



August 2023 Newsletter

ARAA Updates

In September, the commissioners of Lacrosse and baseball will be open for a vote. Interested candidates can apply [here](#).

It is important to our organization to consistently improve. We also like to celebrate the good things that happen! We have created a feedback form that can be submitted anonymously to provide feedback to ARAA. That form can be accessed on our website, or found [here](#).

Charitable Gambling

Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association partners with businesses to offer charitable gambling to our community. What is Charitable gambling? Charitable gambling is an opportunity for community members to support the youth of Anoka and Ramsey with organized sports and activities to participate in. Our gambling partners provide incentivized giving to our organization. For our 4400 athletes over 10 activities, the charitable gambling contributions provide upgraded playing facilities, equipment, and experiences. Please consider visiting one of our partners and check out our charitable gambling Facebook page for the latest info on bingo, meat raffles, and more!

[Willy McCoy's](#)

[McDuffs](#)

[Northwoods](#)

[The Ponds](#)

[Greenhaven](#)

[Northfork](#)

[Acapulco](#)

[Aurelio's](#)

[Senor Patrons](#)

Plan your week!

Mondays:

BINGO at McDuff's on the Rum 7 pm - 16659 St.Francis Blvd. NW, Ramsey

Tuesdays:

BINGO Tavern at Greenhaven 7 pm

2800 Greenhaven Road, Anoka

*Note: No Bingo Feb.14th Valentine's Day

Runs until golf season - weather dependent

Wednesdays:

SHAKE-A-DAYS 5:00 pm - Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen

BINGO 7:00 pm - Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen

Thursdays:

*STARTING Feb.9th

5:00 MEAT RAFFLE

6:00 HORSE RACING (NEW!)

Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen

Fridays:

MEAT RAFFLE 5:00 pm - Willy McCoy's 6415 US-10, Ramsey

Saturdays:

BINGO 1:00 pm - Willy McCoy's 6415 US-10, Ramsey

MEAT RAFFLE 2:00 pm Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen

MEAT RAFFLE 4:00 pm McDuff's on the Rum 16659 St.Francis Blvd. NW, Ramsey

Sundays:

MEAT RAFFLE 2:00pm - Aurelio's Pizza 6415 US-10 #120 Ramsey

MEAT RAFFLE 2:00 pm - Sundays *Starting Feb. 12th - Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen

BINGO - Noon - Sundays, STARTING Feb. 12th - Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen
*Bingo on Feb.12th will be a Mega Valentine's Bingo

SPECIAL EVENTS:

SUNDAY, Feb. 12th

Northwoods Bar & Grill in Nowthen

12:00/Noon MEGA VALENTINE'S BINGO

\$20 Packets - \$200 Prizes

2 - \$5 Must Go \$1000 Cover Alls

*Must Purchase a Packet to qualify to play the Coverall

2:00 Meat Raffle (following Bingo)

5:30 Super Bowl Sunday



Volleyball

Contact: Volleyball@arsports.org

WHAT WE OFFER!

HOUSE VOLLEYBALL

AAA House Volleyball is a fall co-ed league designed for boys and girls in 3rd through 12th grade, placing emphasis on basic rules of the game, skill development, fun and equal play. House leagues are a great introduction to volleyball- ideal for those who are trying volleyball for the first time and for returning players who enjoy what house volleyball has to offer. Visit

<https://www.arsports.org/page/show/5785948-house-volleyball> for more information on our Fall House Volleyball League!

JUNIOR OLYMPIC VOLLEYBALL

ARAA JO Volleyball was created to provide a competitive program at a reasonable fee. This winter league is designed for 4th through 12th graders who are looking to further their skills and knowledge of the game in that competitive setting. Junior Olympic Volleyball advances player knowledge of the game and skills through officiating training, practices, play dates and tournaments all while being coached by experienced coaches. Visit <https://www.arsports.org/page/show/5785946-junior-olympic-volleyball> for more information on our Winter JO Volleyball Program!

