



# *Waukee Soccer Club*

## Spring 2006

Greetings and welcome to the Spring soccer season at Waukee Soccer Club! Soon the games will begin, and we will all be busy with soccer and all that goes with it.

Practice space continues to be an issue. To ensure that everyone has the space needed, cooperation is necessary. Some fields, such as Centennial Park, are heavily used, and others such as Walnut Creek Park, hardly at all. It is highly suggested that you schedule joint practices with other teams—this cuts down the space required and actually improves the quality of the sessions. If we can all work together we can get through our practice space shortage with ease and your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Parking at the complex is always something we feel we need to address. I am confident that there is adequate parking available without the need for improvised parking. We lease the land at the complex and we must respect those areas that are out of bounds for parking. Please respect "NO PARKING" signs and roped off areas! We will suspend a game, if necessary, to get people to move their vehicles. As always, please do not park on the county road at the complex! There are multiple "NO PARKING" signs posted for a reason...your safety. County sheriff deputies will ticket violators. There is just too much traffic on this road, and with the planting season on the way, farmers are unable to get their machinery through.

Finally, be supportive of your teams! Instead of yelling directions to your children on the field, yell positive, encouraging things. The kids get confused when being told what to do by their coaches and parents. Support your coaches! They are unpaid volunteers who have donated their time to help your children learn not just soccer but life long lessons like teamwork, good sportsmanship and following rules!

I hope you all have a great soccer season!

**Becki Hansen**  
**President, Waukee Soccer Club**

# HOT TOPICS!



## DON'T FORGET

- Helping support Waukee Soccer Club
- is as easy as eating! The concession
- stand is a great fundraiser for the club
- so don't forget to try our new hot food
- items! We have an AWESOME crew
- working out there! Thanks for your
- support!

**VSA Tryouts** – VSA is the competitive branch of the Waukee Soccer Club. Players interested in playing soccer at a more competitive level attend tryouts in June, teams are then formed in June and July and practice begins shortly thereafter.

VSA currently has 3 professional coaches, Chris McGill, Ken Tranoris, and Aziz Haffar. VSA also offers a team coach for each team and a special goalie practice for the goalies.

For more information you may visit the VSA website [www.visionsocceracademy.com](http://www.visionsocceracademy.com) or call Chris McGill at 201-5250.

### Attention Parents:

If you registered for soccer on-line, your child's roster is available on our website. Simply log-in at [www.waukeesoccerclub.com](http://www.waukeesoccerclub.com)

## REFEREE NEWS:

WE NEED CERTIFIED REFEREES! The club will again set an initial referee schedule and this schedule will be sent out to all of our coaches. Rescheduling will be up to individual teams and referees. Coaches, it is a good idea to call (or assign someone on your team to call) your referee in the week before the game.

Most of our referees are youths with very hectic schedules like our own. We will try to schedule refs for all U8 games but this will probably not be possible – too many games and not enough referees. Games played against teams from other clubs will be a priority. It may be necessary for parents or coaches to fill in as refs for U8 games so please be prepared.

The **best** way to solve our referee shortage is for each team to have a certified referee associated with it – so encourage any parent or sibling to get certified! Visit [www.iarefcom.org](http://www.iarefcom.org) for more information on becoming a certified referee.

Parents and coaches **MUST** support referees by treating them with respect at all times. Soccer rules are misunderstood by many and we can all be assured that the referee knows the games better than we do. Treating them with respect will get them to continue to referee our games as well.

# Coaches Corner



I've said it before and I'll say it again. In my years as a coach, I have witnessed both positive and negative behavior from parents and coaches alike. I have been very proud of the conduct of the parents and coaches of the Waukee Soccer Club in general. We all need to continue to make an effort to control our comments and understand that the game is about the players. Coaches and parents need to be good role models. Parents, I realize there may be times that you are frustrated with the decisions of referees or coaches. **Please use self-control and consider what actions would be in the best interest of your child and the other players.** Feel free to contact the Director of Referees (Kent Kunze) or the Director of Coaching (Chris McGill) regarding any issues or concerns.

Our coaches have greatly improved their ability to coach effectively and we are starting to see the players apply their skills more and more to their play in practices and games. Each season brings new opportunity for all of us to brush up our own skills and learn new techniques for coaching. If you are a new coach, contact me about attending a coaching clinic. It is a great way to learn the rules quickly and in a hands on manner. Use the manuals that we distribute at the beginning of each season at the coaches' meeting. They are very valuable and give detailed coaching plans for practices. If coaches do have any questions or concerns regarding coaching or the manual, please contact me.

If you had children participate in any of the VSA practice sessions, like the recreational clinics and/or Friday Night Clinics, I would love any feedback you might have. VSA is constantly trying to make the recreational and competitive programs better. Any and all feedback, positive or negative, will benefit the program but most importantly the players. Our goal is to provide a fun and learning environment for our participants. I can be reached on my cell phone at (515) 201-5250 or by e-mail at [chriscbm@yahoo.com](mailto:chriscbm@yahoo.com).

