

# DEARBORN SOCCER POST

## MAY 2007

### INCREDIBLE NEW WEBSITE

The DSC has a tremendous new website, thanks to volunteer Webmaster Bill Beltz. If you haven't visited, you are missing a great resource for Club soccer information.

Need to talk to someone about a problem? Phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed for all board members and other volunteers.

Don't know when or where to find your child's next game? Schedules and maps to all away locations can be found.

Coaches, need ideas for your practices? Check out Coach's Corner.

Signing up for next year? Run off a registration form right to your home printer.

Thinking about putting your child in camp or a referee class or your team in the tournament? All the forms and/or information you need are found on the site, along with policies, interesting news, calendar, photo gallery and more. Besides being packed with information, our new web site is visually beautiful and easy to navigate. Great job, Bill! We appreciate all your efforts.

**“To me, soccer means playing and having fun, team work, and exercise”**

Lauren Wyman. Age 7, Dearborn Jets

### RAINOUTS

Please show up for your game unless your coach calls you. Games may be cancelled or delayed for lightning. Dress for the weather. If it is raining, wear a raincoat under your jersey. If it is cold, always wear a hat and gloves. Dress in layers. Avoid wet, heavy layers on legs.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

April 14-June 10	Spring Season
<b>June 1, 2, 3</b>	<b>Registration</b>
June 15	Select/Premier tryouts start
July 10	Last day to register for DSC Tournament
July 16-20	Soccer Camp
August 24-26	DSC Tournament
Sept. 8-Oct. 28	Fall Season

### THE 2007 CAMP IS AT CROWLEY PARK!!!

The Dearborn Soccer Club is pleased to announce the dates of the 2007 UK International Soccer (formerly Britannia) Community Soccer Camp:

#### DEARBORN SOCCER CLUB – UK INTERNATIONAL SOCCER COMMUNITY SOCCER CAMP (# 7396)

July 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> at Crowley Park  
**9am - 12pm (5-10 years) \$100**  
**5pm - 8pm (10-18 years) \$100**

**Includes free T-Shirt**

**How to Enroll:** There are two ways to enroll in camp:

**To enroll on-line with a credit card,** click on [www.uksocca.com](http://www.uksocca.com) and click on the link to the on-line camp registration. You will be registering for camp #7396.

**To enroll by mail with a check or money order,** make the check or money order payable to UKISC and mail the payment and registration to:

**Dearborn Soccer Camp**  
**P.O. Box 1838**  
**Redlands, CA 92373**

A copy of the registration is in this newsletter.

**Further Information:** Subsequent to your on-line or by mail registration, UK International Soccer will mail you the particulars on the Dearborn camp.

If you have any further questions, call:

Barry Scott (UK International Soccer)  
1-866-847-8769

Dearborn Soccer Club Hot Line  
1-313-565-4433

Tonya Hunt (Dearborn Soccer Club)  
1- 313-727-2524

### UNIFORMS TO PERU

Mike Hoffman, coach of the Boys U-14 Vipers team, is probably best known for dressing up a scarecrow in a DSC uniform and winning first prize in the Dearborn fall contest. But what you may not know is that he also does some pretty important work with our used uniforms.

Mike collects used soccer uniforms and equipment throughout the year. Each summer at his own expense, he, along with his church youth group, takes these uniforms to a mission in Peru that houses and educates Peruvian street boys. As you know, soccer is a national passion in South American countries, and words cannot express the enjoyment that these boys experience to be able to have real uniforms and equipment for use in their sport.

And through his example and hard work, Mike serves as a role model and inspiration to the youth of our Club. On meeting Mike, one of our teenaged members was motivated to run a clothing drive at his high school for the collection of uniforms and will be accompanying Mike to Peru this summer.

Thank you, Mike, for your hours as coach and your role as a leader and motivator in our Club. In Mike's honor, the Club has approved a small stipend to assist him in delivering uniforms this summer. If you would like to donate uniforms, they may be left on the front porch of 929 N. Rosevere, Dearborn 48124. If you'd like to help in other ways, please contact Mike at that address or at [hoffmal@wowway.com](mailto:hoffmal@wowway.com).

