

# BYA PRIDE

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## State of the Organization

By David Otero

I want to welcome everyone to the 2010 BYA year. We have some exciting things going on for the 2010 year, but I want to first recap some of the 2009 accomplishments within the organization. These accomplishments would not be possible if it wasn't for the hard work of our volunteers (administrators, parents, and coaches). Here is the 2009 year in review:

- Over 1000 players registered across our programs.
- Ratification of the organization by-laws that were last updated in 1996.
- Three new commissioners took office and made immediate changes to their programs.
- Modifications were made to the concession stand area of the facility to improve operational flow and security.
- Awarded a \$2000 Community Support Initiative grant from Legislator Montano. This money was utilized to purchase new equipment in each program.
- 26 members became certified coaches within the SUNY Cortland coaching program.
- Used a standardized budget system for all programs.
- Installed a credit card machine to handle registrations.

So what is planned for 2010? Over the next 7 months we are planning to reach the following goals:

- Increase enrollment in baseball, softball, football, and cheerleading.
- Install an LED message sign.
- Upgrade the batting cage back stop.
- Install a dugout cover on the GIL 2 field.
- Open a sprit store.
- Implement an online coach's survey.
- Elect a new BYA Board of Directors

These are just a few of the items we are looking to complete. To top all this off is the last item, the election of a new board. The current board will have completed its 2 year term in October, and an election is required according to our By-Laws. You will see information posted and receive an email notification regarding when the nominations and election will take place. The new board will be comprised of members who will be in office for 2 years and will continue to improve and build on what we have done so far.

We have worked hard to improve and grow the organization over the past 17 months, but as you can see there is more work to be done. The goals outlined above are very ambitious, but I am confident the dedicated volunteers of the BYA will be able to reach them. I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to lead the organization. It has been a privilege to have worked with everyone and I hope I have met the expectations of the office of the presidency.



There are currently two open positions within the Board of Directors. Nominations for Player Agent and Administrative Assistant will be accepted at the BYA Clubhouse on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30PM to 8PM. Job descriptions can be found at [www.goby.org](http://www.goby.org). The election will take place on April 5<sup>th</sup> from 7PM to 9PM.

## Arena Football Recap

By Tania DeJesus

The 2009/2010 Arena Football season recently ended with all teams placing successfully at the top of their respective age divisions. The indoor, travel segment takes players from the BYA in-house football program and seeks to develop their skills in the off season by competing against multiple towns in the Long Island Youth Indoor Football League. This year, we had a total of three teams competing within this league: 1 – 8 year-old division, 1 – 11 year-old division, and 1 – 13 year-old division.

The 8 year-old division team, coached by Chris Mooney, had a variety of players from multiple teams playing together for the first time. With a majority of the players only 7 years old, it was a challenge throughout the season as this team fought hard for each and every win. The playing season ended with a 6-2-1 record. After a surprise win in the second round of the playoffs, this remarkable team found themselves in the Championship game against the undefeated Central Suffolk team. Being in the Championship game was a tremendous accomplishment for this team in the highly competitive realm of arena football. Playing in a bigger, older age group helped each player build their confidence level and wow the parents and coaches with their newfound abilities on the field. Although, the children exerted a huge effort in the Championship game, they lost and placed second overall. Coach Chris Mooney is proud of their accomplishments during the season and looks forward to seeing them all in the 2010, 8/9 in-house division.

The 11 year-old division, coached by Brian Sherrard just returned from an undefeated, in-house playing season and was intent on bringing the same attitude to the LIYIF playing field. This team of BYA's finest continued their trend of wins with a 6-0 season record. This team of players has a style that cannot be beat and we look forward to seeing them all meet the challenges of the Senior Division in the 2010, playing season.

The 13 year-old division, coached by Chris Mooney was composed mainly of players not returning for the 2010 in-house playing season. Those players spent

years playing for the BYA and wanted to end off their junior football experience with a bang. They showed their discipline, experience, and devotion out on the playing field with a 9-0 record. This close knit team won it all in the end, and placed first in the Championship Round. This is their fourth consecutive Championship win. While it may seem like an emotional end for some, overall this is just a beginning for most going on to high school football. We want to wish them success as they journey on, past the BYA, and partake in new and uplifting experiences.



TO OUR 13 YEAR-OLD INDIANS ON THEIR JOURNEY TO CONNECTICUT FOR HIGHER LEVEL FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS.



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