



Fort Wayne Sport Club

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Newsletter

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President's Corner

As we close 2016, we look back on a much better year than in 2015. Although the weather had its moments, we were not victimized by torrential rains. We were able to get all of our events in on schedule and, while attendance was uneven, the events were successful overall. Thank you to all of our volunteers and everyone who supported our events. I hope everyone was able to enjoy the Holidays with their families.

During the past year, we installed new high-efficiency furnaces, a tank-less water heater and a roof. The furnaces and water heater have greatly reduced our utility costs. Going forward they will help lower our overhead costs and have allowed us to eliminate two vents from the roof. The new roof was necessary and, as work progressed, we uncovered one problem after another, including bad sheeting on the north side of the ballroom and a bad electrical weather head with bare wires coming in contact with the roof. While the roof was being replaced, new fascia, soffit and gutters were also installed. These improvements will greatly improve the attic ventilation and exterior appearance of the building. This project turned out to be much more expensive than originally anticipated, but we could not put off these repairs any longer.

We are planning for another busy winter opening January 27th with our 1st Fish Fry of the New Year. February 18th will bring Winter Spiel Nacht, featuring both a Corn Hole and a Euchre Tournament. Make plans enjoy this fun filled evening. On February 24th, we will be holding our 2nd Fish Fry of 2017. March 10th & 11th will bring the garage sale Fundraiser. So, while putting away those Christmas decorations, keep an eye out for items to donate. A successful garage sale will help us offset some of the costs of the recent repairs. Your annual membership dues are also a very important income source to help defray the cost of maintaining the Clubhouse and our annual events. Look for your invoice when it arrives in January. We will be celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Club in May. The planning committee has been putting together a two weekend celebration. May 6th will bring Stiftungsfest, and on May 13th, we will celebrate with our 90th Anniversary with a Community Festival featuring youth soccer games, face painting, the Family Soccer Olympics, a 1st Team game, a Veteran's game vs. Toledo, a 6 vs. 6 soccer tournament and the night will close with a Chris Worth concert. As fundraisers, we will be selling youth spirit wear (branded clothing) supporting youth soccer, our famous glass beer boots supporting the Club and scarves supporting the 1st Team. German food and beverages will also be available throughout the day. This promises to be a very exciting series of events, so please plan to attend now.

In June, we will again be participating in Germanfest. On July 28th - 30th, the Club will once again host the Tournament of

Champions featuring adult teams from the throughout Midwest. September will bring a special 90th Anniversary Schützenfest while Soctoberfest once again will arrive in October.

Finally, thank you to all of the officers for their time and dedication. Our successes would not be possible without your contributions. Congratulations to our newly elected officers, and thank you to those returning for your continued commitment.

Dan Kruse

Ladies Auxiliary

Special New Year Greetings to all! I'd like to thank the 2016 officers: Frankie Wisniewski, Irma Sinninger and Sharon Wild. We made a great team. A big thank you to retiring Sharon Wild for being Vice President for 10 years! Sharon, you are most appreciated for your years of dedication! The officer's for 2017 are: President, Judy Dietrich; Vice President, Mary Lou Morris; Secretary, Frankie Wisniewski and Treasurer, Irma Sinninger.



Thank you to all involved with the Children's Christmas party. The Children did a great job performing in the Christmas play! The reading and singing were superb! 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 with the Christmas party as well as taking on the Christmas Bureau families.

I'd like to say a HUGE "thank you" to Judy Dietrich and Frankie & Phil Wisniewski for undertaking the German Christmas Show. Everything was organized well and an enjoyable evening was had by all. I'd also like to say another big "thank you" to Betsy Mueller for chairing, and Elfrieda Anhaeuser for her assistance in organizing, the Ladies' Christmas Party luncheon. The Ladies enjoyed great food and Holiday cheer. The singing was excellent! Maybe we should cut a CD! All of the Ladies are most appreciative!

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 2017! We have quite a few events planned including our 90th Anniversary celebration. We will also need your ideas for what the Ladies Auxiliary can do to enhance the Club. Please let me know if you have any. Mary Lou Morris

German Christmas Show at the Sport Club



The Sport Club Celebrated the Christmas Season with several events. The German Christmas Show was December 9th. The entertainers were Peter from Thüringen, Joachim Bischoff from Salzburg, Austria, Gitti Goetz from Bayern and the Herzblatt's from Brandenburg. Fred Kroger and Hans Diettrich also joined in the fun mixing up a batch of cookies while The Herzblatt's sang about it. It was beautiful music and all had a great time.



