

# Wyomissing Area Soccer Club Spring Newsletter 2006

## Welcome

This newsletter is written to provide residents of the Wyomissing Area School District information about the Wyomissing Area Soccer Club. Our goal is to provide open communication and create increased involvement of parents and their children in the club. The soccer club currently has a membership of over 250 players involved in club competition from the under-8 age group all the way up to under-17. The majority of membership is in the U-8 to U-12 age groups, after which additional sporting activities are available at the junior and senior high level. Club teams compete in the Reading Berks Junior Soccer League during spring and fall seasons. The WASC board and staff of coaches are committed to increasing the quality of the soccer experience for children and their parents who are the membership of the club.

## WASC Board Members

President - Bob McClennan . . . . .	927-1696
Vice President - Rick Long . . . . .	372-4281
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Parents Rep - Joerg Werner . . . . .	484-651-9501
Parents Rep - Brad White . . . . .	777-6180
Coaches Rep - Bob McClennan (acting)	
Coaches Rep - VACANT	
Field Commissioner - Stuart MacAusland . . . . .	777-7575
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Commissary - Shane Keller . . . . .	372-4913
Asst. Commissary - Jeff Hertzog . . . . .	670-7661
Tournament Director - Steve Witman . . . . .	777-5603

## Invitation To Get Involved In YOUR Soccer Club

The Wyomissing Area Soccer Club, like most non-profit volunteer community service organizations, is run by a few dedicated residents interested in providing recreational opportunities for the youth of our school district. Currently there are several board positions open for 2006, and several positions involve work that could use assistance. If you would like to become involved please contact one of the board members above. We invite any member of the club or community to attend one of the monthly board meetings. Meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7PM in the community meeting room at the high school directly adjacent to Cambridge Avenue.

## Fall Registration Information

The registration for the fall 2006 season will be at the High School cafeteria sometime in April. You will receive our fall registration flyer several weeks prior to the fall registration deadline. The reason for this early registration deadline is to determine the number of children who will be playing at each age level. The club needs to provide the county league a list of teams and age levels so the league can form divisions and determine game schedules. Teams have different roster limits depending on age groups for league play, and sometime additional players are signed up. We then have to determine whether 2 teams can be formed or if some players can be combined with players at a younger or older age level to form a team. This process can get very complicated with the necessary paperwork, registration, insurance forms and player passes needed. This work becomes much more difficult when late player registrations are factored into the mix. Please help your club and do your part by signing your child up on time. We do our best to accommodate move-ins and late sign-ups, but if a player registers after the deadline and teams are full, the fairest way is to roster teams on a first come first served basis. For secondary players, whose primary team is a select team such as Berks Soccer Academy or FC Revolution, we encourage those players to also sign up for club play and they will be assigned to teams if roster spots are available.

## Special Promotion for First Time Players

For Fall 2006 WASC is offering **free registration** to any player age U9 or up who has not played soccer before. We know costs of cleats, shin-guards, socks and a uniform can add up, and we want to open up the opportunity to play to as many children as possible. Registration information and forms will be mailed to you in the near future. Please check the appropriate box if your child is a first time player U9 or older and your registration fee is free.

## Quarry Classic Update

The Quarry Classic Soccer Tournament, is our club's primary fund raiser. These earned funds help to keep registration costs down and our facilities in top notch condition.

Our tournament has grown from 65 to 79 to 94 teams over our first three years and should come close to our maximum of 110 teams this year! With our entry fees ranging from \$345 to \$525 and snack bar revenues from 2,000 people over 2 days, you can get an idea of the revenue source this provides for our club! You can also get an idea of what it takes to put on an event of

this magnitude. A handful of board members, coaches and parents put in hundreds of hours to make this event happen.

Mark your calendars: May 12 thru May 14! A handful of Board Members may be able to set this up- but we need every player's parent to help with a few hours in order to pull this off. Each WASC team is already entered (at no cost to the team) and your coach will ask for one parent volunteer from each team to coordinate the parent volunteers for snack bar duty to help out with the tournament. If you have the time and willingness to do more, please contact Evie or Steve Witman at [quarryclassic@aol.com](mailto:quarryclassic@aol.com) and let us know your interest - (traffic control, snack bar supply, trophies, field set up, etc.). We will have the group heads contact you for help.

Thank you all in advance for supporting our club.

## Quarry Open House Fun Day featuring the Quarry Club Challenge

On Wednesday evening May 17 the WASC will be hosting a fun event at the quarry open to all borough residents. From 6PM to 7PM we will have games featuring our Under 8 teams. At 7PM the Quarry Club Challenge will begin with intra-squad games featuring U9 boys vs. U9 girls and U11 boys vs. U11 girls. At 8PM it will be the U10 boys vs. U10 girls and U12 boys vs. U12 girls. Nothing motivates these boys and girls more than a game against each other! Come out and see some spirited competition and fun under the lights at the quarry fields!

## A Financial Overview of WASC

Below is a general outline of revenue generated by the club and costs associated with the annual operations. We share this information to inform club members about where your registration fees are going and the activities we do to keep those fees as low as possible.

### Revenues

Registration fees \$27,000  
Senior players fees \$5000  
Snack bar concessions \$2,000  
Total revenues - \$34,000

### Expenses

Facilities maintenance/improvements \$22,000  
League/Referee/Tournament fees \$11,000  
Total Expenses - \$33,000

Revenues from the Quarry Classic Tournament are used towards offsetting registration fees and making capital improvements.

## What is my role as a parent for my child's soccer team?

- Parents are critical to the success of the team and club! Parents volunteer for the roles of coach, officer, photographer, manager, food preparation, field marshal, linesman, committee member... There are many things a parent can do to make the soccer experience a pleasant one for both their child and themselves.
- Please be prompt in delivery and pickup of your child to practice and games. Please stay and watch practices and games. It means a lot to your child to show an interest in what they do.
- Please check in with your child's coach periodically to see if there is any information that you need. If you will be missing a practice or a game, please let your coach know as soon as possible. All of our coaches are more than happy to address your concerns or questions. After practice is an ideal time to do this.
- Be available to kick the ball around with your child at home. The more touches a child has on the soccer ball, the better his/her skills will become. Have them teach you what they learn in practice. Avoid material rewards such as paying for goals or treats for a good job on the field. Try to instill an attitude that reflects the importance of team play and the joy of the game as the reward.
- Avoid coaching from the sidelines. Players get confused if mom and dad are telling him/her to do one thing when the coach is telling him/her something else. .
- Be a positive spectator and respect both teams and the referee. Practice good sportsmanship. After the game whether they win or especially if they lose, don't critique or instruct your child. Positive reinforcement works best. Saying, "Great effort" and "Did you have fun" de-emphasize the final score, but rather focus on the fun of the game. Avoid blaming others too. Make your child feel important and let him/her know that he is contributing to a team effort. Allow your child to be a child and enjoy the game without pressure from you to perform.

## Contact Information

[www.wyomissingsoccer.org](http://www.wyomissingsoccer.org)

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