



# Fort Wayne Sport Club

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Newsletter

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## President's Corner

With a successful 2017 behind us, we are in the early stages of planning our calendar and event schedule for 2018. We are also laying out our one-year, two-year and five-year goals. One important item that was discussed was increasing the Club's membership, retention of existing members and new membership social events. Betsy Wagner and Christy Pinkley have offered to co-chair the Membership committee. The next step will be to assemble a committee around them. For those who indicated on their membership applications that this was an area of interest, we will be contacting you in the near future.

We also held a lengthy discussion on continued upgrades to the Clubhouse. The discussed items included: connection to sanitary sewers, replacement of windows and doors, renovation of the kitchen and lights on field 4. Not all of these renovations can be completed in 2018, but we do need start now with a major fundraising program. A Fundraising committee chair was not nominated, but we will look at the membership applications to see who has expressed an interest in helping with this very important project.

While still working on the 2018 calendar, our winter schedule is set. It begins with a Fish Fry on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Looking to February, we have reserved a group of 60 tickets for lower level seats at a February 3<sup>rd</sup> Mad Ants basketball game which starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each for Club members, their friends and families. Betsy Wagner will soon be contacting you to reserve your seats. This should be a fun-filled evening for everyone. We will have Winter Spiel Nacht on February 17<sup>th</sup>, featuring both a Corn Hole and Euchre tournament. Make plans to join us for this fun filled evening. Then on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be holding our 2<sup>nd</sup> Fish Fry of the new year.

The Garage Sale will be March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. So, while putting the away the Christmas decorations, please keep an eye out for items to donate. A successful Garage Sale will help us offset the cost of additional repairs we are planning for the Clubhouse. We need your help on March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> to set things up. Lunch will be provided. Then, we will have our last Fish Fry of the season on Good Friday, on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

We will celebrate our 91<sup>st</sup> Stiftungsfest (Anniversary Dinner) on May 5<sup>th</sup> followed by Das Frühling Turnier, our Spring Tournament, on May 11<sup>th</sup>. This tournament also serves as the opening of our adult recreational soccer season.

Please look for your Membership Dues invoice to arrive in January. Your annual dues help to defray the cost of maintaining the Clubhouse and our annual events. Finally, thank you to all of the officers for their time and dedication in 2017. Our success would not have possible without you. Congratulations to our new officers and thank for all of the returning officers for their commitment for 2018.

Dan Kruse

## Ladies Auxiliary

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I'd like to thank the 2017 officers who remain the same for 2018. President: Judy Dietrich; Vice-President: Mary Lou Morris; Secretary: Frankie Wisniewski and Treasurer: Irma Sinninger.

Thank You to all who were involved with the Children's Christmas Party. The children did a great job in the Christmas play and were very appreciative of the gifts that they received. Thank you to Tina Ball for all your time and effort with the Children's Party as well as taking on the Christmas Bureau families. Also, a big thank you to Betsy Mueller and Elfrieda Anhaeuser for organizing the Ladies Christmas Party luncheon. I hope that we have a super year in 2018.

Judy Dietrich



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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> as well.

## Winter Spiel Nacht



Are you ready for some indoor sports and libations? Come out to the Club on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Adult Competitive Soccer



The FWSC Men's 1<sup>st</sup> team currently sits in a tie for the top spot in Indoor International League play with 6 wins and 2 losses.

On a December 15<sup>th</sup> road trip to Lafayette, the 1<sup>st</sup> team beat FC Indiana with a 6-5 score line. Jackson Didion and Bryce Rockwell Ashton both contributed 2 goals in the winning effort while Stephen Danielian and Diego Lopez both added a goal each.

Dave Bennett

## Toronto FC Are 2017 MLS Cup Champs



Congratulations to Toronto FC who won their first MLS Cup on December 9<sup>th</sup> at BMO Field in Toronto. For 66 tense minutes, Toronto FC dominated the Seattle Sounders in their MLS Cup rematch, winning the possession battle and carving out a range of scoring chances. And for 66 minutes Stefan Frei stymied them, standing tall in the Sounders' net with nine saves over the game's first hour to keep the game scoreless.

But just as the home faithful's nerves began to fray while the second half ticked away, Jozy Altidore and Sebastian Giovinco donned their hero's capes right when they were needed most, securing the Reds' third major trophy of a peerless 2017 campaign. Giovinco played Altidore through a gaping hole in the Sounders defense after a quick transition caught the visitors out in the 67<sup>th</sup> minute.

The US International beat Frei with a left-footed finish to win his, and his team's, first-ever league title, sparking delirium among the Reds and their fans and securing hard-fought revenge for last year's MLS Cup heartbreak.

On a cold but clear night on the shores of Lake Ontario, Toronto FC's control of the match was fueled by coach Greg Vanney's bold gambit to return to the 4-4-2 diamond formation his team had used before last year's switch to a 3-5-2. Michael Bradley and Victor Vazquez were the protagonists as Seattle chased shadows for long stretches.

