



Fort Wayne Sport Club

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President's Corner

2017, the year of our 90th anniversary, turned out to be a remarkable year for the Fort Wayne Sport Club. Spiel Nachts (Game Nights) turned out to be very popular events while the Fish Fries remained steady. The 90th Anniversary Celebration itself was a major undertaking, but the planning committee worked very hard and their organizing paid off. The event was well publicized throughout the area on radio, TV, print and social media. In preparation for the Celebration, the Clubhouse was given a face lift including a new roof, soffits, fascia and guttering. We also installed new furnaces and a tank-less water heater, which has reduced our utility bills. The ballroom and barroom were repainted and new ceiling tiles installed. While there is still some work to do, the current appearance of the Clubhouse is something that all members can be proud of. I think that members can also be proud of the fact we did not borrow any money to do the work and we have almost replaced all of the money spent on these endeavors back into savings.

Germanfest went well over the summer and, while not as lucrative as in 2016, still had very solid attendance and was profitable once again. A lot of time was spent re-establishing our Over-50 team and creating an Over-40 team. The creation of these teams along with regular Friday night practices had a huge impact on our membership and Friday night bar sales. These 'veteran' teams traveled to Toledo to play once again. We also invited Over-40 and Over-50 teams to play in our Das Frühling Turnier and Soctoberfest tournaments. Soctoberfest featured four visiting Over-40 teams and one visiting Over-50 team.

Out of the resurgence of re-establishing the 'veteran' teams, Cultural Nights were created to celebrate the international diversity of the Club once each month. Although we began as a German Club, we now boast an international membership from more than 16 countries spanning four continents. The very popular Cultural Nights have given our members from the various countries a chance to proudly demonstrate the cuisine of their homeland. In addition to our own Club events, we were also fortunate to host the Region II Tournament of Champions again over the summer. This event brings adult amateur soccer teams together from 14 Midwestern states for a two day tournament. Teams love coming to our venue because of our well-manicured fields, beautiful Clubhouse and well organized tournament.

Lastly I want to thank all of the members for their participation in the various events throughout the year. Without your help our success would not be possible. I also want to say a special thank you to Sean Toth as he stepped into the Vice-President role this past year which was vacated with the passing of Al Fry. Sean will remain on the Germanfest board in 2018. His help has been invaluable to the success of the Club. Please join me in thanking him for his service.

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 Children's Christmas Party will be at the Club on December 9th starting at 3:00 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 to 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 14th at 1:00 p.m. at the Factory. Thank you to Betsy Mueller for chairing this event and Elfrieda Anhaeuser for her assistance!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed Holiday Season.

Judy Dietrich

*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 26th. We'll see you then.

2017 MLS Cup



Get ready for the 2017 MLS Cup on December 9th at 4:00 p.m. You can attend the Final game, where-ever it may be held, or watch it on ESPN. The MLS Cup finalist with the better regular-season record earns the right to host the championship game.

Goals Accomplished in 2017

At the beginning of 2017, we established 5 goals for the year. Here are those goals along with their results:

Goal #1: Improving our events.

- a. More family events – Family Soccer Olympics.
- b. Soccer Tournaments – Need to be better organized and start sooner with promoting tournaments.

We still have room to improve on this goal.

Goal #2: Repairs to the building.

- a. Roof has been replaced.
- b. Ceiling tiles in bar room replaced.
- c. Interior painted.

I am pleased to say that we accomplished this goal.

Goal #3: Attract 10 new members.

We gained 32 new members.

Goal #4: The 90th Anniversary Celebration.

- a. Committee did a good job of organizing.
- b. Was well attended.
- c. We received good media coverage.
- d. Mayor attended for proclamation.

In my opinion we accomplished this goal.

Goal #5: Organize the Veterans' teams.

- a. John Bellio sponsored uniforms for the Over-50 team.
- b. Erik Magner sponsored uniforms for the Over-40 team.
- c. Member's only Over-40/50 nights were played throughout the season on Fridays.
- d. We have been in contact with other teams in the region to begin home and home games in 2018.

I believe this goal has also been accomplished.

Over the next month, we will be setting 2018 goals for the Fort Wayne Sport Club and I will present them in the January newsletter. One of the goals will be to provide additional recreational activities for our members. As a part of that goal, we have reserved a group of 60 tickets for members, their friends and families at a Mad Ants game on Saturday, February 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. They are lower level seats in the arena and are \$15 each. This should be a fun-filled evening for everyone so reserve yours as soon as possible

Club to Attend Mad Ants Game in February



Come join us Saturday, February 3rd 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 5th to ensure your spot!

