

Aušra Sports Club

Newsletter Fall 2009

Annual General Meeting and Registration will take place on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 in the cafeteria of the Resurrection Parish at 7:00 PM.

The 2008-2009 season was a special one for Aušra. We had our basketball, volleyball and hockey programs running and we had another bowling banquet in the spring.



Basketball

Our basketball programs were a great success last season. Aušra entered at least one team in all but one of the age divisions and won several medals at SALFASS.

From the Junior games held in Hamilton, our Girls C Team coached by **Alvin Kišonas & Kris Rimkus** won the gold medal as did our Girls D Team coached by **Arūnas Čygas, Romas Marcinkevičius and Rima Dresher**. Our Boys B team coached by **Greg Timmons and John Strumila** won a bronze medal.

From our Senior games held in Chicago our women's team coached by **Ona Stanevičius and Vic Šimkus** brought home a bronze medal. Special mention also goes out to our Boys A team that competed in Chicago coached by **Vytas Stončius**. This team was extremely competitive and acquitted themselves remarkably well all while playing against strong teams like the Canadian All Star team (comprised of several Aušra players) and also using a number of underaged players from our Boys B team. These boys and their coach truly exemplified the team spirit we are very proud of at Aušra.

Another highlight of the season was the trip to Lietuva in June 2009 to participate in the World Lithuanian Games. Aušra joined with the other Ontario Lithuanian Sports Clubs to send 5 Canadian teams to this tournament. Two (Womens and Boys A) of the teams won medals and all teams represented Canada and Aušra very well. We look forward to the next World Games in (4 or 5) years.



Hockey

Aušra Junior Hockey will be scheduled for a fifth fun season in the spring of 2010. Participants 9 to 14 years of age do not need any previous hockey experience but should borrow equipment. Players aged 7 or 8 should be enrolled in a recognized hockey

program or have already participated in an organized hockey camp outside of Aušra. Six or seven one hour sessions of hockey instruction will be provided in the west end of Toronto by qualified hockey coaches and players from the Toronto Klevo Lapai men's hockey team. Stay tuned for details but costs are usually \$10 to \$15 per session based on enrollment. Please contact alvin.kisonas@rogers.com for more information or if you need equipment.



Volleyball

Ausra Volleyball continues to take place Monday nights at 8pm at Prisikelimo Parapija. Any enthusiastic individual 18 years of age or older is welcome to take part. If anyone younger than 18 is interested in the sport, either to participate in pick-up games or looking for basic instruction, please feel free to contact Algis Nausedas at a.nausedas@rogers.com. If a critical mass presents itself, arrangements will be made to establish practice time for a youth team



Bowling

Join us for a night of bowling fun in February.
All members, their families and friends are welcome.
Details will be available at a later date.

Outlook for 2009-2010

Negotiations are underway to create a Lithuanian House League to play in the Toronto area. Games will be held most weekends throughout the season. More details will be loaded on our website as the plans develop.

We will continue with the volleyball and hockey programs this season.

In November 2010 Aušra will celebrate its 55th year.

For the latest information on all of our activities please check our website:
www.ausra.net

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Aušra Sports Club