



December 2007

## WAVE GAME

### The OSA Day at the Wave Game - January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The annual OSA Wave game is Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. We have 13 teams signed up to play. All OSA players are encouraged to play even if your team is not participating. **If you would like to have your child play before the Wave game, participate in the Human Tunnel and have access to a post game autograph session with a Wave player send in your ticket order form today.**

Join us for a guaranteed FUN FAMILY DAY. This is also one of two fundraisers we do for OSA. \$3 from each ticket will be donated to OSA. Since 2000 we have raised over \$12,000 through this event for Monterey Park. We have a great soccer park and we need to continue to build it. Help OSA raise some money for the park and treat your family to a fun day out. Ticket order forms are on our website or call the OSA office to place your order. **Orders must be received no later than January 4.**

If you have any questions please give us a call.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## COACHES

- First and foremost, this club is “For The Kids”
- Remind your parents to cheer and encourage during games, but ask them to please not coach from the sidelines.
- Treat all kids fairly. All kids should be playing a minimum of half the game. Rotate positions. This is true for both recreational and select soccer.
- Remember to teach the basics. First touch, dribbling, passing. Strategy means nothing if the kids cannot execute the basics. This is for all age groups.
- Goalies are not used at the U6, U7 and U8 levels. Get the kids out and running, kicking, dribbling, passing and scoring. They come to play!! Let them.
- Use the tools we offer. Have one of the trainers come to your practice to assist you. This costs you nothing but is worth everything. Call the OSA office to arrange.
- Please clean up after your team! Water bottles, snack wrappers, etc., etc., etc., should all be put in the trash receptacles. Do not leave them on the fields.
- Referees are doing a good job and learning as well. Encourage them as you do your team. Don't argue with the referees. **Set a good example for the kids.**
- It's not about winning or losing, it's about learning, respecting each other and having fun.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**March 10 (tentative) Spring Coach and Team Manager Meeting at OHS** – more to follow after the new year.

## Donors

*A special THANK YOU to several OSA donors who, over the last several months have made sizeable donations to our club's future.*

Woodside Farms, Inc. – Jerry Erdmann  
Veolia ES Solid Waste

Eaton Corporation - in recognition of Fred Begale

Steve & Mary Hunter, Jim & Karen Milford, Dave & Maggie Eichstaedt, Dave & Jennifer Beck, John & Ann Corning, Mark & Edwina Finch, Terrance & Tracey Brandl, Herro, Chapman & Herro Attorney's at Law, Fritz Frommgen through his employer's United Way Program (ask us how you can do this too!)

A letter we recently received from one of our members is re-printed below.....

10/31/2007

*Dear Oconomowoc Soccer Association,*

*We are writing to express our deepest gratitude for the work that your coaches and staff do for the Oconomowoc soccer players involved in OSA. We feel very fortunate to have had our children coached by such excellent, caring volunteers who have made soccer a very positive experience for both of our boys. So to Ernest Colvin, Jim Ryan, Kara Schroeder, Mike Benthimer, Jim Ryan, Kurt Kimball, Jim Ryan, Bob Garcia and John Docter we applaud you! You have all taught our boys the importance of playing as a team, having fun and getting physical exercise. The winning and losing records have never been an issue or a focus and for that we commend you all. We have had seven wonderful years of youth soccer and look forward to many more!*

*Please accept this donation as our “Thank You” as you continue your mission to provide a quality soccer program for the Oconomowoc area.*

*Sincerely,*

*Steve and Mary Hunter*

# PARENTS

- First and foremost, this club is “For The Kids”
- Please cheer and encourage during games, please don’t coach
- All coaches are volunteers, please respect them and their time
- Referees are doing a good job and learning as well. Encourage them as you do your team. Don’t argue with the referees. **Set a good example for the kids.**
- It’s not about winning or losing, it’s about learning, respecting each other and having fun.
- **We need more volunteers!!** Saturday’s at the park are always hectic. We need help setting up, selling concessions and taking down at the end of the day.
- Please clean up after your children! Water bottles, snack wrappers, etc., etc., etc., should all be put in the trash receptacles. Please do not leave them on the fields.
- Know anyone who’d like to make a donation? Please encourage them to do so. Any and all monetary help is much appreciated. We are a 501c3 organization!
- **NEVER, EVER LET YOUR CHILDREN CLIMB ON NETS OR GOALS!** If you see other children doing this please tell them to get down. All OSA goals are anchored but we do not want to take any chances of injury.

## VOLUNTEER HOURS

Have you put in your 5 hours of volunteer time? If you didn’t receive a reimbursement then we have no record that you did. Remember, it is your responsibility to complete the official volunteer form and return it to the OSA office. **Refunds will not be issued without it!**

If you have not yet volunteered and want your \$70 refund please contact the OSA office to see what opportunities are available. Things will start picking up in February and will be in full force by April. Lots of opportunities will be available during the season and especially at the tournament on June 7.

. Contact the OSA office if you can help. Thank you.

### Tournament – June 7, 2008 at Monterey Park

All recreational teams U5-U14 play in this tournament.

**Volunteers** – The tournament is your last chance to volunteer to receive your \$70 refund. YOU must call us. We can’t possibly call all of you. More to follow in April.

**Raffle** – The annual OSA raffle will be back with new and improved features – Stay Tuned!

**Website** – Check it out! It may not be pretty but it’s full of information you need to know.  
[www.oconomowocsoccer.com](http://www.oconomowocsoccer.com)

### NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

OSA is seeking new Board Members for election at the March meeting. OSA is entirely run by its members – you! If you are interested in helping guide the club to its exciting future, volunteer to serve on the OSA Board of Directors. Call or email the office. 262-567-9076 or email.... osasoccer@sbcglobal.net

## SELECT TEAMS

**OSA Select Teams had a great fall.**

**The U11 Girls** team tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their division going 5-2-1.

**The U11 Boys** team went undefeated and finished 1<sup>st</sup> in their division.

**The U12 Girls** team went undefeated and was a finalist at the Pepsi Cup Tournament in Mequon.

**The U12 Boys** team had a challenging fall season due to numerous injuries and playing with only 1 or 2 subs. They finished in the middle of the pack in their division and are looking forward to a healthy spring season with the whole team back on the field.

**The U14 Girls** went undefeated and finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place in their division.

**The U14 Boys** team was a finalist at the New Berlin Tournament, losing in a shootout.

**All in all it was a great fall season for the up-and-coming OSA Select Soccer Program!**

### **From the President.....**

We are thankful for:

- A great fall season of soccer for all OSA teams
- Monterey Park, which brings our entire club together each fall and spring weekend for great soccer, from U5 to U-18.
- Our volunteers, who literally make the club run, and are our most important asset.
- Our Donors, without whom we could not hope to build the future infrastructure of Monterey Park.

Consider getting involved in OSA in 2008. There are almost unlimited opportunities: Be on the Board of directors, help fundraise for the upcoming infrastructure improvements to Monterey, set up and line game and practice fields. Coach, Referee or Manage! If you ever have suggestions or comments please feel free to contact me, any board member or the OSA office at 262-567-9076.

**Joel Falk, President, OSA**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL FROM OSA**