



# Fort Wayne Sport Club

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## Presidents Corner

So far we have avoided flooding, but there is still plenty of spring cleaning to do. Our Spring Clean-up day is April 9<sup>th</sup> and we need every one's help, even if it's only for an hour or two.

This year, we have many events bringing a lot of visitors to our facility. Our teams will be competing in a league with teams from Chicago, South Bend, Indianapolis, Cleveland and Cincinnati. Many of the players have never seen our club before and this is a chance for us to show off our facility. In June we will again sponsor our 4th annual "Bitburger Night." During the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in August, the Club will once again be hosting the Midwest Region Tournament of Champions which will bring in adult teams from as many as 14 different Midwest states. So please, come out and help us prepare for what should be a very busy and fruitful season. Remember, like the sport itself, this is a team effort and we welcome your contributions.

Last month's fish fry was an overwhelming success. We hope you will make plans to attend our last fish fry of the season on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Finally, don't forget that Stiftungsfest is Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>. The dinner is a celebration of our 84<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you haven't sent your reservation in please do so as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing everyone at this historic event.

Dan Kruse



TOPSoccer is The Outreach Program for Soccer from US Soccer. It is specifically designed to allow children with special needs to participate in the fantastic sport of soccer. Any child with a special need can participate. The coaching staff consists of US Youth Soccer licensed coaches and volunteers from the Club's own soccer programs. There has been an instructor / child ratio of 1-to-1 in the past. The current TOPSoccer participants will be playing on the field at Parkview Field during half-time at the 2011 ShindigZ National Soccer Festival presents Kickin' It At the Field IU vs. Notre Dame game on April 20<sup>th</sup>. It would be great to see a lot of Sport Club people wearing Sports Club logoed attire cheering them on. So mark your calendars and buy tickets to the 2011 ShindigZ National Soccer Festival presents Kickin' It At the Field now.

This summer's program will be on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. during the month of June. The cost is \$30 per child for the 4-week session which includes both a jersey and trophy. To get more information on the Club's 2011 TOPSoccer program or learn how to volunteer and help out, contact Oliver at [oliver@reelsen.us](mailto:oliver@reelsen.us) or 260-693-1921.

Please send any articles, news, schedules, calendar dates, suggestions or photos to: John Drebenstedt, 2208 Calais Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46814 or email [drebensj@yahoo.com](mailto:drebensj@yahoo.com) The next Newsletter deadline is Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. If you'd prefer to receive your Newsletter via email as opposed to snail mail, let John know via email. This will eventually help save on postage. Email your name, address and current email address to: [drebensj@yahoo.com](mailto:drebensj@yahoo.com)

## Ladies Auxiliary

The Spring Fling date will be set at our meeting this month. Please plan to attend this fun event. The ladies in the kitchen for April are Sigi and Angie. I'll see you at the meeting.

Betty Groganz



This year's Fort Wayne Germanfest will be held June 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> in downtown Fort Wayne at Headwaters Park. Germanfest is a joint venture between the Fort Wayne Sport Club, the Fort Wayne Turners, the Mannerchor & Damenchor and the German Heritage Society. Every summer, the four clubs join together to produce Germanfest which promotes and fosters the German culture within the Fort Wayne Community.

The Sport Club will once again be hosting "Bitburger Night" on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse. The celebration will feature Bitburger beer tasting as well as German style food and music. A 6 vs.6 tournament will also be organized with both over-30 and over-40 divisions.

A volunteer sign-up board is now posted at the Club. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to serve beer or wine must have a current alcohol permit. Applications for permits are available at the Club and will be paid for by the Germanfest Committee. Permit applications forms (temporary employee permit application; state form 43 (R4/4-06) can also be downloaded from the State Alcohol & Beverage Commission website.

<http://www.in.gov/atc/files/TempEmployeeApplication.pdf>

Applications must be submitted to the Club's Germanfest delegates Adam Berger or Don Miller prior to May 3<sup>rd</sup> in order to be processed and paid for (by the Germanfest committee) properly. Gate entry passes for volunteer workers will be available at that time as well. If you already have a current permit, please submit a photocopy by May 3<sup>rd</sup> as well.

For those members who cannot assist during the weekday activities, your assistance with the set-up and teardown operations would be greatly appreciated. These functions take only a few hours with enough volunteers to help. Set-up for Germanfest is scheduled at Headwaters Park on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 a.m. while tear-down is scheduled for Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 a.m. Remember that many hands make light work.



Come join in on the fun and enjoy the next fish dinner on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 6 to 10. Children age 6-and-under eat for free. The delectable dinner includes all-you-can-eat fish, baked potato or scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, applesauce with roll and butter and dessert. Come join in on the fun and help us keep increasing the number of dinners sold.

