

# SCORPION NEWS

Scorpions Soccer Club  
Ridgecrest, California

<http://www.scorpions-soccer.org/>  
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Photo by Mike Pope

## Scorpions Carwash

Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

Parents, coaches, board members, boys and girls of the soccer club met at the Denny's parking for a carwash fundraiser. Due to the effort of the members pre-selling tickets, there was a **continuous line of cars waiting to be washed from 8 am until the end of the carwash at 12:30 pm.** There was not any shortage of "volunteers" to wash the cars during the hot August morning although drying the cars did not appear to be nearly as much fun.

**Over \$1,500 dollars was raised** and was put in the general fund to help keep club dues down to the lowest possible amount.

-Trent Steichen, Club President

## Splashin' around at Oasis Pool

Saturday, August 22

-Trent Steichen, Club President

The Scorpions Soccer Club held its **annual club meeting and picnic.** This year's event was held at the Oasis Pool on base. Board member's grilled hamburgers and hotdogs while the kids were having fun in the pool. After the meal was served, a short meeting was held at which time the coaches of the different Scorpion teams were introduced.

**Coaches for the 2009 - 2010 season are:**

Chris Marshall (U10 and U16 girls),  
Trent Steichen and Kristianne Aberer (U14 girls)  
Eric Frisbee (U10 boys),  
Sean Waldron (U12 boys),  
and Larry Clark (U14 boys).

The election for the **2009 -10 board of directors.**

Trent Steichen - president and league liaison,  
Chris Marshall - vice-president,  
Lois Johnson - secretary,  
Kathy Villa - treasurer, and  
Chris Ostermann - field/ref coordinator

In addition, Jay Smith volunteered to operate the Scorpion website and Becky Smith volunteered to produce the club newsletter.

Thanks to all club members who came out and attended.



U12 boys enjoying some "friendly" games in Lancaster.

## Mark Your Calendar

**Scorpions Board Meeting** Wednesday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm; Texas  
Cattle Company

Check out the team schedules at <http://www.scorpions-soccer.org/>

## From the Fields

### U14 Girls Action— Trent Steichen, U14 Coach

With three 13 year olds, eight 12 year olds, six 11 year olds, and one 10 year-old making up a **young Lady Scorpions U14** team, practice started in June for 18 eager girls in preparation for the 2009 fall season. Coaches Kristianne Aberer and Trent Steichen spent the summer training session working on basics such as passing, trapping, and defensive positioning that would allow the team to be competitive against older and more physical U-14 teams.

The team attended the **Toyota of Orange Soccer Classic in August with the goals of getting game experience** and allowing the coaches to see the girls play in different positions to determine which player combinations would work best together. Although the tournament resulted in three losses, the Scorpions were competitive in all 3 games while getting invaluable experience as a team heading into the fall Bakersfield Girls Soccer League fall schedule.

The first two games of league play have resulted in identical 4 - 1 losses to the U14 Bakersfield Legacy and Blackout. **Both games were very competitive** as the Lady Scorpions were trailing both games 2 -1 until the final minutes of the game when late goals were given up that resulted in the final score.

Though the hard work has not resulted in any victories as of yet, the continual improvement has hopes high for the remainder of the fall season.

Members of the U14G Lady Scorpions are: Gracie Cano, Kaylynn Cano, Anissa Davis, Monica Gardiner, Bailey Goedert, Grace Haddock, Rana Khalifeh, Selena Medina, Ashlei Okerlund, Leah Ostermann, Kienna Quinata, Marissa Rodriguez, Madison Schiller, Allie Sliva, Joelle Steichen, Hannah Van Nevel, Desteny Vasquez, and Beverlee Wood.



## U10 Boys are Growing

-Eric Frisbee, U10 Boys Coach

The **U10 boys are a new addition to Scorpions**, consisting of 11 young players competing in an 8v8 format. The team practiced together throughout the summer and their first tournament was the Brea Tournament in August. They had a rough initiation into competitive play, but in the last game of the tournament, the boys played an aggressive, close game.

As a part of the GESL, the boys are growing with each game with emphasis on team play, tactics, passing, and control. The boys are scoring goals, but are still figuring out how to limit teams from scoring goals against them. The U10 boys' team consists of young talent with supportive parents and guardians.

**In their third league game, the team pulled off their first win.** The boys displayed strong defensive play allowing the strikers scoring opportunities. Emerson had 2 goals with his brother Tyrese picking up the third in a 3-0 victory.



lady Scorpions working out their game plan.