

# Oconomowoc Soccer Association

Spring 2009



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Longer days and (hopefully) warmer temperatures mean the Spring Outdoor Soccer Season is just around the corner. As your Association prepares for the upcoming soccer season, we wanted to give you, the members, an update on some of the things going on at OSA.

First, we are happy to report there will be no increase in registration fees for the 2009-2010 season, hopefully welcome news in the current economic environment. Even though some of our costs have risen, and we have so much to do at Monterey Park we want to make it as easy as possible for everyone to participate in soccer – thus no increase in fees!

Second, we are very happy that the Town of Oconomowoc approved our plans for the soccer pavilion at Monterey Park. Now comes the hard part - especially in these tough times – finding the money to build it. The board has estab-

lished a fundraising committee and with any luck in our economic fortunes, we will find the funds through donations and fundraising to build the building in the not too distant future. Stay tuned for information coming from our fundraising group.

Remember, after our members, Monterey Park is our biggest asset. The Park brings a large part of the community together every fall and spring Saturday, so anything we can do to improve it benefits us all.

Third, we are happy to report that Greg Henschel is the new OSA Director of Soccer. Greg, who calls Oconomowoc home, is also the head women’s and men’s coach at UW-Whitewater and holds many soccer related records at UW-Oshkosh. Greg’s focus will be on improving OSA coaches and technical training, especially at the younger ages. Please welcome Greg when you meet

him.

Speaking of coaches training, three coaching clinics will be offered before the spring season starts – see page 2. In addition, we continue our efforts to increase the opportunities for our kids to play soccer – this winter we had 3 recreational U-10 teams (a record for OSA), as well as 5 select teams, playing indoor soccer.

Finally, our growth continues – with almost 800 kids playing – we are one of the biggest clubs in the area. Our future growth and success depends entirely on you – VOLUNTEERS - we need you and hope that you will consider getting involved anywhere you can to help spread the countless benefits and joys of playing the world’s most popular sport – soccer. Oh, by the way, to volunteer, it’s real easy: if you see something that needs to be done, do it.

- Joel Falk



Greg Henschel  
OSA Director of Soccer

## Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

### March and April

**Annual Meeting - Monday March 23rd**  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - OSA Cafeteria

**Recreation Coaches Clinic:**  
March 28th 9AM to 12PM - Lake Country School  
April 4th 9AM to 12PM - Lake Country School

**Select Coaches Clinic:**  
March 28th 9AM to 12PM - Nature Hill

**Start of Spring Soccer: Saturday, April 20th**

### May and June

**May 1 - 31st: 2009/2010 Soccer Season**  
**Registration**

**2009 OSA Spring Classic: Saturday, June 6th**  
**\*All Recreation Teams Participate**

**Select Try-Outs:**  
**June 1-2: U11 through U14**  
**June 29-30: U15 through U18 Girls AND Boys**

## 2009 OSA Spring Classic — Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>



Mark your calendars because this years OSA Spring Classic will be held on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

This is a recreational team tournament. While last years tournament included eleven teams from outside OSA, we look to continue that trend. We have already been receiving inquiries from areas such as Sun Prairie and expect many more.

The success of this tournament is dependent on volunteers. We need people to help throughout the day. You may notify the OSA office of your availability.

Also, we will once again be holding our annual raffle in correlation with the Classic. Tickets will once again be \$5 each or three for \$10, same as last year. We ask that each child in OSA be responsible for selling six tickets each. The tickets will be distributed at a later date. This is OSA's single fundraiser and your participation is very much appreciated. If you would like to make a donation for the raffle, please notify the OSA office of your intentions.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or ideas to

help with the Classic and/or raffle, you may also contact me directly at (262) 569-5643. I look forward to seeing everyone at Monterey Park this spring. Have a fun spring season!! - Bob Garcia

**Raffle Tickets will be sold for the Spring Classic: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. If you can donate a prize, please notify OSA.**

## Coaching Clinics - Don't Miss Out



OSA is going thru some fun and exciting times not just for the players, but for the coaches too. OSA is offering FREE coaching clinics this spring, 2 recreation courses and 1 select course.

These clinics will give young and experienced coaches an opportunity to learn more about coaching.

The recreation clinics will be conducted by Greg Henschel, head coach of men and women's soccer at UW-Whitewater.

These courses will offer skills, drills and allow our coaches to pick the brain

of someone who does this for a living.

OSA is excited about this opportunity to have the clinics for our coaches. I know that as a coach myself, I welcome help from Greg! This is the perfect time to ask all those questions about coaching, but had no one to ask. OSA now has that and coaches it is up to you to use it! - Mark Orlopp

**Remember this is a free clinic to all OSA coaches.**

**We request that every coach email the office to confirm if they can or cannot attend.**

**So remember to mark your calendars for these dates.**

### **Recreation Coaches:**

March 28<sup>th</sup> 9 AM to 12 PM

April 4<sup>th</sup> 9 AM to 12 PM

Lake Country School  
1800 Vettelson Rd.  
Hartland, WI. 53029

**Directions:** Take Hwy 16 - East to Hwy C, South/Right (Nashotah exit) over hill, second left to Vettelson road. School in on the right.

