



Fort Wayne Sport Club

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Newsletter

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President's Corner

Once again, we witnessed a year full of triumphs and setbacks. Our Winter Spiel Nacht (Game Night) was a success; the November Spiel Nacht, while smaller, was also successful; attendance at our Fish Fries has remained strong; but donations for our garage sale were lower, which affected our sales.

The adult recreational soccer season started off well with another good turnout for our 3rd annual Das Frühling Turnier but, for the most part of the year, participation was sluggish. The Hofbräu Night tournament only attracted 8 teams. Turnout improved in late summer, but was still not great. We have not determined the reason, or reasons, for the lower turnout, but we plan to work on improving our numbers for next year. Not only is this an important revenue stream for the Club but, as it states in our constitution, the purpose of the Fort Wayne Sport Club is "the promotion and education of soccer."

The Veteran's team went to Toledo in August and defeated Toledo 2-1 and then, Dearborn 1-0. Then, as a part of Soctoberfest, Toledo and Dayton came to the Club. Toledo defeated the Fort Wayne Sport Club, 1-0, and then the Fort Wayne Sport Club defeated Dayton 5-2. Toledo has already committed to bringing a team for our 90th anniversary tournament in May and the Veteran's team will be returning to Toledo in July to play in a tournament. With the increased activity of the Veteran's team, we will also spend the winter organizing our team for next year.

In September the two 80% furnaces were replaced with two new 95% efficient furnaces which should greatly reduce our future heating costs. We anticipate that, weather permitting, a new roof will be installed the week after Thanksgiving. This will be a necessary, but expensive, capital improvement. The project will include the tear off of the existing roof; replace the fascia, soffit, gutters, downspouts, wood decking and install the new, heavier architectural style of roof shingle.

We welcomed 9 new members into the Club this year and are still looking for ways to make them feel more welcome and to increase their participation in events.

Please set some time aside to spend with your fellow Sport Club members this busy Holiday season. Don't forget to support the German Christmas Show. I that hope everyone can also attend the Club Christmas Party.

Finally, congratulations to the new and incumbent officers and trustees for 2017. I also want take to a moment to thank Sean Toth for his hard work as a trustee. Sean will remain on the Germanfest board. Sean's help has been invaluable to the Club please make sure that you thank him for his service to the Club.

As always, the officers and I welcome your comments or suggestions.

Dan Kruse

Ladies Auxiliary

Greetings Ladies! Christmas is just around the corner and it crept upon us fast this year or so it seems! The German Christmas Show will be on December 7th at the Club with doors opening at 5:00 p.m., dinner starting at 5:30 p.m., and the show beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available from Judy Diettrich. Tickets seem to be going faster this year, so please give Judy a call. The Children's Christmas Party will be at the Club on December 10th at 1:00 p.m. The Children's Christmas play, Santa's arrival and a potluck dinner, with families bringing a dish to share, will follow. Thank you so much Tina Ball for all that you did for our Christmas families and being a helpful elf behind the scenes! You are most appreciated!

The Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Luncheon will be on December 12th at 1:00 p.m. at the Factory. Thank you to Betsy Mueller for chairing this event and Elfrieda Anhaeuser for her assistance!

Please remember that we will have another Garage Sale fundraiser in the spring. Please begin saving those unused items now! If you want to get rid of them sooner than later, please call the Club and arrangements can be made.

A huge "thank you" from the bottom of my heart to all of the Lady Auxiliary members who were able to volunteer throughout this past year. It is because of you that we have had a great year! I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed Holiday Season!

Mary Lou Morris

*Merry Christmas * Happy Holidays!*



There will be no monthly meeting in December.

No December Fish Fry

There will not be a Fish Fry in the month of December. Enjoy the Holidays, and don't forget to mark your calendar for the first Fish Fry of 2017 on Friday, January 27th. We'll see you then.



Fort Wayne Sport Club German Christmas Show

Featuring live entertainers from Germany
 Wednesday December 7
 3102 Ardmore Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802
 Show and German dinner: \$35.00 per person
 Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 5:30, show at 7:00
 For Tickets call: 260.432.6011
 Limited Seating. RSVP by 11/25/2016

German Christmas Show

The Sport Club will once again be presenting a German Christmas show on Wednesday, December 7th. The event is rapidly approaching, so please make your reservations and get your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets for both the Show and Dinner are \$35 per person in advance or \$40 at the door. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and the Show begins at 7:00 p.m. Seating is limited so please check to see if tickets are still available.

Please plan on attending this event. Not only does the German Christmas show reflect the cultural heritage of the Club, but it also is a worthy fundraiser. Whatever your heritage, please allow the spirit of the Holiday season to dwell in us as members of the Club. Mark your calendar, show your support and enjoy the event with your fellow Club members.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please contact Judy Dietrich at Jditt1234@aol.com or Phil Wisniewski at the Club at 260-432-6011.

Christmas Bureau Adopt-a-Family

Thank you to everyone who helped the Ladies fulfill the holiday wishes for two adopted families from the Christmas Bureau.

The Ladies, with the help of the Club, will provide a fresh Christmas meal, a new gift for each family member as well as non-perishable food stuffs and cleaning supplies. Thank you everyone, especially Tina Ball, for helping to make Christmas wishes come true for our two adopted families.

