



ARIZONA SOCCER CLUB

# AZSC THUNDER PRIDE

... THIS IS HOW WE ROLL!

FEBRUARY 2008  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

### 2/8-10—Desert Classic

U9 Boys Gold; U10 Boys Gold; U11 Girls Gold  
U13 Boys Gold; U13 Girls Blue

### 2/16—Thunder Pictures

9-11:30 am—more info to follow

### 2/17—ASU vs. Mexico

7:00 pm at ASU Soccer Stadium

### 2/23—US Hamburger & Hot Dog Co (NEW—At Val Vista & Ray)

State w/AZSC and 20% go back to our Club!

### 2/22-24- Arsenal Challenge

U8 boys; U9 Boys; U9 Girls; U10 Boys  
U10 Girls; U11 Girls; U12 Girls Gold  
U12 Girls Blue; U13 Girls Gold  
U13 Girls Blue; U15 Girls ; U16 Boys

### 2/22-24—Ostrich Festival

U11 Boys

### 3/8—AZ Family Night w/Phx Coyotes

5pm at Jobing.com Arena

### 3/14—Open Cup Starts

So far teams: **U10 Girls Gold; U13 Girls Gold & Blue**

### 3/17-20—Spring Break Thunder Camp

### 3/28—State Cup Starts

U12 Girls Gold

February 2008						
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## THUNDER STRUCK: AZSC FAMILY NIGHT OUT W/COYOTES



### “Celebrate Youth Soccer Night with the Phoenix Coyotes at the Jobing.com Arena!”

Chance to participate in a Pre-Game Juggling Contest, sit in the Penalty Box or High Five the Players before the game!! Bring Out Your Friends, Family and Neighbors!!



Phoenix Coyotes

Vs.

Ottawa Senators

Saturday, March 8th at 5:00pm  
at the Jobing.com Arena



#### Just \$20 scores you:

- Upper-level seat (reg \$28)
- Free commemorative Coyotes Hat (\$20 value)
- \$3 from every ticket sold goes back to support the Arizona Soccer Club Scholarship Fund (Package valued at \$60)



*Groups of 10 or more, get their team name on the Scoreboard!*

For more information or to order please go online to [www.arizonasoccerclub.com](http://www.arizonasoccerclub.com) and follow the link!

PHOENIX COYOTES:  
**HOCKEY HEADQUARTERS**  
ALL THINGS HOCKEY

## THUNDER RUMBLINGS: WHAT'S / "WHO'S" NEW?

Congratulations to Alex & Brenda Fonseca



on the birth of their precious baby girl on 1/4.  
Welcome to the AZSC Family—Vitoria Ann!

Arizona Soccer Club would like to invite every team in the Recreational leagues, as well as the Thunder league to participate in a contest centered around the AZSC Family Night at the Phoenix Coyotes on March 8, 2008.

The Team that sells the most tickets will win the chance for the players of the winning team to participate in two pre-game events: The Pre-Game Penalty Box and the "Hi-Five" Tunnel. Up to five kids can sit in the penalty box while the Phoenix Coyotes warm-up for their game and up to 11 kids can line up to greet the Phoenix Coyotes as they come out to take the ice.

For Ticket information, please contact your Team Manager or go to [www.arizonasoccerclub.com](http://www.arizonasoccerclub.com).

Want to be "In the Know?" Part of great things happening at AZSC? Or, find a rewarding place within your soccer family? Then, join the PAC... Thunder Pride Newsletters brought to you courtesy of your PAC Committee.

## CLUB LEADERSHIP: INVITATION FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### The Mexican National Team Comes To Tempe...February 15-17!

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to watch world-class soccer as the ASU Women's Soccer Team hosts both UCLA and the Mexican National team. All games will begin at 7 pm at the Sun Devil Soccer Stadium, located at 6 Street & Rural Rd.— on ASU Tempe Campus.

