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## Sports December 10, 2003



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### Sports Shorts

The Monmouth Power Sports Club is looking for dedicated and team-oriented players for its 16- and 17-year-old AAU boys basketball teams for the upcoming season (February-November).

Call (732) 833-5020 or e-mail [monmouthpower@aol.com](mailto:monmouthpower@aol.com). Players should be college oriented, dedicated, goal-oriented and willing to play about 80 games for the nine-month season.

The MPSC is also looking for dedicated and team-oriented Rutgers Safety Certified coaches for the boys program.

Daniel P. Maloney, past exalted ruler of Middletown Elks Lodge 2179, and local event director for the Elks Hoop Shoot, has announced the winners of the recent event. Held at the Croyden Hall gymnasium, the children competed in their respective age group, and scored more free throw baskets than others in their group.

Winners of the local event will continue to the South Central District competition, where they will compete against winners of other Elks Lodges' events. Winners of that event will continue to state and region competitions, and eventually to a National Shoot.

Winners of the Middletown Elks Lodge 2179 event were: (Girls 8-9) Christine Borghese of New Monmouth; (Girls 10-11) Drew Pedone of Keansburg; and (Girls 12-13) Michelle Borghese of New Monmouth. Michelle was recently crowned Girls 12-13 Soccer Shoot winner in the Region II Soccer Shoot held in Martinsburg, W. Va.

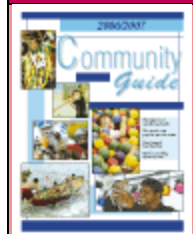
The boys' age 8-9 champ was Cody Thompson of Port Monmouth; the age 10-11 champ was Nick Ciccone of the East Keansburg section of Middletown, and age 12-13 champ was Sean Wentz of Hazlet.

These local champs will all be recognized at the Elks Youth Awards Breakfast to be held March 14 at the Elks Lodge.



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Their families will all be invited to the awards presentation and a breakfast prepared by fellow Elks.

The Middletown Elks Lodge 2179, located in the Belford section of Middletown, is a fraternal organization dedicated to helping those less fortunate than themselves. Their major programs center around the youth, handicapped children, scholarships for academic students, and hospitalized veterans. For further information about the Elks, and their many programs, contact the lodge at (732) 495-2733, or the lodge Web site at <http://middletownelks.com>.

Michelle Borghese of New Monmouth, a student at Thorne Middle School, recently competed in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Region II Soccer Shoot, and placed first in the girls age 12-13 category. Michelle has been a consistent champion in both soccer and basketball, and plays for the Middletown Cyclones, a travel team, as well as for the Thorne Middle School team. She also plays basketball with the BYAA.

The Region II Soccer Shoot was held in Martinsburg, W.Va., where participants from Virginia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey all received trophies. Each was the winner of her or his respective state. Michelle began by winning the Middletown Elks Lodge 2179 event and progressed to the district, region and state levels, taking top honors at each location. The competitors each kick a ball at a goal divided into different point sections. Michelle was the highest point-scoring female for the 2003 event, and was able to help bring the Kenneth V. Cantoli trophy back to New Jersey. The trophy is awarded to the state whose participants score the most points for the day.

This is the fourth year in a row that Michelle has placed in the New Jersey State Elks Association event.

The Angels All-Stars Cheerleading Association will hold a Breakfast with Santa from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 12 Route 36, Middletown. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under age 12 and are available at the door. The event is a fund-raiser for the March team trip to compete in the Americheer National Cheerleading Competition in Orlando, Fla. The event will feature a hot breakfast, door prizes, pictures with Santa, 50/50 raffles, a gift auction, face painting, a craft and "My Sports Dreams."

The Angels All Stars Cheerleading Association has been in existence for 10 years and is a competition cheerleading program comprised of more than 50 youths and young adults from the Bayshore area.

Cheerleading offers the girls the opportunity to learn teamwork, cooperation, leadership, sportsmanship, respect and personal achievement. The senior squad placed sixth at the Americheer National Cheerleading Competition in March 2000.

For more information, contact Debbie at (732) 530-4752.

The Hazlet Youth Athletic League will hold registration for its 2004 baseball/softball season for boys ages 5-18 and girls ages 5-16 on Jan. 14, 21 and 28 from 7-9 p.m. at Middle Road School, and Feb. 7 from 9-11 a.m. at Raritan High School's cafeteria. Registration fees, which include a \$30 raffle book donation, are as follows: boys and girls ages 5-12 — one child \$85, two children \$105, three or more \$130; boys 13-18 and girls 13-16 — \$115 per child. A separate work deposit check of \$200 dated April 1, 2004, is required. Birthday cutoffs are as follows: boys — July 31; and girls — December 31. All new HYAL participants are required to provide proof of residency and birth certificate. Please call (732) 264-3060 with any questions.


The Aberdeen-Matawan Girls Softball League will hold its annual softball registration for ages 5-17 during the months of December and January. Registration will be held at the Matawan Municipal Community Center Dec. 10 and Jan. 14 and 21, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Registration will also be held on Dec. 13 and Jan. 10 and 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All first-time




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players need to submit a copy of their birth certificate.

The Bayshore Jammers U11 girls AAU basketball team seeks players born in 1992. Tryouts will be held in early January. The team is based in Hazlet/Keyport/Keansburg/Middletown area. Call (732) 581-6288 or e-mail Bayshorejammers@aol.com for additional information.