

# Adaptive Sports Newsletter

Issue 1

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## Previous Results

### • **Wheelchair Basketball:**

Varsity Flyers 49 Jr. MI Thunderbirds 40  
Prep Flyers 18 BORP Bay Cruisers 14

FW Bandits 50 Twin City Spinners 58

### • **Power Soccer:**

Fantastic Flyers 1 Kokomo Spinners 2

Fearless Flyers 0 Courage Thunder 2

## **SALT Dodgeball**

A group of student-athletes from IPFW will be hosting a Dodgeball Tournament on April 19 from 2-5p at IPFW's Hilliard Gates Sports Center. Proceeds from this tournament will go to Turnstone's Recreation Program.

Several of our Power Soccer players will be holding a demo during the intermission (about 2:45pm).

Last year's tournament was a great success and the basketball team did a demo. Several of the dodgeball participants were put into a chair to compete against the Turnstone players. Turnstone's players creamed the student-athletes, but everyone had a great time.

Spectators are welcome and we'd love to see you at this year's event.

## **Basketball Teams Complete Successful Seasons**

The Varsity Flyers, Midwest Conference Champions, found themselves ranked 7th in the country heading into the National Tournament in Denver, CO on March 19-21.

During the open round, the Varsity team lost a heartbreaker to a tough New Jersey Nets team 57-52. They used their anger from that loss to help them soundly beat Lakeshore 55-38. A very tough Seattle team was next and it took everything the Flyers had to squeeze out a 56-55 victory. This advanced the Varsity team to the 9th/10th place game (highest they could finish after dropping their first round game). They played conference rival Jr. Michigan Thunderbirds and managed to complete their winning run with a 49-40 victory. This 9th place finish was a far way off from the 3rd place finish last year, but a 3-1 record is something to be proud of and the Varsity Flyers look forward to avenging their first round loss next year.

Individual awards were as follows: Sarah Sims - Women's All-Star Team; Top 5 All Academic

Team; Kyle Killworth - Top 5 All Academic Team; Kevin Weingartner - Top 5 All Academic Team

The Prep Flyers, Midwest Conference Runners-Up, saw a 2nd place national ranking for the tournament in Denver on March 20-21.

The Prep Flyers won their pool to start the tournament, beating Lakeshore and Courage 19-10 and 21-19 respectively. During bracket play, they beat a struggling Denver team 32-8, but encountered a rejuvenated Courage team in the final four. Courage repaid the favor, beating the Flyers 19-8, moving Turnstone into the 3rd place game. The Flyers squeaked by the BORP Bay Cruisers 18-14 to finish 3rd at the National Championships for the second straight year. Also, Nina Welfle was named to the Women's All-Star Team.

The Fort Wayne Bandits,

Bluegrass Invitational Champions, were ranked 2nd in DIII going into the National Tournament in Denver, CO on March 18-20.

Day one saw two wins against RIC Hornets (60-26) and Connecticut

Spokebenders (53-44) quickly moving them into the final four of the winners bracket in the double elimination tournament. A poor second half doomed the Bandits in

their first loss to Twin City 47-34. In the losers bracket, they beat up on 4th ranked All Hearts Tornadoes 50-37. This moved them into the championship round of the losers bracket where the winner plays for the National Championship. Unfortunately, the pesky Twin City team had moved into the losers bracket as well and showed that the first meeting was not a one-time fluke. Twin City beat the Bandits 58-50, giving Fort Wayne a 3rd place finish for the second year in a row.



## Fearless and Fantastic Flyers Power Soccer Home, Marion, and Regional Tournaments

The Fearless and Fantastic Flyers both traveled to Minneapolis, MN for the Regional Qualifying Tournament. Fearless entered the tournament as the #1 seed and Fantastic was #2.

The Fantastic Flyers started the tournament impressively beating Madison Marauders and Indy Cruisers 2-1. On Day 2, Fantastic was paired against Driving Force and Courage Thunder. A second half breakdown against Courage led to Fantastic finishing 2nd in their pool. In the crossover match, a pesky Kokomo Spinners team was able to squeeze by a worn out Fantastic team for the first time all sea-

son. This loss put Fantastic in 4th place for the Tournament and just out of an automatic bid for Nationals. They still have a chance if USPSA offers them one of the invites based on their record from the whole year.

