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President's Corner

Even though the weather may need not seem like another fall soccer season has finished, winter will surely catch up quicker than we'd want and I'm sure parents are excited for a break before winter training opportunities arise after the first of the year.

This is my last President's Corner as my term ends this month and incoming president, Julie LaFollette, will continue to lead the Club forward with a strong and dedicated group of volunteers.

Along with the end of my term, there are a few positions on the board that will also be open and it is an opportune time for other members to get involved with their club. I wish to thank those who are leaving for their time and passion for the sport of soccer by joining the board.

Sincerely Yours,
Kevin Moran

system functioned well and membership benefited. The costs incurred by the club to do this were in excess of \$5,000. The decision was made by the Board that the costs would be shared by the Club and the membership for the Spring 2008 season.

To assist with these additional costs, JSC is adding a processing charge of \$3 to partially cover the costs for online registration. The club will absorb an additional \$1.50 per registrant. Paper registrations will be the same to cover the costs of entering these players into the system.

We appreciate your understanding of our need to share costs. We look forward to another successful year!

VOLUNTEERS ... MAKE THE CLUB A SUCCESS!

JSC Announces \$3 Fee Increase for the Spring 2008 Season

This past season the Johnston Soccer Club moved to an on-line registration system which was an overwhelming success. Over 80% of recently surveyed Club membership rated the service as good or excellent. This allowed members to conveniently use a credit card for payment and register any time. This also allowed the Club to build an accurate e-mail communication system which has benefited coaches and families.

However, service always comes with a cost and as a result fees will be raised in the Spring. This past season the Club absorbed all additional charges to make sure the on-line

Upcoming Events

Dec. 9	JSC Board Meeting Crown Point ~ 7:00 PM
Jan. 13	JSC Board Meeting Crown Point ~ 7:00 PM
Jan. 14	Spring 2008 Registration Deadline
Feb. 1	Uniform Ordering Deadline
Feb. 10	JSC Board Meeting Crown Point ~ 7:00 PM
March 9	JSC Board Meeting Crown Point ~ 7:00 PM
March 29/30	First Weekend of Games
May 17/18	Last weekend of games (unless make-up games are needed)
May 24/25	No Games - Memorial Day Weekend

Matty's Corner



Winter Academy Program

The Club is putting on an Academy program for our younger recreational players

starting in January. The sessions will take place at the gym in Aldersgate Methodist Church on 75th Street in Urbandale. You will receive an e-mail with the sign-up information shortly. If you would like more information, please contact either myself or Jeff Adamiak. All the sessions will be led by one of JSC's full-time professional coaches and are an excellent introduction to the fundamentals of the game.

Contact details:

Matty Smith: Email: mattieleeds@aol.com Phone: 515-457-8874

Jeff Adamiak: Email: jradamiak@aol.com Phone: 515-554-0246

Dates:

Saturday, January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 1, and March 8.

Time:

Under 5 and 6 Junior Academy: 12 – 1pm.

Under 7 and 8 Junior Academy: 1 – 2pm.

JUSC Fall Season Review

This fall was the first season for the new select side of the club (Johnston Urbandale Soccer Club). I would like to thank all those involved in the process on both boards for their help and support in setting up the program that is unique to select soccer in Iowa. The merger has given additional playing opportunities to all our players and allowed us to compete at a higher level within the region. Below are some of the highlights.

JUSC U18 Premier Girls became the Club's first state champions defeating CRSA 2-1 in the final. The girls will represent Iowa at the regional tournament in Rockford next June.

JUSC U16 Premier Girls finished runners-up in the state

tournament, losing 2-1 to a late goal against West Des Moines.

JUSC U14 Premier Boys won the Cornhusker Classic, the Urbandale Holiday Inn tournament and finished runners-up at the Heritage Invitational Tournament in Kansas City.

JUSC U13 Premier Boys won the Urbandale Holiday Inn Tournament.

JUSC U12 Premier Boys finished runners-up at the Heritage Invitational Tournament in Kansas City.

JUSC U11 Premier Boys won the Johnston SoccerFest Tournament, the Heritage Invitational Tournament in Kansas City and finished runners-up at the Urbandale Holiday Inn Tournament.

JUSC U15/16 Competitive Girls won the Council Bluffs Invitational tournament.

JUSC U15 Premier Girls were runners-up at the Best of the Midwest Tournament in Chicago.

JUSC U14 Competitive Girls won the Madison Ice Age Classic.

JUSC U12 Premier Girls won the Urbandale Holiday Inn Tournament and finished runners-up in the Midwest All Girls and the Heritage Invitational Tournament.

I would also like to thank the all the professional coaching staff from both Clubs for their hard work and dedication. This was typified for me by the fact that at one of our tournament finals in Kansas City last month, we had all 6 coaches stay around to watch the U12 Girls even though all their games had been completed, in some cases 3-4 hours earlier. I know a similar thing happened in Madison a week earlier and from my experience, this type of commitment is unique to the JUSC coaching staff!

The Ref's Corner

Jim Elmer, Director of Referees

The holidays are a great time to reflect on the season just passed. Referees also need to be thinking about the season to come. The deadline for submitting your 2008 registration is 12/31/2007. In order to register for 2008, you'll need 4 hours of "continuing education". The Club hosted a clinic, my first as a solo instructor, in November. There are still clinics available in the area, check out the

latest ones at www.iowareferees.org. There will also be an on-line lesson and test available on the web site. But, that's just like taking a course on-line, it costs the same, but you miss out on the dialogue, which is where the real fun is! Whatever your choice, please make sure to register. I enjoy working with all of you, and don't want to lose a single one because of a missed deadline!

If you, or a child, are considering refereeing this Spring, check the web site clinics link to find classes that will be given in our area. They will be held in February and March, generally are a Friday night and all day Saturday, and are the key to a different kind of fun on the soccer fields. As always, let me know if you have questions.

If you pass Jerry Cihota on the streets or fields, be sure to thank him for helping me out. Like Steph Courtney before, I couldn't do this without them. Hope you had a great season, and I'm already looking forward to running around the fields this Spring!

Uniform Reminder

Please take a few minutes to have your player try on their soccer uniform NOW. The order deadline is Feb. 1 to have uniforms by the first Spring game!

U5-U10

High5 - Purple/Gold reversible jersey w/ logo & number
Black Adidas shorts w/ JSC logo
Black socks w/ 3 white stripes

U11-U19

Adidas purple jersey w/ logo & number
Black Adidas shorts w/ JSC logo
Black socks w/ 3 white stripes

Order from Soccer Connections - 3029 100th St,
Urbandale - phone: 270-8141.

A Special Thanks

Thank you to outgoing board members: Kevin Moran, Jeff Kane, Jeff Kimrey, Mikki Kinney, Cathy Remakel, and Vassilios Vardaxis. All of your hard work and dedication to the Johnston Soccer Club is very much appreciated!

Support our Sponsors



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.



Apparel

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.

Board Positions Open

The following positions on the Johnston Soccer Club board are needed beginning Jan. 1, 2008: Director of Volunteers, Competitive Program Coordinator and Vice President. If interested, please contact Jennifer Gardner at info@johnstonsoccer.org.

2007 Board of Directors

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

Our upcoming meetings are Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10 and Mar. 9.

**Spring
Registration
Deadline 1/14!**