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West Des Moines Soccer Club 2010 Spring Break Clinic

Designed as a pre-season camp for Recreational and Select players U-7 through U-14, the WDMSC Spring Break Clinic is an opportunity for players to get more touches on the ball, play short-sided games and receive age appropriate skills training. Conducted by WDMSC professional coaches, this clinic is both a fun and a valuable skill-enhancing opportunity. **Sign up now, as space is limited.**

Dates – March 15, 16, 17 and 18th (Monday – Thursday)

Location – Stilwell Jr High School gymnasium. In case of inclement weather, call the weather line at 225-8219.

Family Discount – if two or more players per family register at the same time, deduct \$5 from each registration.

Ages	Time	Cost
Jr Academy (U7-U10 Recreational)	9:00 am – 10:15 am	\$40
Academy (U9-U10 Academy)	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	\$50
Elite Academy (U11-U14)	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	\$60

Pick one of three easy ways to register –

1. Fill out the form below and mail it with your check (made out to West Des Moines Soccer Club) by Wednesday, March 11, 2010, to WDMSC, Attn: Spring Break Clinic, P.O. Box 27008, West Des Moines, IA 50265.
2. Register online by Wednesday, March 11, 2010, at www.wdmsoccerclub.org (go to "programs/camps & clinics" to pay online). Additional fees apply.
3. Bring a check and a completed registration form to the first session of the clinic (if choosing this option, be sure to call the information number listed below before the first day of the clinic to ensure space availability.)

What to Bring – All participants must bring an inflated ball, water bottle, shin guards and indoor shoes.

For more information – Visit www.wdmsoccerclub.org or contact John Pearson at 778-6463, jipceltic@aol.com.

Spring Break Clinic Registration

Check selected session: Jr Academy (\$40) Academy (\$50) Elite Academy (\$60)

Name _____ Age _____ Gender: Male Female

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone, cell _____ Phone, evening _____

Email _____
(Necessary to inform you of cancellations or rescheduling)

Guardian / emergency contact name and phone _____

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NEWS FROM THE WEST DES MOINES SOCCER CLUB



LETTER FROM THE PREIDENT

Spring will come! The melting snow and the greening of the grass means cleats will be laced and shin guards placed under socks.

We are hopeful that later this spring the recreational side of our club will be back at Raccoon River Soccer complex. We are still dealing with some issues related to the flooding of 2008. The fields at Raccoon River are growing grass. We are keeping our fingers crossed that no additional damage will occur, and we will be back home in no time.

There will be some new faces at our club. The select program is proud to announce the addition of several new coaches. See the article below to find out who will be helping to train your sons and daughters this spring.

The search for the new Director of Coaching is progressing at a rapid pace. The hard work of the search committee is paying off. The club has had over 40 applicants for the position. John Breed, who is a board member, and part of the search process, explains what has taken place to find the best possible candidate for this position in his news piece found below.

The new Central Iowa Soccer Academy had a fantastic turn out this winter. We were back at skate west for training. The kids received valuable practice on skills they will need for the upcoming season. The recreational players received free training from the select coaching staff, on 11 dates this winter. Ben Brackett (Director of Recreational Coaching) and members of the select program were in charge of providing this valuable instruction.

Even though the grass is dormant your board has been working hard at making sure your club is growing strong. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please feel free to contact me at: PeteOlberding@EPTrueDental.com

Pete Olberding
President

WELCOME TO SOME NEW FACES

Meet Justin Vorster WDMSC's new U12G and U14G head coach.



Justin Vorster

Justin comes to WDM with a vast knowledge and experience in soccer. He has lived, traveled, and/or played in five of seven continents in the world including Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America. Justin was born in Calcutta, India and has a great accent.

In Justin's professional coaching career he holds a USSF A license, National Youth license and several other licenses or diplomas. He is currently an assistant coach at Drake University and also is a staff coach for the Iowa ODP camps. Justin has coached both youth and College soccer International and/or National. Welcome to the WDMSC Justin and good luck for all of your teams.

Welcome to Lora Breiholz who was elected to the Board of Directors as the new Director of Membership for the WDMSC.



Lora Breiholz

Lora shares the following about her background: "I have been married for twenty years and have two children that play in the WDMSC. My oldest is on the U12G Select Crush; my youngest is on a U10G Rec team. I have spent the last seven years as coordinators for their teams and loved every minute of it.