### THE RULES COMMITTEE TAKES ACTION

The Rules Committee of the Dearborn Soccer Club is committed to providing a safe, wholesome and fun environment for our soccer players and our soccer families. To this end, the Committee has been diligent in supporting Club referees and in investigating complaints of unsportsmanlike behavior, whether exhibited by coaches, players or spectators.

One incident late last fall deserves mention, not to embarrass, but to educate our members on the role that the Committee will take when necessary. An otherwise fine game between two very competitive Dearborn teams was disrupted by unsportsmanlike conduct and threatening talk from parents and spectators. The referee ejected several parents from the game, but the situation continued out of control. He finally banished all parents to the parking lot in order to finish the game. After the game, many of the boys apologized to the referee for their parents' poor behavior.

Not only did the unsportsmanlike behavior disrupt their boys' enjoyment of the game, but also, had one team been from outside of Dearborn or had this game taken place outside of Dearborn, a complaint to the league may have been made. Had such a complaint been made, it is possible that the DSC would be asked to leave the league, leaving our children with no place to play.

The Committee takes this situation very seriously and spoke with several of the parents involved. All parents were contrite and clearly understood that what happened at that game should not have happened. They also understood that, although the Committee accepted and appreciated their remorse over their actions, there must be consequences to such behavior. As a result, the Committee decided to ***bar some parents from attending their child's first three games of the spring season and the balance***

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The Rules Committee appreciates the support of the members of our Club in helping us to assure that our games are played in the spirit they were meant to be played.

## **CONGRATULATIONS REFEREE OF THE YEAR**

The DSC is pleased to announce that the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association 2006 Male Referee of the Year works at our Club. Annually, the MSYSA recognizes one youth male and one youth female referee in the state who has shown skill and leadership in refereeing ability and who also gives back to his or her Club, school or community. Last November, Blake Bankwitz was selected as the recipient of the 2006 award.

Blake has refereed for our Club since age 11. Over the years, we have watched him grow and develop in his skill and ability to consistently call a good game. And referee isn't the only leadership position Blake holds in the Club. He has volunteered to train the U-13 Boys team, the Demons, for the last two seasons. Each season Blake puts in hours of volunteer service as coach. To better equip him in this role, Blake just recently completed training on his D coaching license.

Blake has also teamed up with DSC coach Mike Hoffman to collect used soccer uniforms to donate to street boys in Peru. Blake not only ran a successful clothing drive at his high school, but will also be accompanying Mike to Peru this summer to deliver the uniforms and work at the mission. When he returns, Blake will be working for Britannia Soccer until he leaves for college and varsity soccer in the fall.

"I am so appreciative of the Dearborn Soccer Club and its volunteers who have

given so much to me over the years," says Blake. "My experiences with the Club have been the most positive experiences in my life."

We appreciate all you have done for us, too, Blake, and wish you success as you move onto the next phase of your life.

## **REGISTRATION**

Open registration is always the first weekend in June and the first weekend in February. You may obtain registration forms at Crowley on June 1-3, on the web site ([www.dearbornsoccer.org](http://www.dearbornsoccer.org)), at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, or from your coach.

***Every registration must have a copy of the player's birth certificate attached!*** Fees are increasing this year to \$100 for in-house or recreation travel players, \$160 for select players and \$210 for premier players. The select and premier fees include more expensive uniforms and referee and league fees.

***Every registration must also have a signed (parent and player) good sportsmanship pledge to be processed.***

***Late registration fee is extra \$25-\$40!***

## **CLUB TEEN WINS MSYSA SCHOLARSHIP**

The Michigan State Youth Soccer Association annually awards five \$1,000 college scholarships. Applicants are required to have played in an MSYSA league and are judged on academic achievement and Club and community service. We are proud to announce that Club member, Blake Bankwitz, was selected as one of this year's awardees.

During soccer season, Blake can always be found on a soccer field for one reason or another. He has played in our Club since age 8, refereed since age 11 and, most recently, trained a Boys U-13 team for the

past two seasons. A high school senior, Blake is looking forward to playing soccer in college. Way to go, Blake, and save some time for those college studies!

Club members who will be high school seniors in the fall and who are interested in applying for the 2008-2009 scholarship should check the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association website at [msysa.net](http://msysa.net) during the Fall 2007 season. Good luck to all who apply!

