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President's Corner

Welcome back to another exciting season of soccer! We appreciate everyone's patience while we were getting our fields ready for play. It has been a long winter and Mother Nature is still holding out on the good stuff.

First let me begin by introducing myself. My name is Julie LaFollette, and I am the new President of the Johnston Soccer Club. I have four boys, three of which are involved in soccer. I would like to thank Kevin Moran for serving as President of the Club the past two years. He has done a great job of leading the Club. I also want to thank Robb Leming for his service to the Club and wish him and his family the best of luck with their move.

I would like to take time to remember our fellow board member and friend, Karen Coaldrake. Karen was an amazing person and did so much for our club and our community. She will be missed by all. Our thoughts go out to her family. We are looking at ways to honor her memory through our club.

It has been very exciting to see the number of responses we received regarding our open board positions. It is important for our club to have people that are interested in making our club the best we can for the kids. Being on the board can be a lot of work, but it is extremely rewarding.

On that note, the Johnston Soccer Club would not exist without the numerous volunteers. This includes the coaches who show up rain or shine to coach and guide our players; the volunteers who show up each week to prepare our fields and run our concession stands and the board members who work hard to make this club the best it can be. Our club would not exist without your dedication to the kids and the club. Thank you!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at president@johnstonsoccer.org. Have a great soccer season.

Julie LaFollette, President

Fall 2008 Registration



It's hard to believe...Fall 2008 registration is just around the corner. Online registration will open May 1 and the registration deadline will be June 15. If you plan to play Fall soccer, plan to drop by our website after May 1 to register!

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Upcoming Events

Apr. 21	U9 Academy Informational Meeting Summit Middle School Cafeteria ~ 7 PM
Apr. 21	JUSC U9-U10 Parent Informational Meeting Summit Middle School Cafeteria ~ 8 PM
May 11	JSC Board Meeting Crown Point ~ 7:00 PM
May 24/25	No Games - Memorial Day Weekend
May 27- June 19	JUSC Tryouts <i>please see JUSC website:</i> <i>www.juscsoccer.org/tryouts</i>
June 7/8	Last weekend of Spring games (unless make-up games are needed)
June 8	JSC Board Meeting Crown Point ~ 7:00 PM
June 15	Fall 2008 Registration Deadline
July 13	JSC Board Meeting Crown Point ~ 7:00 PM
Aug. 23/25	First Weekend of Fall games - Tentative

Matty's Corner



On behalf of myself and all the coaching staff at JSC, I would like let you know how excited we are to start the spring season. Due to the weather conditions it has been a slow start for many of you. We have established programs to offer

you, in addition to a new exciting development for our current U8 players as we move towards next fall. The parent coaches in the program have a training program that they can follow which is available on the Club website, and we will continue to update and re-evaluate our programs to ensure that we are giving the players as much support as possible.

Please be aware of two important meetings that will take place for those interested in playing select soccer with JUSC next fall and for those who are interested in the new U9 Academy program which also starts in the fall (currently U8 players). **The U9 Academy Program informational meeting will be Monday, April 21 from 7-8pm. The JUSC parent meeting for U9-U10 players will be Monday, April 21 from 8-9pm. Both meetings are at the Summit Middle School cafeteria.**

Pegasus Program Under 9 and 10 players

Began Monday, April 14, 6:30 - 7:30pm at the JSC Complex South side.

This program is open to all players in the U9-U10 age group, although I would strongly encourage any players who are interested in trying out for the competitive program next fall to attend and work with a number of our professional coaches. Players will be placed in training groups with players of a similar ability and will work on some of the key technical aspects of the game in competitive game related situations. If you have any questions please contact Jeff Adamiak at 515-554-0246 or email jradamiak@aol.com

U8 Academy program Under 7 and 8 players

Began Thursday, April 17th 5 - 6pm at the JSC Complex South side

This program is open to all players in the U7-U8 age groups and will focus upon the players learning to master the ball in a series of fun and challenging activities. This will be a good opportunity for players who are interested in the new Academy program for those moving to the U9 age group. If you have any questions please contact Matty Smith at 515-457-8874 {home} 515-491-3476 {cell} or e mail mattieleeds@aol.com

U6 Academy Program Under 5 and 6 players

Began Tuesday, April 8th 5 - 6pm at the JSC Complex South side

This program is for all the young players in the U5-U6 age groups and is an excellent introduction to the game. The players will be taken through a series of fun age appropriate activities that center around the soccer ball. If you have any questions please contact Paul O'Connor at poga001@aol.com

Sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, window clings ... we have it all! To place your order, download an order form at www.johnstonsoccer.org. Orders may be mailed to JSC, PO Box 118, Johnston, IA 50131 or dropped off at the concession stand during the season.

New U9 Academy Program Fall 2008

Starting Fall 2008 there will be a new program introduced at the U9 age group. The program has been promoted by the Iowa Soccer Association and will be known as the **Academy program**. It will offer players the opportunity to play at a higher level than recreational soccer and will serve as a link between recreational and competitive soccer in what are some of the key learning years for a young player. The program will be open to all players moving into the new U9 age group although we would encourage you to talk with your coach and any of the professional staff about whether it would be a good fit for your son or daughter. Please view the club web site for further details.

Director of Fields

Ryan Halterman

Spring is finally here, or so the weatherman tells us. So far we have seen plenty of rain, wind, and even some snow. I am sure we are all ready for 70-80 degrees, and so are the fields! The unpredictable weather has meant a lot of changes in schedules; some predictable and some last minute. A big thank you is in order for all your flexibility this Spring.

Within the next few weeks you should see many changes at the complex, and with those changes I will ask for more flexibility. While at the fields for practices, please be aware of any areas that may be showing signs of excessive wear and tear or areas that may be a little wetter than others since these areas will be more easily damaged. As always, I would like to ask that players not warm up in the permanent goal mouths on the south side. There will also be a chance of scheduled practices and/or games being changed to a different field to protect the long-term condition of the fields.

Should any more weather issues contribute to the need to close the fields, we will make every effort to notify you as soon as possible. It will always be posted on the website as soon as a decision is made.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for the time and effort you have put into helping make this club a success. Although it may have been said before, it is true that without all the volunteer hours that are put in, this club would not be possible. If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at fields@johnstonsoccer.org or stop me while at the fields.

Board Positions Open

The following positions on the Johnston Soccer Club board are open: Director of Communication, Director of Fundraising and 2 At Large positions. If interested, please contact Jennifer Gardner at info@johnstonsoccer.org.

Thank you to Tom Tan, Amy Johnson and Keith Nicolet for stepping forward to fill the Director of Scores, Director of Volunteers and Registrar - U5-U8 positions respectfully.

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Want your logo here? The Johnston Soccer Club has various sponsorship opportunities available for area businesses. If you would like to help support the Club, please contact Ryan Halterman at (515) 253-9059 or fields@johnstonsoccer.org.

Volunteer Information

If you did NOT pay the \$20 volunteer fee, you should have received a postcard and email from the Club informing you of the date and time that you have been assigned to volunteer. If that time will not work for you, please find someone to trade shifts with. The full volunteer schedule is online at: www.johnstonsoccer.org/volunteers.shtml. Failure to show up will result in a penalty of \$30.

In the case of inclement weather, volunteers will be notified of shift cancellations.

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Board Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at Crown Point at 7:00 PM.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our upcoming meetings are May 11, June 8, July 13, and August 10.