I fully believe in the WDMSC program and will be very committed to this position. I am very excited about this opportunity and am looking forward to the challenges." Welcome on board Lora!

SPRING ACADEMY PROGRAM

The West Des Moines Soccer Club is proud to continue the Developmental Academy this spring of 2010. The Developmental Program is an exciting new program created by the Iowa Soccer Association to further grow the sport of soccer in Iowa. As a brand new member to the league last fall, we were very happy with the overall growth and experience that our program displayed. With that success, we are excited to build on all we learned and implement an even better program for you this spring.

The Academy Program is designed for players aged 9 and 10 that are looking for a more competitive experience than recreational soccer may be offering and is specifically for players that are planning on playing select soccer in the near future. There are no tryouts or selection criteria to join the Academy, but we do ask that parents keep in mind that it is for the players in recreational soccer who have shown good competitive behavior, are some of the top players on their current recreational teams, who plan on playing select soccer, and most importantly..... are players who enjoy being at soccer practice and being challenged.

The goals and focus of the Academy Program are to put players of similar abilities and characteristics together in a training environment 2-3 times a week where licensed coaches can focus on individual and small group skills. The Academy does not focus on creating "super" teams or put a lot of emphasis on winning and losing games. Most of the time will be spent with players working on individual skills and skills in small groups of two and three players. Training groups are rotated every season so that players can get a new experience playing with a different group of players, also again emphasizing that this program is about individual development and not creating "super" teams.

Some new and exciting additions this spring that we are happy to announce are that all Academy training sessions will be held on the North side of Hidden Valley Soccer Complex. We also have added some additional staff coaches that will help oversee both the parent coaches and all the players. Jamie Phillips and Justin Voerster, both full-time staff coaches for WDMSC will be involved, as will Drake Women's Head Coach Lindsey Horner. We are excited to have their expertise and their personalities involved in what we feel is one of our most important programs in the club.

The goal of the West Des Moines Soccer Club is to offer and provide a great soccer experience for players of all levels, abilities, and interest. The Academy Program has gotten off to a great start for us and we are proud to continue to grow this vital soccer program. Please feel free to call or email with any questions.

Casey Mann
Academy Director
keags17@yahoo.com

SPORTING A NEW LOOK

Attention WDMSC Competitive players and parents -We are pleased to announce that this summer, we will be updating the WDMSC uniforms for all competitive teams beginning Fall 2010. This will include the age groups of U-11 through U-17 Boys and Girls. Adidas is phasing out our current uniform selection, which required the selection of new uniforms. The new uniform is a style that will be in the Adidas system for at least 3+ years. In choosing this, the club tried to find a style that would be current and enjoyed by the players, but not cost prohibitive. We have scheduled a try-on night for Tuesday July 13th from 6-8pm, at Valley Southwoods Cafeteria, where you will be able to try on the uniforms (jersey and shorts) so that you can get the best fit. Soccer Connections will have staff available to assist with any questions or concerns. If you miss this try on date you can always order directly through Soccer Connections, as done in the past. We will keep you updated with reminders as the try-on date approaches.

Billy Scott

WDMSC Executive Director

WDMSC SPRING 2010 SOCCER REFEREE TRAINING

What: The Spring training session to become a USSF Grade 8 certified referee.

Who: Age 11 years and up are eligible.

When: Friday, February 19th, 2010: 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm
and
Saturday, February 20th, 2010: 8:00 am -5 pm

Where: West Des Moines Learning Resource Center
on S 35th and Mills Civic Pkwy next to the
WDM Library

A second date is also available
Saturday, March 20th 8:00am-5pm
Sunday March 21st 12 Noon-4pm

Where: West Des Moines Valley Southwoods Forum

Additional field training will be announced at each session.

Sign up online at the Iowa Referee Committee Webpage
<http://www.iowareferees.org/phpEventCalendar/index.php>
<http://www.iowareferees.org/phpEventCalendar/index.php?month=3&year=2010> or
www.iowareferees.org under instructors, Clinics and Training.

