 11/12 teams. They will play at the North Piedmont Babe Ruth fields north of Statesville. The district requirements for teams are based on the player's high school district (Lake Norman or South Iredell), not the elementary school. These teams are selected by try-outs and are meant for more serious players and the cost is considerably more.

\*Game locations will be determined after we know the number of teams in each group.

### Directors:

Baseball – Martin Page

Softball – Jane Catacalos 704-662-3296

Join us at Dick's Sporting Goods on Jan. 31st from 9am - noon for registration for LYAA Sports. Dick's will be providing food from Chick-Fil-A as well as drinks and drawings every half hour for certificates. They will also provide LYAA participants with exclusive savings on their merchandise.



## BASKETBALL

After getting off to a rocky start with basketball, as a whole we feel it is going well. Scheduling has been a challenge and we do appreciate your continued patience. With 26 total teams, 2 from Lake Norman and 2 from Shepherd with a total of 200 plus kids, we are well on our way to having an exciting season.

Our Basketball league is governed by South Iredell Youth Athletic Association (SIYAA) not to be confused with South Iredell Athletic Association (SIAA).

There are 61 total teams in the SIYAA Basketball league with a Southern and Northern Conference. Lakeshore is in the Southern Conference along with Troutman and 5 Celeste teams. The Northern conference consists of Monticello, Sharon, Scotts and 5 Celeste teams.

It has been challenging and exhilarating in our first attempt at basketball, and we would like to thank all the coaches for volunteering their time to develop our kid's.

There is a charge for admission. It is \$1 for school age children and \$2 for adults. This money is used to pay our referees, scorekeepers, timekeepers and clean-up crew at Lakeshore Middle School every Saturday.  
**Director:** Chris Scheimer 704-660-8196  
**Assistant:** Mike Nanney 704-662-9534

### Fundraising

2/14/04 LYAA Bake Sale  
"Buy a Sweet for your Sweet"

LYAA will be having a bake sale and raffle at Lakeshore Middle School during LYAA tournament. We need homemade Valentine sweets donated to make the sale successful. Proceeds will help pay for participation awards in LYAA Basketball & Wrestling. We will raffle a DVD player and have concessions.

Contact: Jane Catacalos 704-662-3296  
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Mike Nanney 704-662-9524

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## SCHEUDLE OF EVENTS

- **1/27/04**  
LYAA Community Meeting
- **1/31/04**  
LYAA Baseball Registration @  
Dick's Sporting Goods (Mrsvl.)
- **2/14/04**  
LYAA Basketball Tourney  
LYAA Bake Sale
- **Feb./March**  
Baseball /Softball (Sign-ups)
- **April**  
Spring Fling  
(LYAA Sign-ups & Info.)
- **May**  
Football/Cheerleading (Sign-ups)

### LYAA EXECUTIVE BOARD

President – Martin Page  
Vice President - Mike Nanney  
Treasure – Jane Catacalos  
Secretary – Debbie Page

## PRESIDENTS THOUGHTS



### FOOTBALL

Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6, 86 young men, 4 tough football teams, 12 dedicated coaches, 2 team trainers, cheerleaders, excitement, energy, competition, \$17,000, purple and gold, screaming families, teamwork and dedication are the ingredients of an amazing 2003 Lakeshore Pirates football season.

This was the first football experience for many of the 86 young men and most are poised to start practice tomorrow.

LYAA offers football for boys and girls that are interested. Third and fourth grade students form the younger teams. Fifth and sixth grade students form the older teams. Teams practice 3 times a week until games start. Two times a week once the games start which are played on Saturdays. Games are at South Iredell High School or West Iredell High School. We are hoping to play some games at Lake Norman High School in 2004 (Not yet confirmed). We will get started mid-year 2004.

During the summer, LYAA will be offering a football camp for anyone interested. Details upcoming in future issues of LYAA News. Stay tuned...

**Director:** Mike Nanney 704-662-9534



### CHEERLEADING

Preparations for 2004 Cheerleading have already begun!

