



Spring 2009

Pacesetter Soccer Club Spring 2009 Newsletter

Volunteers Needed!

For Annual PSI Tournament



Special points of interest:

- High School and Youth Team Tryouts scheduled for June!
- Summer Camp Information
- PSI Reminders
- Financial Aid

Thank You!

A special thank you to all those who helped make Casino Night BRILLIANT! In early March, Pacesetter held its annual spring fundraiser. The event was a great night to mingle with friends and coaches, while enjoying good food and playing games. Please visit the website for a re-cap of the evening.

That time of year is here again: the annual Pacesetter Soccer Invitational will be held Memorial weekend, May 23-25.

PSI is a well respected tournament that attracts over 150 teams yearly. The invitational provides the club with the financial assistance the club must have to hire the best coaches, keep fees down and provide us a facility for winter play.

The success of our tournament depends largely on the generous help of our volunteers.

Volunteer help is needed in several areas such as T-Shirt Sales, field marshals and parking.

T-shirt volunteers are assigned times to sell tournament merchandise in the tent.

Field marshals assist at assigned fields by signing in teams, assisting referees by running scores to the score tent, and various other jobs.

Parking volunteers help keep the flow of traffic smooth and assist our guests in finding a place to park and where to go.

Any amount of time you

can volunteer will be greatly appreciated: even if it is just an hour in-between your child's game.

Please go to the Pacesetter website www.pacesettersoccer.net

Click on the PSI tournament logo and then the Volunteers link on the left

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To stay compliant with OSYAN all team tryouts for the fall 2009 season and Spring 2010 season will be held in June of 2009.

Tryouts will be held at Pacesetter Park from 6/2 to 6/11. See the specific time in that following schedule. For more information check the official Pacesetter website: www.pacesettersoccer.net

Team Tryout Date Change

	10-11:30a	12-1:30p	3-4:30p	5-6:30p	7-8:30p
6/2/09				U8 Boys	U11 Boys
6/3/09				U8 Girls	U11 Girls
6/4/09				U13 Boys	U14 Boys
6/5/09				U13 Girls	U14 Girls
6/7/09	U9 Girls	U10 Girls	U9 Boys	U10 Boys	
6/8/09				U16 Girls	U17 & U18 Girls
6/9/09				U16 Boys	U17 & U18 Boys
6/10/09				U12 Girls	U15 Girls
6/11/09				U12 Boys	U15 Boys

****Bring your registration, own ball and water. Wear cleats and shin guards . ARRIVE 15-20 minutes early!**

Have You Tried Scrip?

Scrip is a term, having a military origin, meaning "substitute money". Many may understand the Scrip program as a type of fundraising usually used to help with tuition assistance in parochial schools. Families purchase gift cards and use them for everyday purchases. A small percentage of your purchases are credited to your school account.

The idea behind the Pacesetter Scrip program is similar but with our program you can decide whether to use it as money for soccer fees or for personal use. To sign up for the Scrip program visit the North Ohio Scrip Association website at <http://www.nosa.us/>. Click on the WTPSPA - West Toledo Parochial School Parents Association link, from here you can read more about the program and how it can help you. Pacesetter does not benefit from this pro-

gram, you as the consumer do!

What role does WTPSPA play? The WTPSPA buys the gift certificates at a discount (which varies by merchant) then it sells them to its member families at full price. After a small \$40 fee (which covers some of the program expenses) is deducted from your earnings the difference is then applied to the purchasing family's account. This is taken from the first \$40 earned. **THERE ARE NO PRE-PAID FEES.** If a family does not earn \$40 then the remainder of the \$40 fee is waived. After the deduction of the \$40 fee the remainder is issued in the form of a check at the end of each fiscal year. In May participating families will receive a check made payable to them.

Where's the catch? In order to receive your Scrip cards you have to drive to the Cricket West loca-

tion (Central and Secor) for pick up. Payment and ordering can be made on line through the WTPSPA Scrip site.

How do I order? Orders must be submitted on or before any Wednesday (unless it is an Holiday weekend) by 4:00 p.m.. A member family submits an order, at the Scrip Drop-Off Center for the scrips they want. The order is processed and the Thursday morning. The order is then ready for pickup, in the family's own pick-up box at the Jeff Traudt's Insurance Building, the following Friday by noon. Pick-up is available Monday to Friday - 9:00 am. to 5:00 p.m. and **not available** on weekends and holidays.

Information provided by/obtained from Denny Lyle and <http://www.nosa.us/>

SUMMER CAMPS 2009

Two Summer Camp sessions will be offered this summer. **Session 1: July 13-17, 2009 and Session 2: July 20-24, 2009.** Information will be posted via the website and emailed. Camps will be directed by Jimmy Walker and will feature some high profile coaches involved with the English Primer League.

Pacesetter Continues Ties with Tiffin University

Tiffin University has a long history of helping out Pacesetter. Many coaches and even current DOCs have connections with both organizations. Now it is time for Pacesetter to give back.



Both Coach Walker and Coach Handru are graduates of this soccer powerhouse. It is coach Mircea that will be returning to his alma-mater.

Pacesetter would like to take this opportunity to thank Coach for his services over the past four years and wish him the best of luck while he pursues his masters in sports

management. Mircea will also be assisting the Dragon's on the Soccer field as graduate assistant to Rudy Brownell, head coach of both soccer programs at TU and a former Pacesetter coach.

