



4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Pink Team with coaches Chris Wong and Tim Nguyen.



4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Green Team with coaches Stephanie Lee and Courtney Hori.



4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Girls All Stars Pink Team with coaches Elise Wong and Courtney Tom.



7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Pink All Stars with coaches Mike Tipon and AJ Fajardo.



4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Green Team All Stars with coaches April Nakatani, David Kunisaki and Kyle Kuyuma.

## 2004 SASF Summer Basketball

by Tim Lee

Once again, the summer was filled with the sounds of basketballs – Monday through Friday nights at Sutter Middle School. With over 450 kids and young adults playing, coaching, refereeing, scorekeeping and time-keeping, a good time was had by all. It's truly amazing how kids and young adults have done such a wonderful job in creating a fun-filled basketball atmosphere for everyone.

The league was broken into five groups: 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade boys; 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys; 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls; and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> coed.

The coaches were past players, high school players, or kids who wanted to see what coaching is about for the first time. The referees were also former or current high school players. Scorekeepers and timekeepers were all high school kids who wanted a place to “hang out” for the summer and earn a little summer money at the same time. This is truly a league for the kids.

After a few short observation days, the coaches – through a draft – chose their teams. The coaches evaluated what they were looking for in their team for the summer. Once the teams were established, league play began. After a series of games, playoffs followed and the league champions emerged. After all the championship games were played, the coaches

(no parents) choose league all-stars from all the teams and the all-star games were played. The all-star coaches were chosen for the ability to teach, coach and have fun with their team. The division coordinators made these decisions.

Tyler Lee, 6<sup>th</sup> grade player, said, “The best part of summer league is winning the championship and getting a new pair of shorts for winning.”

“I really liked meeting all the new kids and trying to teach them what I was taught by all my coaches,” said Coach April Nakatani (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys).

“Coaching the pee-wees was harder than I thought it was going to be. All the kids really wanted to do was follow the ball, but they were so cute and fun.” – Coach Alyssa Chow.

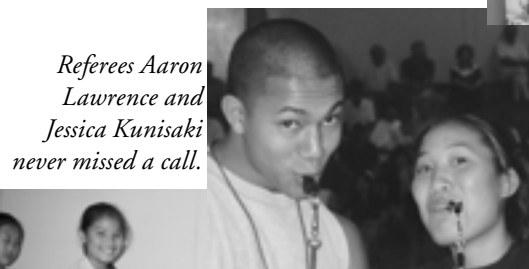
Eric Tsumura (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade boys), said, “Hangin’ out with my friends was the best part and playing basketball was fun, too.”

Many thanks to everyone who helped this summer, and we look forward to seeing all of you again next year.

A special thanks to Robert Fong. Without his leadership and guidance, none of this could be possible. Every year the league has become the summer highlight for many of the kids.



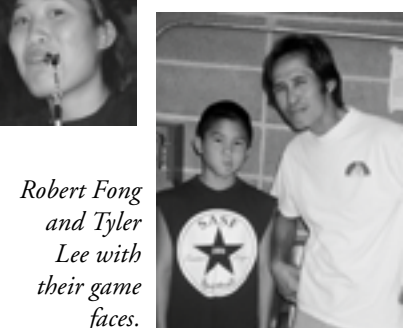
Scorekeepers and timekeepers Stef Kushida, Ally Jang and Dana Yoshioka.



Referees Aaron Lawrence and Jessica Kunisaki never missed a call.



4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Green Team All Stars “gettin’ ready” with coaches Stephanie Lee and Courtney Hori.



Robert Fong and Tyler Lee with their game faces.

# Adult Golf Tournament

By Don Lee, Tournament Chair

As the sun rose from the east, The Reserve Golf Course at Spanos Park was being readied for the 6th Annual SASF Golf Tournament. Promptly at 8 a.m., our chef Doug Tsuda fired up the BBQ grill and the aroma of teriyaki chicken was soon making its way around the golf course.

In the kitchen, bento boxes were being prepared by the more than 50 volunteers, all playing an important role in making this another successful event. Around 11 a.m., the golfers begin to arrive for a day of food and fun. As they check in, golfers were pleasantly surprised as they received their gift package and were bewildered with the numerous options to purchase an assortment of other golf prizes.

Before the 1 p.m. shotgun start, golfers warmed up, hitting balls at the driving range and sharpening their putting skills on the putting green. The weather, which had been overcast and windy earlier in the morning, began to clear when the first balls were hit off the tees.

One of the many attractions of the tournament was the opportunity to win a new Hummer, donated by Team Chevrolet of Vallejo, Calif. Unfortunately, no one was able to get a hole-in-one on the 15th hole, and the dream of driving off in the Hummer will have to wait until the next tournament.