CURRENT INFORMATION!

2023 FALL HOUSE VOLLEYBALL

ARAA House Volleyball registration closed August 1 and our season is set to begin on Tuesday, September 5. If you have questions about our house league or missed the registration deadline, please contact us at araahousevolleyball@gmail.com. Late registrations will only be considered if space is available.

House Coaches needed! We are still looking for more volunteer parent coaches to help us make this season a success! Please contact us if you are interested in coaching at araahousevolleyball@gmail.com. All coaches involved in ARAA are required to have yearly background checks completed.

Youth Night with Anoka High School Volleyball is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3. Please mark your calendars!

2023/2024 JUNIOR OLYMPIC VOLLEYBALL

ARAA JO Volleyball is busy planning for the upcoming season! Please watch for communication regarding tryout and season information!

ARAA VOLLEYBALL BOARD

A very big Thank you to Jackie Hunter for her help and contributions to the ARAA Volleyball Board! ARAA volleyball would like to welcome Jessica Perez to the board as our new Treasurer! At this time all board positions have been filled however if you are interested in becoming a part of our wonderful board please email volleyball@arsports.org

BE IN THE KNOW!

Follow us on social media; Facebook and Instagram @ ARAA Volleyball.



Basketball

Contact: basketball@arsports.org

Thank you to all of our participants in the summer camp. We had a great turn out and we look forward to making it even better next summer. All participants received a feedback survey and we'd love your input.

2023-24 Traveling season

It's hard to believe, but the traveling season is quickly approaching! Tryouts are at the end of September/beginning of October for both girls and boys. Registration will open VERY soon!

Registration Note:

Cost for 4-8 is \$645

Cost for 3 is \$515

The registration will look like it is charging you \$1300 and \$1170 respectively. This is because the \$500 volunteer bond and \$125 fundraising bond are included. That \$625 will be canceled in March if Dibs and fundraising have been completed.



Soccer

Contact: president@northernlightsoccer.org

Our spring/summer rec season wrapped up with a fun Super Soccer Saturday. Thanks to all the coaches, players, parents and volunteers for making this season such a success. If you are interested in playing Fall Rec Soccer there is still time to register. [Fall Rec Program \(arsports.org\)](http://arsports.org)



Teams are forming for our competitive teams through North United. Tryouts brought in great numbers, and we are excited to see what each team does this Fall, Winter and Spring/Summer. If you have questions about our competitive program, please email doc@northernlightsoccer.org.

We are always looking for parents to join our soccer board. If you are interested in learning more about our open positions, please email president@northernlightsoccer.org.



Lacrosse

Contact: lacrosse@arsports.org

14U and 12U Boys Fall Lacrosse – we are excited to offer this new season. Registration is open until August 13. Make sure to get signed up now as teams are forming. [LACROSSE \(arsports.org\)](http://LACROSSE(arsports.org))

Boys 12U and 14U Fall Lacrosse

PRACTICES - START AUG. 22

TUES. - TEAM PRACTICE

THURS. OPTIONAL SKILL PRACTICE

GAMES - FIVE SUNDAYS SEPT. 10 - OCT. 8

END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT - OCT. 14 & 15

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO BORROW - \$100 DEPOSIT



Girls Lacrosse – our 12U, 14U and 18U girls team did awesome in the summer season.







Our next opportunity for both boys and girls to play some lacrosse will be our winter training sessions – watch your email for details later.



Football

Contact: Football@arsports.org

Fall season kicks off Monday, August 7! Our tackle practices for 4-8th grade will all begin at 6:00pm. You should have gotten an email from your coach. Flag will begin August 14. There is still time to [register](#). Join us!