This is not goodbye for Mircea, for he anticipates returning to the club to assist in coaching.

Goal safety 101



Parents please keep an extra eye on those little ones, not only with the goals but on the sidelines as well.

**Facts and guidelines were provided by the Coalition to Promote Soccer Goal Safety and the American Youth Soccer Organization.

For more information, including safety checklists, myths and facts, visit the following websites:

http://www.kwikgoal.com/docs/GOAL_SAFETY_BOOKLET_new.pdf

<http://soccer.org/AdminManagement/Safety>

Many People do not realize the risks and dangers soccer goals can present. With the spring season on the way and the warmer weather attracting more people to the park it is important to review the dangers of soccer goals and safety guidelines.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has reported 26 deaths and hundreds of injuries since 1979 resulting from soccer goal accidents. Most of these injuries occur when children climb on top of an unsecured goal, causing it to either break from the strain or simply flip over onto an unsuspecting victim. Goal safety is everyone's job. Parents, coaches and volunteers need to be aware of the dangers.

Most accidents don't happen during a game situation, but when kids are playing nearby on a non-soccer day and get the idea to hang on the goal. There are some simple guidelines to help prevent injury from soccer goals.

FOLLOW THESE SAFETY SUGGESTIONS/GUIDELINES:

- Never climb on the net or goal framework.
- Remove nets when goals are not in use.
- Check all connecting hardware before every use. Replace damaged or missing fasteners immediately.
- Always exercise extreme caution when moving goals.
- Always instruct players on the safe handling of and potential dangers associated with moveable goals.
- Tip unused goals onto their goal face, or chain them face-to-face. You can also chain unused goals to nearby fence posts or other sturdy fixtures.

Pacesetter Financial Aid Policy

Financial assistance is provided by the club. To apply for a scholarship please visit the website and download the application form.

All information submitted and any schol-

arship granted will be kept strictly confidential by the Pacesetter Soccer Club Board of Trustees.

Applications must be

Applications due July 21 for fall season and March 15 For Spring Season.

received by July 21 for the fall season and March 15 for the spring season. Applicants shall be notified by phone or mail within 2 weeks after applications are received.



For a Good Cause



Pacesetter will be collecting gently used soccer clothing, balls, cleats, and shin guards to help promote HIV/AIDS awareness in Africa. A drop off box will be placed outside the office located in Mayberry Square. All donations will be sent to Africa, where they will be distributed to young players.

It is estimated that in 2007 over 15 million children under the age of 18 were orphaned due to AIDS. Around 11.6 of these children live in sub-Saharan Africa.

Organizations such as Grassroots, a FIFA sponsored organization, use soccer as a way to spread HIV/AIDS awareness. What Grassroots and other organizations attempt to do is attract young men and women with the sport of soccer and use the gathering of players as a way to educate them about AIDS/HIV. Specific details of the organization Pacesetter will sponsor will be announced on the website in the near future.

New Director Of Coaching Named

In December of 2008, The Pacesetter Board announced James Walker the new Director Of Coaching for the Club. A Native of Birmingham, England, Jimmy comes to Sylvania with over 14 years of college coaching experience.

James was head woman's soccer coach of his alma mater, Tiffin University, from 1997-2002 where he experienced great success including two appearances in the National Championships. From Tiffin Jimmy moved to Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa where he helped the lady

Dukes post the most wins in school history.

Eager to experience the Men's side of coaching Jimmy moved to State College Pa, home of the Penn State Nittany Lions where he spent two seasons with the Lions.

Jimmy and his wife, Kerri, consider Northwest Ohio home. Walker's wife of 8 years is a native of Temperance, MI which is still the her family home. After nearly five years away, the Walker's de-



cidied it was time to move home.

During Coach Walker's time at Tiffin University as a player and a coach he was involved with Pacesetter.

When Jimmy saw the available DOC position he saw an opportunity to give back to a community that has always been so welcoming to him and a chance to help the development of young players.

Please visit the Pacesetter website for more information on Coach Walker and our other well established coaches.

Coach Bruce Peterson is Announced as New Girls DOC

Starting March 1, 2008 Bruce Peterson accepted the position of Girls Director of Coaching.

Coach Peterson brings over 30 years of experience with him at the high school, club and professional levels.

Coach Peterson played his collegiate soccer at St. Michael's College in Vermont, an NCAA Division II program. After his college playing days he played in a semi-professional league



while attending graduate school in Glendale, Arizona.

Coach Peterson also had a stint in the Major Indoor Soccer League with the Detroit Rockers as a

"game-day" tactical advisor to both players and coaching staff.

Bruce has led his local high school team, St. Ursula, to six district championship and a final four appearance in the OHSAA league tournament.

Bruce has served as a coach on the State ODP staff for both Ohio North and Michigan and has also served on the Region II ODP staff of Dr. Tom Turner, Ohio Youth Soccer Association North, Director of Coaching.

Bruce and his wife, Robin, reside in Maumee, Ohio and are the proud parents of four daughters, one son and two adorable granddaughters.

Please visit the pacesetter Website for more information.

Visit Pacesetter.net and Click PSC News.

For more articles highlighting specific team accomplishments and up to-date happenings of the club.