As the golfers were completing their round of golf, our chefs for the dinner, Eddie Fong and Al Wong, were in the final stages of finishing the prime rib and all the trimmings. Joey Lee and her crew were also busy in the kitchen setting the tables and plating the dinners. During dinner, SASF had the help of three Royal Court Dancers selling raffle tickets and handing out the prizes to the lucky winners.



As the day neared its end, the winners of the day's activities were announced. Here are the results:

**First Place Team**

Derek Chan, Ken Yee, Greg Yip, Paul Yip

**Second Place Team**

John Fong, Dave Moy, John Yee, Lim Yee

Longest Drive (men): Keith Okasaki

Longest Drive (women): Marisa Mar

**Closest to the Hole**

Hole #4

1st – Kiyoshi Kawanabe

2nd – Jason Green

3rd – Kent Ichiho

Hole #13

1st – Tom Burns

2nd – Kent Ichiho

3rd – Kiyoshi Kawanabe



*SASF would like to thank the following sponsors for their support of the 6th Annual SASF Tournament:*

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*SASF would also like to give a big thanks to the following individuals for their involvement at the golf tournament:*

Tim Walsh and the staff at The Reserve Golf Course, The Royal Court Dancers – Summer, Kelsey and Jamie, Tony Lopez, Jimmie Yee, Rob King Fong, Red Adams, Tom Nakashima

*Last but not least, the 6th Annual SASF Golf Tournament would not have been possible without the following volunteers:*

Michael Brewster, Jane Chan, Janna Chan, Carol Chong, Phyllis Chow, Mike Dumlao, Connie Early, Amy Fong, Carol Fong, Eddie Fong, Yvonne Fong, Eric Fujii, Christine Hashigami, Tsuyoshi Imai, Lorrie Kimura, David Kunisaki, Julie Kunisaki, Gordon Kunisaki, Bruce Kushi-da, Kyle Kuyama, Joey Lee, Mike Liang, Tiffany Long, Marilyn Louie, Ray Louie, Sachi Louie, Renee Mandoza, Shorty Miyamoto, Brian Park, Steven Park, Doug Tsuda, Cathy Umeda, Loreta Wilkinson, Paul Wilkinson, Al Wong, Mike Wong, Jeannie Wong, Lucille Wong, Deanna Yamamoto, Beverly Yung



*We look forward to seeing all of you at our tournament next year!*

**Tournament Committee**

Rodney Kunisaki, Robby Nakamura, Eileen Park, Stuart Satow, Amy Wong, Mamie Yee, Rodney Yung



# 5th Annual Jr. Golf Tournament

The 5th Annual SASF Junior Golf Tournament was held on a warm, sunny day, August 28, 2004 at the William Land Golf Course. Once again, all 22 tee-times were filled with youth golfers ages 7 to 17 years old.

Each golfer received a gift pack at registration that included a 2004 shooter shirt designed by Kristi Omoto, tournament program, ice cream cone gift certification donated by Vic's Ice Cream, and snacks to get them through the 9 holes. The tournament emphasizes a non-competitive spirit with a scramble format to encourage team play. Several contests were played on the course including Hole #3, Closest-to-the-Pin and Hole #5, the Longest Drive. A boy and girl winner was chosen from each of the three flights that are designated by age groups.

The highlight of the day included the post tournament festivities. Chef Ford Kinoshita awakened at the crack of dawn to begin preparing a fabulous lunch for our golfers and families. Lunch included barbecue chicken and tri-tip marinated in Kinoshita's special sauce, beans, corn, fruit and Chinese chicken salad prepared by Theresa Kubo. Thanks to Don Lee of Wholesale Cash & Carry and Steve Silva of Pilgrims Food Systems who donated the meat so Kinoshita could prepare his famous barbeque sandwiches. To cool off during the 100-degree weather, refreshing ice cream bars donated by Kevin Matsuo and Jim Matsumoto of Dairy Queen were served. The finale of the days' activities included a raffle drawing with over 60 prizes donated by general local businesses. With the large number of donations received, nearly every participant was able to win a prize.

