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Late April, 2024

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY APRIL 15

After you make sure to mail in your IRS return, plan to come to the **Steak Night meeting Monday April 15, grill time 6:15 pm, meeting 6:30 pm, at the Parks & Rec admin office patio. Brownies provided!** Agenda: updates on Scholarships (eight to hand out at three schools), the Oratorical Contest (N FL District is Apr 27), Soccer Dribble-Pass-Shoot (Apr 27), and Respect for Law (May 6). We need to finalize the volunteer list of eight people for Soccer Dribble-Pass-Shoot and get a head count for Respect for Law, so sign up!

SUSAN WILLIAMSON

Heartfelt condolences to the Robbins and Williamson families for their loss of Susan Williamson on April 5. Susan (red top) was an integral part of the club and worked behind the scenes at the Oratorical Contests as our Judges Liaison and at the Easter Egg Hunts as a champion hot dog wrangler. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families at this difficult time.



MARLEY MUELLER ADVANCES TO THE NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT FINALS!

Marley Mueller won the Zone 6 Contest on March 25 and advanced to the **SW FL Region Oratorical Contest** on April 13 where she placed 2nd overall out of six contestants. Marley and Olivia Bond (LCC Day School, St Pete) now advance to represent the SW Region at the **North Florida District Finals on Saturday April 27, 1:00p, Paradise Oaks RV Resort, 4628 CR475, Bushnell**. At stake is a \$2,500 scholarship for first place and a trip to St Louis on July 18-19 for the Nation/World Competition in July. District 2nd place will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and District 3rd place will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship. Hope you can make the trip to support Marley!



27th ANNUAL SOCCER TRI-STAR DRIBBLE-PASS-SHOOT COMPETITION

The [27th Annual Soccer Tri-Star Dribble-Pass-Shoot Competition](#) will be held on **Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 to 11:00 at the Otis M. Andrews Sports Complex**. Youths ages 6-14 show their skills against their peers with awards for the top three in each age and gender group. We will need 6-8 volunteers to score the competition, arriving at 8:30 for set-up and instructions. Awards are at 11:30. Flyer attached on page 3.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, April 15:** Steak Night meeting, grill at 6:15, meet at 6:30, Parks & Rec admin office patio.
- ✓ **Saturday, April 27:** Soccer Dribble-Pass-Shoot, 8:30 set up, 9:00-11:00 comp., OMA Sports Complex.
- ✓ **Saturday, April 27:** N FL District Oratorical Contest, 1:00 pm, Bushnell (address in the article above).
- ✓ **Monday, May 6:** Respect for Law dinner, 6:30 pm, Sadye Gibbs Martin CC.

2023-2024 OFFICERS

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NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT—SOUTHWEST REGION ORATORICAL COMPETITION 4/13/2024





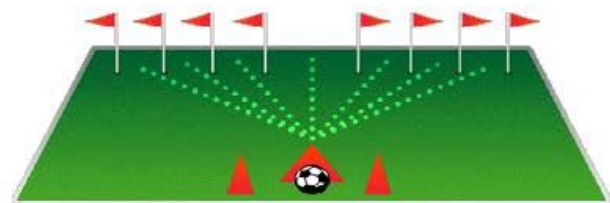
City of Plant City Parks & Recreation Department 27TH Annual Optimist Tri-Star Soccer Skills Competition



DRIBBLING

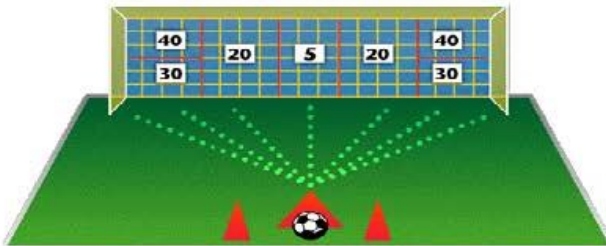
Race against the clock as you blaze through the slalom course of flags! Each participant gets one attempt at dribbling through the course as the stopwatch ticks. The total score is recorded in tenths of a second and converted into points. Faster is better, but you have to keep control!

APRIL 27, 2024
9:00 TO 11:00 AM
OTIS M. ANDREWS
SPORTS COMPLEX



PASSING

Nail a pass through the tightest zone for accuracy! Each player attempts three passes, from ten yards away, through a line of flags. Each space between the flags - or zone - is worth a different amount of points. The narrower the zone, the more points it is worth. Do you play it safe, or do you go for the points?

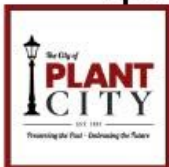


SHOOTING

Launch a shot at the target to score big points! Each participant attempts three shots from either 8 or 12 yards from goal (depending on age). Each shot is taken on a regulation-sized goal with a target net that designates point totals for each zone. Pick the easy shot for the sure points, or try and hit the upper 90 for a big payoff!

FREE EVENT!
Ages 6-14 (as of event date)
Boys and girls compete separately!
No pre-registration needed!

Co-sponsored by the City of Plant City
Parks & Recreation Department and the
Optimist Club of Plant City



Combined score determines
awards winners!
Awards for top three
in each age group:
6-7 8-9 10-11 12-14
Awards handed out at 11:30 am