

CSVA Web site status report
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The CSVA Web site had 18569 hits on the 13 days from January 15th through Jan 28th, 2014. The average is about 1430 per day. Interestingly, but not surprisingly, on Wednesdays the number of hits increase. This is probably people checking the standings or checking the schedules for confirmation. For example, on Wednesday January 22nd there were 3110 and on January 15th, there were 2523. Standings and schedules represent the majority of the hits, though people also look at the calendar and announcements, and various other pages. The total disk storage space for the web site is currently under 82 Megabytes of data.

Fran Zelinkoff has been posting the scores online and the standing results are often online by 6 p.m when the team representatives report results in a timely fashion. All CSVA players appreciate Fran's this effort.

The web site continues to run on Art Smoot's original server. It has been running faithfully (knock on wood) for over 1965 days or about 5 ½ years without a server reboot. The site is backed up regularly to the TeraBear server, for which CSVA pays \$200 per year. This server ultimately will be the standard server at some time in the future.

The interactive applications for applying for individual financial support and for team registrations continue to run with only some minor glitches. The team registration for the Fall 2014 season will continue to use the interactive method rather than paper submissions. No new applications are foreseen at this point. Art has been joined by Wayne Densmore in supporting the web site, though Wayne's participation is just beginning.

Work continues on improving the team scheduling. With the size of the league, the number of gyms involved and their limitations and individual team requests, scheduling is a very difficult and complex problem. A standard software solution is probably not realistic. An effort is underway to assist in the scheduling problem, but its success is not guaranteed. Anyone interested in being involved or assisting in scheduling should contact Art directly.

The CSVA web site knowledge is limited to Art Smoot's support and availability, with Wayne Densmore's involvement. Though not currently an issue, CSVA needs to consider the long-term viability of the site. Support for the applications and design and structure of the site will always be an issue and consideration should be given to continuity. One possibility might be to hire an outside firm to run and support it. This, of course, would not be cheap and would probably not provide the current suite of applications, at least not as currently implemented. The board and/or the team representatives should be thinking about continuity.

Art Smoot
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