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# THE SCORE SHEET

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**MARCH 2002**

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMISSIONER

For those of you, who are new to the program, welcome. For those of you who are returning for more fun than an E Ticket, thank you for coming back. My name is Bruce Doenges and I have been elected to the position of Regional Commissioner. My wife Lauren and I have two sons, Jonathan and David, in this wonderful soccer program and we look forward to another exciting year.

As you are reading this message, Region 39 is in the midst of Spring Soccer. As your Regional Commissioner I will be asking the Board of Directors to embrace several goals over the next year. Those goals center on communication, attitude, and support.

Communication: Region 39 is a very large organization of 3,500 players and it operates solely on volunteers. We operate on a budget that predominately pays for uniforms, equipment, training materials, and fields. In a large volunteer organization, communication is difficult and cumbersome. Virtually all of our volunteers work full-time jobs, have families and other commitments. With that in mind, it is easy to see why the flow of information is sometimes slow and difficult. Therefore, one of my goals will be to work with your Board to try to open the doors of information through improved technology and the World Wide Web.

Attitude: AYSO started in Southern California with a vision and a dream of providing any child, regardless of skills and abilities, the opportunity to learn, play, and enjoy soccer. With over 700,000 children participating in AYSO around

the United States, it is clearly a successful program. It is also true that the founding AYSO philosophies have endured to this day. In spite of all of the efforts to convey these philosophies through training, advertising, and recently implemented "Kids Zone," we still experience our fair share of bad attitude on the fields. This is especially troublesome when it is directed to the referees. One of my goals will be to try to reduce the negative behavior to a mere whisper in the wind. As a collective group, parents and children alike, we need to remember and remind those around us that we are AYSO. This is a development and training program that is designed specifically for any and all children to play soccer and have fun.

Support: If I were to develop a motto or slogan for AYSO it would be "Everyone works and everyone plays so our children can have fun." This region has approximately 250 teams of players each year. That translates into 500 coaches, 500 referees, 250 team parents, 750 field prep people, plus all the administration and other duties needed. This is assuming everyone steps up to the plate. My goal will be to build a better support system for our program. Of paramount importance will be to promote an environment where more people volunteer and be involved.

Ambitious? You bet but we have to start somewhere and I ask everyone to help foster these goals. We need each other's help to make this a positive, supportive, and wholesome program. Thank you for your efforts in making AYSO Region 39 a successful & fun program!

*Bruce Doenges*

## ARTISTIC DESIGNERS WANTED!

AYSO Region 39 is inviting all **players** to design the 2002 participation pin given to all fall players at the end of the 2002 season.

The pin must state: Ventura – AYSO – 2002 – Region 39. Try to incorporate the poinsettia flower, which is the City's emblem and soccer into the pin. Start with a 1 inch design and enlarge to 8" x 8," identifying the colors. Send to AYSO Region 39: 1601 Callens Road, Ventura CA 93003.

Last year's pin was designed by Robert Lindsay, U16/U19 Boys' player.

## FALL SOCCER SIGN-UPS: COMING SOON!!!!

It is nearly that time of year again when fall soccer registration occurs. At the time of the release of this newsletter, dates, times and location are still being determined.

Watch for a separate mailer and newspaper ads soon regarding fall soccer registration.

AYSO Region 39 Web site: [www.ayso39.org](http://www.ayso39.org)

AYSO National Web site: [www.soccer.org](http://www.soccer.org)