



Fort Wayne Sport Club

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Newsletter

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President's Corner

December brings a very long and challenging year at the Club to a close. Even the German Christmas Show was moved from Friday to Wednesday, making it more difficult to sell tickets. The non-stop rain in the early summer laid our fields to waste, forced us to suspend adult recreational soccer and cancel the Hofbräu Night tournament. "Moving" seemed to be the word of the year as Youth Soccer training and games and the Charity Kickball tournament had to be moved to Indian Trails Park, while the Tournament of Champions had to be moved to Kreager Park. Yet, somehow, we made everything work. Thank you to all of our volunteers for their hard work and everyone who supported our events. I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the rest of the Holidays with their families.

In addition to executing our many events of 2015, we also updated the constitution and by-laws, put new financial guidelines in place and transitioned to an electronic version of the newsletter. Even though we accomplished many things in 2015, there is still more work to do in 2016. We need to continue to reorganize our many events, explore new fundraising opportunities, increase Club membership and retain existing members.

If you would like to help with the reorganization of our many events in 2016, please know that your input is encouraged and welcomed. The objective of this reorganization is to make these events not only more profitable, but friendlier to both participants and volunteers. Feel free to offer suggestions or help with this reorganization project as it continues throughout the year.

Please look for your membership invoices to arrive in January. Your annual membership dues are essential to create a solid financial foundation for the Club.

Plans are under way for a busy winter starting with our first Fish Fry of 2016 on January 22nd. Looking on to February, we will be having a Super Bowl Party on the 7th and the Winter Spiel Nacht featuring both a CornHole Tournament and a Euchre Tournament on the 20th. Make plans to join us for this fun filled evening. Then, on the 26th, we will be holding our second Fish Fry of the year. The Garage Sale Fundraiser will be held earlier this year, on March 11th & 12th. So, while putting the away those Christmas decorations, please keep an eye out for items to donate. Just bring your items to donate to the Clubhouse.

Finally, thank you to all of the Officers and Trustees for their time and dedication during 2015. Our many successes would not have been possible without them. Congratulations to our newly elected Officers and Trustees and thank to all of the returning Officers and Trustees for their commitment for 2016. Dan Kruse

Ladies Auxiliary

Special New Year Greetings to all! We had extremely warm weather in December. It seemed more like spring with the flowers beginning to bloom.

Thank you to all involved with the Children's Christmas party. The Nativity play was performed well by our own German Club children. When Santa appeared, all of the children, parents and grandparents had a twinkle in their eye. The children were very appreciative of the gifts they received. Thank you to Tina Ball for all of your time and efforts.

I'd like to say a HUGE "thank you" to Judy Dietrich and Frankie and Phil Wisniewski for undertaking the responsibility of the German Christmas Show. Everything was organized and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

I'd also like to say another big "thank you" to Sigi Gelling and Betsy Mueller for organizing the Ladies' Christmas Party luncheon. The Ladies enjoyed great food, laughter, door prizes and had fun playing bingo. All of the Ladies are most appreciative! I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Tina Ball and Rosie Kretler for taking on the Christmas Bureau families.

One more special "thank you" needs to be expressed to the Men for their outstanding leadership in keeping the Sport Club in a positive direction!

Please remember to save all of your "not needed" items for the Sport Club Garage Sale fundraiser coming up in March.

I hope that we have a super 2016! We have quite a few events this year and we will need volunteers. We will also need your ideas for what the Ladies Auxiliary can do to enhance the Club. Let me know if you have an idea, but can't make the meeting. If you need a buggy ride, please call me at 260-485-6164. May you all have a Blessed and Happy New Year! Mary Lou Morris



We haven't lost the secret recipes. In fact, we've improved upon them. Please come out and join in the fun and enjoy the first fish dinner of 2016. The Fish Fry this month will be on Friday, January 22nd, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. The cost is now \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 6-to-10. Children age 6 and under eat for free. The delectable dinner includes an ample amount of fish, baked or scalloped potato, coleslaw, applesauce with roll and butter and choice of dessert.

Can't get enough fish? Don't forget to also mark your calendar for the next Fish Fry on Friday, February 26th as well.

Christmas at the Sport Club



The Sport Club Celebrated the Christmas Season with several events. The German Christmas Show was December 9th. The Children's Christmas Party was December 12th. The Ladies' Christmas Party Luncheon was December 16th.



Membership Renewals Will Arrive Shortly

Please remember to pay your Sport Club dues promptly. They are due by March 31st. Any one not wanting to remain a Club member, please send a letter to the Club Treasurer requesting that membership be canceled.