Thanks to all the parents and coaches for volunteering your time and services and supporting your son or daughter in their soccer experiences. I appreciate your hard work and commitment. Success only comes from all of us working together.

**Chris McGill**

**Director of Coaching for Waukee Soccer Club / Vision Soccer Academy (VSA)**

## WSC WEATHER POLICY

As a general rule of thumb the club does not make it a habit to cancel all games when weather is an issue. Here are the rules that the Club follows:

- The club will only cancel all games if a tornado watch/warning is in effect for **DALLAS COUNTY**.
- At 7:30 a.m. on Saturday or Sunday (games are played on both days), the president (Becki Hansen) makes the decision on canceling all games. The website and Soccer Line are then changed to reflect the cancellation.
- If it is only raining, coaches need to work together to make a decision on rescheduling. The club encourages all games to be played as scheduled as much as possible.

We stress to everyone that the weather at the complex may be dramatically different than at your homes. We would always encourage the coaches and parents to play in the rain and not make any decisions until they get to the game. At the older age groups (U10 and up), all teams should show and the ref should be the one making the call on if the game is played or not. Of course, if it should start lightening, all games should be suspended until the weather passes. If at the complex you hear a large horn sound, you need to leave the fields immediately. This means get off the field and to your car as quickly as possible. Check our website or call the Soccer Line at 978-7701 for cancellation updates.



# Spring Calendar

**Monday, March 27th** - U6/U8 Youth License Course held at the Sportsplex West in Waukee from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. (Cost \$15 for ISA members; \$22 for non-members. The Waukee Soccer Club will pay for all current WSC coaches.)

**Tuesday, March 28th** - U10/U12 Youth License Course held at the Sportsplex West in Waukee from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. (Cost \$15 for ISA members; \$22 for non-members. The Waukee Soccer Club will pay for all current WSC coaches.)

**Saturday, April 1st and Sunday, April 2nd** - The Spring Season begins for U8's and up.

**Monday, April 3rd at the Waukee Soccer Complex** - U8 Clinic. All U8 girls' teams will have a free clinic presented by the VSA pro coaches and coaching staff and it will be from 5:30 to 6:30. All U8 boys' teams will have a free clinic presented by the VSA pro coaches and coaching staff and it will be from 6:40 to 7:40. (All U8 teams should plan to attend unless you contact Chris McGill, and he can be reached at 201-5250 or by e-mail at [chriscbm@yahoo.com](mailto:chriscbm@yahoo.com))

**Friday, April 7th at the Waukee Soccer Complex** - Friday Night Clinics begin and go for 5 additional Fridays. Those Fridays are: April 14th, 21st, and 28th & May 5th and 12th. (Fees: U6, \$35; U8-U10, \$50. For multiple siblings, there are discounts - registration forms available at the [www.waukeesoccerclub.com](http://www.waukeesoccerclub.com) or [www.visionsocceracademy.com](http://www.visionsocceracademy.com) )

**Saturday, April 8th at the Waukee Soccer Club Complex** - U6 Kinder kick-off (first official practice). Girls' teams will be scheduled from 9:00 to 10:00 and boys' teams from 10:30 to 11:30. (Mandatory for all U6 teams) - There is a map to the complex on the website at [www.waukeesoccerclub.com](http://www.waukeesoccerclub.com). If you need a U6 shirt, they will be on sale at the complex on this day.

**Monday, April 10th at the Waukee Soccer Complex** - U10 Clinic. All U10 girls' teams will have a free clinic presented by the VSA pro coaches and coaching staff and it will be from 5:30 to 6:30. All U10 boys' teams will have a free clinic presented by the VSA pro coaches and coaching staff and it will be from 6:40 to 7:40. (All U10 teams should plan to attend unless you contact Chris McGill, and he can be reached at 201-5250 or by e-mail at [chriscbm@yahoo.com](mailto:chriscbm@yahoo.com))

**Saturday, April 22nd** - The Spring Season begins for U6.

**Saturday, June 3rd** - Season ends.

# Who are we?



## **Waukee Soccer Club Board of Directors**

- Becki Hansen, President
- Marilea Morris, Vice President
- Kara Sinnard, Secretary
- Julie Kunze, Treasurer
- Chris McGill, Director of Coaches & Head Pro Coach
- Kent Kunze, Director of Referees
- Mark Irvin, Director of Fields
- Lisa Bean, Director of Competitive Soccer
- Vonda Brock, Director of Recreation Soccer
- Vonda Brock, U6 Coordinator
- Lesley Gates, U8 Coordinator
- Rhonda Gale, U10+ Coordinator
- Pam Roberts, Registrar
- Kim Johnson, Administrative Assistant

## **Vision Soccer Academy Committee**

- Lisa Bean, Director of Competitive Soccer
- Chris McGill, Head Pro Coach & Director of Coaches
- Bruce Hartley, Treasurer
- Tami Hoyt, Secretary
- Barb Reese, Registrar / Coordinator director

Thank you for your continued support of our all volunteer organization. If you are interested in serving on one of the boards, let us know!

**HAVE A GREAT SEASON!**