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President's Corner

Happy Holidays! As we all gear up for the holiday season and time spent with family, the Johnston Soccer Club wants to thank all of you for your participation as a player, parent or fan. As President of the Club, I personally want to let you know how the Club appreciates all that you do for the Club including spending time practicing and playing the game of soccer, transporting your child to and from practice and games, and cheering on the team during the match. This past fall season proved to be a very successful one as weekends were full of exciting matches, and the weather fortunately played to our favor.

This past season saw some great changes to the Club which I would like to highlight and extend thanks to all those involved in their success. First, we decided to change our uniforms this past fall season. Thanks to Julie LaFollette, our past president, for working with Scheels to schedule times for players to get sized for the new uniforms and for scheduling time for delivery of uniforms before the start of the fall season. Scheels will be stocking the Club's uniform in their store, so if you are new to our club or your child needs a new one, go check out the JSC display at the Scheels store in the Jordan Creek Town Center.

Second, the Club is in the process of examining the recreational program. A committee formed this fall led by our recreational program director, Bill Jensen, is looking at ways to improve the program including program offerings, team assignment, and additional player and coaching clinics. Other board members on the committee are Amy Kahler and Jeff Adamiak, pro coaching staff. Coaches please watch for communication from Bill about a survey regarding your experience as a coach. We have completed our third season for fundraising, and I want to extend thanks to Scott Holton, Dir. of Fundraising, for his commitment to fundraising. The money raised over the past three seasons helps pay off the Club's debt resulting from the 2008 flooding. This fall we have launched a

Johnston Soccer Club Facebook page and we owe thanks to Amy Kahler, secretary and Jen Hermann, Director of Membership U5-U8, for setting up the page. Please check it out and become a club friend.

Finally, I would like to introduce and welcome our new board members: Dan Webster, Vice President, Bill Jensen, Dir. of Recreational Program, Carey Stover, Dir. of Volunteers, and Jen Herrmann, Dir. of Membership U5-U8. There are still openings on the board, including Dir. of Communications, Dir. of Scores, Dir. of Membership U11 and above, Assignor of Referees U11-U19, and Dir. of Uniforms & Equipment. If you are interested in serving the Club as a board member, please feel free to contact me at president@johnstonsoccer.org.

Thanks again for participating in Johnston Soccer and for making it one of the top clubs in the Des Moines Metro Area! Have a peaceful holiday season. ~ Carl Rogers

Upcoming Events

Jan. 9	JSC Board Meeting Oakmoor ~ 7:00 PM
Jan. 30	Deadline for Spring 2011 registrations
Jan. 31	Late fee applies to Spring 2011 registrations (midnight).
Feb. 13	JSC Board Meeting (Note date change) Oakmoor ~ 7:00 PM
Mar. 13	JSC Board Meeting Oakmoor ~ 7:00 PM
Apr. 2/3	First Weekend of Spring games
Apr. 10	JSC Board Meeting Oakmoor ~ 7:00 PM
June 4/5	Last weekend of Spring games (unless make-up games are needed)
May 1	Fall 2011 Registration opens online

Matty's Corner



Winter Academy Program

For those of you interested in developing your skills over the winter months JUSC is putting on a series of clinics for players in all the age groups. Please visit the website www.juscoccer.org for more information.

I would suggest you sign up soon as the clinics are expected to fill up quickly.

U5-U6 Boys & Girls Junior Academy (6 sessions)

Dates: Fridays: January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 25; March 4

Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

U7-U8 Boys & Girls Junior Academy (7 sessions)

Dates: Saturdays: January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm

U9 Boys "Skills To Pay The Bills" (7 sessions)

Dates: Saturdays: January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5

Time: 11:00am-12:00pm

U9 Girls "Skills To Pay The Bills" (7 sessions)

Dates: Saturdays: January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5

Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm

U10 Boys "Skills To Pay The Bills" (7 sessions)

Dates: Saturdays: January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5

Time: 9:00am-10:00am

U10 Girls "Skills To Pay The Bills" (7 sessions)

Dates: Saturdays: January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5

Time: 10:00am-11:00am

U11-U14 Boys & Girls "Skills To Pay The Bills" (6 sessions)

Dates: Fridays: January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 25; March 4

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm

All programs take place at Aldersgate Church, 3600 75th St.,
Urbandale, IA

Coaching Curriculum and Feedback

This fall recreational coaches in all the age groups received bi-weekly communication from one of the JUSC full-time staff giving them coaching ideas and information designed to give the volunteer coaches more support. We also have established a training curriculum for all these age groups with clear guidelines as to what we expect from players in each age group, practice plans with specific coaching points and some ideas about game management. The curriculum is continually changing and evolving and with that in mind, I will be holding a series of meetings for

recreational coaches in the different age groups, Under 6, Under 8, Under 10 and U11 and above. This will be to elicit feedback and look at how to move forward over the next few years. I will send out details and contact some of you individually early in January.