Sport Club Celebrates 90 years in 2017

As we end 2016, celebrating with family and friends, the 90th Anniversary celebration committee is making progress on the events that will make up the day-long Community Festival coming up on May 13th. We will need everyone's participation and assistance to make this a successful celebration.

There are several ways in which you can help. 1) We are putting together our budget, so you can make a donation to assist with the food, live music, game referees, children's activities or historical video. 2) If you are crafty, we will need your help with decorations and other event preparations. 3) But most of all, we will need many volunteers to help out that day! Ideally, we want everyone to have the opportunity to participate, but this will only be possible if everyone volunteers for a few hours so that the festival organizers can also have the opportunity to participate. We will need volunteers to help with the soccer games, work in the kitchen/concessions stand, help at the information table, help coordinate the activities and provide general information to our visitors from the community. In the coming weeks, we will be contacting all our members and Club friends to ask for help. Let's show Fort Wayne why the Fort Wayne Sport Club has been here for 90 years and that we're here to welcome everyone for another 90 more!

Please mark your calendars for the Club's 90th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, May 13th, 2017. Please contact Betsy Magner at e2magner@gmail.com or 260-388-2228 or Kimberly Atarama at kimberley_homes@hotmail.com or 260-615-4441 for more information.

Winter Spiel Nacht



Are you ready for some indoor sports and libations? Come out to the Club on Saturday, February 18th 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.

Seattle Sounders FC Are MLS Cup Champs



Congratulations to the Seattle Sounders FC who won their first MLS Cup with a victory over Toronto FC on December 10th at frigid BMO Field in Toronto. Despite being outplayed for the vast majority of the match and not registering a single shot on goal, Seattle beat Toronto 5-4 in a penalty kick shootout after playing a scoreless 120 minutes.

Goalkeeper Stefan Frei was the hero for Seattle, recording six saves in regular and extra time before making one stop in the shootout to help the Sounders to the title. Defender Roman Torres made the clinching penalty in the 6th round of the shootout, powering a left footed shot past Clint Irwin after Toronto defender Justin Morrow bounced his penalty off the crossbar.

The championship is the crowning achievement in Seattle's proud MLS history. The Sounders, who joined the league in 2009 after decades in the lower levels of North American soccer, have made the playoffs in every year of their existence, won four US Open Cup titles since joining MLS and claimed the Supporters' Shield in 2014, but had never made it to the title game prior to this year.

The Sounders survived Toronto, not allowing TFC – who had scored 17 goals in five playoff matches heading into MLS Cup – many clear cut chances and outlasting the Canadian club in the shootout to lift the Phillip F. Anschutz trophy for the first time.

Christmas Party at the Sport Club



Youth Soccer News



We look forward to another very prosperous year in 2017 and are very excited with the direction that Youth Soccer is going.

The Youth Board announced that Dave Zachrich will be stepping down as President, beginning in 2017. Oliver Reelsen was voted in as the new President and Todd Gilpin as Vice President. We are very excited to announce Celeste Streicher was voted on the board to fill a vacant spot. Dave will still remain on the board as an at-large member. Current youth board members are Oliver Reelsen - President, Todd Gilpin - Vice President, Jodie Cruz - Secretary, Matt Schenkel - VP Finance, Dave Zachrich, Bart Arnold, Chad A'Hearn, Celeste Streicher and Jim Huth.

Update: The addition to the parking lot was not completed before the weather turned in November, so the finishing touches will be completed in early spring 2017.

US Men's National Team Set to Face Serbia



Catch the U.S. Men's National Team and new head coach Bruce Arena as they play a friendly vs. Serbia on Sunday, January 29th, at Qualcomm Stadium San Diego, CA as their first match of 2017. The game will also be broadcast on ESPN2.



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 27th, 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 24th as well.

2017 Sport Club Garage Sale Preparation



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 4th 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. You can contact Phil Wisniewski @ 260-515-1695 to drop off of items at the Club.

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 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



January Events

Monthly Meeting	6 th ,	8:00 p.m.
Officer's Meeting.....	17 th ,	7:00 p.m.
Club Fish Fry.....	27 th ,	4:30-7pm



February Events

Monthly Meeting	3 rd ,	8:00 p.m.
Officer's Meeting.....	14 th ,	7:00 p.m.
Winter Spiel Nacht.....	18 th ,	5-11:30 p.m.
Club Fish Fry.....	24 th ,	4:30-7p.m.



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2017 Fort Wayne Sport Club Officers

President	Dan Kruse
Vice President	Al Fry
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	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	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.