### **RELAY FOR LIFE**

The Club would like to thank Tonya Hunt and Karen Fundaro for doing a great job orchestrating the involvement of the Dearborn Soccer Club in the Relay for Life at Edsel Ford High School, May 5.

With a very short lead time, Tonya and Karen worked very hard to arrange 24-hour walking participation by various team members and ran a booth of carnival games with prizes which provided fun for children attending Relay for Life and helped raise even more money for cancer research. One of the players involved came home and said: "I want to do the Relay for Life next year."

Teams participating in the Relay for Life this year included: Arsenal '97, Arsenal '94, Arsenal '91, Fusion, Rangers, Red Hawks, Spirit '94, and Vipers.

Thank you to everyone who participated!

### **LIKE TO BE A REFEREE?**

Have you ever thought that you'd like to try to referee for the Club? The Club is particularly looking for more adult referees. This can be a great way to make some extra money with very flexible hours. Parents, it's a great way to learn more about the game of soccer and to share your child's experience in the Club. The contributions of adult referees are invaluable to the Club as mentors and leaders of our youth.

If you'd like to give refereeing a try, visit our website at [dearbornsoccer.org](http://dearbornsoccer.org) to find out how to sign up for classes this summer or next winter.

See you on the sidelines next season!

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Our Club runs on its volunteers. We love and appreciate them and applaud them every chance we get.

But we need more help. If you are interested in getting involved in the Club, believe us when we say there is an opportunity for everyone to contribute in some way that is meaningful, satisfying and just right for that individual.

To express your interest, go on our website and contact one of our Board Members. You'll be glad you did.

Our bottom line is about kids playing soccer. We need and can use your help.

### **CLUB PRIDE**

Our volunteers, in conjunction with the support of city workers, have worked hard to make Crowley Park a great place to play soccer. Please try to leave the park cleaner than when you arrived. Pick up that piece of trash and show our visiting teams how proud we are our home fields.

Dogs are not allowed at Crowley Park.

Please drive in and out to Crowley on streets other than Oxford to reduce traffic on Oxford. Please park only in lots or on west (park) side of Westwood Street.

We need every member's help to maintain a clean and safe place for our club and visitors!

## **COACHES' RISK MANAGEMENT**

The DSC's Risk Management program is in full swing. By Fall 2007, all coaches and any other adults interacting with the players must have a risk management search and card with a copy on file to our Risk Management Director Jana Kalandek. This is by state decree.

All coaches must wear their risk management card on a lanyard (provided by the club) at all practices, games, and other events with the players. Risk management cards now are approved for 2 years, not 4 years on your driver's license cycle as previously done. Applications should be done on-line, there is a link to the site on our DSC website.

It is advisable to have one extra parent from your team apply and obtain a risk management card in the event that their help in substituting for a missing coach is needed. Unfortunately, the club is not able at this time to reimburse the modest application fee required for the risk management background check.

Please contact Jana Kalandek, our DSC Risk Management Director or the State Risk Management Director, Adam Keller with any concerns or questions. Jana can be contacted on our website [www.dearbornsoccer.org](http://www.dearbornsoccer.org); Adam Keller on the MSYSA website.

## **PREMIER/SELECT TEAMS**

*Tryouts for our premier and select teams begin June 15. See the website and poster on the fenced net storage area at Crowley for dates, times, and contact information.*

## **YOU CAN WRITE FOR THE NEWSLETTER OR SUBMIT NEWS**

All members of the Dearborn Soccer Club, including players, parents, coaches, referees, and volunteers are encouraged to submit information, news, or even articles to the newsletter.

You may email [newsletter@dearbornsoccer.org](mailto:newsletter@dearbornsoccer.org) with your news item or article all year round. The newsletter is usually published in the Spring, however, information at other times of year can be placed on our website.

Players – If you send me an article about soccer, I would be happy to send it with a letter commending your extra effort to your school. Other players and families could benefit from your perspective on such soccer news as moving from in-house to travel teams, trying out for a select or premier team, refereeing, what you enjoy most about practices, even what is most frustrating about soccer to you. Good sportsmanship or even specific playing advice or tips might be helpful to other players.

We would really appreciate positive news items about the teams, players, or soccer. In today's world, negative events are publicized and replayed in 10-second video or sound bites over and over again. There are many positive things which never get recognized, this is a good venue to share them.

