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NORTHERN INDIANA
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July 2010

Club Calendar

August-

1st- Fall fee payment due

9th- Official Team training begins

September- League play begins after Labor Day

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GotSoccer

Beginning with the 2010 fall season the Club has contracted with GotSoccer to handle the registration as well as information processing. While much of what happens is "behind the scenes" the new software will greatly improve our ability to manage player information, club dues and to ultimately continue to improve communication with our members!

GotSoccer also provides a wealth of tools and options for our players, especially those that aspire to play at the college level. Athletic and academic info can be stored in the player profile which allows college coaches the opportunity to work with prospective players. More updates will follow in subsequent newsletters.

As with any transition there are always "bugs" to work out so we thank you for your patience AND ask for your grace as we continue to work our way through the process! Thanks!

Recent Club Success

Several of our teams have started the 2010 Spring season with a bang! Here are some of the recent successes:

U17 Girls Premier- finished as Runner's-up in the Indiana State Cup and were invited to participate in the USYSA Region II Championships in Beavercreek, OH. The girls represented well as they were 1-2 in pool play (one of the losses to eventual champions Michigan Hawks)

U16 Boys Premier- participated in the USYSA National President's Cup held in Murfreesboro, TN. The team was 1-1-1 in pool play and finished 3rd

U14 Boys Inferno- won the 1st Division of the NISL Spring Tournament!



U14 Boys

MDI Update-

A big THANK YOU to all of our members! The MDI tournament was a huge success! After all expenses have been paid we will net over \$20,000 in profit for the club! Special thanks to Barry Hall and his team for their tireless efforts!



Now let's get ready for 2011!! 😊

Greg's Corner-

Ten Commandments for Parents of Athletes

By Boulder Valley Lacrosse Association

1. Make sure your children know that win or lose, scared or heroic, you love them, appreciate their efforts, and are not disappointed in them. This will allow them to do their best without a fear of failure. Be the person in their life they can look to for constant positive enforcement.
2. Try your best to be completely honest about your child's athletic capability, their competitive attitude, sportsmanship, and actual skill level.
3. Be helpful, but don't coach them on the way to the rink, pool, or field, or on the way back, or at breakfast, and so on. It's tough not to, but it's a lot tougher for the child to be inundated with advice, pep talks, and often critical instruction.
4. Teach them to enjoy the thrill of competition, to be out there trying, to be working to improve their skills and attitudes. Help them to develop the feel for competing, for trying hard, for having fun.
5. Try not to re-live your athletic life through your children in a way that creates pressure; you fumbled, too, you lost as well as won. You were frightened, you backed off at times, you were not always heroic. Don't pressure them because of your lost pride.
6. Don't compete with the coach. If the coach becomes an authority figure, it will run from enchantment to disenchantment, etc., with your athlete.
7. Don't compare the skill, courage, or attitudes of your children with other members of the team, at least within his hearing.
8. Get to know the coach so that you can be assured that the philosophy, attitudes, ethics, and knowledge are such that you are happy to have your child under this leadership.
9. Always remember that children tend to exaggerate, both when praised and when criticized. Temper your reaction and investigate before overreacting.
10. Make a point of understanding courage, and the fact that it is relative. Some of us can climb mountains, and are afraid to fight. Some of us will fight, but turn to jelly if a bee approaches. Everyone is frightened in certain areas. Explain that courage is not the absence of fear, but a means of doing something in spite of fear or discomfort. The job of the parent of an athletic child is a tough one, and it takes a lot of effort to do it well. It is worth all the effort when you hear your youngster say, "My parents really helped, I was lucky, in this".