The Fearless Flyers started Day 1 with two blowouts of Kokomo Spinners and Courage Bliz-

zard. Day 2 saw more wins for Fearless over DASA Firecrackers

and GLASA Fire. Unfortunately, in the 1st place crossover match, the Courage Thunder were able to hold Fearless scoreless, dropping them to a 2nd place finish at Regionals. However, 2nd place is good enough for an automatic bid

to Nationals in Fishers, IN at the Fieldhouse on June 19-21.



Luke Labas prepares to hit the ball while Brandon Stump looks on with his wife.

## Sled Hockey Hosts First Annual Bob Chase Frostbite Sled Hockey Championships

The Turnstone Youth and Adult Sled Hockey Teams hosted the 1st Annual Bob Chase Frostbite Sled Hockey Championship over Valentine's Day weekend (February 14-15, 2009).

The Youth team received great experience in the first live action the team has ever seen. They finished 0-4 on the weekend, but were competitive throughout.

The adult team finished 2nd in the

tournament, losing 0-5 to Saint Louis in the Championship game. Although they finished the tournament with a 1-4 record, their win over Cincinnati put them into the finals.



These two teams are the first sled hockey teams in Indiana and are looking to improve and become a threat in the next couple of years.

The Youth team is looking forward to competing at the 3rd Annual Jennifer Kryger Memorial Sled Hockey Tournament in Grand Rapids, MI on April 18-19.

## Quad Rugby Tournaments

The RHI Indy Brawlers, Indiana's only Quad Rugby team, competed at the 'Thunder in the Valley' Heartland Sectional Championships in Saginaw, MI on March 20-22. The Brawlers finished in 6th place, dropping a hard fought match to the Michigan Storm 58-49 in the match they needed to win to qualify for

nationals. The last match of the day saw a disappointed Indy team lose to St. Louis 52-31. Emily Shryock was selected as All-Tournament Team—Best of class 2.5. The Brawlers finish their season at 14-14 and missed the National Tournament in Louisville, KY in April. After a strong year, the

Brawlers look to build on their successes and qualify for the National Tournament next year.

The Brawlers consist of ten players from around Indiana. Those close enough to make the drive practice at Turnstone on Thursday evenings from 7:30pm-10:00pm.

## Adaptive Snow Skiing Trips Prove to be a Success

Turnstone worked with TAASC to offer a cheap way for Turnstone clients to experience adaptive skiing this winter. For \$15 any client was able to take advantage of a two-hour ski outing at either Mad River Mountain or Snow Trails Mountain in Ohio.

"[TAASC] has volunteers that will be as hands-on or as hands-off as you need them to be," says Randy Outman. Randy attended both outings set up by Turnstone. The first was in January and the second was on February 28, 2009.

While Randy was the only client to take advantage of the first outing in January, Turnstone was able to

send two during the February 28

outing.

The

second

client

was

Robert

Burns.

"It was

a great

time.

We

hope to

be able

to go more often," was the review

Robert's father gave when they got

back.

Both ski sites are 2-3 hours from



Fort Wayne. Any time you attend, you are welcome to stay for both 2 hour sessions for the day.

While Turnstone tries to set up specific outings, you may go any week-end the ski sites are open. If you are interested in trying adaptive skiing, please contact Drew Achenbach at (260)483-2100 or An-

drew@Turnstone.org.

For more information on adaptive skiing, please visit [www.Turnstone.org](http://www.Turnstone.org), or [www.taasc.org](http://www.taasc.org).

## Turnstone Presents 2nd Annual IPFW Open Wheelchair Tennis Tournament

Last year, IPFW and Turnstone combined to put on the 1st Annual IPFW Open Wheelchair Tennis Tournament. It was such a success that they have decided to do it again.

May 30-31, 2009 will see the 2nd Annual IPFW Wheelchair Tennis Open hosted at IPFW's Dr. Rudy Kachmann Tennis Complex. The

cost to compete is \$45 for the tour-

namment. There is no limit to how many divisions you wish to play.