VOLUNTEERS ... MAKE THE CLUB A SUCCESS!

Director of Referees

Ed Ward

Another season of soccer presents new opportunities for us all. Our coaches and players will continue developing their skills and strategies. Our teams strive to play their best to win and to represent our club in every game. Our board members contribute many hours to make this an enjoyable experience for all. And from my biased opinion, our referees work to provide a safe and competitive atmosphere in every game. We are fortunate to have a great group of referees that can serve the many age divisions that play at our fields. Every season we gain new referees along with having current referees move up to higher level games for the first time.

If you would like to join the yellow team (become a soccer referee), there will be many classes held in the metro area before the Spring season. You can take the class at any site and then work games for any club. We will of course look forward to having you work with JSC. The class schedules can be found at www.iowareferees.org (select the calendar tab). Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, my contact information is on our club's website.

Each season, we have referees of varying experience working the different positions within our games. While we will notice calls being made during games, we may not agree every time. **However, we are obligated to respect the referee's decision and act appropriately.** Our referees are there to protect the safety of all and to enforce the laws and spirit of the game. Each of these individuals strives to provide our players, coaches, and spectators with a fair and enjoyable game. **Please be sure and thank our referees for their time and effort.**

Like Us on FaceBook!

The Johnston Soccer Club recently debuted in the social media environment! We realize the way the world communicates has changed, and we want to be where our members are.

Check us out on Facebook by searching Johnston Soccer Club. You'll be hearing from the Board, our coaching and administrative staff, and hopefully players and parents! From upcoming events and programs, to coaching and playing tips, to proudly touting our successes and achievements—we're bringing the best insights from our Club directly to you.

What do we hope to accomplish?

- Foster enthusiasm and passion for the game of soccer
- Communicate JSC news to our membership
- Promote upcoming events and programs
- Educate and develop our players and coaches
- Share information about our mission and Club activities with the public
- Attract new members

We hope you'll "like" us on Facebook—and join the conversation!

We Need You...

for open positions on the board. Please consider helping in one of the following ways:

Director of Membership: U11-U19

Director of Communications

Director of Scores

At Large Director

Director of Uniforms & Equip.

If you are interested in serving or learning more about any of these positions, please contact Carl Rogers, Club President, at president@johnstonsoccer.org.

Director of Recreational Programs

Bill Jensen

I would like to invite anyone who is interested in coaching in the Johnston Soccer Club to attend an E-certificate course. The course schedule can be found at www.iowasoccer.org under resources on the lower right of the web page, choose coaches then full schedule. Classes for 2011 will be out in January. The Johnston Soccer Club will reimburse the class fee if you coach for the Club. The E-certificate course is an 18-hour course that is designed to assist coaches who may or may not have had any prior coaching experience with U10, U12 and U14 players. The curriculum focuses on the development of the player and takes the player from being technically oriented to refining those techniques and applying them to game situations. A take home examination is used as an in-class learning tool.

FUNdraising

Scott Holton

Thank you to all the JSC members who participated in the fall fundraiser. With your help, JSC raised nearly \$10,000 that will be used to begin making improvements to both concessions stands at the complex. Congratulations are also in order for the five top-selling individuals and top-selling team last season. Visit the club website for a complete list of winners.

Coming soon to the JSC site, a partnership with Gatorzoom.



Gatorzoom.com is a web-based service where customers can integrate photos they have taken and transform them into numerous sports related products such as customized posters, trader cards, wall decals and more.

Gatorzoom.com provides free shipping on all orders and 10% of your order comes back to JSC just by clicking on our "League Name" during the checkout process. Look for the Gatorzoom logo on the JSC site soon.

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Board Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at Oakmoor Raquetball Health Center, 4731 Merle Hay Rd at 7:00 PM. Members are welcome to attend.

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