#### Game Details

Friday, February 15- UCLA vs. Mexican National Team

Saturday, February 16- ASU vs. UCLA

Sunday, February 17- ASU vs. Mexican National Team

After Sunday's game, ASU and the Mexican National team will be available for autographs. Tickets start as low as \$5, so check with your Team Manager for details or tickets.



#### Looking to join a Gym, lately?

AZSC members and their families are eligible for special pricing—For a limited time only!

- Rates of \$19 (month to month—no contract) with a one time processing fee \$59 (first/last month dues)
- Membership includes all clubs, all hours, all classes (Normal club rate \$98 to join, \$34 month to month)
- Family may add-on for the same rate

Please enroll ONLINE to receive the rate at: [www.PureFitnessClubs.com](http://www.PureFitnessClubs.com)  
(Click Corporate Wellness, then "sign up" - User ID: pure password: 9999)

For more information or to enroll by phone, please contact Carrie Duhaney at (480) 234-1450. (**Must go through Carrie to receive special pricing.**)

## COACHING LEADERSHIP: CAN YOU NAME THIS COACH?



### ?????. Tier 1 Coach

This coach was born in a foreign country and has lived in the states since the age of 8. Beginning around the age of 10 is when he got his start playing recreational soccer. "Back in the day," in high school he participated in wrestling, and was an

East Valley Champion and State Runner Up in 1995. He also lettered in varsity soccer for Westwood and Mountain View, where he played striker and eventually played striker for Mesa Community College! He has been a coach with the AZSC since its inception in 2001 and is currently working toward his "C" coaching license.

Just for fun, he plays on the AZSC's Men's League as a striker and practices the art of Mixed Martial Arts and Grappling—which explains his avid following of UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship)!

He attributes his coaching career to his beautiful wife of 10 years, as she has been his biggest supporter. He has 29 children (from the two teams he coaches—ha, ha) and three "legitimate" children of his own; two sons ages 8 & 9 who play in Thunder and one daughter who is 3 years old. His dream is to take his "own" kids to a World Cup Championship Game—to experience the craziness and excitement of soccer!

When asked what legacy he'd like to leave behind, he stated . . . "I hope to model a true love of soccer and be a part of building fond memories in the lives of our players through this great sport!"

*So, have you figured it out, yet—without cheating? :) Answer on the bottom of pg 4.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PAC: (Your Parent's Activities Connection)

What a great display of Thunder Pride, as we have sold tons of Thunder Gear (shirt, caps, stickers, blankets, etc.). A BIG THANKS to our families for their support—financially & through team spirit!

As we approach upcoming tournaments the weekend of 2/22 with the Arsenal Challenge & Ostrich Festival, we know your schedule will be full and your stomachs empty. **So, please join us on 2/23, as we have partnered with a new local Sports Grill - U.S. Hamburger & Hot Dog Co., located at Val Vista & Ray Rd.** They have generously offered to contribute 20% of all AZSC purchases back to the club. Good luck to our teams at the Arsenal Challenge and we hope to see you at the U.S. Hamburger & Hot Dog Co.!

Come join the good company and be a part of the positive things happening at AZSC! We're beginning to work out details for our upcoming Thunder Awards Banquet and we want this to be an awesome event for our kids and families, but WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU! Come check out how you can help (big or small) to make this a GREAT SUCCESS! **Our next PAC meeting is: Wed., 2/20 at 6:30 pm, during practice, by the playground ramadas.** See you there!



### Arizona Soccer Club Mission

- P**assion - An attitude that promotes excitement, enjoyment and love of the game
- R**espect - A spirit of sportsmanship and teamwork that promotes healthy competition
- I**ntegrity - Instill values that promote strength of character
- D**iscipline - Develop technical skills and tactical understanding enabling players to reach their highest potential
- E**xcellence - Equip coaches, volunteers, players and parents with exceptional instruction, resources and customer service to create a positive experience for competitive and recreational soccer

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### D.O.C. COACH'S CORNER: ALEX FONSECA, DIRECTOR OF COACHING & SOCCER OPERATION S

I want to take a minute to clear up any confusion regarding the AZSC Academy. The AZSC Academy is focused on developing players in all components of the game of soccer, which includes:

- The Thunder Competitive Program
- The Lightning Developmental Program
- And, all other supplemental programs that focus on players and coaches development.

