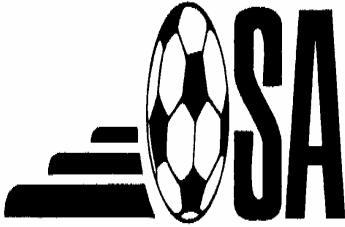


Spring 2007



“ FOR THE KIDS ... ”

Oconomowoc Soccer Association, Inc.

MONTEREY PARK GRAND OPENING

The soccer park is bustling with activity; family and friends watching their kids play recreational and competitive soccer, the fields are lined and ready for the weekend games and coffee and hot chocolate are available at the concessions stand. Did anyone remember the ice for the coolers to keep the water and gatorade cold?

As you can imagine there is a great deal of maintenance and game day prep that goes into the new soccer park and the support from our volunteer membership is critical. Beginning with the spring session a more structured volunteer schedule will

be developed for the volunteer program. Be ready to volunteer your time with concessions, field lining, the spring tournament and fund raising activities.

Park Complex Expenditures

Phase 1

Site Development	\$10,000
Grading/Excavation	\$253,000
Gravel	\$38,000
Seeding/Fertilizer	\$78,000
Total Phase I	\$380,000



OSA WEBSITE—www.oconomowocsoccer.com

When was the last time you logged onto the OSA website? Maintaining a website is not an easy job but we have been working hard at keeping it updated and supplying OSA breaking news in a timely fashion.

Did you know you can download a volunteer form, a registration form or a brick

order form off our website?

Did you know you can find helpful coaching websites and information on how to become a referee on our website?

Did you know OSA is a Wave ticket outlet and that you can support OSA with your Pick N Save pur-

chases?

You can find all this information and much, much more by going to our website.

Finally, did you know you can volunteer to help improve our website? If you have a special interest in improving our website please call the OSA office and volunteer today!

IMPORTANT DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wave Game at US Cellular Arena	March 4
Coach/Assistant Coach/Team Manager Meeting	March 19
FREE Coaches Clinic for U10 and Above	March 24
Tentative—Spring Games Begin	April 21
Youth Soccer Night—OHS	May 3
Picture Days—see your team manager for date	May 5, 7, 8
OSA Spring Classic Tournament	June 2
Competitive Soccer Try Outs/watch for postcards	June 4, 5, 11

Your OSA Board Needs Your Help

Are you interested in raising money or soliciting services for Monterey Park? Do you have ideas on how to make our competitive soccer program better, or improve our volunteer program?

Contact us at osasoccer@sbglobal.net or any board member to make your views known and help us make OSA the best soccer program it can be.

OSA AND THE OCONOMOWOC COMMUNITY by Bob Butendorf

Over the last few years there have been several developments that signal a trend that will be very beneficial for the Oconomowoc Community. The first is the Oconomowoc Community voting yes to the OASD referendum to build two new schools and to make improvements to the High School. I talked to many people who did not agree with the previous referendum plans but those same individuals were very enthusiastic about this new plan and the final vote tally showed the strong support in the community vs. previous referendums. The second is the construction of the new tennis courts and the physical development facility right next to the OHS gym. Both of these projects brought local individuals, non-profit organizations, businesses, OASD and the City of Oconomowoc together to develop two great community resources. The third is the joint development between OSA and the Town of Oconomowoc. This project had individuals, local businesses, 501C3 non-profit organizations and a municipality working together to not just build a soccer park, but a park that the entire Oconomowoc community can use and enjoy. Our joint venture soccer/community park still has a lot of work left to be done and the Oconomowoc Soccer Association still owes 175,000.00 on our line of credit on the first phase of development. The above examples give me hope that we can pay down our debt and continue to develop the park's building, parking lot and landscaping plans with your help. The over-riding theme here in our fast growing Oconomowoc community is that much can be accomplished by many. The new OASD building plans has started dialogue between similar groups in the Oconomowoc community on working together to put higher quality facilities in place in conjunction with the building plans that will benefit everyone in the community and continues the trend that we have seen in recent years.

I will be stepping down as President of the Oconomowoc Soccer Association at the end of June and I would like to take the chance to thank all of our volunteers and financial supporters who without your help we would not be able to function as an organization. I don't have enough space to thank everyone, but I would like to point out two individuals who have been instrumental in keeping our organization moving forward and three individuals who have always helped me personally maintain my sanity during times of the year when we are very busy. Kathy Ardellini and Becky Hammer have been the heart and soul of OSA for many years and without their help I truly believe that OSA would not have been able to handle the growth that OSA has experienced in a very short period of time. I would also like to thank my wife Cheryl for always helping out over the years in to many tasks to mention. I would also like to thank Karen Milford and Tom Swift who without their help I would have been buried by the fields and maintenance workload. To all thank you very much for your time and efforts and financial support over the years and thank you for the opportunity to be a part of a great organization.

SPRING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FALL VOLUNTEERS . . .

especially coaches, assistant coaches and team managers and those who stepped up to the plate with short notice to get our fields ready for opening day and those who called to get their volunteer hours in, worked the concession stands so we had coffee, hot chocolate, water, Gatorade and snacks for our parents, players and fans.

SPRING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Fields and Maintenance We need your help to build and maintain fields for the spring season. Many people who helped in fall have fulfilled their five hours, so we need new people to help this spring. Your help will be needed on March 31 and April 1 and throughout the season. Call the OSA office to volunteer.