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.

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



Unfortunately, there will not be a German Christmas Show this year, but start making plans to attend the Children's Christmas Party on December 9th at the Club. The doors will open at 2:00 p.m. Please arrive by 2:30 p.m. to participate in our Traditional Live Children's Nativity promptly at 3:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Claus, and our carry-in dinner, will follow.

All children and grandchildren (but unfortunately, not great-grandchildren) ages 12-and-under may receive a gift from Santa.

For more specific information on the party, please contact Tina Ball at tinakretler@centurylink.net or 260-242-2500.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be going to see *White Christmas* at the Civic on Sunday, November 19th, at 2:00 p.m. Please call Irma Sinninger at 260-485-0481 to make reservations.

Election of Officers and Trustees

The nominations of officers were presented at the November 3rd monthly meeting. A smooth election quickly followed with the subsequent results: Dan Kruse remains President; Ken Alderman becomes 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, Erick Siela; Martin & Kimberly Atarama, Juan Diaz, Tom Callahan, Jason Schrader and Kevin Warren all remain Trustees while Rob Getz becomes Trustee.

Youth Soccer News



November was a month of transition for our youth programs. Most teams took the training inside for work over the winter off-season. All of our teams are participating in Futsal leagues this winter. Taking the game to the hard courts will help improve foot-skills and ball movement to help be prepared once spring season hits.

But not all of the teams were ready to head inside for the winter. Many of our high school-aged teams trained on the turf at the University of Saint Francis and Indiana Tech to prepare for college showcases.

00B Athletico had a good showing at the Grand Park Showcase going 1-1-1. They will finish out the "fall" season at the Indianapolis Showcase in early December.

The girls teams had a rougher time at the Indianapolis Showcase. 16U Mainz and 18U EIS both had several matches rained out and had to play in less-than-ideal conditions. The 19U Strikers, with the help of several from 17U Dortmund, lucked out with 2 matches inside the Grand Park Event Center and finished 1-1-1 for the event. The next weekend, the 19U Strikers, with guests representing 5 different FWSC teams, competed at the Galaxy Showcase. Playing in the 19U bracket, this group went 3-0, outscoring their opponents 11-2 while posting 2 shutouts to finish at the top of the table for the event.



The Galaxy Showcase Team consisted of Gabby Torrez (EIS), Mia Schlueter (Strikers), Julia Till (Strikers), Megan Gilpin (Strikers), Krista Jackson (Strikers), Cali Geiger (Strikers), Alyssa Couch (Strikers), Nadia Bedwell (Strikers), Mimi Rustrian (Strikers), Bailea Sprunger (Dortmund), Dairian Goelz (Mainz), Alyssa Wells (Strikers), Gabby Siren (Mainz), Madison McConahea (Dortmund). AnnaBella Brown (Koln) is not pictured.

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



The FWSC Men's 1st team won the International League this fall with an 8-2 record and also won the tourney final with a 4-1 scoreline. Several of the FWSC Men's 1st team players had solid collegiate seasons this year including goalkeeper Andrew Wick (IWU) and Jackson Didion (Bethel), which is headed to the Christian College Championships in Florida.

Competitive play currently continues in the Indoor Latino League. The FWSC Men's 1st team currently sit top of table with a 3-1 record.
Dave Bennett

Upcoming December Trustee Schedule

November 26th – December 2nd = Kimberley & Martin Atarama
 December 3rd – 9th = Pete Barleben & Klemens Zumbraegel
 December 10th – 16th = Jason Schrader
 December 17th – 23rd = Erick Seila
 December 24th – 30th = Garth Hazlett



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December Events

Children's Christmas Party 9th, 3:00 p.m.
 Ladies' Christmas Luncheon ... 14th, 1:00 p.m.



January Events

Monthly Meeting 5th, 8:00 p.m.
 Officer's Meeting..... 16th, 7:00 p.m.
 Club Fish Fry..... 26th, 4:30-7pm



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2017 Fort Wayne Sport Club Officers

President	Dan Kruse
Vice President	Sean Toth
Secretary	Jon Kruse
Treasurer	Trish Warren
Entertainment Chair	Phil Wisniewski
Competitive Sports Director	Dave Bennett
Recreational Sports Director	Chris Csicsko

Trustees

The Atarama's	Pete Barleben	Tom Callahan
Juan Diaz	Garth Hazelett	Jason Schrader
Erick Siela	Kevin Warren	Klemens Zumbraegel

2017 Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Judy Diettrich
Vice President	Mary Lou Morris
Secretary	Frankie Wisniewski
Treasurer	Irma Sinninger

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.