

Aušra Sports Club

Newsletter Fall 2011

Annual General Meeting and Registration will take at 7pm on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at Resurrection Parish.

There were several notable events during the 2010-2011 season. Here are some highlights along with information on the activities for the coming season:



Basketball

Thanks to a group of hard working volunteers, Aušra successfully hosted the Junior ŠALFASS games at the end of May. Aušra entered 9 teams in the tournament and they played very well against some very strong competition, 5 of them winning medals. Congratulations to the **Girls B team**, coached by Alvin Kišonas (Gold medal); the **Boys B team**, coached by Greg Timmons (Silver medal); the **Girls C team**, coached by Arunas Čygas & Romas Marcinkevičius (Silver medal); the **Boys C team**, coached by Jonas Putrimas & Ray Valadka (Silver medal) and the **Molecules team**, coached by Peter Ruprecht & John Strumila (Bronze medal).

Four teams represented Aušra at the Senior SALFASS games held in Worcester, Massachusetts. The **Men's A team**, coached by Stasys Kuliavas, won the Silver medal while the **Women's team**, coached by Vic Šimkus and the **Junior A Boys** coached by Greg Timmons and John Strumila each won a bronze. Congratulations to all!!!.

Last December, the Toronto Raptors held their first "Lithuanian Day" at the ACC during a home game vs. the New York Knicks. The Raptors provided tickets at special prices and 350 Aušra players together with their friends and family members were in attendance. The Raptors invited a limited number of Ausra members to sit in the courtside seats and watch players from both teams go through their pregame warm ups. At the start of the second half, several Aušra players were invited to line up and give the Raptors "high-fives" as they walked onto the court.



Hockey

Due to a very successful session during the spring of 2011, Aušra Junior Hockey will be scheduled for another season of fun during the spring of 2012. Participants 9 to 14 years of age do not need any previous hockey experience but should arrange to 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. Instruction will be provided at a west Toronto location by qualified hockey coaches and players from the Toronto Klevo Lapai men's hockey team during six or seven one hour sessions of hockey. Stay tuned for details but costs are usually \$10 to \$15 per session based on enrollment. Please contact [**alvin.kisonas@rogers.com**](mailto:alvin.kisonas@rogers.com) for more information or if you need equipment.



Volleyball

Ausra Volleyball will continue to on Monday nights 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**](mailto:a.nausedas@rogers.com). If a critical mass presents itself, arrangements will be made to establish practice time for a youth team.

2012 Junior SALFASS Games

The dates and locations of the 2012 games will be determined later in the fall. For the latest information on all of our activities please check our website: www.ausra.net

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