

## NEW LA Beaches Website!!!

Greetings Everyone. We are officially up and running on the internet with our new website **LAllini.com**.

**LAllini.com** allows our club to no longer depend on email as our main source of communication. Spam filters and firewalls have made email communication difficult at times so now keeping up with the club and distributing information will be more convenient than ever.

I hope you enjoy using our new website. If you have questions about the site, feel free to contact me at [lisa@laillini.com](mailto:lisa@laillini.com).

See you this summer at our upcoming events. GO ILLINI!!

-- Lisa Winger, Club Leader



## Here are the main features of LAllini.com

### Community Section

#### "I" Blog

Each week I will be posting the latest news about events, member activities, and information from the U of I Alumni office.

#### Member Forum

Members can sign up and be part of the LA/Beaches Club community. Member polls will be posted periodically under the Member Feedback forum to gather information about what kind of activities you would like to see the club organize. You may also use this area to make suggestions and ask questions.

The Member Forum is also a venue for you to chat with other club members under the General Discussion forum. I will be reviewing the forum periodically. Keep in mind this is a public forum so please be professional with your postings.

### Membership Section

Prospective members can join and existing members can update their information or be removed from the email list via the website.

### Events Section

Upcoming club events will be listed along with other Illini Clubs and Big Ten Club events. I am a member of the Big Ten Club and would like to support their activities as well. For events that require a fee, we now have the ability to pay online via Paypal for your convenience.

For past events, you will find brief recaps and links to event photos if available.

## Business Networking Poll

Let me know if you are interested in a Business Networking event. Please take a moment to fill out the poll in the Member Feedback section of the Member Forum. Thank you for your time in advance.

## Illini and Friends Cheer on the CUBS

30 people attended the Dodgers/Cubs game at Dodger Stadium on May 26. It was a wonderful day with a pre-game tailgate (at least until the security people arrived). Two home run balls and a ground rule double were hit into the Illini section, but unfortunately none were caught. It was quite a diverse group with a couple of Yankee fans and 5 Cardinals fans in the group. Many Dodger Dogs were eaten and a few beverages enjoyed.



Amanda Massucci and son River enjoying the game.

See [laillini.com/events](http://laillini.com/events) page for posted photos. We look forward to having more Illini and friends attend next year! Thanks for all of your work on this event Damon!



## March Madness Winners

Even though the Illini Basketball team did not make it far in the tournament this year, we have our own Illini Winners from our Yahoo Tournament Pick'em competition. Congratulations to the top 3 Illini. You have the "Braggin' Rights" till next year.



Listed below are screen names from the website. You know who you are... Thanks for playing.

- 1 **A Watterson** 46 of 63
- 2 **R.I.P. Chief Illiniwek** 45 of 63
- 3 **M4V3R1CK41** 44 of 63

**GO ILLINI!!!!!!**

## EVENT NEWS

### Illini Go Kart Races

Saturday, August 4th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Go Kart World, 21830 Recreation Road,  
Carson CA

**RSVP by July 9. Payment due by July 23.**

**Illini Start Your Engines!!!** Bring your friends and family and join us for the **Illini Go Kart Races** at Go Kart World in Carson.

**Cost is \$45** per person and includes food, drinks, ride tickets and prizes. We will have the track to ourselves for 45-60 minutes based on the number of participants. If interested, please go to [laillini.com/events](http://laillini.com/events) and fill out the RSVP form. Pay online through Paypal or make checks payable Lisa Winger and mail to:

Lisa Winger  
1223 Wilshire Blvd, #564  
Santa Monica, CA 90403

### ILLINI 4000 Bike Ride to fight Cancer

Arriving in San Diego, Saturday, August 4th

If interested, please go to [laillini.com/events](http://laillini.com/events) and download the flyer from our website. You can also visit [www.sandiegoillini.org](http://www.sandiegoillini.org) for more information about the event.

### A Day at Griffith Observatory

Saturday, September 15 1:00 pm - ??

Spend the afternoon with friends and family at Griffith Park for an Illini Club picnic and then a hike up to Griffith Observatory for the public star party.

A public star party is a free event held monthly with the assistance of the Los Angeles Astronomical Society and the Los Angeles Sidewalk Astronomers at the Griffith Observatory. This is a chance for the whole family to look at the sun, moon, visible planets, and other objects, to try out a variety of telescopes, and to talk to knowledgeable amateur astronomers about the sky and their equipment.

Please visit [laillini.com/events](http://laillini.com/events) and fill out the RSVP form, which will allow you to indicate what you would like to bring for the picnic.