But the jitters remained as opportunity after opportunity went begging, Giovinco in particular looking tight under the spotlight. But then that moment of directness and precision undid the Sounders' rugged resistance. Then, when Vazquez bundled home an injury-time clincher, a decade's worth of ghosts and sorrow were washed away for TFC and their supporters, who started a party sure to run long into the night after lifting the Phillip F. Anschutz trophy for the first time.

## US Women's National Team Face Denmark



Catch the U.S. Women's National Team as they play a friendly vs. Denmark on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at the San Diego County Credit Union Stadium in San Diego, CA, as their first match of 2018. The game will also be broadcast on ESPN.

## Youth Soccer News



Our youth teams don't stop just because the snow falls. Our travel teams have taken their training inside. Rec & PDA have started their winter sessions and everyone is preparing for the spring seasons. Most of our teams are playing futsal to help hone their skills during the winter.

A scholarship in the name of Greg and Vesta will be introduced at the United Soccer Coaches (formerly NSCAA) Foundation reception at the convention in Philadelphia on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The Fund was put together by current and former players, coaches and friends of Greg and Vesta Mauch to show their appreciation for all they have done for soccer over the past 30+ years. Greg's contributions are too many to list, but he did just earn his 504<sup>th</sup> victory as a high school coach (mostly at Canterbury High School in Fort Wayne) and his 6<sup>th</sup> high school championship this fall. Greg is the FWSC Youth Director of Coaching. He has worked to develop Club programs with emphasis on the whole player, both on and off the field. This scholarship will allow a high school coach from the state of Indiana to attend an academy course hosted by the United Soccer Coaches annually.

To contribute to this worthwhile fund, please visit [www.unitedsoccercoaches.org/store/donation.aspx](http://www.unitedsoccercoaches.org/store/donation.aspx).

## US Men's National Team Game in January



Catch the U.S. Men's National Team as they play a friendly vs. Bosnia and Herzegovina on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at the StuHub Center in Carson, CA, as their first match of 2018. The game will also be broadcast on FS1.

**Club to Attend Mad Ants Game in February**



Come join us Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for a night of basketball as the Mad Ants take on the Long Island Nets at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. The FWSC has reserved a group of tickets in the lower level of the arena. All are welcome! Ask a member to join you or bring a friend or family member. Let's show our spirit by wearing a Fort Wayne Sport Club t-shirt to the game! If you're in need of a t-shirt, they can be purchased at the Club for \$10. Reserve your seats today by calling or texting Betsy Magner at 260-388-2228 or email: e2magner@gmail.com. Seats are \$15 each. Please contact Betsy by January 15<sup>th</sup> to ensure your spot!

**Christmas Bureau Adopt-a-Family**



Thank everyone for your generosity! Our two adopted families enjoyed a wonderful Christmas! Thank you, and may God bless each and every one of you!  
Tina Ball



**2018 Sport Club Garage Sale Preparation**



As a reminder to all Club members, please keep the Club's upcoming 2018 Garage Sale fundraiser in March in mind when you are cleaning out your closets or making room for the new toys from Santa. You can contact Phil Wisniewski @ 260-515-1695 to drop off of items at the Club. We are also looking for a new Chairperson for this committee who would be assisted along the way by Sandy Barleben, Judy Dietrick and Frankie Wisniewski. If you are interested, please contact Phil. The success of the event will rely upon recruiting a new Chairperson.

As you begin your spring cleaning and are going through the 'stuff' in your garages, closets and attics, please think of the Sport Club and donate all of your 'never used again' items for the 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please also plan to come out and shop at the Garage Sale Fundraiser in March. You may just find that treasure you've always been looking for.

**Membership Renewals Will Arrive Shortly**

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

**January Events**

Monthly Meeting .....	5 <sup>th</sup> ,	8:00 pm
Officer's Meeting.....	16 <sup>th</sup> ,	7:00 pm
Club Fish Fry.....	26 <sup>th</sup> ,	4:30-7pm
Volunteer Appreciation night..	27 <sup>th</sup> ,	6-9pm



**February Events**

Monthly Meeting .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	8:00 pm
Officer's Meeting.....	13 <sup>th</sup> ,	7:00 pm
Winter Spiel Nacht.....	17 <sup>th</sup> ,	5-11:30 pm
Club Fish Fry.....	23 <sup>rd</sup> ,	4:30-7pm



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## 2018 Fort Wayne Sport Club Officers

<b>President</b>	Dan Kruse
<b>Vice President</b>	Ken Alderman
<b>Secretary</b>	Jon Kruse
<b>Treasurer</b>	Trish Warren
<b>Entertainment Chair</b>	Phil Wisniewski
<b>Competitive Sports Director</b>	Dave Bennett
<b>Recreational Sports Director</b>	Chris Csicsko

### Trustees

The Atarama's	Tom Callahan	Juan Diaz
Rob Getz	Garth Hazelett	Jason Schrader
Erick Siela	Kevin Warren	

## 2018 Ladies Auxiliary Officers

<b>President</b>	Judy Diettrich
<b>Vice President</b>	Mary Lou Morris
<b>Secretary</b>	Irma Sinninger
<b>Treasurer</b>	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

Contact Phil Wisniewski @ 260-515-1695 for information