### **Select coaches:**

March 28<sup>th</sup> 9 AM to 12 PM

Nature Hill Intermediate School  
Oconomowoc, WI.

## Competitive Soccer Update

A very exciting and fast growing part of OSA is Competitive Soccer (you know, try-outs and all that). Yes, it's a larger commitment - longer practices, more games, tournaments, and indoor. But that's just what a lot of young soccer players want –they are good players, passionate about the game, who want to play lots of soccer. And the competitive rewards can be great – working as a team, dealing with and learning from success and failure, setting and achieving goals as a team. A more passionate, meaningful commitment results in a larger soccer experience.

We have worked hard to improve our coaching and teams, and the results show: OSA has 9 select teams: 3 Teams

in “A” level soccer – U-13G, U-15G and U-18G; 5 Teams in “B” level – U-11G, U-12B, U-11B, U-14B, U-15B; 1 team in “C” level - U-12G. This is impressive for a club that had 4-5 competitive teams 4 years ago and almost all of those were in “C”. Our main goal is to have a professional Director of Competitive Soccer in place this spring, and secondly get one or more teams in the state league.

We have exciting prospects for the Spring and next year – if you are a player who really digs soccer and is interested in the excitement and commitment, come try-out for the team at your level in June – See first page for try-out dates.

- Joel Falk



## Referee Update

OSA is a lucky soccer association. We are fortunate to have certified referees for nearly every age group. In conjunction with WYSA, (Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association), OSA works hard to bring quality officiating experience to every game.

As parents, players and coaches please understand that these are, in some cases, new referees. Although we have a low attrition rate, we ask that you keep a few things in mind:

\*Referees are always trying to improve their skills. Our club provides every referee with a mentor. If you have feedback regarding the quality of officiating, contact the OSA office or referee coordinator, Mark Hansen.

\*Referee's decisions are final. They are charged with being the keepers of the game. Please respect their role in the game.

\*Enjoy the game! If you have issues with a referee please contact the OSA office or Board member, Mark Hansen at [mhansen129@wi.rr.com](mailto:mhansen129@wi.rr.com).

We strongly discourage any parent, player or coach from confronting a referee. Remember these are young people in most cases. Help us build the next generation of quality officials by promoting sportsmanship regardless of your role in the great game of soccer.

Help us make this game a great experience for everyone. - Mark Hansen

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## OSA Summer Camp

The Inaugural OSA Summer Camp is currently in the planning stages. It will be open to players that have completed their U-5 season up to players that have completed their U-14 season. The camp will be a 5-day camp (M-F) held at Monterey Park. **The most important feature is that this will be a low cost, economical camp to attend that will help kids brush up on their soccer skills.**

The tentative groups are as follows with more information coming on dates and fees:

MICROS (U-5 & U-6)  
MINIS (U-7 & U-8)  
MONKEYS (U-10 Boys)  
MARES (U-10 Girls)  
MONSTERS (U-12 Boys)  
MISSES (U-12 Girls)  
MEGAS (U-14 Boys)  
MAJESTIES (U-14 Girls)

**\*\*All participants will receive an OSA Summer Camp T-shirt and a soccer ball (sized age appropriately)\*\***

- Dave Beck

## OSA Needs Your Help

**Raffle Prizes Needed:** We hold a raffle during our Spring Class Tournament. This is our only fundraiser and we need prizes in order to make this a success. We understand that the economy is struggling and donations are harder to come by. If you have anything to donate or work for a company that could donate a prize, please contact Bob Garcia at (262) 569-5643 or the OSA office at (262) 567-9076.

**Website Coordinator:** Have you checked out our website lately? It needs some updating. Do you have the skill or know someone who does? Please contact the OSA office for further information.

**Spring Volunteers:** Need some extra cash in your pocket and haven't earned your hours yet to receive your refund? See below and contact the office to sign up.

**Fields and Maintenance** - The fields need to be lined and prepared before the season can begin.

**Concessions** - We need help every Saturday setting up and working the concession stands.

**Spring Classic** - This is our biggest event. We need every kind of help - concessions, grilling, raffle sales, registration, set-up, clean-up, and more.

## New Registration System

The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association has contracted with a new database vendor. Therefore, all clubs are required to use the new and improved system. Many of the changes and upgrades will be done on the back end so you will never see them. What you will see beginning on May 1 with our registration period is a new way to register your child(ren) to play soccer. The new procedure applies to all soccer players, recreational and select.

Because the OSA Board of Directors has already voted to not increase registration fees for next year OSA has decided to pick up the convenience/handling fees for each registration this year. This will be a rather significant cost to OSA but given the present economy the Board felt it was the proper thing to do this year.

Paper registration forms will no longer be used. All player registrations must be completed online. There will be a link

on the OSA website to take you to the registration form. You will be able to charge your fees with a credit card or continue to pay by check. Financial Aid and payment plans will continue to be accepted.

More detailed information will follow before the start of registration on May 1.

If you have any questions in the meantime please give OSA a call or email us.



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