These programs offer Friday Night Clinics, Soccer Camps, Coaches' Clinics, Soccer Fitness Programs and a Goal Keeper Program, to name a few. We are working hard to meet the growing needs and demands of our families. So, if you are interested in any of these programs or have any questions, please contact our office at (480) 332-4716. We look forward to making positive advancements while serving you!



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Team Managers & Parents: Please utilize this forum to take advantage of "bragging rights." Photos or short stories may be submitted for publication, just contact us at: [pac@arizonasoccerclub.com](mailto:pac@arizonasoccerclub.com). Stories may be subject to editing, due to space limitations. Thank you for your support!



FORT LOWELL SHOOTOUT TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

Thunder Pride Special Insert!

THIS IS HOW WE ROLLED INTO TUCSON...

The skies were clear, but the desert rumbled as our AZSC Thunder rolled into Tucson. Gold, Blue, and White (Rec) - 10 teams, striking in appearance and heart! Although we were scattered all around town, our teams were united in representing AZSC well. Divisions of U9-U13 players demonstrated an awesome level of soccer skill and passion at the 2008 Coldwell Banker Fort Lowell Shootout!

Throughout various field sidelines, family and friends could be seen proudly touting their "Thunder-wear" and supporting our teams with intensity and excitement. As the wins continued to build, so did the confidence of our players. When the dust settled, AZSC rolled out of southern Arizona with heads held high with Thunder Pride!

Here's a standings snapshot:

- 1st Place - U9 Boys Gold, U10 Girls Gold, 2nd Place - U9 Girls Gold, U10 Girls White, U11 Girls Gold, U12 Girls Blue, 3rd Place - U11 Boys Gold, U11 Girls White, 4th Place - U12 Girls Gold, Participation - U13 Girls Gold



U10 '98 Girls White Team - All wild 'n crazy and ready to play!

GREAT JOB AZSC!

U10 GIRLS THUNDER GO LD (U11 DIV/FLT 2): 1ST PLACE

After two wins and one tie game, the '98 Girls Gold team won their bracket to play in the championship game against - you've got it... our own '97 Girls Gold team! All girls played good, hard and clean and by the end of the game, the score was 3-3. This led to a thrilling shootout with a final score of 4-5 as the '98 Girls Gold emerged as the winners. In a true display of Thunder Pride and good

sportsmanship both teams joined together in a LOUD Thunder cheer. Our coaches and families couldn't have been more proud!

WAY TO GO '98 GIRLS!



1st & 2nd Place Winners '97 & '98 Girls Gold unite for Thunder chant at the close of the tournament



Pictured: (Front) Mallory A., Rachel F., Sebrina R., Jamie C., Aleksy A., Brianna S., Emily S., (Middle) Abigail H., Shelby N., Lauren M., Katelyn C., LaMaya W., Sandra M., Michele P., (Back) Coach Dodge Fernandez and Head Coach Beny Sanchez.

U9 BOYS THUNDER GOLD: 1ST PLACE

Pictured: (Front) Tanis D., Connor R., Zane F., Colton S., and Ryan D., (Middle) Kamrin S., Tony D., Chase B., Dereck W., Alexis S. (Back) Coach Doug Shafer



Wow! What an awesome experience for our own '99 Boys Thunder Gold Team! After a rough season beginning, our boys mustered up the strength, courage and passion to take the tournament in true Thunder style - by storm! Their first game was their first career win with a 6-1 victory, then came game two with a 6-0 win! With this winning streak, the '99 Boy's Gold Team rolled into the Semi-finals determined to finish strong. They fought hard for the title, but had some tough

competition, which lead to a 2-2 tie. Although this game should have gone into a final shootout, the Fireballs chose not to continue, bringing home the win and title of Division Champions!