All students should bring with them several pencils, a pen and paper for notes. A check should be made payable to the IRC in the amount of \$45.00. Lunch orders will be taken and the suggested amount to bring is \$5-7. You are welcome to bring your own lunch snacks and drinks. Questions, please call Jeff Brennan WDMSC Director of Referees at 710-7077 cell 224-2966 home or email at jkbrennan4813@aol.com

8TH ANNUAL PREMIER GAMES

Despite being in the middle of one of the snowiest winters most of us can remember, plans are well underway for the 8th Annual Premier Games to be held April 10-11 at the Cownie Soccer Park in Des Moines. This annual event for select teams began in 2002 with a total of sixteen teams in the U14 age group. The tournament has grown tremendously and now includes over one hundred teams of boys and girls ages U11 through U14. Approximately 70% of the teams will be from out of state.

The goal of our tournament is to provide an event with great competition, outstanding facilities and referees, and most importantly, an enjoyable environment. We have a great central location that allows us to provide teams from the Midwest an opportunity to play each other without traveling a great distance. In previous years we have been able to attract some of the top teams from the surrounding area. Many of the teams in the U13 and U14 brackets will go on to compete for their state championship later this season.

An event of this size would not be possible without the help of countless volunteers. Age group recruiters have been busy since last fall contacting teams about participating. The tournament committee has been meeting and carrying out their assigned tasks. And many club families will be asked to spend a couple of hours at the fields in April performing various duties to help make this tournament successful. Thanks in advance to everyone involved for all your time and effort.

I would also like to thank Larry Conklin who was the Premier Games Director from 2007-2009. Having served on the committee the past three years I know Larry was instrumental in making this tournament what it is today. There are many visiting teams that have had a great time here and look forward to returning each year.

So if you would like to see some great soccer, please stop by the tournament and show your support as several WDMSC teams compete against some of the best in the Midwest.

Pat Shepard

BRICK KICK UPDATE

There is something exciting under the snow at Hidden Valley – and I can't wait for you to see it this spring. Last fall construction took place on our Donor Plaza for the Brick Kick capital campaign. The plaza provides an attractive and professional entrance to our club's facility and there are over 60 personalized bricks representing your support for our club. The proceeds from the donor plaza pay down the financing costs associated with the capital improvements the club has completed at Raccoon River and at Hidden Valley. We are fortunate to have some of the best soccer facilities in Iowa for our kids to enjoy. This spring we will have another Brick Kick campaign to continue to fill out the brick patio with personalized bricks. Don't miss this chance to support the club and place an enduring message of recognition for your kids, your team or your coaches. You will find the order form for the 2010 Brick Kick in this newsletter. We will collect orders throughout the spring and early summer giving us time to get the bricks engraved and installed in the fall. Thanks again to club members Craig Erickson for his architectural design skills, and Eric Sanders for his quality construction.

Dale Ward

Director Fundraising and Promotions

DOC SEARCH UPDATE

As was announced to the membership at the end of October and further discussed at a club-wide informational meeting held in mid November, we are conducting a nation-wide search for a new Director of Coaching for the Club. The search is organized as follows:

Search Committee. This group is charged with leading the efforts to find viable candidates for the position and deciding which candidates are appropriate for interviewing. This committee is made up of Bill Scott (Executive Director), John Breed (Director of Competitive), Brad Waggoner (long time WDMSC member and currently on ISA Board of Directors), Harold Kahler (long time member of WDMSC and ISA Executive Director) and Dave Nylen (long time WDMSC coach, past WDMSC president and selected by the coaching staff to represent them on the committee).

Interview Committee. This group will conduct interviews with applicants as brought forward by the Search Committee and will provide final recommendations to the Board of Directors. This committee is made up of the search committee members plus a parent selected through the competitive coordinators (Chuck Williams) and a parent selected through the recreational/academy coordinators (Jim Bruno).

Board of Directors. Once the Interview Committee narrows the list of candidates, our Board of Directors will complete final interviews. The Board will then select the best candidate from this final group and proceed with hiring our new DOC.

Progress. The Search Committee has completed their work and passed along the list of applicants to be interviewed to the Interview Committee. We received over 50 applicants for the position of which the Search Committee felt there were 35 viable candidates. From this list of viable candidates, the Search Committee recommended five for interviewing. Committee interviews are underway now with the final candidate pool which consists of both in-state and out-of-state prospects. We are still on track to meet our original goal of having a final selection made on or before April 1.

John Breed

Director of Competitive