Upcoming Holiday Entertainment



The German Christmas Show will be on December 7th. Also start making plans to attend the Children's Christmas Party on December 10th at the Club. The doors will open at 2:00 p.m., the Children's program will begin at 3:00 p.m. and Santa will make his appearance around 4:00 p.m. The potluck dinner will then begin at 5:00 p.m. All children and grandchildren (but unfortunately, not great-grandchildren) ages 12-and-under may receive a gift from Santa. The firm deadline to submit children's names and ages is December 2nd before the end of the December meeting. For more specific information on the party, please contact Tina Ball at tinakretler@centurylink.net or 260-242-2500. The Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Luncheon will take place this year on, Monday, December 12th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Factory.

2016 MLS Cup



Get ready for the 2016 MLS Cup on December 10th at 8:00 p.m. between the Seattle Sounders (seeded 4th) and one of the two Canadian teams left in the mix – either FC Toronto (seeded 3rd) or the Montreal Impact (seeded 5th) – whose fate will be determined on November 30th.

You can attend the Final game, where-ever it may be held, or watch it on FOX. The MLS Cup finalist with the higher playoff seeding earns the right to host the championship game.

2017 Sport Club Garage Sale Preparation



As a reminder to all Club members, please keep the Club's upcoming 2017 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.

Election of Officers and Trustees

The nominations of officers were presented at the November 4th monthly meeting. A smooth election quickly followed with the subsequent results: Dan Kruse remains President; Al Fry remains Vice President; Jon Kruse remains Secretary; Trish Warren remains Treasurer; Phil Wisniewski remains Entertainment Chairman, Dave Bennett remains Competitive Sports Director; Chris Csisco remains Recreational Sports Director; Garth Hazelett and Erick Siela become Trustees while Martin & Kimberly Atarama, Juan Diaz, Tom Callahan, Jason Schrader, Kevin Warren and Pete Barleben / Klemens Zumbraegel all remain Trustees.

Sport Club Celebrates 90 years in 2017

Please mark your calendars for the Club's 90th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, May 13th, 2017. Many activities are being planned, including a tournament and all-day community festival. If you aren't already aware, there is a committee diligently working on this incredible anniversary celebration, but your help is definitely needed and appreciated. The day will be filled with multi-generational soccer tournaments open to the community.

But, the Sport Club is more than just soccer, and we want to share that with all of Fort Wayne. There will also be German food, a mock Schutzenfest, German children dancing, polka lessons, stein races, face painting for the kids, corn hole and live music. Some other surprises will also be revealed in the upcoming months. The 90th Anniversary Community Festival will be a huge success if everyone helps to spread the word and assist in as many ways as possible.

For more information or to become involved in the planning and preparation, please contact Betsy Magner at e2magner@gmail.com or 260-388-2228 or Kimberly Atarama at kimberley_homes@hotmail.com or 260-615-4441.

USMNT: Klinsmann Out – Arena In



In a sign of just how much American soccer has grown up, U.S. National Team coach Jurgen Klinsmann was fired after a pair of losses in the final round World Cup qualifying.

Six days after a 4-0 loss at Costa Rica dropped the Americans to 0-2, Klinsmann was terminated after nearly 5 ½ years during a meeting Monday at a Los Angeles hotel with U.S. Soccer Federation (USSF) President Sunil Gulati and Secretary General Dan Flynn. Los Angeles Galaxy coach Bruce Arena has been chosen to succeed Klinsmann. Arena coached the national team from 1998 to 2006.

Gone are the days when U.S. coaches were immune to the win-now mentality that permeates soccer. Qualifying resumes when the USMNT hosts Honduras on March 24th and plays four days later at Panama. The USSF is expecting a quick turnaround.

Youth Soccer News



The following Fort Wayne Sport Club Youth teams fared well in these fall tournaments: The Nightmare at the Rock Tournament Champions included 04b Berlin, 05g St. Pauli's and 03b Ingolstadt while Runners-Up included 04b Glau and 03b Bochum. The Fall Fusion Classic Runners-Up included 99b Blitz, 00g EIS and 02g Augsburg.

The 99/00g Strikers, 01g Dortmund and 02g Mainz all competed and did well in their flights at College Showcases. Congratulations to all of the teams for bringing home numerous trophies.

Adult Recreational Soccer



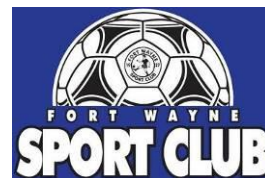
Thank you for another successful Adult Rec season. The fields are now closed for winter and we look forward to another great season come next spring.
Chris Csicsko

Adult Competitive Soccer



In FWASL action this fall, Coldwell Banker were once again crowned Champions by defeating the FWSC Men's 1st team 2-1.

Several of the FWSC Men's 1st team's young collegiate players had successful seasons. Two standouts include Jacob Murphy at IPFW, with 7 goals and 1 assist, and Grant Albritten at Ohio Northern, whose team went undefeated in conference play.
Dave Bennett



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December Events

German Christmas Dinner	7 th ,	5:30 p.m.
German Christmas Show	7 th ,	7:00 p.m.
Children's Christmas Party	10 th ,	2:00 p.m.
Ladies' Christmas Luncheon ...	12 th ,	1:00 p.m.



January Events

Monthly Meeting	6 th ,	8:00 p.m.
Officer's Meeting.....	10 th ,	7:00 p.m.
Club Fish Fry	27 th ,	4:30-7pm



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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

The Atarama's	Pete Barleben	Tom Callahan
Juan Diaz	Erick Siela	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

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