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Swedish-American Archives of Greater Chicago Manuscript Collection #17 Swedish-American Athletic Association Records, 1914-1984

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HISTORY:

On July 17, 1914, the Swedish-American Athletic Association was chartered by the State of Illinois. The S.A.A.A. was formed by the merger of three groups dating back to the 1880s: The Swedish Gymnastic Club, Eskil Athletic Club of the South Side, and the Scandia Athletic Club of the North Side. The S.A.A.A. charter was signed by members Harold Nelson, Carl A. Anderson, Arthur L. Shelstrom, Richard Anderson, Frank Gustafson, and Engvald Stevenson. The goal of the S.A.A. stated in the charter was (and is) to

unite men of Swedish birth or descent of sound health and good moral character; to aid, promote and advance Swedish gymnastics, and all indoor and outdoor sports or athletics, and in general work for the social and intellectual welfare and advancement of the association and its members.

The S.A.A.A. was at first a south side club. Also in 1914, a north side athletic club was formed the Chicago Swedish American Club. It was created by the merger of Scandia A.C., Brage A.C. and the Sparta Football Club. The C.S.A.C. later joined with the S.A.A.A. to form one city-wide S.A.A.A. However, the south side and north side groups continued to meet separately. Years and places of south side meetings are:

1934-1962: 852 E. 75th Street

1962-1967: 344 W. 119th Street (Roseland)

1967-1974: 219 E. 113th Street 1975- : 243 E. 113th Street

The northsiders rented until 1927. In 1927, they bought a building at 901 Fletcher Street. They purchased a new headquarters at 3541 N. Clark Street in 1954. The 60th anniversary program book says that the Swedish-American Athletic Association has been affiliated with the Central Amateur Athletic Union for over 40 years. The S.A.A.A.has competed in track and field, tug of war, wrestling, boxing, soccer, bowling, basketball, golf, and baseball. They have competed against such groups as Illinois A.C., Hebrew Institute, Hull House, Gary Y.M.C.A., Grand Rapids Post, and Oklahoma University. Competitive successes of the S.A.A.A. include: Central A.A.U. wrestling championship (1915-1929); boxing trophies in Central A.A.U. championships, Golden Gloves and Gary Middle State Tourney, and the 1945 Illinois State Championship in soccer. In

recent years, the athletic activities of the clubhave been less rigorous. The club continues to hold an annual picnic and publishes a quarterly newsletter "The Punching Bag".

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SEPARATION RECORD: None

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13	2	Ledger Book: Membership	1961-1968
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15	5	Program: 1948 Olympic Commemorative Program	1948
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