Trish Warren

Winter Spiel Nacht



Are you ready for some indoor sports and libations? Come out to the Club on Saturday, February 20th for our Winter Spiel Nacht (game night) celebration and get involved in the Corn Hole and Euchre tournaments. Come on out on your own. We'll match you up with the fun members of the Club. All teams will be put together with a blind draw. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. with the draw for partners at 6:00 p.m. and play beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will also be a winter beer tasting. Come on out and sample a few craft beers. You may find a new favorite. There will also be drink specials and a good time for all.

Super Bowl Party



Get ready for the Super Bowl party on February 7th. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Join us for fun and food while watching the big game with friends and family. Please bring your favorite snack to share and enjoy \$1 domestic draft beer special.

Portland Timbers Are MLS Cup Champs



Congratulations to the Portland Timbers who won their first MLS Cup with a victory over the Columbus Crew SC on December 5th at MAPFRE Stadium in Columbus. The Timbers completed an incredible run to raise MLS Cup. After opening with the fastest goal in the event's 20-year history, the Timbers held on to a 2-1 advantage on against Columbus Crew SC to become the 10th MLS team, and first Cascadia club, to win MLS Cup. Portland joined MLS as an expansion team in 2011, becoming champions in their fifth season in the league. Columbus Crew SC become the second MLS team to lose the Cup final while playing at home, joining the 2002 New England Revolution, who fell to the LA Galaxy at Gillette Stadium.

Christmas Bureau Adopt-a-Family

I would like to thank everyone for their generosity for the abundant canned foods and special gifts for our two adopted Christmas families. I was happy to wrap and deliver 12 large boxes of food and gifts to the Christmas Bureau to be delivered directly to the families' homes. The true meaning of Christmas is truly reflected in your kindness. Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas and healthy new 2016. Thank you! Tina Ball

US Men's National Team Set to Face Iceland



Catch the U.S. Men's National Team as they play a friendly vs. Iceland on Sunday, January 31st in the StubHub Center in Carson, CA as their first match of 2016 for U.S. Soccer.



USWNT Set to Face Ireland



Catch the U.S. Women's National Team as they play a friendly vs. Ireland on Saturday, January 23rd at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, CA as their first match of 2016 for U.S. Soccer. Olympic qualifying will begin in February.

Sport Club Garage Sale Fundraiser



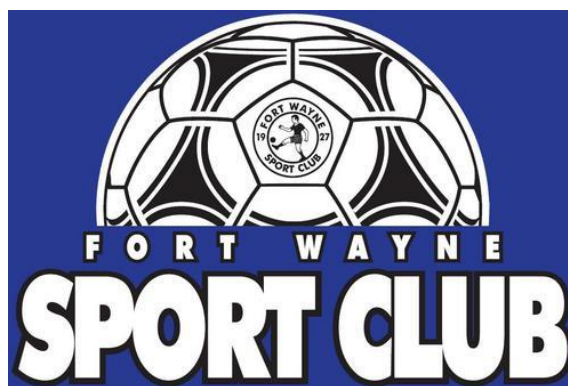
As you begin your spring cleaning and are going through the 'stuff' in your garages, closets and attics, please think of the Club and donate all of your 'never used again' items for the 3rd annual Fort Wayne Sport Club Garage Sale Fundraiser which will benefit the Club's capital improvement fund. We will also need your old grocery bags to fill up when folks buy the donated items. Drop off days at the Club will be forthcoming. Please also plan to come out and shop at the Garage Sale Fundraiser. You may just find that treasure you've always been looking for.



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January Events

Monthly Meeting	8 th ,	8:00 p.m.
Officer's Meeting.....	12 th ,	7:00 p.m.
Club Fish Fry	22 nd ,	4:30-7pm



February Events

Monthly Meeting	5 th ,	8:00 p.m.
Super Bowl Party.....	7 th ,	4:00 - Close
Officer's Meeting.....	9 th ,	7:00 p.m.
Winter Spiel Nacht.....	20 th ,	5-11:30 p.m.
Club Fish Fry	26 th ,	4:30-7p.m.



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2016 Fort Wayne Sport Club Officers

President	Dan Kruse
Vice President	Al Fry
Secretary	Jon Kruse
Treasurer	Trish Warren
Entertainment	Phil Wisniewski
Competitive Sports	Dave Bennett
Recreational Sports	Chris Csicsko

Trustees

Ken Alderman	The Atarama's	Pete Barleben
Tom Callahan	Juan Diaz	Christine Knecht
Jason Schrader	Sean Toth	Kevin Warren
Klemens Zumbraegel		

2016 Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Mary Lou Morris
Vice President	Sharon Wild
Secretary	Irma Sinninger
Treasurer	Frankie Wisniewski

Flowers

The Fort Wayne Sport Club provides flower arrangements for memorials of members. Please contact Stefan Mannes @ 260-625-4495 or Judy Diettrich @ 260-625-4049.

Club Rentals

Phil Wisniewski Contact Phil Wisniewski @ 260-515-1695 for information.