### Closest-to-the-Pin

1st Flight: Ashley Noda and Rick Yamamoto  
 2nd Flight: Jessica Wong  
 3rd Flight: Kyle Kataoka

### Longest Drive

1st Flight: Alexis Garduno and Darrin Nishi  
 2nd Flight: Alyssa Yasuda and Sterling Arterberry  
 3rd Flight: Sammie Chan and Sam Silva

### Tournament Champions

1st Flight: Julius Arterberry, Kelvin Lai, Paul Magaoy, and Michael Markham  
 2nd Flight: Keith Fong, Robyn Leong, Kristine Markham, and Sammie Quon  
 3rd Flight: Alex Jang, Garrett Kurahara, Royce Kurahara, and Tyler Lee

The SASF would like to thank the following sponsors:

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1st Flight Winners



2nd Flight Winners



3rd Flight Winners



Longest Drive Winners



Closest-to-the-Pin Winners

Carry), Dr. Tim & Gigi Mar & Family, Jim, Sharyn & Robyn Matsumoto (Dairy Queen), Kevin Matsuo, LaBelle Matsuura (Sam's Market), Craig Rutledge (Vic's Ice Cream Parlor), Steve Silva (Pilgrims Food Systems), Dana Smith (Pepsi Cola Bottlers of Sacramento), and Fresh Choice.

The SASF sincerely appreciates the effort that goes in to hosting such an event. We thank tournament chairpersons Kevin Matsuo and Missy Matsuura Kuyama and the committee members Christine Hashigami, Sherman Iida, Deanna Kaihara, Ford Kinoshita, Theresa Kubo and Robert Yamamoto. Our volunteers for the day of the tournament included: KC Fong, Gary Fujii, Corey Hagiya, Brian Iida, Ashley Kaihara, Corey Kaihara, Dennis Kubo, Julie Kunisaki, Rodney Kunisaki, Rick Kurosaka, Debbie Lai, Tony Lewis, Bob & Missy Masuda, Lorraine Nakano, Kristi Omoto, Denise Tahara, Ben & Donna Williams, Ryan Yee, and Rod & Bev Yung.



Second and third grade Basic Hoops participants.



Kindergarten and first grade Basic Hoops participants.

## Basic Hoops 2004

Basic Hoops 2004 held at Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church was a huge success. Over 100+ future hoopsters 5-9 years of age participated in this annual 4-day program. The program is organized by a group of seasoned coaches and players. The Basic Hoops program is a basic fundamental approach to basketball. It is definitely a fun experience for both the parents, grandparents and ballers.

I want to thank Barbara Sasaki and Ashley Lewis who handled the registration duties. Thank you to Lincoln and Glenn Fujii for taking the time to open and close and allowing our program to be held at SJUMC. Emily and John Yamamoto our popsicle mom and dad. Irene Nabeta-Yee and Gary Yamamoto for organizing the Warlords 2008 men's team and coaching staff. The Sacramento Barons 2006, 2008 and 2009 ladies, The Sacramento Barons 2006 men's team. The Sacramento Believers 12 and under girls for team coaching. Rich Hironaka, Marvin Nakamoto, Gary Nishi, Jan Nishi, Denise Tahara, Jan Ichiho, Glenn Fujii, Todd Fong, Glen Takeda, Joell Coloma.



Thank you so much volunteers!!! Basic Hoops would not exist without your generous contribution of time.

Hope to see you next year at Basic Hoops 2005, sign ups will be in the SASF tournament booklet or online at <http://www.sasfquest.org/> after April.

Julie Ota  
SASF Board Member  
Basic Hoops Founder

## THANK YOU!

### For Your Years of Service

The board of directors of SASF would like to express their thanks and gratitude to the following individuals who devoted many years to our organization. Words cannot express our appreciation for the "value" they added to our organization, not to speak of their time and expertise to "make a difference" for our organization and the community we serve.

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**Laurie Yamada Mori** who served as Graphic Designer for the past 10 years for our newsletter. She designed and created the quality newsletter that we all enjoy today. Her devotion and commitment to a quality product goes without saying and we truly appreciate all her "talent" and countless hours over the years.

**Gerald Muranaka** who served as one of our official photographers and covered all of our various activities and fundraisers capturing the "Kodak" moments of all of our SASF family of supporters.

**Stuart Satow** who served as a board member, committee member of our golf tournament and emcee at many of our events. Stuart extended his knowledge and expertise to our board and due to his family and business commitments had to step down as a board member but will continue to help at our many functions.

**Karen Tomine** who served for the past four years as SASF Executive Director. She brought with her not only many years of experience but also her knowledge, skills and talent to guide and help us grow as an organization.

## Upcoming Events & Activities

- November 20, 2004** 11th Annual Crab Feed & Silent Auction, Elks Lodge, 5:30 no host cocktails - 6:30 dinner
- November 21, 2004** Holiday Asian Arts & Crafts, Elks Lodge #6, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- April 1, 2, 3, 2005** 12th Annual SASF New Year Classic Basketball Tournament
- August 27, 2005** 5th Annual SASF Jr. Golf Tournament, Land Park