Concessions and Grilling Did you enjoy having water, Gatorade, snacks and brats and hot dogs at the park? Call the OSA office to volunteer to work at the concession stand or grill.

TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Spring Tournament – We will need help with field set-up, clean-up, concessions, raffle/auction, ad sales, and more. Call the OSA office to see where you can help.

Equipment – We will need help at the OSA spring tournament sorting through, inventorying and cleaning out returned coach bags. The position requires you to be available after noon to the end of tournament day (Saturday, June 2).

Parents – Becoming a coach, assistant coach or team manager is a great investment of your time – to kids and the community. Plus, it can be a lot of fun! Even if you have not played soccer or have little experience, coaching at the younger levels is possible. Our organization and our kids need your help, and OSA will provide you with support and assistance. Attend a practice or two, offer to help the coach out and you can learn at the same time.

Remember.....You must call the OSA office to fulfill your hours or you will forfeit your \$50 refund.

COACHES CORNER by Brent Diderrich and Al Haskel

Here are some ideas for you coaches to try at practice. Remember to keep things fresh and fun, especially at the young ages. U6-U10 should focus on mastering the soccer ball. The kids should have as many opportunities as possible during practice to touch a ball, so you should make sure that each player has one.

U7/U8: Free dribble – allow the players to each have a soccer ball and demonstrate simple dribbling technique. Provide and open space for them to dribble freely in. Introduce how to use the inside of their foot, outside of their foot and the sole of their foot. Show them how to change direction using each of the 3 parts of their foot listed above. The coach could call out a part of their foot and then they must use that part to change directions.

Knock Out – each player has a ball in an appropriate area. Players must dribble around and try to knock another player's ball out of the area. To get back into the area, a player must fetch their ball and dribble it to the coach where they must perform the task assigned to them by the coach, i.e. 5 hops over the ball, 10 toe touches, etc.

U10: 2v2 to Four Small Goals – set up a field 15x15 with a small goal in each corner. Teams play 2v2 attacking two goals and defending two goals. When the ball goes out of bounds, it can be passed or dribbled back into play. Teams should be rotated every three minutes so everybody plays everybody. You can also play 3v3 to 4 goals with a field 20 x 25.

4v4 End-zone Game – Teams comprised of 4-6 players depending on your numbers and space. To score you must pass the ball to a teammate into the opponent's end-zone (created with cones). The player cannot go into the end-zone until after the ball has been passed. Stress recognizing opportunities and timing of passes and runs.

If you are new to coaching or are a seasoned coach you may be running out of fun coaching drills or would like some new ideas. Check out the following websites, they have step by step drills and most of them are broken down by age group. If you like them let us know and we will link them on our website.

www.finesoccer.com

www.soccerhelp.com

Coaches: Just a reminder that often parents from the sidelines are more interested in the outcome of the game (who scored, how many goals, which team won) than the kids. Please remember that you as a coach are a role model for both the players and the parents. We suggest that you continually focus on making sure that all kids play, that all kids feel a sense of contribution and that the end result of winning is not important. What is important is that the kids enjoy the sport of soccer so much that they can't wait to come to both their practices and the games. The way to achieve this mindset is to make sure that you are having fun and to applaud their efforts and laugh about their mistakes. When you let the kids make mistakes they will learn on their own and you don't need to overcorrect. The players that really want to improve will, and every player regardless of his skill or ability contributes in his own way to the team.

Practices that are fun that are filled with lots of touches on the ball and chances for 1v1 or 2v2 activities will go a long way in helping the kids to improve various foot skills such as shielding, quality first touch, and movement without the ball better than any scrimmages.

COMPETITIVE SOCCER

Looking for your next soccer challenge... give competitive soccer a try. This season we have several competitive teams – U11B Cool Cats, coached by Fred Begale, U11G Red, coached by Joel Falk, U13B Panthers, coached by Becky Hammer, U13G Kickers, coached by Fred Levenhagen, U14G Rush, coached by Al Haskel, U16G, coached by Becky Hammer, U18G and U16B coached by Bob Butendorf.

Congratulations to our U13Boys Panthers who placed 1st at the Hartford Kick Some Grass tournament and 2nd at the New Berlin Fall Classic tournament this past fall.



Great job boys!

Coaches,

If you are interested in coaching a competitive team for the 2007/08 season please contact Joel Falk through the OSA office.

REGISTRATION FEES SET FOR 2007-2008

Registration fees will increase slightly for the 2007-'08 season. There will also be a slight increase in the volunteer fee.

Register by May 31, 2007 by mail or online and you will save \$30 per child. \$70 will be refunded per family once you complete a minimum of 5 volunteer hours.

Registration forms will be handed out by team managers before your first game. They will also be available at the Oconomowoc Public Library, on-line at www.oconomowocsoccer.com and at the OSA office.

The 2007-'08 fees will be as follows:

Before May 31, 2007

Recreational Fees

U6 Only/Oldest \$150 / Additional child \$80

U7-U14 Only/Oldest \$195 / Additional child \$125

Competitive Fees

U11-U14 Only/Oldest \$170 / Additional child \$100

U15-U19 Only/Oldest \$155 / Additional child \$85

After May 31 add an additional \$30 per child for all levels.

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