Entries are open beginning Sunday, April 19, 2009.

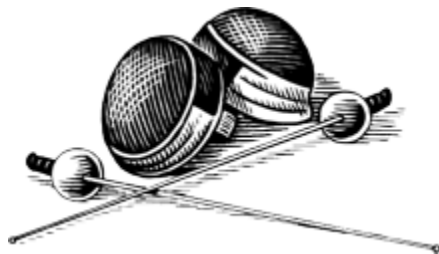
To register, or for more information, you may contact Eric Burns (IPFW Men's and Women's Head Tennis Coach) at (260)481-6642 or [burnset@ipfw.edu](mailto:burnset@ipfw.edu).

You may also register for the tournament by visiting [www.tennislink.usta.com/tournaments](http://www.tennislink.usta.com/tournaments) and enter Tournament ID# 855904209.

Turnstone is in the process of securing an instructor for Tennis Clinics in April for anyone interested. More information will be available soon.

## Wheelchair Fencing with Summit City Fencing

Turnstone will be presenting some wheelchair fencing clinics/practices in the near future. We are looking to start clinics at the end of April/beginning of May.



All clinics will be put on by Summit City Fencing and will be hosted at their site. Jaison Laker of Summit City

Fencing has offered to run these

clinics. If you would like more information about wheelchair fencing, or fencing in general, please visit [www.summitcityfencing.org](http://www.summitcityfencing.org). You may also visit Turnstone's website at [www.Turnstone.org](http://www.Turnstone.org).

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**A CALL FOR PICTURES!!!**

If you have pictures of any of the Turnstone teams during competition, please send a copy to Andrew@Turnstone.org so we can update our stock!

## Annual Union Counselor's Picnic

Turnstone again will host the Annual Union Counselor's Picnic for Clients and Families of Turnstone on May 13, 2009 from 5:00pm-7:00pm. The Picnic is free to all Turnstone Clients and up to 4 of their guests. If you would like to attend this event, please RSVP to Drew Achenbach at (260) 483-2100 or Andrew@Turnstone.org by May 1, 2009.

The Picnic has a Hawaiian theme and will feature raffle items, jugglers, clowns, and a liver performance by "The King" (Brent A. Cooper - Elvis Impersonator). So put on your hula skirts and Hawaiian shirts and join us on May 13 for some food, fun, and music!

## Creative Movement Classes

Turnstone will host a creative movement class over the months of May and June which will cultivate into a performance at Arts United on June 12. The class will be taught by the Dance Collective and is made possible through a grant. Practice dates and times are listed below. If you are interested in taking part in this class, please contact Drew Achenbach at (260) 483-2100 or Andrew@Turnstone.org.

## April - June 2009 Upcoming Events

### • Sled Hockey:

*Jennifer Kryger Memorial Sled Hockey*  
*Tournament (Youth Flyers)*  
Grand Rapids, MI  
April 18-19

Indianapolis, IN

May 16

*Fantastic & Fearless Flyers*

Nationals - Fishers, IN

June 19-21

### • Dance Collective:

Turnstone 11:30a-12:30

Saturdays: May 2, 9, 16

Turnstone 4:30p-5:30p

Wednesdays: May 6, 20, 27

& June 3

Arts United 6p-8p

June 10 & 11 - Rehearsals

Arts United 6p-9p

June 12 - Performance

### • Annual Turnstone Picnic:

Turnstone 5:00p-7:00p - May 13

### • Power Soccer:

*Fearless Flyers*  
Indianapolis, IN  
April 4  
*Fantastic & Fearless Flyers*  
Columbus, IN  
April 18

### • Wheelchair Tennis:

IPFW Open  
Fort Wayne, IN  
May 30-31

*Fearless Flyers*

Kokomo, IN

May 2

*Fantastic Flyers*

### • SALT Dodgeball:

IPFW  
Fort Wayne, IN  
April 19

### • Teen Social Night:

Turnstone 6:00p-9:00p - May 8  
Turnstone 6:00p-9:00p - June 5

\* Dates and times are subject to change. Please visit [www.Turnstone.org](http://www.Turnstone.org) a few days before an event to verify the times.