Outdoors

Contact: tr87ta@msn.com

Our Anoka Ramsey Jr Bassers teams have been having a very successful season so far! High School Teams Chrest/Anderson and Heuther/Wielinski have both taken home first place hardware with impressive wins. Team Peterson/Roessler finished a solid 2nd place on East/West Rush, while team Chmielewski/Herbst finished 3rd on the same lake. Other top ten finishes have also been notched by the following teams, Larkey/Coe, Dalmeier/Zahorski, Rowles/Shoppe, Chrest/Anderson, Davis/Delarco, and Chmielewski/Herbst.

Our Jr. Teams have also been doing well! The following teams have finished in the top 10 in the JR BASS Opens, Johnson/Brent, Serakos/Bruneau, Burr/Herbst, Rehm/Nedland, and Schmitz/Wagener. Team Brent/Johnson also finished 2nd in the TBF State Tournament, earning them a bid to National's next year!

Team Yang/Xiong fished in the 2023 Junior National Championship on Lake Hartwell in South Carolina last month. Fishing was tough, but the team came away with great memories from an incredible experience.

Congratulations to all of our teams so far this year!

Anoka Ramsey Outdoors is hoping to hold our annual firearms safety field day for our kids in September. We are still working on a location and a date, so keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates! For those kids that are looking to attend, please complete the online Firearm Safety course through the MN DNR.



Baseball

Contact: baseball@arsports.org

Another great baseball season is in the books for Anoka this year. Thank you to all of our players, families, volunteers, coaches, and board members for making this season another success!

Traveling Tryouts

- Tryouts will be held this week at Alpine Fields (9U-13U) and George Enloe Fields (14U-15U)
 - **Pre-Tryout Practice** will be held on August 7th 6:30-8:30 at Alpine Fields. This practice is intended for any child that has not completed tryouts before, particularly 9U families.
 - **August 8th** - 9U Tryouts will be from 5:30-6:30, 10U Tryouts will be from 6:30-7:30 at Alpine Fields.
 - **August 9th** - 11U Tryouts will be from 5:30-6:30, 12U Tryouts will be from 6:30-7:30, and 13U Tryouts will be from 7:30-8:30 at Alpine Fields.
 - **August 10th** - 14U Tryouts will be from 5:30-6:30, 15U Tryouts will be from 6:30-7:30 at George Enloe Fields.
 - Team selection will occur at the beginning of September. Date is TBD.
- Tryout Reminders:
 - Please arrive at the field 30 minutes before your scheduled tryout time for warm ups.
 - Parents are not allowed to watch tryouts.
 - Players are not allowed to wear any clothing that identifies them - no names on shirts or baseball gear from Anoka or other associations.
 - Please reach out to [TJ Lyon](#) or [Nick Dodge](#) with any questions.

Sr. House Baseball End of Season Tournament

- First off we would like to thank all of the volunteers who worked so diligently to ensure this season's tournament was a success. Without the hard work and dedication of all of our families involved, we would not be able to host such a successful event!
- Congratulations to our 8U, 10U, and 12U Rec Champions





Sr. House Baseball All-Stars

- Congratulations to both our 10U and 12U Rec All-Star Teams as both teams represented Anoka by taking first place against their opponents this year!





13U Anders Flaa Tournament Champions

- Congratulations to our 13U Rec team for taking first place at the Anders Flaa Tournament in Andover this past June



Volunteer Dibs

- If you have not completed your Dibs for this season, we will have a few more limited opportunities coming up that will be communicated soon. Please reach out to Volunteer Coordinator [Niki Olson](#) with any questions.

OPEN Board Positions

We currently have the following board positions open! If you are interested please reach out to [Erik Entinger](#) or [Adam Byrd](#)

- Field Maintenance Coordinator
- Junior House Coordinator
- Concessions Coordinator



Softball

Contact: softball@arsports.org

2024 Player Assessments will be 8/14 & 8/15. Times, more details and registration are available through the link below.

[2024 Player Assessments](#)

Interested in coaching for the 2024 season? Complete a coach application for softball so we know you want to coach!

[Softball Coach Application](#)