We will be having two cheerleading camps August 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Camp times are: (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders: 9am – 12pm)  
(5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders: 1pm – 4pm)  
Cost: \$30 per session.

The girls will learn 20 cheers during this camp and receive a camp t-shirt.

We are looking at new uniforms for the up coming season and will have the new uniform on display at sign-ups in May.

Our first season was a whirlwind and I would like to thank all involved for putting it together so well for our girls. We had a great time!

We are expecting a larger turn out this next season and will be in need of coaches. You do not have to be a former cheerleader to coach a squad, just a parent who wants to help. We will also be calling on moms to be squad moms to help cut back on some of the responsibilities of the coaches. If you know your daughter is going to cheer please keep this in mind. We will be having our first Cheer meeting after sign-ups.

**Director:** Jane Catacalos 704-662-3296

### VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball had a great first year. Coaches Sherry Wiggins and Linda Marshall are to be complimented on their job as our volleyball coaches. Despite the very late start and large numbers of inexperienced players, the coaches worked wonders on the squad. SIYAA volleyball director Jan Comer raved about the Lakeshore team, "I can not believe how far the team has come. They are definitely the most improved team in the league."

LYAA would like to thank Lakeshore Middle School volleyball coach Sherry Cash for all the work she did in helping out with the program and for letting the team use the middle school facility for practice.

LYAA is proud of these young ladies and their accomplishments. We look forward to an even more successful season next fall. Any rising 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls interested in joining the team should sign up at the fall sports and cheerleading registration dates listed on the front page of this newsletter. Come join the fun!

I cannot believe what has happened in the last six months. When several of us decided to attempt to start a football team from Lakeshore last spring, I had no idea what we were in for. Football was great! We had 86 young boys come out for football, enough for us to field FOUR teams. Then we had 62 young ladies out for our four cheerleading squads. We even had to borrow money to buy the \$17,000 worth of football equipment we needed. When it was all done, though tired, we had a great time!

A last minute decision to play basketball in the same league we played football resulted in well over 200 players forming 26 boys' and girls' basketball teams. We also had 33 more kids sign up for wrestling. And we thought football was a lot of work! Getting gyms has been a nightmare, but overall I think basketball has been a good thing. Our kids seem to enjoy playing on school-based teams against other schools. I would like to thank the players and coaches for their patience in our ever-changing gym schedule. Everyone must realize we are not part of the school system. We are a parent-run, completely volunteer, non-profit private organization working to serve the youth of Lakeshore schools.

The schools do NOT have to let us use their facilities. We are very lucky that the principals, Melanie McKenzie, Jim Gaghan, and Penny Hedrick, are willing to let us use them at a very reasonable cost. We will have spent over \$3000.00 in gym usage fees this season, but this does not give us any scheduling preferences in using the gyms. Please thank the school officials for their courtesy in letting us use their facilities.

Now we are working hard on trying to get tee-ball, coach-pitch, softball, and baseball for our students. We are well on the way to building 2 baseball/softball fields next to the bus lot. We hope to build a small kickball and tee-ball field at the back of the elementary school as soon as we get permission.

We will have an LYAA organizational meeting for spring sports (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade) at the elementary school cafeteria on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. I hope you will be there ready to help with the great deal of work that we need to do on the fields, in organizational details, and in fundraising for the upcoming spring sports season. We must get some more help, both physical and monetary, to make baseball and softball happen. We have already spent well over \$5000.00 on the baseball fields. The total cost of the fields will be more than \$12,000. I hope Kevin Costner was right in the great baseball movie *Field of Dreams*. "If we build, they will come." Come help us build our children's fields of dreams!

*Martin Page*

### WRESTLING

Wrestling has been a lot of fun. We have 33 wrestlers from K - 6<sup>th</sup> grade. All have made great strides. Practices are every Monday and Wednesday from 6-7:30pm.

With great disappointment our 1<sup>st</sup> match scheduled at Elkins High School was canceled due to inclement weather. This match will be rescheduled.

We have a strong group of boys and look forward to future matches and developing our young wrestlers into strong contenders for LYAA.

**Director** – Mark Morton 704-663-7263