



PISCATAWAY SOCCER CHAMPS...The Scotch Plains Lightning U13 girls soccer team swept the Piscataway Soccer Tournament with four straight victories. Head coach Luis Rodriguez is pictured in the back row, left.

SP U-13 Soccer Lightning Jolts Edison Unite Independence

The Scotch Plains Lightning U13 girls soccer team shocked the Edison Unite Independence, 5-1, on September 15.

Two minutes into the game, Angelica Glover converted a long pass from Cathy Harley into a spectacular breakaway goal. Glover showed remarkable patience placing the ball high into the middle of the goal. Minutes later, Glover was sprung free again by an excellent through

pass by Javonni Costello. The Edison goalie came out but arrived a bit late and Glover ripped the net. Several minutes later, Edison converted a penalty kick.

The Lightning struck again in the second half with two goals that originated off the strong right foot of Cathy Harley. On her first direct kick the Edison goalie was unable to hold onto the ball and Joanna Naugle alertly tipped it in. Five minutes later the goalie was unable to catch another hard Harley kick that made it 4-1.

Costello, a defensive standout, showed her offensive skill, scoring the final goal, by converting a pass from Kristen Thompson.

Although giving up their first goal of the year, the Lightning defense remained unyielding. Goalies Jaelyn Lazarus, Brittany Biondi and Harley combined to fill in well. The defensive wall of Alyssa Straniero, Costello and Maria Pia Rivero melded with fine midfield play by Katie Cornacchia, Nina Brownstone and Heather Rodriguez and line performances by Jessica Nagourney, Rachel Kreyer, Joanna Naugle and Cheryl Monteiro.

Arc Golf Classic Set For October 10

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Arc of County of Union County will hold the Arc Golf Classic on Thursday, October 10. Registration begins at 10 a.m., at Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains.

Proceeds will benefit the program and services for individuals with developmental disabilities throughout Union County. Michael J. Bonner, Esq. will be the chairman of this year's event for the second year in a row. Last year's event attracted over 80 golfers.

The Arc of Union County is a 501 (c) (3) association that provides programs and services to over 700 individuals and families with developmental disabilities and their families in Union County.

For additional information regarding classic registration or sponsorship opportunities, or the spectrum of services offered by The Arc, please call The Arc of Union County's Resource Development and Community Outreach Office at (908) 754-7422 or (908) 754-7826. If you prefer e-mail, contact: poneillfd@arcunion.org

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SP-F Blue Thunder Ties Soccer Astro Boys, 2-2

The Blue Thunder of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association U-12 division opened their 2002 fall season with a 2-2 tie against the South Brunswick Astros on September 15. The game was a well-played

hard-fought one in which the Thunder had to come from behind twice.

Both teams went into halftime knotted at 0-0 thanks to some sharp goaltending by Matt Bonner. Andrew Smith relieved Bonner in the goal for the Thunder in the second half and also performed exceptionally well.

The Thunder quickly erased a 1-0 deficit as Joseph Del Prete took a perfect pass from Bonner and buried it for the score. After falling behind 2-1 with time running out, Greg Bencivengo, Danny Gore and Bonner out-hustled their opponents to the ball and eventually put it onto the foot of Mark Koransky who fired the shot to tie the score.

On the day, the Thunder goalies combined for 14 saves. They were assisted by defensemen Marc Fusillo, Colin Grimm, Mike Roth, Danny Rodriguez, Billy Johnston and Gore. Collectively, they broke up several Astro scoring opportunities and cleared the ball out of their end.

Meanwhile, Reid Miller, Chris McManus, Andrew Manns, Bencivengo, Koransky, Bonner, Del Prete and Smith kept up the pressure on the offensive end by constantly attacking their opponents' goal and controlling the ball.

Creative Industries Wins UC Sr. 60+ Softball Crown

Creative Industries won the Union County Super Senior 60+ Softball League Championships by defeating L. A. Law in a two-game sweep. Creative Industries finished in first place during the regular season, with a record of 16-3, to win the Super Senior Division. They then captured the league title by defeating L.A. Law in the playoffs 26-11 and 24-8.

Creative Industries completed the season by winning 20 of 24 games and were led by the awe-some hitting of Alan Schulman (.729), George Merlo (.725), Don Robertson (.679), Bob Canales (.650), Ray Cozarella (.650), Demo Cervelli (.636) and Sy Feingold (.600). Schulman also led the team with seven homeruns.



Shackamaxon Golf Professional Michael Kierner

Golf Pro Stresses Importance Of Course Management

You have taken lessons and practiced. You are hitting the ball better but still are not scoring. Have you ever thought it was your course management? Two or three bad decisions on the course could cost 4 to 8

strokes. Think about your most recent rounds. I am sure there are some shots you wish you had over.

I have found three situations that always arise during a playing lesson. The first one is thick rough. Don't believe you are Tiger Woods and try to power the ball out. The ball will not come out or you may hurt yourself. Choose a club with enough loft to safely get your ball back into the fairway. A wedge might be the club to use. The ball will not go far but you will have a shot at the green.

Another situation is when your ball comes to rest in the woods. To advance the ball up to the hole you need to hit it through a small opening in the trees. You did not hit the fairway win your tee shot, the chances of getting the ball through the opening are slim. Find the largest opening and chip it back to the fairway. That opening may be directly to your right or left but it is better than hitting a tree and going backwards.

The best advice I can give you is to play to your strengths. It doesn't make a difference what they are but they will give you confidence and comfort over the shot. A good example would be a second shot on a reachable par 5 with some trouble in front of the green. What is easier for you to do, hit a long iron or a wedge into a tight green? Remember, you score with skills you perform well and by not to make two bad shots on a row.

Michael A. Kierner is the Head Teaching Professional at Shackamaxon Country Club. For more information about lessons please call (908) 233-3989.



UNION COUNTY 60+ SUPER SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...Creative Industries won the Union County Super Senior Softball League Championship by defeating L. A. Law in two games. Creative won the first game, 26-11, then won the second game, 24-8. Creative Industries took first during the regular season with a record of 16-3. Pictured, left to right, are: front row: Bill Ritchie, Tony Menafro, Dick Di Muro, Ray Cozarella, Jim Steiner and Ed Malko; back row, Sy Feingold, Alan Schulman, Dom Deo, Art Kopacz, Don Robertson, John Mc Carthy, Bob Canales, Demo Cervelli, George Merlo and Ed Ganczewski.

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