### Recreational Soccer



The spring season will begin shortly. As in previous years, The Club will have a Co-ed league on Monday nights and both a Men's Over-30 league and on Women's league Wednesday nights. All leagues will run from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Co-ed and Men's Over-30 league cost for members is \$30 per session and \$45 for non-members. The Women's league runs \$30 for both members and non-members. The Club will only allow sign-ups up to the session start date. No joiners in mid-session. If you don't pay in full by the first day of the session, there will be a \$5 late fee. Each session lasts 7 weeks and the fee includes a Club T-Shirt. The Club will also have Rec Volunteer day on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The Club will start the season off by accepting any helping hands for small projects and will conclude the evening with brats and a game under the lights. Try to invest a few hours of your time to make the Club "the place to be this summer."

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, the Club will celebrate "Bitburger Night" as a part of Germanfest. The Club will sponsor a 6 vs. 6 tournament similar to the one you have experienced for Soctoberfest. Start forming teams now! Contact Chris Csicsko at [csicsco@gmail.com](mailto:csicsco@gmail.com) or 260-403-6147 with any questions. Get started and register for the 2011 spring 6 vs. 6 season by going online to the Club website and downloading the form.

### Earn Money for the Club

The Scrip Program currently has 20 Club members signed up. They have begun to use gift cards to make every-day purchases. So far, the Club has earned \$942 toward capital improvements and has contributed \$235 to the Youth Soccer Program.

Now, with the purchase of a new tractor for field care imminent, the travel team families are encouraged to purchase more scrip to help Youth Soccer offset this large expense. You can help both the Sport Club and the Youth Soccer programs by contacting Bill or Lee Hanford at 260-414-3788 and begin using scrip for your every-day purchases. For example, if the number of Club members participating grew to 25 using scrip for \$400 of their every-day monthly purchases, over \$3,800 could be earned by the Club on an annual basis.

## ShindigZ National Soccer Festival presents 2011 Kickin' It At The Diamond



Stiftungsfest, also called founder's day celebration, is an anniversary dinner and program that will this year honor 84 years of Fort Wayne Sport Club. Join us for Stiftungsfest on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Door opens at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the program including music by Adam Strack at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars today.

**Please remember to pay your Dues promptly.  
If you have not yet done so, you are now  
considered delinquent.**



# Fort Wayne Sport Club Spring Clean-up Day

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The 2011 Major League Soccer season has begun. Make sure to follow our regional teams closely and even try to plan on attending a Columbus Crew or Chicago Fire home game this year. Here are some of the upcoming opportunities to do so in the near future:

Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>:

Columbus Crew vs. FC Dallas at Crew Stadium

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>:

Columbus Crew vs. Sporting Kansas City at Crew Stadium

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>:

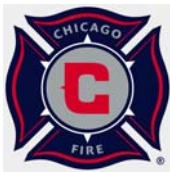
Chicago Fire vs. LA Galaxy at Toyota Park

Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Chicago Fire vs. Houston Dynamo at Toyota Park

Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>:

Columbus Crew vs. Vancouver Whitecaps at Crew Stadium



2011 will bring many of visitors to the Club and now is the time to spruce things up. We can use everybody's help, whether it is for a couple of hours in the morning, a couple of hours in the afternoon or all day. So bring the family, bring rakes, garden tools and bring a side dish.

The following is a short list of things we would like to accomplish:

- Trash Pick up and General Clean up.
- Trim, Weed, Edge, Mulch and Prune.
- Clean the Clubhouse inside and out.

If you have any items you would donate please contact one of the officer's or trustees.

We are fortunate to have such beautiful facilities let's be ready to show it off this summer to all those who visit our Club.

If you have questions please feel free to contact the Fort Wayne Sport Club at 432-6011 or Dan Kruse at [dankruse53@gmail.com](mailto:dankruse53@gmail.com).

## April Events

Monthly Meeting .....	1 <sup>st</sup> ,	8:00 pm
Officers' Meeting .....	6 <sup>th</sup> ,	8:00 pm
Club Spring Clean-Up Day ....	9 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 am
Adult Prom.....	16 <sup>th</sup> ,	6:00 pm
Co-ed rec 6v6 .....	18 <sup>th</sup> ,	6:30 pm
Over-30 rec 6v6 .....	20 <sup>th</sup> ,	6:30 pm
Women's rec 6v6 .....	20 <sup>th</sup> ,	6:30 pm
Fish Fry.....	22 <sup>nd</sup> ,	4:30-7 pm
Co-ed rec 6v6 .....	25 <sup>th</sup> ,	6:30 pm
Over-30 rec 6v6 .....	27 <sup>th</sup> ,	6:30 pm
Women's rec 6v6 .....	27 <sup>th</sup> ,	6:30 pm