Although the games were exciting to watch-the sidelines were just as entertaining as the inner-cheerleaders emerged! What a great run & fun experience.

Congratulations '99 Boys!



**2ND PLACE TEAMS:**



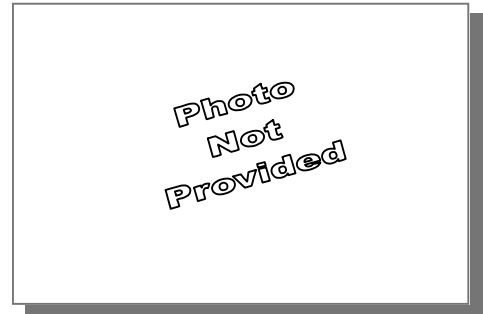
**U9 Girls Gold** – Who says you can't be cute and tough? After 2 wins, 1 draw, our girls bring home 2nd Place!



**U11 Girls Gold**– With 3 wins, 0 losses our U11GG Team play in the Semi-Finals where they take 2nd.

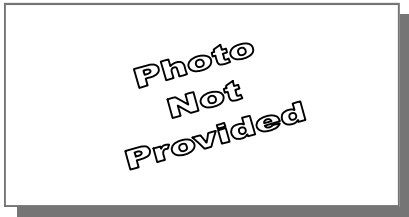


**U10 Girls White Team** – The many faces of AZSC were represented, as our own Rec Team showed Tucson how to get it done—taking 2nd Place!



**U12 Girls Blue Team** – Takes 2nd Place in their division. Way to go Girls!

**3RD PLACE TEAMS:**



The **U11 "Sharks" Girls White Team** were proud and delighted to represent the AZSC Thunder. On Friday night our youngest player, Morgan K. (9 yrs old) took third in the juggling competition.

As for the tournament, our U11 Girls White Team finished with a 2 win, 2 loss run taking 3rd Place in their division. Congratulations girls!

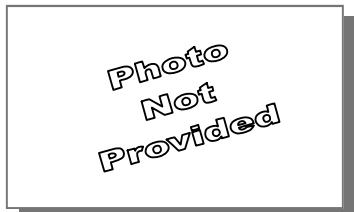
"This was a great opportunity provided by AZSC and The Sharks would like to send a special thanks to Jason Beckerman and Mike Briseno for the opportunity. We would also like to send a big thanks to Kim Pierce for all the hard work to get us registered." – Submitted by Randy Gunzer, Coach.



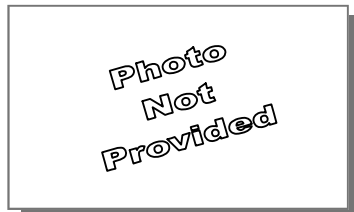
The **U11 '97 Boys Gold Team** didn't travel all that way to Tucson for a little cold to stop them. With four '98 Boys joining them on larger fields, the U11 Boys team managed to win both games on day 1, taking the title for their divisional bracket.

The boys met up with the El Paso team for the Semi-Final Match on Sunday morning. The opponent had outscored their competition 9-0 in the previous two games. The game was a great defensive battle, and when the final whistle blew, the boys were on the short side of the score, dropping a loss to a very skilled team, 2-0.

The team did a great job and everybody was proud of how they played, and holding a very offensive team to two points. The 97 Boys finished in Third Place, overall. - Submitted by Jason Beckerman



**U12 Girls Gold Team** – Girls take 4th Place in the U12, Flight 1 Division.



**U13 Girls Gold Team** – The girls received a tournament participation and look forward to returning next year!

Thunder Families were not in short supply in Tucson and as the legend goes, their voices could be heard as far as Gilbert cheering for our teams!

Hope you all enjoyed the tournament. We look forward to closing our season with continued success and making more great memories next year!

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Mystery Coach/Pg 2 Answer: *Beny Sanchez, Coach for U10 Girls Gold & U13 Boys Gold Teams (Wife: Minnie & kids Alexis, Damian and Daisy)*